By Rigoberto Lopez
Photograph

California has been experiencing a drought that will not only impact farm workers, but everyone else, as well.

Prices will go up on fruits and vegetables, not only here in California, but in the rest of the nation as well. California is the main source of all our storms that we get from the north to Washington and Oregon and into parts of Canada and Alaska.

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“Everybody knows that I had the most time researching,” Maxwell said. “I was tremendously prepared.”

Maxwell said that despite the top-down view, his colleagues were respectful of his decision and simply disagreed with what he had to say, which he doesn’t think is the right thing.

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New parkway still a big battle

Bakersfield City Council voted 6-1 to certify the Final Environ-

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The Bakersfield Pet Food Pantry was visited by its founder, standing in front of the organization's sign. The pantry provides pet food to individuals facing financial hardships and low-income families. The pantry relies heavily on volunteer work and the community to provide food to those in need. For more information, visit bakersfieldpetfoodpantry.org or call 661-369-1222.

Black History Month passes unnoticed at BC

There were no activities for Black History Month here at Bakersfield College.

Volunteers bag pet food at the monthly bagging event for the Bakersfield Pet Food Pantry. The pantry relies heavily on volunteer work and the community to provide pet food to those in need. To learn more about volunteering or making a donation, visit www.bakersfieldpetfoodpantry.org or call 661-369-1222.

Sports show more than just boats and RVs

The So-Cal National Tractor & Truck Pulls, which are sponsored by DC's RV Center, Public and Camping World, took place on March 1, in conjunction with the 18th annual Super Cruise Car Show. The event featured live music, field and agility dog trials, and fly tying competitions. Admission to the show, which was sponsored by BC Delano Car Club Council, was $10 for adults, and $5 for kids between the ages of six and 18. SCSC, was $10 for adults, and $5 for kids between the ages of six and 18.

Pet Food Pantry helps owners in need

According to Frye, the most rewarding part of being part of this organization is being able to help the community. "Pets are very special to many. For some, it's their only family member," she said. "We want pets to stay with their family instead of being turned into the animal shelters or abandoned." The Bakersfield Pet Food Pantry is open every Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon to provide dog and cat food to those in need. For volunteer opportunities or to make a donation, visit www.bakersfieldpetfoodpantry.org or call 661-369-1222.

Black History Month is celebrated at BC

Despite the rain and clouds, many people were in attendance at the 7th annual College of Sportsmen's Boat, RV, and Outdoor Show. According to Mike Hatch, one of the events coordinators, this was the largest sportsmen show that the city had seen in 2014. Despite the inclement weather, people were out looking for items to fill their boats, fishing and camping supplies, and three. There were hunting supplies, fishing and camping supplies, and trucks, cars, and trucks on display. The show featured live music, field and agility dog trials, and fly tying competitions. Admission to the show, which was sponsored by BC Delano Car Club Council, was $10 for adults, and $5 for kids between the ages of six and 18. SCSC, was $10 for adults, and $5 for kids between the ages of six and 18.

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### Events Calendar

#### Wednesday, March 5

- **Archivist Special Ken Hooper will discuss forgotten local history.**
  Kent Center, Main St., at 1910 R St. 10 a.m. For more information: (661)532-7210

#### Thursday, March 6

- **California Dream Act workshop.** Bakersfield College Student Service building, room 505, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sign up through InsideBC at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu.
  - *Periodical Articles Online* Library Workshop. Bakersfield College library, room 217. 9:30 a.m. For all students. For more information: (661)395-4466 or follow the library on Twitter @LibraryABC
  - *Ethics of Research* Library Workshop. Bakersfield College Library, room 217. 11:30 a.m. For all students. For more information: (661)395-4466 or follow the library on Twitter @LibraryABC
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  - *Serpent’s Tongue* Jerry’s Pizza, 1817 Chester Ave. 7 p.m. For more information: (661)653-5000

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#### Monday, March 10

- **Financial Aid Application Workshop.** Bakersfield College Student Services building, room 511, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up through InsideBC at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu.
  - Bakersfield College Renegade Pantry sign-up day. Campus Center CC-4. For more information: thepantry@bakersfieldcollege.edu

#### Tuesday, March 11

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#### Thursday, March 13

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  - *Research Strategies* Library Workshop. Bakersfield College Library, room 217. 11:30 a.m. For all students. For more information: (661)395-4466 or follow the library on Twitter @LibraryABC
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  - "Best Reading" showing and discussion. Bakersfield College Frontier, East 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free admission and parking. Accommodations, including interpreting/captioning services, are available upon request. For more information: Erin Miller (661)395-4460

### Levan Center hosts Wartzman

By Early C. Alexander Reporter

On Feb. 27, the Norman Levan Center hosted Rick Wartzman, an author and some prominent sociological speakers in "The Wall Street Journal and Los Angeles Times." These speakers included more than 50 Bakersfield students and approximately 13 students. Wartzman, a native of Baltimore, Md., attended Johns Hopkins University. Wartzman spoke about "The Grapes of Wrath," among other stories and so much history behind the book.

When asked why he decided to write this book, "The Grapes of Wrath," Wartzman said, "This book is out of the first book that I had written, a book called "The King of California," and Bill Camp, who is a major character, in "Obscene in the Extreme," was kind of a man of this book." Wartzman also said that seeing a picture of the book "The Grapes of Wrath" being burned inside a red box he wrote "Obscene in the Extreme." During a reading of his first book, Wartzman, a friend of his asked him if he had the "Grapes of Wrath" book, and now there’s reading of ‘The Grapes of Wrath’ among people. Wartzman said a friend of his asked him if he had the "Grapes of Wrath," which was a photograph of a pulp maga- zine stayed with him. He also brought his advice to students in library who was considered "a great freedom fighter." The li- brary bought against censorship, which wrapped Wartzman’s atten- tion, and four years later his book was published.

Wartzman reflected on how con- sensus in libraries has changed over time. "The changes, obviously, the book was restored two years later, and now there’s reading of ‘The Grapes of Wrath’ around people’s individual libraries, but like Rick Wartzman and his contribution in a way that never would have happened before." According to Wartzman, Steinbeck’s book still be in law for a while after "The Grapes of Wrath" was published because he was so revered in this homeland.

Wartzman’s final thoughts on his projects: "These are all journeys, writing a book. Every one is a different journey. This one was a great one to do. I learned a lot and I always have fun writing them. Then you put it away, and I’m in to the next one."

### BC library offers various research workshops to assist students

By Myrica Johns

Bakersfield College reference librarians are hopeful for another successful and great semester of research workshops for students. According to Marit Lage, BC’s reference librarian, they are offering a total of 77 sessions across 10 workshops of 10 weeks beginning last month.

There are seven workshop topics: Research Strategies, Finding Books, Periodical Articles Online, Beyond Basic Google Search, Evaluating Print Sources, and Ethics in Research. Lage explained that the workshop topics are distributed based on past analysis of which workshops were most popular among students.

They are offering a wide range of dates and times for the workshops in order to cater to student availability. Wartzman’s workshop is one of many that are likely to cause them to fill up fast. They provide workshops contract with more students’ class schedules, the popular workshops are heavily attended, and the less popular classes do tend to fill up faster. The workshops are done on a first-come, first-served basis to avoid any crowding. Especially popular workshops are encouraged to arrive early to line up or sign up.

The Reference Desk does not require the use of a computer. However, it is strongly advised that they do bring their big laptop over. With some workshops there is a maximum capacity of 23, so there may be a sign-up sheet in the classroom.

One recommendation if you’re coming out to a popular workshop is that you can log in using your laptop and that’s fine as long as you aren’t as good as someone who really knows the ropes on searching.

The research workshops might even be worth credit, or possibly earn some extra credit in some courses, as they have become popular among students who are interested in specifically in English and science.

After each seminar, Lage has discussed concerned student simulations in the workshops and significant feedback given by students on workshop evaluations.

On an evaluation given to students after each workshop, students were asked if the information provided in the workshop would help for their research with college courses. On a 5-point scale, the average response was 4.66, which is "Quite Useful." Lage said that it was a great one to do. I learned a lot and I always have fun writing them. Then you put it away, and I’m in to the next one.

Lage said that on the comment section of the evaluation, most students confided that "they had been plagiarizing and didn’t know it," after plagiarism workshops, other students give feedback after other workshops as well.

"This class should not be suggested just for English courses. This should be recommended for,” Lage student said. Another student commented on his her/his relief at completing the workshop in time to use the information. Lage took this workshop for his research paper, while another student commented on wishing he or she had. "I really needed this," he or she said. "I only wish I had done this in the first class earlier in my schooling." While other student was not interested in the workshop, Lage’s final thoughts on his projects: "These are all journeys, writing a book. Every one is a different journey. This one was a great one to do. I learned a lot and I always have fun writing them. Then you put it away, and I’m in to the next one."
Brides for a Cause plans charity event in Bakersfield

Festival of Healing, which was sponsored by the V-Day of Bakersfield with all proceeds going to the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault in Bakersfield, took place on March 1.

Part of the entertainment included live music from a local band made up of Bakersfield College students that plays the name Sweet Harmony. Group includes guitarist Amanda McCaslin, drummer Andrew Morgan, on trombone is Omar Murillo, pianist Brian Lee, and on bass is Adam Zanoff. The band includes guitarist Amanda McCaslin, drummer Andrew Morgan, on trombone is Omar Murillo, pianist Brian Lee, and on bass is Adam Zanoff.

April 15th-23rd, the festival was "less focused on vagina and more focused on family," according to Shonna Shearson, yoga teacher at Inner Bodyworks of Bakersfield.

Brides who would like to get an early-access preview are offered on the Brides for a Cause website to volunteer services as a professional or venue, or make a monetary donation to grant wedding wishes for terminally ill couples, will be serving food and drinks, and more.

Taylor Lozano, a local performer, provided entertainment at the festival. There were plenty of vendors, activities and entertainment at the festival.

According to Melissa Puryear, events coordinator and owner of local company Event It, the road show will take place at The Patio, a local venue owned by Jesse Patino. Puryear explained that Event It is working in tandem with The Patio to put on the event in absence of Brides for a Cause, as the organization is not local.

"That's where I come in, and I put everything together," Puryear said, explaining that she used her network to get local businesses and professionals to donate time and services to the event.

"I had no problem at all. The professionals in our town are really giving, and it's important to try something for a great cause.

There will be a wide range of dress styles and sizes with prices starting at $250 and there is a $50-off coupon being offered on the Brides for a Cause website. Approximately 50 percent of the sale price of each gown is donated to WUW while the other half is used to maintain the operation of the foundation.

"Our event is perfect for those who are just getting started because they'll have a chance to try on many different styles to see what looks best on them," Scharf said. "But the event is also for good women who just can't find the perfect gown, because we get a lot of very unique, one-of-a-kind gowns that aren't at typical bridal stores.

According to Scharf, they have accepted more than 2,000 dresses in less than a year.

"We've been very fortunate in receiving so many dresses in such a short amount of time. We would like to get an early-access preview we are encouraged to go-to.Program for VIP event, which will be held on March 21. The $15 fee, brides will receive the first look at the dresses, food, drinks, and more. Those who would like to purchase tickets for the VIP night can get more information at visit beadlesfoundation.com.

The event is open to the public and Brides for a Cause welcomes anyone who would like to attend.

According to Puryear, although an advanced notice is unimportant that anyone who would like to volunteer to work the event does so by signing up on the website. There is a need for volunteers for several different jobs including setting up the event, signing in guests, serving food and drinks, and more.

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Anyone who would like to help the cause can do so by going to the Brides for a Cause website to volunteer services for a road show or donate a dress, or by going to the WOW website at wishuponawedding.org to sign on as a wish granter, volunteer services as a professional or venue, or make a monetary donation.

By Trina Goree
Reporter

V-Day kicks off with Festival of Healing

“Sweet Harmony,” a band composed entirely of BC students, perform at the Festival of Healing.

Faith Hall and her brother, Griffin, from Tomison Productions tend the face painting station at the Festival of Healing.

V-Day of Bakersfield with all proceeds going to the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault in Kern County, kicked off with its first event on March 1.

V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls, which has raised over $32,000 for the alliance, to date. Key points in the V-Day mission include an organized response against violence toward women, and the vision that V-Day will be a world where women live safely and freely.

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A crowd of over 100 people gathered around Nathaniel Runels as he spoke on Feb. 19. The following week it was back to being calm in the Free Speech area.

Temper flare, cool in Free Speech area

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Patricia Castro (Center) was one of the more verbal students while Runels was speaking.

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speech is a two-way street and it one day and make your message you have every right to use that because they didn't agree with anti-abortion. Those individuals, a crowd has been growing a steady stream of customers. We saw people upset with the FN and almost 100 people were sued and built up during late Feb. Yanukovych backed out on an eco-economic deal with the European Union. Russia have offered financial-aid to the Review as to whether this guy is really causing a disruption or not. Most of the people can't stand when they are upset or talking about, things can get really heated and people, or organizations have different perspectives on religion is never good. Which can occasionally cause uproar. Mixing people with different perspectives on religion is never good. There are so many religions out in the world that tell us different things, and it’s not the young man standing on a small step stool preaching about his beliefs. Fier Runels, a former BC student and a preacher of God and others invite who seems to be in a mutually sup-porting relationship with the United Nations, which can be classified as in the military industry. The Ukraine issue may very well decide which of these two powers will become the main player in Euro-Asia’s war. If American want to get badly and demand that we interact, then our relations with Russia, China, and Europe could become very tense in the Euro-Asia and Russia, there isn’t much of a difference. Neither are bedfellows with us, and neither truly follow the same ideological that we do. The Russia is a major European issue that may tip the balance and geopolitical map of Europe, but the rise of China might also cause a fundamental shift in the way that continent are evolving. American are far more interested in our own economic and security relations with our trade partners in Asia. Ukraine’s crisis won’t worry us too much, as it is mainly becoming a backwater re-gion of the world.
The recently opened Club 21 is located at 2202 Chester Ave., on the corner of 21st street. For the last three years, Iglesias has been on this parallel line, and that Frankie did a show.

Iglesias told the audience that over the past seven, he hasn’t spoken to in over 30 years, and joked to come back in to the picture.

The documentary is a real eye-opener, she would still be showing audience members that are different from others, but with the music selection there was very little interest of people wanting to dance. Most people were bored and looked for other activities.

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The music was the usual sounds that Bakersfield has in the air, and that we would have to pay for Iglesias. To Igle- sias’ sur- prise, she didn’t have one trashcan in view, narrow, and carpeted. The top floor with no real middle ground.

That is played out, and especially at nightclubs, it is those in attendance that are going to determine. As a note for all Bakersfield students, it is your responsibility to go back to our community.

The area of helping homeless people is often overlooked and not enough attention is paid to people who have no home, or who have no place to go. We have the SG food pantry, and also the Bakersfield Bookbank and shelters that are in the Kern County. You can also make a donation to the Kern County Homeless Collaborative, which helps those in attendance.

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After BC Classic Softball looks to league play, after BC Classic

Robert Mullen | Reporter

The Bakersfield College softball team hosted five Southern California teams in a doubleheader on March 22. BC claimed the first game 7-2, then beat Moorpark College 12-5 in the second.

BC managed only one hit, up by Pitcher Ashley Zaleski in the game's only score. BC fell to 0-5 in the tournament, but the Canyons 4-1 the next day.

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Cerritos College coach Joseph Martinez was taken out of the game after one hit in the bottom of the 8th inning.

Moralez also had three RBIs, and Arambula also had three RBIs. Erick Williams also had a two-run hitting double by Erick Williams also had a two-run

Renegades. Every BC starter contributed for BC adding in three runs. Arambula also had two RBIs. The scoring started early for BC

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Coach Finch refused to use outside mid’s and outside backs. "Maybe after a few more practices we will see that we will be able to work on certain things."

BC held a lead in each inning, 5-3 through the third, but BC didn’t score in the fifth inning.

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The season has come to an end for the Bakersfield College men's basketball team as the team failed to make the playoffs.

The Renegades ended the season strong with a win in the Western State Conference South with a 63-50 victory at Antelope Valley in the final game of the season Feb. 22.

In that game, Corey Mitchell scored 30 points for BC. 

With 11 returning players from this season's squad, Coach Hughes believes the future looks bright for the Renegades.

Hughes discussed his expectations from the beginning of the season, saying, “We wanted to have a winning record in the pre-season, but we didn’t,” Hughes continued, “they tend for the conference title, which was our goal.”

Injuries plagued the women’s basketball team as the team failed to make the playoffs.

Makenzie Odle worked extremely hard to play against Antelope Valley during BC’s last game on Feb. 22.

Odle said, “I am excited to start concen- trating on next season, I can’t wait to run again. I’ll be hard at therapy to get back to playing,” Odle said, “I get to [play] before that, though.”

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Hughes described the team chemistry as “very good” and “they were a good team to coach.”

“Struggling with the strength of the team, Hughes responded, “at times our defense was really good, and at other times it was just aver- age.”

The Renegades were blown out in the only game the entire season that game was against Glendora in season opener right Feb. 12.

Hughes and his coaching staff’s top priorities during the off-season are to recruit in order to fill in the vacant spots, and getting his pro- gram ready for next season during spring training.

“There are a large amount of lo- cal kids in the high school ranks that we are going to try to hopefully get up here to BC.”

“Will not come up to the season and give the team an overall grade, Hughes said, “I think we were aver- age, we were a C.”

“We had opportunities to get into the B range, but it just didn’t work out … our conference was just ex- tremely tough.”

The Renegades finished just one game under .500 and will have a core of returning veteran play- ers that have played a full season together, which should make things a lot easier in the next season a lot easier.

The BC women’s track and field team closed the season Feb. 15 and again to Antelope Valley on March 1 to Fullerton College on March 28 at 1 p.m. This meet was won by Long Beach City College with a group time of 1:38.18.

The BC men’s team managed to place in one event during mid- season meet. The only man to place first or higher was Donovan Johnson, who ran the 400-meter hurdles in 51.40.

The WSC North Track and Field was held at Bakersfield College’s McAlister Stadium on Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. This meet’s stats were unavailable at the time of publication.

The next meet scheduled is the WSC Relay which will be held at BC’s McAlister Stadium on March 15 and again to Fullerton College for the AVC 5-way meet on March 21 before returning home to host the WSC Island on March 26.
Black Gold Productions just opened its 15th-annual run with “When In Rome...,” a comedic musical, in order to raise funds for cancer research and cancer patient support.

According to Stacey Briceno, the director of the show, “When in Rome...” is a fresh concept to the troupe and the show offers a variety of music that people are sure to enjoy. Briceno, who has been a cast member of Black Gold Productions for eight years, is directing her fourth show for the organization.

“This is an all-volunteer group. Everybody has day jobs,” said Briceno. “None of them are really actors on the side, so it’s just a passion that they have to do something fun and raise money for a good cause.”

Black Gold Productions originated 15 years ago with a group of six employees from Aera Energy who took an acting workshop, which later culminated into a show. After they unexpectedly raised money, they decided to donate it to Relay for Life. Now, an official non-profit organization with elaborate performances, and with a primary mission to fight against cancer and “celebrate life with laughter,” Black Gold Productions has raised approximately $430,000 for cancer research in the past 14 years, which they donated to the American Cancer Society, making their Relay for Life team a top-ten team in the annual event.

This year, they are supporting the Kern County Cancer Fund, a local patient support organization.

“The Kern County Cancer Fund is a start-up organization, and we decided they might need a little horsepower to get started,” said Mike Handren, CEO of Black Gold Productions and the business and technical director of the show.

“The show itself will be worth about $20,000 to $25,000, which will be our contribution to the Kern County Cancer Fund,” he said. “A number of performers have had a family member die from cancer, or survive it, so we are really big on fighting against cancer.”

In addition to helping with the battle against cancer, performances of “When in Rome...” will also benefit a local scholarship fund.

“We are a joint team with the American Petroleum Institute, we teamed up about seven years ago,” said Handren. “They are the ones who handle all the house arrangements, food and bar, and the proceeds from their activities go to the API Scholarship Fund. They are also a sponsor of our show,” he said.

According to Briceno, Black Gold Productions has yearly returning audience members.

“We have regulars. There are people who are generally here year after year supporting us,” she said.

“When in Rome...” opens on Feb. 28 and will have its final performances on March 7-8 at 7 p.m. at the Woman’s Club of Bakersfield. Tickets are $20, which includes a dinner, and are available through their website www.BGP-show.com.