BC exhibit showcases high school artwork

By Denise M. Gonzales

The Panorama Invitational, an exhibit that holds artwork done by Kern County High School artists and seniors, is being presented at the Visalia and Mary Louise Jones Gallery at Bakerfield College campus Feb. 11.

The exhibit was first opened on Feb. 11, and will still continue to showcase the artwork through March 11. The gallery is located inside the Glass Vas Oke Hall, and is open Mon-

day through Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The high schools participating this year are Bakersfield, Earl Ba-
croft, Franklin, Franklin, Garces Memorial, Liberty, McPherson, North Gare-

try, South, and Tahbasset High.

David Keith, chair of the Art Department at BC, said he is proud to exhibit the show due to the high number of schools that chose to partic-

ipate. Keith is very impressed by the quality of work that the students bring to the show.

"The Art Department at BC believes strongly in showing the work of high school art students," said Keith. "It is an opportunity for strong stu-
dents to have a chance to be seen by galleries. It intro-

duces the student artist to how exhibitions open and gives them the opportunity to exhibit in a con-
siderable art career after high school."

Raul Chaidez, a junior at Liberty High School, was one of the many students who used acrylic to create his painting called, "The Emotion of a Tiger." Chaidez is very intimidated by wildlife, preferably by lions and tigers due to their fierce appearance. He chose to use his interest in painting, showing wildlife and enjoying wildlife with his painting of a tiger face with different sized claws and fangs. He chose a tiger because they have such strong and authoritative animals," said Chaidez.

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Apple offers new iPad to market. The new iPad includes a larger display, improved camera, and longer battery life compared to previous models. The device also offers improved performance and comes with preloaded software like iBooks, Maps, and Siri. The release of the new iPad has sparked excitement among tech enthusiasts and consumers alike. The new iPad is available in two sizes: 9.7 inches and 10.5 inches, and in several colors. The release date is TBD, and pre-orders are expected to start shortly after the announcement.
Sports complex opens

ATHLETICS - Bakersfield College's new sports complex is officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the baseball and softball fields are now ready for competition.

By Brian N. Willibale

Bakersfield College's Dean of Athletics and Interim Sports Complex Director Randy Alisauskas officially opened Feb. 4 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. In his speech honoring the Gay family and the Bakersfield Community College District Board of Trustees and the Kern County community.

After several delays in 2009, the improvements to the baseball and softball fields have been completed. Included in the new additions were updates to the scoring area, field conditions as well as new handicap accessible transit routes.

Among the evening's presenters, were CRCC's Mayor Harvey Hall as well as Daniel Gay. Daniel, who is half his parents Dean and Adrienne Gay's son, is located BC and the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees.

"This is a special day for our community and BC and so remarkably, we're here to celebrate a legacy," said Hall as he spoke of Dean and Adrienne Gay's contributions to BC and the community.

"Not long after the BC Board of Trustees purchased the property where the college was to eventually be located in the early 1970's, BC was informed that BC could have a baseball field, softball field, and tennis courts if BC would purchase the land at that time," Hall continued. "This is a special day for our community and BC and to recognize a family that has created a legacy."

Harvey Hall, Mayor of Bakersfield, held the ribbon to officially open the recently constructed Dean and Adrienne Gay Sports Complex on Feb. 4. 全体学生都认可了这一政策，因为这将使学生在自己的环境中更好地适应和学习。拉塞尔·温蒂·菲利普斯表示："我们今天在庆祝的是一个特别的日子，因为这个设施为学生提供了一个让他们有时间去思考和成长的机会。"