Olympic swimmer Jason Lezak reminisces about 2008 victories

By MARK DESA
Sports

During the 2008 Olympic Games in China, Jason Lezak said, "If you can pencil in winning a gold medal, you've succeeded as a swimmer." In the end, Michael Phelps was the hero of the USA, winning eight gold medals, but Lezak, too, had his moment of glory with the USA’s 4x100m freestyle relay team. Eleven years later, Lezak said, "I am always going to think about 2008, because it was such a unique experience. I went to China, and although I didn’t win a gold medal, I did win a bronze." Lezak also said, "It was an unbelievable feeling, which world record it was, that I went there and I had a chance to win a gold medal. It was just an amazing experience."

Lezak, who swam for UCLA, said, "I was always a good swimmer, but I never had the opportunity to win a gold medal in the Olympics. I had a lot of success in the NCAA and in the SEC, but never at the Olympic level."

Lezak said that winning a gold medal was a dream come true for him and his teammates. "It was the best feeling in the world, and I’m sure it’s the same for all the other gold medalists. It’s a dream come true."

Lezak also said that he has not forgotten the experience and that he would do it all over again if given the chance. "I would do it all again, and I think the other swimmers would too. It’s an unforgettable feeling, and it’s a memory that will last a lifetime."

Then every swimmer who竞争ed in the Olympics has come home. Lezak is now a coach at the University of Washington, where he is the director of swimming and diving. "I’m having a lot of fun coaching, and I’m looking forward to helping the team to win a national title," Lezak said. "I’m really excited to be back coaching, and I’m looking forward to the challenges ahead."
**FEATURES**

**CALM lights ‘relax’**

The lights will shine brightly at CALM over the holiday season. The sixth annual event will run through Dec. 30.

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**Visions of sugarplums danced in their heads**

Sarah Holland, 3, and sister Shyanne Holland look at CALM’s Christmas light display.

"The lights here really bring the holiday season together."

—Denise Hall, BC observer

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**Graffiti at BC has gotten worse in the past year**

By AMANDA BORGEN

Tagging or painting isn't a new issue, but the Student Services building has had several reports of graffiti this semester.

Since the building opened in 1978, people have been in and out of the building and in and out of it. It’s no surprise that there have been several reports of graffiti.

But what is surprising is the amount of graffiti that has been reported in the past year.

Cal Poly Pomona's Department of Art and Design has been working on the issue for the past year.

"It's a big problem," said Shari Hall, BC observer.

"It’s a problem that needs to be addressed."

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**ASL: Job descriptions need revision and approval**

By AMANDA BORGEN

The College of Natural and Health Sciences approved a new job posting for an assistant professor of biology.

"We need to make sure that the job description is accurate and up-to-date," said Shari Hall, BC observer.

"It’s important that we have the right people doing the right jobs."

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**Delano holds elections**

By AMANDA BORGEN

The Delano campus has held its first general election in November. At the beginning of the month, BC observer stated that the campus was planning to hold an election.

"We have to make sure that everyone is aware of the election," said Shari Hall, BC observer.

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**BUDGET: Students encouraged to speak out against budget cuts to community colleges in California**

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A coalition of community colleges and California community college districts have joined forces to speak out against budget cuts to community colleges in California.

"We need to make sure that the colleges are receiving the funding they need," said Shari Hall, BC observer.

"It’s important that we have the right people doing the right jobs."

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BC students collect cans for people in need

By DANIEL CASTRO

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The SGA organized a canned food drive to provide food for the holidays for those in need.

Bakersfield College's 230+ members were involved in a canned food drive to provide food for the holidays for those in need. The canned food drive ran from Nov. 17 to Nov. 23, and students and staff were encouraged to bring canned or non-perishable items to the campus bookstore, where they could be placed in one of the designated bins.

The goal of the canned food drive was to collect as much food as possible to help those in need during the holiday season. The collected items were then donated to local food banks and charities to support those in need.

Students were encouraged to bring as many canned or non-perishable items as possible to support the drive. The collected items were then sorted and organized into different categories, such as canned vegetables, fruit, and dairy products.

The canned food drive was a success, and many students and staff members participated in the effort. The collected items were then donated to local food banks and charities to help those in need during the holiday season.

The SGA would like to thank all those who participated in the canned food drive and donated items. Their efforts helped support those in need and made a positive impact on the community.

The Renegade Culture link enhances Web site

By JESSICA MOORE

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The Renegade Culture link has been added to the Bakersfield College Web site. This new feature will help students and staff find information about the college's various cultural events and programs.

The Renegade Culture link is located on the Home page of the Bakersfield College Web site. It provides a list of upcoming cultural events, such as concerts, theater productions, and gallery exhibitions. The link also includes information about the college's cultural organizations and clubs.

The Renegade Culture link is designed to make it easier for students and staff to find information about the college's cultural activities. It is a valuable resource for those interested in attending cultural events or joining a cultural organization.

Students and staff can also use the Renegade Culture link to contribute to the college's cultural events. They can submit their own events or suggest new events for consideration.

The Renegade Culture link is a great resource for those interested in attending cultural events at Bakersfield College. It is a valuable tool for finding information about the college's cultural activities and for contributing to the college's cultural events.

Homeless given food and clothing

By SEGAN MOORE

The Bakersfield Rollergirls battle Smog City

Smog City

Thursday, Nov. 27, marked the 5th year that the Bakersfield Rollergirls hosted a Thanksgiving Breakfast for the Homeless. As president of the Bakersfield Rollergirls, Deb Carmona organized the event to help feed those in need during the holiday season.

The event was held at the Bakersfield College Student Union, where attendees were provided with a hot meal, snacks, and drinks. The Rollergirls also provided entertainment, including a dance performance and a game of cornhole.

The event was a success, with attendees enjoying the food and company. Many attendees expressed gratitude for the event and the effort put into making it happen.

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Country hall of famer Ray Price rocks Bakersfield

By Rich WHIT

Looking deeper in a 257-page book about the life of Ray Price from the late Storyteller Chips Chippendale. Chippendale was building his book on the country music legend and his band, the Ray Price Boys. A new book called "Ray Price: The Man, the Music, the Legend" was released to commemorate the 20th anniversary of his death.

Price, who died in 2003, was known for his signature song, "For the Good Times," which became a staple of country music. He was a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame and the list of his hits is long, including "I Walk the Line," "Girl From the North Country," and "Heartaches by the Number.

The book is full of quotes and stories from Price's life, including interviews with friends and family. It also includes photos and videos from Price's career, providing a glimpse into the man and his music.

The book is available at most bookstores and online retailers. It's a great read for fans of country music and those interested in the history of the genre.
**Reviews**

'Twilight' dazzles fans

By KELLY GRESH
Staff writer

It was only a matter of time. With all the hype and hoopla surrounding the movie, the buzz and anticipation, everyone was on edge to see what all the commotion was about. And the book's long journey did not end there as expectations were set.

The film is set in Bella's (Kristen Stewart) small town of Forks, where she meets the mysterious Edward Cullen. The chemistry between the two is palpable, as they share scenes together throughout the movie. Stewart's performance is impressive, as is that of her co-star Robert Pattinson. The two actors have chemistry aplenty, which is evident onscreen. Pattinson's performance as Edward is also commendable. He oozes sexiness and charm with every scene he's in.

Towards the end of the movie, the two lead characters find themselves in a love triangle with a mysterious character. The tension between the three is palpable, as the audience waits to see what will happen.

The movie is filled with action, drama, and romance, making it an enjoyable watch. The special effects are stunning, and the makeup and costumes are well done. The actors put their heart and soul into their performances, making the movie all the more enjoyable.

Overall, 'Twilight' is a heartwarming story filled with love, romance, and adventure. It is a must-watch for fans of the genre, and even those who are not familiar with the story will enjoy it. The movie is a great example of how a book can be brought to life onscreen in a way that is faithful to the source material. The movie is a testament to the beauty of the story, and it is a fantastic addition to the ever-growing Twilight franchise.

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Tom Jones album a comedic endeavor gone stale

By CHANCE W. BURBANK
Staff writer

I appreciate the music of Tom Jones from his iconic hit singles to his more recent work. I find his music to be a true reflection of his personal style. His voice is rich and full of emotion, and his songs are always able to capture the listener's attention.

Jones has been a staple of the music industry for decades, and his latest album, "The Plug," is no exception. The album features a variety of genres, including pop, rock, and country, and it is a true reflection of Jones's diverse musical talent.

However, despite the album's many strengths, there is one area that I find lacking. The humor of the album is often lost on the listener, and the jokes that are included in the songs are not as effective as they could be. The humor of the album is often lost on the listener, and the jokes that are included in the songs are not as effective as they could be.

Overall, "The Plug" is a strong album that showcases Tom Jones's musical talent. However, the humor of the album is often lost on the listener, and the jokes that are included in the songs are not as effective as they could be. Despite this, I would still recommend this album to fans of Tom Jones and those who are interested in his music.

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Recycling a part of BC

By BIANCA HERNANDEZ

Caring green activists see to it that their green activism, work, and the Bakersfield College SGA are working to improve the environment and the future of all Bakersfield College students.

While the recycling can be an easier task, students do not see the benefits of recycling. SGA members decided to hold the Fall Festival recycling bin to educate students about the importance of recycling.

"During the Fall Festival, students were able to participate in the recycling bin," SGA President Juanita Rodriguez said. "Students were able to bring in recyclable materials, and we were able to educate them about the importance of recycling."

Rodriguez said that the recycling bin was successful and that students were happy to participate. "The students were happy to see the recycling bin, and they were happy to participate. They were happy to see that their efforts were going to make a difference."
BC against receiving unsolicited commercial e-mails

After using the Barracuda spam blocker, the Kern Community College District was still struck by more than 1.2 million spam messages.

Avoiding and deleting spam

Most people who use e-mail as a means of communication are on the receiving end of at least some spam messages. Students, faculty, staff and the general public typically receive unsolicited messages that are written for commercial purposes.

BC hosts International Week

Bakersfield College's International Week is a celebration of the diversity of the campus community. The week's events feature speakers, performers, and workshops showcasing the culture and traditions of different countries.

Final exams are not a threat for students

Most Bakersfield College students turn their final exams into a threat, but not for the reasons you might imagine. The college has been known to turn final exams into a threat for various reasons, such as the pressure to perform well, the fear of failure, or simply the desire to avoid stress.

By KATHERINE WHITE

Serious wine and local wine will be served at the 8th Annual BC Wine Tasting.

The winery has been successful in recent years and is considering expanding its operations.

By MAEVE LALY, Tutorial Coordinator

"...the most important thing about the exam is not to worry..."}

Final Exam Schedule

Final exams for the fall 2008 semester are scheduled for Dec. 1-19. Final exams will be held during regular school hours, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students are responsible for checking their own final exam schedule and are advised to plan their schedules accordingly.

BC teams exit early from the playoffs

The Bakersfield College basketball team, led by coach Kevin Clark, was eliminated from the playoffs after a disappointing season. Despite a strong showing in the regular season, the team failed to make it past the first round of the playoffs.

Men second at own tourney

The Bakersfield College men's basketball team finished second at its own tournament, which is a testament to the team's hard work and dedication.

Top two BC golfers finish top 11 in state

By VINCENT PEREZ

The Bakersfield College golf team had two strong performances at the California Community College Athletics Association (CCCAA) Men's Individual state championships.

Women's basketball

The Bakersfield College women's basketball team finished third in the Western State Conference (WSC) West, but was eliminated from the playoffs.

Immaturity humbling

By VINCENT PEREZ

The Bakersfield College women's basketball team was recently eliminated from the playoffs after a disappointing season. Despite their strong performances in the regular season, the team was unable to make it past the first round.

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