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Dr. Devito performed on April 12 at Jerry’s Pizza. He played songs and interacted with the audience.

The group Dr. Devito blends their signature psychedelic surf-rock sound during a show at Jerry’s Pizza. Upbeat tracks like “Tiger Town” had fans grooving to the melody.

Dreams really do come true

By Robin Skol

Shannon Grove helps Lauren Latta throw the first pitch during the opening day for League of Dreams on April 7.

Fragrant oils made by duo

By Robin Shin

Lavender Farm are grown where on her website does it say the lavender is grown. They are just naturally grown. Brenda Luetger, 54, came problems due to her allergies, Brenda Luetger, 54, came problematic due to her allergies. Her daughter Jessica Luetger also stated that no one on their website does say that they are certified, but they are just naturally grown. All of the lavender at BJ’s Lavender Farm are grown without chemicals and grown in the old fashion way. They have an opening day, during the opening day, they hand out free lavender lemonade to the attendees. The lavender oils they make are pure and nothing about them is artificial. “I want people to use the lavender about them and talk about it,” said Lantier. “But I am not certified,” she said that it was due to the money. “I don’t want to be certified because I don’t want to use the money.”

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The event will feature the school’s agriculture and horticulture programs and guest speakers will get an opportunity to learn about greenhouses used in agriculture, as well as participate in games and fun activities.

Environmental horticulture technical staff have been running Garden Fest since it began.

“Garden Fest will feature various types of aircraft attempting to land on the event site,” Escalle said. “I clicked on a link and a research project was born.”

As a young child, Escalle said. “I was interested in anything related to World War II and the Korean War.”

He went on further to explain that he had mainly what his father was most interested in: his uncle’s past, specifically what happened during his time in the Korean War.

“Unforgotten Hero” is an upcoming book about his uncle, Second Lieutenant Jimmy L. Escalle, who was killed in action during the Korean War.

“Over several months, mostly online, I searched the Internet, government archives, and military personnel records to find the story of his life,” Escalle said. “I had never been to a high school event that I had sent my students to before and should not put both my best foot forward in whatever assignment I am assigned to.

I also used the internet for doing a few of my assignments from my squadron’s website from Korea, as well as some from his flight training days,” Escalle said. “I did research to find out more about his military record.

“Escalle has helped others with their research, including an Australian filmmaker who is working on a documentary about the Korean War, but is currently not interested in any other projects,” Escalle said. “Right now I’m focusing on my full-time job. Everything else will have to wait.”

“Forgotten Hero” is expected to be released on June 19, 2013.

—By Jazmine Montoya

Top: Brides to be, Jessica Lindsay and Layla Widmyer share their stories. (Jazmine Montoya/ The Reporter)
Bottom: Layla Widmyer of Bakersfield, a 22-year-old former Marine, poses for a photo. (Jazmine Montoya/ The Reporter)
Teacher goes extra mile to communicate

Math professor Tom Greenwood answers a question during his deaf education presentation at The Norman Levan Center for the Humanities.

SAM renovation plans finally underway

By Ruben A. Perez

The Speech Arts and Music Hall building is finally going to start renovations.

For the past two years, the SAM building has been offline and students in classes, such as drama and music, had to travel to other classrooms. According to the director of marketing and public relations Kimber Chang, the fencing is going in as a way to start quasi-operations, roll out bass and reno trim, and do some basic structural work, but nothing has started yet.

Previously the school had sent out plans for renovations and got them approved. Unfortunately, all of the hold for construction were higher than expected so the school had to make new plans and sent them out for approval again.

The plans were through and everything came on April so we can move forward with the fencing. “It’s under way for sure.”

According to Chang, the building should be finished by 2014.

New online publication an addition to humanities center

By Luis Garcia

The premier issue of the "Le- man Humanities Review" by the Norman Levan Center for the Humanities is now online.

"The Humanities Review" is a new online publication that is publishing a book review, a poet reading, and poetry from many artistic institutions such as American River College, Tab College, Pomerville High School, and students of Kern Community College.

"About a year ago, I thought "why don’t I just try a journal about the humanities and in science and medicine?" because that’s the mission of the center, which is to enhance the humanities in our lives and the community.

Humanerra also contributed a piece that was presented at the first annual Levan Lecture at St. John’s College in Santa Fe, N.M., in July 2012.

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He’s been thinking about that for a long time and thought it was time to do something about it.

"When you do research, you have to be patient and persistent," Greenwood said. "It’s not something that’s going to happen overnight."

In order to break down the communication barrier between deaf students, and to establish a student-teacher relationship, Greenwood uses American Sign Language.

Prior to learning how to sign, he would communicate at the board or the interpreter.

"Greenwood incorporates photos of his teachers, Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., and National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, N.Y.

These institutions off-fer programs specifically developed for deaf and hard-of-hearing students and offer bachelor, masters and doctorate degrees.

It was at those schools when he learned new teaching methods that aided deaf and hard-of-hearing students alike to work together in the classroom. One such method was turning all of the signs in a classroom to face the board or the interpreter. Another technique Greenwood incorporates into his lessons is using various color markers to highlight keys or key points of mathematical equations.

On the technological side, Greenwood also noted that voicemails and text messages can help deaf students communicate and learn more efficiently.

Scholarships such as the My Math Lab and Web course are available to deaf students who want to learn and develop more efficiency in their studies.

Students enter their online class to elect their students and receive grades through the Levan Center’s instant feedback on assignments and gives students the ability to electronically transmit their work.

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"I’m always trying to communicate by signing," Greenwood said. "It’s a great work that brings a lot of people together."
NGUYEN: Former BC student becoming dentist, also works as transfer mentor

By Rabon A. Perea

Reporting from Palmdale

As a first generation college student, Nguyen received a generous financial aid package. "This is what I like about America. It's giving students the opportunity to change their lives," he said.

Nguyen said that many students do not understand how financial aid works and actually arrive at a four-year school even though the costs are higher.

"A lot of students don't understand that they will get more money when they move out," he said. "For example, if you own a car, you can get 20 thousand dollars of financial aid spent on housing and tuition."

When Nguyen finally graduated from UC Irvine, he sent out his first round of dental school applications. However, he did not get any acceptance letters, which, according to him, shouldn't stop students from applying again.

"It takes a couple of years to get into dental school. I see a lot of students who applied three or four times," he said. "If it's what you like, don't give up on your dreams. Just follow it because it's worth it."

During the application process, he searched for tips and found it difficult to find full-time jobs due to the economic crisis. When he learned that he had not been accepted to any dental schools in his first round of dental school admissions, he decided to move back to Bakersfield and work as a transfer mentor on campus through BC's STEM program.

Nguyen, a former MECA student at BC, said he entered the position because he believed that the students would benefit from his experiences.

"When I was at BC, there were no transfer mentors. A lot of my friends from the class will transfer to dental school. They don't understand how competitive the class is," he said. "I wished there was somebody like me before, and now I am that one, so I love this job."

While living at home, he was able to reduce his costs and focus on studying for the DAT to improve his score. However, he admits that studying for the DAT can be challenging.

"You have to motivate yourself to study. Nobody can motivate you to study. Go back and study the books three times or four times," said Nguyen.

He then decided to apply to 10 dental schools for his second batch of applications. He sent out six students who applied to as many as twenty and thirty dental schools. Because he had previously applied for dental schools, he understood which schools fit him and which schools did not.

According to Nguyen, the cost of the application process added up to the tune of thousands of dollars.

Each school's application for costs around $75. Additionally, each school had a secondary application, costing another $75. The DAT costs around $550. When he had to do an interview with a dental school, he had to travel, which involved flying to Florida, costing him $500 dollars. Furthermore, hotel and other transportation which involved the interview increase the costs of the application process. He even decided to rent a car.

"You don't want to risk taking a bus, so I suggest renting a car for the big day," he said.

Because public schools in California don't favor in-state students in dental school admissions, according to Nguyen, those schools are very difficult to get into.

"It's very hard to get in public schools in California. You have to compete with out-of-state schools. California doesn't give you a chance where you're from. If I can stay in California, I will stay in California."

Children enjoy a chemistry demonstration at the Spectacular World of Science. There were also science fair projects and speeches held at the event.
Postal Service mails a remix of old & new

By Samantha Briggs

After four years of obscurity, the Jonas Brothers, an American youth band, are attempting to make a comeback. In an effort to remember the Jonas Brothers, they released their first album in 2006 with the help of brothers Kevin, Nick, and Joe Jonas.

The band gained popularity mainly through their appearances on Disney Channel. When the band announced their hiatus in 2010, it split up to have success in other areas. In an effort to regain the interest of the old audience, they relaunched their name as DNCE, inspired by sexual innuendo.

They’ve never been a big fan of the Jonas Brothers, but my younger sister loved them, and I was curious about an album by the band. I bought their album “5.0” and was surprised by how good it was. Although the album was released over a decade ago, the Jonas Brothers are still relevant. Their music, and their accompanying music videos, have been a part of my childhood. It was nostalgic to listen to their music again. The band’s comeback is not as great as it seems, especially when I consider the fact that they have been developing a film and making prints for their photography class. To me, The Postal Service really brought back the current generation.

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Finally an answer for the age-old question

By Robert Mullen

State Editorial

In the process of creating our student newspaper, we’ve grown accustomed to asking questions to stay informed. However, there are times that get asked in us as we cannot, for the life of us, find an answer. One question that has been on our minds as we prepared this issue is “What does Rip stand for?”

There has been some conjecture over the years as to what the name “Rip” is all about. Some say it’s because the school used to be called “The Renegade Rip.” Some say it’s because the school paper was started by a group of people who were called the “Rip.” However, it’s hard to find anyone who can truly say what “Rip” stands for. For this issue, we have decided to feature a story that tells the story of how “Rip” came to be and why it is such an important part of our school’s history.

The story begins with the founding of the school in 1872. At that time, the school was known as the “City of Angels High School.” The school had a reputation for being a rough and tumble place, where the students were known for their rough and tumble behavior. However, as the school grew in popularity, so too did the demand for a more refined and well-run institution.

In 1892, the school was renamed “The Los Angeles High School.” This change was made to reflect the fact that the school was no longer just a rough and tumble institution, but rather a place where students could receive a proper education. However, even with this change, the school continued to be known as “Rip.”

Over the years, the name “Rip” became synonymous with the school’s culture. It was a name that was used to describe the school’s spirit, its sense of community, and its emphasis on hard work and dedication.

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We hope that you enjoyed this story and that it has helped you to understand the significance of the name “Rip.” We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this issue.

By Alana Garrett

Staff Editorial

One of the most important questions that gets asked in our school is “What does Rip stand for?” For many years, we have been trying to figure out what this name means. In this issue, we will be providing an answer to this question.

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By Priscilla Dauven

Tattoos are a form of expression that have become more popular as time goes on. Many people are now becoming increasingly more open to the idea of tattoos as a form of art, and are looking for an identity, a way to express themselves.

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I believe they do this because they are looking for a connection to the person they are tattooing. They are looking for a way to show that they are not just one-dimensional people. They want to show that they are more than just a name on a list of children they have, or just a face on a wall.

Tattoos are a form of expression that can show so much. They can tell a story, a history, a future. They can show who you are, who you were, and who you want to be. They can show that you are not just a name on a list, but a person with a story to tell.

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**BC honors past athletes**

By Jason Read

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Lynott OK with Renegades

By Robert Madden

Both Bakersfield College tennis teams had a successful regular season, finishing up with conference play as the men's team placed fourth and the women's team fifth. All four tennis teams will be held at Ojai April 25-26. 

The men's team improved by an average of 9-4. BC is 24-8 overall and 10-4 in the Western State Conference. Glendale College is 15-3 on the season and is one game behind BC in the WSC column.

BC's next two game series will be against Glendale. The winner of that series will likely determine the 2013 WSC champions. The first game will take place April 16, at Glendale. The series will end two days later at BC on April 18.

April 2

BC 13, L.A. Valley 4

Second baseman Erik Wil- liams was one of three Renegades with two hits and scored two runs. Pitcher Brad Lindley improved to 4-2 on the season. He pitched eight innings and struck out two batters.

April 4

BC 14, L.A. Valley 1

BC jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning and completely shut down any chance that one Kelley had of getting back in the game after scoring four runs in the fifth inning. Center fielder Kyle Nixon and catcher Justin Martinez knocked in four RBIs. Pitcher Darren Dunn pitched seven innings and struck out eight batters.

April 5

BC 5, Citrus 3

Kyle Nixon singled to shortstop, Turner stole 5 for 5 batting and knocked in four RBIs. The Owls third baseman Warren Ptaszk got four hits with two RBIs and scored three of his team's seven runs. BC 12, L.A. Mission 4

April 11

BC 11, L.A. Mission 8

Cale Hallen stood out for the Renegades with five RBIs along with three hits and two runs scored. The Renegades dominated L.A. Mission, pitching a no-hitter. Cather Justin Martinez scored three runs for BC and knocked in four RBIs. With the win, BC improved in winning streak to six games.

Jason Turner dives back onto first as Citrus College's first baseman Jay De La Pena tries to catch the ball.

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DelaRosa and Lugo aim for top three spots

By Jason Reed
Sports Editor

In their second year at Bakersfield College, Diana High School graduate Catherine Lugo and Shafter High School graduate Joshua DelaRosa have been big for their team as they prepare for the upcoming conference meet.

According to DelaRosa, the swimmers' goal is to make it to the state championships meet. He said the plan is to place in the top three at the state meet.

“It’s a big opportunity for the whole school and the BC swim team. But as far as I’m concerned, I’m just trying to get a scholarship for swimming to leave this summer,” DelaRosa said when asked how long he plans to swim. “I’m trying to get a scholarship for swimming to leave this summer.”

In her last three years of high school, Lugo made three trips to the Central Section Championships.

“She’s had a strong team, I kind of relate it the same way as the BC swim team. But as far as her goals, I think the one thing she’s after is first place. She’s after first place in her stroke,” DelaRosa said, adding that the BC swimmer’s goal is to place in the top three at the state meet.

“Right now it depends on how the workouts go and improving my stroke, it’s not as strong as it was,” DelaRosa said, adding that his goal is to place in the top three at the state meet. “I’m hoping to go for a fourth year in college and continue swimming, because I really want to swim in college,” Lugo said.

The BC men scored 77 to Canyons 5 and the BC women scored 50 points and Canyons 22.

“The BC swim team had no problem defeating East Los Angeles College. For both sides, it wasn’t even close. The BC team had no problem defeating the Central Section Champions. The BC swim teams head to Western State Conference on April 5, at BC.

For them, though, the seasons momentum in BC’s duals meet against College of The Canyons is big for their team as they first place for the Renegades. In her last event, she took first place in the 100-yard freestyle at 50.23.

“Two of my teammates (Camilla Hargis and Zach Foster) from Shafter are actually on the University of the Cumberlands support system,” he said when asked what it’s like to have high school teammates on the same college teams.

DelaRosa swims the backstroke, individual medley and freestyle. Lugo swims the butterfly, individual medley, relays and freestyle.

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Right: Catherine Lugo celebrates her victory with the rest of the swimmers who participated. After recovering from a rotator cuff injury last season, Lugo still plans on placing in the top three at state this year.

Above: Joshua DelaRosa swims butterfly during the men’s 200 yard medley relay. DelaRosa also swims the backstroke, individual medley and freestyle.

By Jason Reed
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College swim teams had no problem defeating East Los Angeles College of the Canyons on April 5, at a Western State Conference dual meet.

It went pretty well,” BC head coach Matt Moon said when asked about his team’s performance. “DelaRosa and Lugo swam well in the 200 yard butterfly. DelaRosa took first in the men’s 200 yard medley relay along with David Dawson, Zach Foster and Tracey Warren with the time of 1:49.37. Ted Richardson took first place for the Renegades in the 100 yard freestyle at 50.23.

The BC women boat Camyons 51 points, getting a big lift when BC eliminated the rest of the swimmers in the workouts. DelaRosa also swims butterfly during the men’s 200 yard medley relay. DelaRosa also swims butterfly during the men’s 200 yard medley relay. DelaRosa also swims butterfly during the men’s 200 yard medley relay.

The BC win is big for their team as they first place in the Western States Conference Championships meet. The events last through April 20.
By Samantha Briggs

The Bakersfield College Foundation held the annual Red and White Wine and Food Festival at Bakersfield College on April 12. The event took place on the lawn area north of Memorial Stadium.

The gated area was packed with over 400 enthusiastic wine lovers, some who come to the event every year and some who are first timers. The diverse group took part in enjoying wines from more than 30 California wineries. The BC jazz ensemble played jazz music, and BC culinary arts students prepared hors d’oeuvres.

Faculty, staff and alumni all came to this classy event to support the efforts of the Bakersfield College Foundation. The proceeds from the event will support many scholarships for BC students.

The proceeds are split three ways: between the culinary arts departments, the BC jazz ensemble, and the Renegade Fund, which is unrestricted funds that we are able to direct to the neediest students on campus," Egland said.

Egland would not consider herself a wine enthusiast due to allergies, but she speaks very highly of executors director and wine aficionado Mike Stepanovich. "He and his wife come to the BC president. "This is my first time at the Red and White Wine and Food Festival," he said. "It’s been great seeing so many students who come to the festival and taste wine.

Also enjoying their day at the festival were: (From left to right) Kathryn Meistrell, Bobby Lacross, Lillian Hayek and Libby Lee.

The Bakersfield College Foundation builds friendships within the community and when you build friends, you build people who actually write checks to the school for scholarships, and you know, many of the students who come to BC really need that support," said Christian about her expectations of the fundraising. "This event is extremely important to the school."