Mireles' second year going strong

By VINCENZO PEREZ

Crosscountry athlete Cort Mireles has a second chance at the Renegades men's crosscountry team. After not qualifying for the NCAA championships last year, Mireles had a strong finish in the Northwest Conference Championships.

"Mireles really surprised everybody," head coach John Hay said. "He was the highest placed individual for the team and 35th overall. He's the best he's ever been.""He's doing all he can to get on our back," Mardini said.

Mireles' first crosscountry meet was the Northwest Conference Championships on Oct. 18. He finished 35th overall with a time of 21:00.3. Mireles had a strong finish of 13th in the last crosscountry meet of the season at Shoreline Park, finishing with a time of 20:40.

Mireles' hard work paid off as he qualified for the NCAA championships along with a total of 16 runners from the conference.

After qualifying for the NCAA championships, Mireles was determined to make the most of his opportunity. He focused on his training and raced with the best runners in the country.

"Mireles is ready to go," Hay said. "He's in great shape and ready to compete at the national level.""He's doing all he can to get on our back," Mardini said.

In the NCAA championships on Nov. 20, Mireles finished 85th overall with a time of 21:36. He ran for 2:48 at 5000 meters and 6:30 at 10000 meters. He finished 61st overall with a time of 21:07.3. Mireles qualified for the NCAA championships again this year, and is expected to continue his strong performance in the upcoming season.

"Mireles is a great athlete," Hay said. "He's dedicated and focused on improving his performance.""He's doing all he can to get on our back," Mardini said.
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Annual Bakersfield Gay Pride Festival stresses day of 'love, equality, pride'

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Bakersfield's L.G.B.T.O. (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer) organizations, have been preparing for a month now for the Bakersfield Gay Pride Festival.

This year marks the 10th year for the gay pride festival, to be held at the Bakersfield Monsters park at the end of the month. The festival is a time to celebrate all types of people and the ability of all people to love who they want to love.

According to Rockel, the day of festivities begins at 11 a.m. with a parade down the streets of Bakersfield. The parade begins at the Monroe and 10th Street intersection and continues to the main stage at the park.

The festival ends with a musical performance by a local drag queen.

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Author explains Islam and cosmic war at CSUB

By MAXIMILIAN KEMP

The California State University, Bakersfield, Religion Department held an event to celebrate the release of the book "The Renegade Rip." The event was held in the Morris Library and was attended by around 50 people. The book is written by Ali Asad, a religion professor at CSUB. The book is about the influence of Islamic religion in the modern world, and it also addresses the issue of terrorism in the world. The event was organized by the Religion Department and was well-received by the attendees. A variety of foods and drinks were served during the event to the attendees.
**FEATURES**

### Star Trek club to benefit kids from the future

**By AMANDA SPECKMUTH**

Star Trek fans, whether or not you are a member of the Star Trek Fan Club, Wednesday night at the Fox Theatre saw members from the Bakersfield Science Fiction Association and the Costa Mesa Fandom, Inc. combining their efforts to put on a fan gathering, "TANDEM... $160 ACCELERATED FREEFALL... $260"

FCA's "Second Skin: A Star Trek Art Exhibit" was held on the Campus Center at Linfield College. The live coverage will begin at 8 a.m. and run through Monday, November 1.

The event started with "Indiana Jones' theme" and continued with "Oasis in Space at the BC planetarium at 7:30 p.m.

Some exhibits included "Shannon's Trekkie things" and "Star Trek things from the event." Curtis Soto was among those who contributed to the event by donating Star Trek shirts and Star Trek souvenirs. One of the sponsors is the Bakersfield Star Trek Fan Club, which is a chapter of the Star Trek Fan Club (AASU). Wendrick is also the president of the Bakersfield Star Trek Fan Club.

The event ended with "Star Trek things" and "Star Trek souvenirs" being sold at the event. Curtis Soto was among those who contributed to the event by donating Star Trek shirts and Star Trek souvenirs.

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To tip or not to tip, that is the question

By ELIZABETH MECKS

After the daily struggle to earn pay and work for a living, some customers feel that tipping has turned into a gut reaction to \"good service.\" However, I believe that it is important to tip servers for their hard work. While servers may receive a good hourly pay, that is not enough. People in businesses such as restaurants, bars, and salons should be paid a decent hourly wage. However, an hourly wage cannot always afford the necessary expenses for living. In the case of servers, they must rely on their tips to make up for the money they do not earn from the restaurant.

The tip is a way for customers to show their appreciation toward the servers. At the end of the day, many of these people rely on this tip to make a living. Some people might think that this is unfair, but if they think back to the past, there was a time that the servers had to rely on their tips as well. The tip is an important way to show gratitude. It is a way for people to show appreciation and make it known that they are thankful for their hard work.

Tipping is a tradition that started in the early days of the U.S. economy. Back then, people were not paid a good hourly wage, and they had to rely on tips to make a living. In the present day, many people still do this, and it is a way for people to show their appreciation for the hard work that servers do. The tip is a way for people to show their gratitude, and it is an important way to make sure that they are doing the right thing.

To tip or not to tip, that is the question. Is it a way for people to show their appreciation or a way for people to make a living? It is important to think about these questions and decide what is right for you. The tip is not only a way for people to show their appreciation, but it is also a way for people to make a living. It is important to think about these questions and decide what is right for you. The tip is not only a way for people to show their appreciation, but it is also a way for people to make a living. It is important to think about these questions and decide what is right for you.

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Coffee to help youth

By ANDREW J. ANGELSHEIMER

The new extension of old establishment offers an option to downtown Bakersfield youth.

Dr. Mark M. Evans, chancellor of CSU Bakersfield, and Bob Berg, president of the Associated Students of CSU Bakersfield, unveiled the proposed new extension of the downtown location on Monday.

The extension, which would be located at the intersection of 18th and State streets, would house a coffee shop and a meeting space for students.

The proposal is still in the early stages, but the extension would provide a space for students to gather and study.

The current downtown location is located at 8300 Eastwood St.

The new location would be in a more central area of downtown, making it easier for students to access.

The extension would also provide a space for community events, such as concerts and lectures.

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The Countdown Begins

Kern County locals weigh in on presidential hopefuls John McCain and Barack Obama as they race for the White House

By JOEL E. PEÑA
By BLANCA HERNÁNDEZ

THE AUGUST 2008 EDITION OF THE GUITAR CENTER DRUM OFF SERIES WOULD BEGIN ITS 12TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GRAND FINALS ON NOVEMBER 4 IN THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD. HUNDREDS OF DRUMMERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY SAINTED THE GUITAR CENTER DRUM OFF SERIES IN THE PAST 12 YEARS, AND THIS YEAR WAS NO EXCEPTION.}

Drummers follow their own beat in Bakersfield

By ANDREW J. ANSOLABEHERE

Adrian Nevarez is a little surprised but well prepared to be in the city of Bakersfield atop winner of the Guitar Center Drum Off October 22, 2008. Adrian Nevarez was "surprised" he won but "well prepared to hold the title."


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