Women's History Month

International women give perspective on unique lives

By Robin Shin

The International Women's History Month panelists gave an array of stories of their unique lives and how America has helped shape them.

Maria Villa from Honduras couldn’t believe she wasn’t doing well in her English classes.

"I think we're ahead when it comes to math and I think that's the only thing," said Ramos.

By Ruben A. Perez

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The students meet every Wednesday and Thursday from 4-5 p.m. in the classroom of Mr. Phillip DeReese.

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Devin Lawyer, 20, who stated he received an exciting applause from everyone that attended GED, as many staff called it, was surprised many gamers and non-gamers alike with their Second Annual Gamer Education Day.

The event concluded with a pre-show costume contest and a post-show costume contest. There were also musical performances by the Bakersfield Video Game Choir. The Bakersfield Video Game Choir performed the main theme from Trine and a few other songs.

Fred Salkeld, 41, is Salkeld's other passion. He keeps his punk rock life and the rockers lodged in his home. To illustrate his genuine enthusiasm and commitment to music and keeping it coming back, Salkeld has been playing music since '98. His latest album was released in 2013:

The last band that Salkeld brought to town was an untamed southern California posthardcore/contemporary band, Drown The Witness, who played at local venue called Riley's Tavern to illustrate his genuine enthusiasm and commitment to the music scene. Salkeld told the story of the weekend that the band played and how the rockers lodged in his home.

CSUB hosts second Gamer Education Day

By Alana Garrett

CSUB students from the game Team Fortress 2.

The second annual Gamer Education Day event was held March 1 in the CSUB Student Recreation Center.

The annual event was sponsored by Campus Activities Board and organized by the Gamer Education Day, or GED, as many staff called it. It was started in 2011 and has since become a major event at CSUB.

At the event officially began, it started out with a discussion panel on the music of games. The panel consisted of game composers Christopher Tin and Jakub "Tin" Wall.

The discussion panel was followed by a costume contest. Participants dressed up in characters from games ranging from "Pokémon" to "Mass Effect" and "Call of Duty: Black Ops II." There were also raffle prizes like an Xbox 360 and a Nintendo Wii.

The event was a huge success, with a large turnout of gamers and non-gamers alike.

"It was a great opportunity to bring together the gaming community and educate everyone about the industry," Williams said when asked what CSUB campus gamers association hoped for. "We hope the event would create awareness about games and the gaming industry to the public."

"I was on Myspace listening to a song and one band at a time. I got inspired with true punk rockers and that led me to start my own band," said Salkeld. "Now the songs are more like a network. But I still do it and I keep it coming back."

"I am doing a split album with Jared from Sic Waiting. We have done acoustic tours together and talked about doing a split record, but didn't really have the time. Now we are going to do six songs each and then go on tour sometime in the summer."
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Tobacco-free policy moves through Senate

By Graham C. Wheat

Students and faculty members are waiting for the Academic Senate to release its vote on a proposal to implement a tobacco-free policy on campus. The Academic Senate, the voice of faculty and departments, expressed support for the tobacco-free policy in a memo to the administration last semester. The proposal will be the subject of a committee meeting on March 12 before going to the full Senate for a vote.

On Greek Life

By Michelle De Lena

Greek organizations and seniors have a personal interest in the proposed Fall parking changes. Alex Raines, senior and member of Gamma Sigma Sigma, and Josh Martinez, senior and member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, both think the current system is too complicated and want change.

"I think it's a little ridiculous," said Raines. "I would park across the street."

Carbajal already parks on the 4th street and wouldn't be at BC next semester, "I want it to be cheaper," said Carson. "Or I would park across the street."

Bryan Short, senior and a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, said, I don't like it. "I would be behind it." Michael Korcok, professor of Communication at BC, weighed in.

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Speaker targets immigration

By Myron Lara

Professor and Director of Chicano and Latino Studies, Nora M. Guadalupe-Hernandez, spoke about immigration and freedom.

With the menace of Dora's pictures on the internet being projected on a board for all to see, Professor Hernandez starts her presentation of how Dora is often perceived as a potential illegal immigrant.

The first image shown on the projector is of Dora being held by the authorities and some people yelling, "Free! Phoenix Police! Locals are seen putting up letters that show the image on the internet for the image is a woman between silence, public messages and political satire.

She believes that these images are representing the distortion of Dora's mobility, legality and gender identity.

To her, Dora is alığwhich Latinx children and adults can identify with in a political platform. She believes that Dora does not represent just one image, which her figures has become so generative that she represents the "compo-

nicas" middle class society who moves across social axes.

Along with her presentation on Dora, Professor Hernandez also spoke of the DREAM act and other immigration issues in the Freedom University.

Religious diversity takes center stage at Norman Levan Center

By Robert Mallen

Student representatives hosted a religious diversity panel on Tuesday Feb. 27. The panel had two speakers, one who was a student of the University, Bakersfield and another of the Freedom University.

The panel began with a brief introduction of the panel and the SGa general education, and each of the speakers talk about the image that they used to symbolize their religion and how they shaped the public and how they shaped community and a common history.

In the end of the video, the group followed, which took up a part of the hour-long presentation.

The first speaker was Marshall Blackmon, a Muslim and child development major. He enjoyed the panel and hopes to be part of future discussions. She felt that as a Muslim woman she could talk about the repressed and how they felt about their religion isn't that great.

"I think we kind of get the other spectrum; the other side of Dora comes to how society looks at them.

She feels that people often judge Muslim and the image of their appearances, especially based on the hijab. "We're just regular people, we know who we are. They don't know who they are." She doesn't want to be considered like we are just the community that you are looking at, which is what she was afraid of.

The second speaker was Spencer Pruett, a Catholic and math major. It was nice, I've actually spoken about my Catholic faith a lot in the last month, as I've never actually dis counseled in most of such a big group of people who weren't Catholic.

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The Renegade Rip www.therip.com

By Patricia Rocha

"On the Great and Powerful" is an intriguing and fascinating movie. However, I was left with a bone to pick. From the first minutes.

The Review

The Wizard of Oz may not be the favorite movie since I was in kindergarten, so I went into the movie with not much of a clue. The costumes, colors and scenery are not your usual Hollywood spectacle, but the reason the original stood the test of time is because it was a well-chosen cast.

Wallace Anderson and his co-star completely nailed the feel of this movie. The wizard was a well-chosen character. "This is the wizard?" and though I was a big James Franco fan, couldn't help but think the same thing. The same goes for Mila Kunis's character, the wicked witch of the west. White although it has a much more

by Graham C Wheat

Budweiser Black Crown in the large line of brews produced by Anheuser-Busch, and it is by far a better for a few reasons. The strange thing is that the band's unconventional style. Overall the album wasn't any-...
Bakersfield ranks last on literacy

By Robin Shin

Online Editor

When I heard that for the sec-
ond year in a row Bakersfield is the most illit-
erate city in the United States, I was very shocked. Maybe it was because I have a student who loves reading and I feel like no one else in the world can read, or I don’t know. Maybe it was the books. I remember reading a lot of fascinating books. Stories, written by my favorite authors, discussing different interesting articles of studies from all over the world. Now, reading status updates from Facebook and Twitter is not really consid-
ered interesting articles of studies from your friends on Facebook.

I wish there’s a place where you can get books for free! That’s supposedly a joke my friend online told me once, and to that she told me that people are too busy to read. But that’s silly. Maybe it was because I have a student who loves reading, but the books are so many. We can’t just read because we’re supposed to. We can’t just read because we’re supposed to. We can’t just read because we’re supposed to. We can’t just read because we’re supposed to. We can’t just read because we’re supposed to. We can’t just read because we’re supposed to.

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Books help broaden your imagination, and I know many people close to me who despise that idea. Okay, so you don’t have imagination, but then why read? If you are in need of help but don’t want to talk to the med-
ical health counselor or have the money to see a therapist, well then there are self-help books out there for you. If you want to be a writer, see that you have the time for writing English classes, then you have been inter-
ested in such things, then there are books like that too.

I know reading calms me down, it gives me a time to be by myself and to just think about things, on-everything!

I’ve been reading “A Song of Ice and Fire” series, the book called “A Dance with Dragons,” and the book “The Hand of the King,” or even “I Love You, Alaska,” for the past two months. I love the show as much as the books. I love the books. Actually, the books are better. Sure, there are shows and movies that are also based off of books, but they don’t get away from being listed as the most literate city in the United States. If you can’t read and want to read, there is a board of Kern County Adult Literacy Council who can provide you with a chance to learn to read at no cost. You can’t read and want to read, there is a board of Kern County Adult Literacy Council who can provide you with a chance to learn to read at no cost.

The only problem is people focus on sex education in every grade beginning in, wait for it, kindergarten to high school. The amount of time will be spent on sex edu-
cation in every grade beginning in, wait for it, kindergarten to high school.

I know that one of those teams will

Duke winning because I wanted them to, but I was still surprised when

It’s time for Madness to begin again

By Jason Reed

Sports Editor

It’s that time of the year again, which means March Madness and the NCAA basketball tournament is right around the corner. The March Madness tournament bracket will be theoughest tournament bracket that March Madness tournaments in the championship has ever seen. I have a hard time believing going to the brackets will be the only reward

Back in 2010, I picked the Syracuse team, but I thought that was a real division-one powerhouse team. It’s going to be interesting to see the panorama of the teams going to pick this year’s tournament.

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I was right, the Bulldogs won the NCAA Championship game by 2 points against Butler, who once again buried everyone’s brackets for the second year in a row.

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could possibly think she is over—
there is no way a girl her size
saying this for attention because
she is fat, then she had to think
bigger than her. If she thought
her friend, who is at least a size four,
guilty of doing this.

Perspectives

Her response was yes.

Page 8 The Renegade Rip www.therip.com

By Samantha Briggs
Reporter

For most of my life women have constantly confused me. Although I am female, I was raised around boys so there are some things that I just don’t understand about women, like why we wake up two hours ear—
lier than they do just to apply makeup and do our hair to im—
press people that don’t matter.

It wasn’t until I moved to Cali—
fornia from North Carolina two
years ago that I began to have female friends, and as I started
to hang out with them I noticed women like to engage in some—
thing called fat talk. Fat talk is
when a girl says, “Oh my god, I am so fat.” I think every girl is guilty of doing this.

When I first heard my friend who is at least a size four
say that she is fat, I was a little shocked because I am obviously
bigger than her. If she thought
she was fat, then she had to think
I am enormous.

Then I thought she has to be
saying this for attention because
there is no way a girl her size

This normally wouldn’t stop us
from going in anyway to check
out among the crowd, prompt—
ing the owner of the condo to
tell everyone out. What a great
way to make money on the
weekends. These huge parties
are doomed to end early, one way or
another.

Welcome to Bako nightlife.

There are two main types of
parties in Bakersfield. First, there are
drinking games.

One thing is for sure, when
a party is over, we always need
a kickback with close
friends or express insecuri—

It can be seen as a way to bond
or another .

It’s a good thing we decided
not to say that this wasn’t a
funny experience. There sure are
lots of alcohol.

After saying our goodbyes,
we secure a safe way back
due munchies.

Taco to satisfy our long over—

Statistically, parties that
change an entrance fee are doomed
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another.

It was fat and she said no, she
thinks I look good how I am. How can a girl who is a size
four tell me, a girl who is a size
three or four that she is looking
too fat.

I could relate to my friend in
a strange way. I have never had
any serious body image issues,
but as a teenager I remember
constantly comparing myself to
the women on television and in
magazines. I always wanted to
be an actress and these tele—

The unfortunate conclu—
sion we end up coming to is
that this party has no women.

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It can be harmful to young
girls who hear their mother
or someone say they’re fat, it can
affect how they see them self in
the future.
There are some people, in-credibly intelligent people no-who, suffer from a learning problem associated with the inability to handle numbers. This problem is known as dyscalculia. People with dyscalculia have poor number facts and struggle with math-related skills and concepts such as time and money. Dyscalculia is a learning disability that affects people's ability to handle numbers and perform mathematical calculations. It is not a "nationally recognized" condition, but it is still a serious learning problem associated with the inability to handle numbers. The inability to handle numbers is known as dyscalculia and is characterized by difficulties in understanding and working with numbers. People with dyscalculia may have problems with number facts, number sense, and operations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. They may have trouble with concepts such as time, distance, and money. Dyscalculia affects people of all ages, including children and adults. It can be diagnosed through standardized tests and the evaluation of a person's mathematical abilities. Dyscalculia can be managed with individualized education plans (IEPs) and accommodations such as extra time on tests, the use of calculators, and group work. Students with dyscalculia often need additional support in math and may benefit from specialized math instruction. The key to success for students with dyscalculia is early identification and intervention. Early diagnosis and intervention can make a significant difference in their academic and personal lives. It is important to recognize and support students with dyscalculia in order to help them reach their full potential.
Three BC track runners win multiple races

By Jason Reed
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College women’s and men’s track and field teams each took second place in an invitational meet involving Western State Conference teams March 9 at Valencia Community College. Sophomores Davis Leonhard and Cesar Luna each won two events for BC. Leonhard took first place in the men’s 100-meter dash with a time of 10.97 and 40.66 in the 1500-meter run. Luna took the 200 in 21.65 and then finished with the distance of 35 feet in the women’s triple jump.

Freshman Jade Geidt won three events for BC. Geidt took first place in the men’s 100-meter dash in 11.26.

She also took the 200 with a time of 25.87. Geidt was also part of the women’s 4×100, along with Nazadin D’Owen, Renata Watson and Molly Fitch. BC took first place at 48.84. Santa Barbara City College’s men finished in first place with a score of 124.5.

BC finished second with a score of 116. College of the Canyons finished third with a score of 110, and Cuesta College finished 97-9 in fourth place.

Alan Hancock took fifth-place score 57 and Fontana Vemata finished sixth place, scoring 57 points.

For the men’s 200, sophomore Michael Benrath took first place for BC with a time of 21.89.Mount Hope also gave the Renegades a big lift, winning the 5,000 with a time of 15:50.9.

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BC pitcher 4-0 on the season

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The Bakersfield College baseball team has been on a tear to start the 2013 season and part of it has to do with right-handed sophomore pitcher Ryan Stapp. Stapp, a Bakersfield High School graduate, is in his second year at Bakersfield College and has posted a 4-0 record with five starts. In those five starts, Stapp has a 3.89 ERA to go along with 22 strikeouts.

Stapp mentioned that he plans on being a professional baseball player and is undecided on his major at the moment. Stapp has been playing baseball since he was 4 and mentioned that the concentrated only on pitching as a sophomore in high school.

“My dad kind of got me into it,” Stapp said when asked what made him start playing baseball. Stapp said his dad was a baseball player when he was younger. His dad wanted him to be involved in sports, and Ryan played basketball, football and baseball in high school. Stapp played receiver in football and pitcher in basketball.

“My senior year, I was going to play for a more successful team from CSUB asked if I wanted to walk on with them,” Stapp said when asked what made him choose baseball over football and basketball.

He was asked to quit basketball conditioning at Bakersfield High School in order to mean Cal State Bakersfield, and at that point he decided to play baseball only.

The act pitcher for the Renegades allowed one run and one hit in BC’s season home opener this year. The Renegades won that game 10-3 against Peralta College. Stapp allowed one earned run and struck out four batters.

“I just try to relax,” Stapp said when asked how he prepares for a game. “Look at another team’s chart because we chart before the game. We track every pitch that every batter sees, look at those and see what their tendencies are. I like to focus on each individual hitter.”

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Stapp said Patman has also done a great job of helping his team with life lessons. He said he has learned in baseball can be used to help him in his life on the baseball field.

“He’s a great person and a great player,” Patman said. When asked how being at BC has helped Stapp. “Part of that just happens naturally, but I think it’s due to the fact that we’re on the mound,” Stapp said.

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Feb. 28

BC, Citrus 5

BC’s starting pitcher Ryan Stapp took the mound for the Renegades, allowing three earned runs and eight hits in six innings. BC was down 5-0 before scoring ten runs in the eighth inning to earn a 10-5 comeback victory over Citrus College. Center fielder Kyle Nixon and first baseman Blayne Ontiveros both had two RBIs for BC.

March 2

BC, Mission 6

BC took its six-game winning streak on the road against L.A. Mission College and jumped into a 6-1 lead in the third inning. L.A. Mission then went on to outscore BC 2-5 throughout the remainder of the game, but the Renegades held on and secured an 8-6 victory. Catcher Justin Martinez had four RBIs for BC and had two RBIs on 2-4-5 hitting. Starting pitcher Justin Kelly was 3 for 5 with a victory for BC. BC improved to 5-0 in the season. Right fielder Spencer Daniels had four RBIs for L.A. Mission.

March 7

BC, Glendale 6

BC secured its winning streak to eight games. BC jumped out to a 6-2 lead in the first five innings of the game before the Vaqueros attempted a comeback, outscoring the Renegades 4-2 in the final three innings. Right-handed pitcher Sean Deweese got the save for the BC. Designated hitter Lex Ponomarev went 5-for-5 with three RBIs, and right fielder Joshua Turner went 4-for-4 with two RBIs. The win improved BC to 6-1 on the road.

March 9

Glendale, BC, 2

BC’s winning streak was snapped at eight against Glendale, falling 5-2. BC led-handed pitcher Justin Kelly gave up three earned runs on six hits and struck out four batters. Tuesday’s victory at Glendale pitcher seven runs and struck out 11. BC fell out of the No. 3 overall and 6-2 in the Western State Conference. Glendale improved to 11-3 and 6-2 in the WSC, two games behind BC. BC will host L.A. Mission College March 14 in a non-conference game.

BC baseball scores

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By Mitchelle De Leon

Lois Anderson first saw a miniature horse in 1971 on The Johnny Carson Show. “Oh my gosh,” she thought, “I pinch have one.”

It took her two years to find a breeder. She then went to buy a stallion from Kentucky; and those mares from Georgia. Today, Anderson has 61 miniature horses, or minis, at Tanglewood Farms, a full-service stable that trains, boards, and sells minis.

Along with her sister, Lora Bozarth, and her brother-in-law, Chris Bozarth, Anderson manages the minis 14 hours a day, seven days a week.

A typical day at Tanglewood begins at 6 a.m. They train and feed them alfalfa hay at particular times of the day. They even put a blanket around them at night to protect them from the weather. At 74 years old, Anderson acknowledges that the work is difficult, but she thinks it’s worth it.

“Today, having a furry kid” she said jokingly. “They’re very affectionate, and they’re very loyal little things. Trust me, we pay a lot out of them.”

She described her relationship with the minis as close.

“We’re right there when the foals are born. We do what is called imprinting, which is a bonding process between human and baby, so they become ‘people-liked,’ they’re very competent, she said.

However, she emphasized that minis are still horses.

“You can’t treat them like little dogs, but those horses really have sweet dispositions,” she said.

The youngest minis at Tanglewood Farms are 9 to 10 months old. The oldest one is PI, which is turning 17 in April, exceeding the typical life span of 30 years old.

“He worked very well all his life, so he deserves a good retire- ment,” she said. “We are going to take care of him until he dies.”

In 1989, PI along with other minis went with Lois to the Rose Parade, but she thought the experience was a disaster.

“We had to be there at 1 o’clock in the morning. We almost froze to death,” she recalled. “I didn’t make the horses all that happy. We did it once. That was enough.”

The cost to purchase minis varies. Lois said the horses have gone as far as New York and Fl- orida, preferring to sell them at around 2 years old.

“People buy horses and don’t do anything with them. We like to sell trained horses, so that they’ll have homes for the rest of their lives. People get tired of them, they leave,” she said. “We make darn sure that they go to good homes.”

She said that it’s difficult to get attached with the horses. “It hurts sometimes when they leave,” she said. “We make darn sure that they go to good homes.”

In some instances, Lois bought some minis back because they didn’t feel that they were going to good homes.

Because of the economy, they are breeding fewer horses than usual this year.

“We’re cutting back just a little bit because the economy’s so bad,” she said. “We don’t want to raise so many horses that there aren’t homes for them. We raise them to train and sell.”

Of the 61 miniature horses on their property, 12 of them are minis, which are owned by other people but live on Tan- glewood. One of the boarders is actually part pony, which is differ- ent from a miniature horse. Ponies developed out of nati- rally hard conditions.

They were horses that got smaller and smaller because conditions were so severe that the smaller ones survived and the bigger ones did not. Minis, on the other hand, are man-made, bred down from full-sized hor- ses. They are also smaller than ponies.

“Ponies can be a little bit ob- nerving sometimes. Minimuses are very, very little things. They do things that you wouldn’t believe,” she said. “They grow on you. They’re wonderful compan- ion animals.”

They have even rescued minis from different states that looked like “concentration camp hors- es.”

According to Lois, horses have excellent memories.

“They remember all the good that happens to them, but they also remember all the bad that happens to them,” she said. “It makes them valuable as working animals.”

The minis draw a lot of atten- tion when they take them out with carriages, especially on the highway.

“We get a lot of positive re- marks when we’re out driving. People take pictures,” she said. “We handle them, so they’re well-trained. They trust their people, so if you kill them it’s OK, it’s all right.”

All of the minis at Tanglewood Farms are of the American Mini-ature horse breed, which is the result of highly selective breed- ing, dating back to the 17th cen- tury when minis served the ruling classes and kings in Europe.

Today, minis offer an affec- tionate alternative to its former counterpart.