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## Moran sees re-election as redemption and growth

By Elizabeth Fernandez  
Reporter

Polls closed at the end of March and Jimmy Moran, former treasurer, was officially re-introduced to Bakersfield College's student government as vice president-elect for the next academic year.

Moran was involved in last semester's substance and misconduct allegations against the Student Government Association, and was dismissed from the board; however, there appeared to be no restraints from either the

new or old constitution to prohibit Moran to re-enter SGA

"I wanted to make a new face of myself ... I feel like I've had leadership experience, it was about time to commit myself to more responsibility," said Moran in regard to his decision to run again. "I felt they wouldn't have anyone with experience, everyone would be fresh."

Moran had originally intended to run for a senator position, but said he was encouraged after a talk with Interim Director of Student Life Elizabeth Peisner, and added, "She

believes I have what it takes to bring better change; she has my back."

In regard to the candidate, Peisner said, "Bakersfield College supports an environment of growth and development, and this is part of Jimmy's growth and development."

The student body had yet to approve the aforementioned constitution at the time of elections, on which positions for next year had also already been based upon.

Moran and other SGA members were removed from office last fall after it was determined they violated policy at a conference.

Moran, talking about the conference, stated that he had been of legal drinking age and refused to badmouth any of his former officers. Although there was alcohol and marijuana, Moran dismissed accusations and rumors of further illegal drug consumption, such as "pill-like drugs." He ascertained that they attended meetings responsibly and chose to "let loose" after hours in their respective rooms.

Students who called into question the legitimacy of Moran's ability to run had the

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## Student reveals Dream Act's impact

By Sharida Rejon  
Features Editor

"Since I started school I knew that I didn't have the same opportunities as everyone else, and when I was in high school it was very hard for me because everyone was talking about college, but I didn't know what was going on back then," said 19-year-old Adelaida Hernandez, an undocumented student at Bakersfield College, about some of the fears she faced while her educational future was uncertain.

Hernandez's journey in the United States began when her mother brought her from Mexico when she was 8 years old. Since then, Hernandez faced challenges that very few students go through.

"English is not my first language, neither is Spanish, we speak a dialect from Oaxaca," said Hernandez. "So when I came here I had to learn English and Spanish at the same time."

Belonging to a family of six in which all members lack a college education, Hernandez said that she always knew she wanted to go to school and further her education past high school.

"Where I come from, people don't get educated, they are very humble," said Hernandez. "I would see my older brothers and all of them are working, breaking their backs, and working in the fields, but they're not getting anything – they just keep working, and working, and working for minimum pay. I don't want that, I want to break that cycle."

Although she desired a college education, Hernandez was unsure about the possibility of getting one.

"I was afraid because I wouldn't

hear of anyone else who was in the same situation as me, and I thought I was the only one," she said. "But once I talked to one of the counselors and I told them that I didn't have a social security number to apply for colleges, that's when they started helping me."

According to Hernandez, counselors at her high school started to notice that several students were not applying for colleges and scholarships, and it wasn't until she spoke up about her situation that they figured out that the reason was not because they didn't want to apply, but because the majority of these students were undocumented, and they did not know they had the option to attend college.

"They told me that I was considered an AB 540 student, or undocumented student, and that I had an opportunity to go to school," she said. "The counselors made a little group of AB 540 students to help them go to college, and that's when I noticed that there were more students like me in my graduating class."

Once she learned that she could in fact attend college, Hernandez was ecstatic. "Most of the stuff was going to come out of my pocket, but I still had the opportunity to attend school, so that was a little bit of shining light," she said. "My motto is that once I start something, I need to finish it, whatever it takes – and that's what I was going to do."

Hernandez enrolled in 17 units during her first semester at BC, making the tuition over \$1,000. "I worked in the summer out in the fields with my mom, and I was able to make enough for my first semester. It was overwhelming, but I was able to do it."



BERTIN RODRIGUEZ / THE RIP

Adelaida Hernandez, an AB 540 student majoring in Communication at Bakersfield College, reminisces about her experience as an undocumented student and speaks about her dreams.

Her mom, who she credits for being her motivation when she feels like she is about to give up, is also one of the reasons for pursuing a college education.

"I see her working in the fields, and I see that she's getting tired," said Hernandez. "She has been very supportive, and has always pushed me to keep going even if it's hard sometimes, so I want to be able to get a good job that pays well and be able to help her out."

Hernandez said that she feels like since she graduated from high school, more doors have opened for AB 540 students.

"Now we can apply for the Dream Act, which gives us the option to receive some money, and also the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which provides a temporary social security number and employment opportunities for us," she said. Recently, the Board of Governor's Fee Waiver has also been approved

for AB 540 students, which gives students the opportunity to get their enrollment fees waived.

Hernandez said that her ultimate goal is to get her associate's degree from BC and transfer to a CSU.

"I want others to see that you can reach your goals, and even if you have to take it step by step, you'll eventually get there," she said. "Good things take time and they take effort, but it'll be worth it in the end."

## Relay For Life raises more than a million

By Sharida Rejon  
Features Editor

299 teams and approximately 4,069 participants were able to raise \$1,135,485.50 at the 23rd annual Bakersfield Relay For Life, which took place on a 24-hour span beginning on May 3.

The Bakersfield Relay For Life, hosted by the American Cancer Society, has successfully raised over \$1 million annually for the past 11 years, making it one of the largest relay events in the world. The majority of the money raised goes toward cancer research and a portion is given to local organizations designed to assist cancer patients and their families in various ways.

Making its appearance for the fifth time at the annual Bakersfield Relay For Life was Team I Love Lucy, whose members have been greatly affected by cancer. "We lost my sister back in 2009, and I am a cancer survivor – same year my sister passed away, I found out I had cancer, so it was tough year for us," said Chuck Raulston, one of the team members.

Raulston, whose mother and father's lives were also taken by cancer, said that the main reason they participate year after year is to help fight this disease and keep his sister's memory alive.

"We know that cancer touches



BERTIN RODRIGUEZ / THE RIP

Ryan Coulter, lead singer of the country music group Truxton Mile, provides entertainment alongside the group at the 23rd annual Bakersfield Relay For Life, which took place on May 3.

everybody in one way or another, and you never expect your youngest sister to get it," he said. "When she got it, she had a really hard fight for it, and we finally lost her, so her best friend, Karen Jackson,

decided to start a team to honor her and of course the whole family jumped on board."

Raulston also explained that the disease keeps affecting other people on their team, including the

family of the team captain, Jackson.

"Unfortunately our team captain's mother is fighting two types

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## BC faculty and staff criticize new policy

By Robert Mullen  
Sports Editor

The Kern Community College District's Board of Trustees decided to increase the district-wide mandatory reserves to 15 percent of the yearly budget, up from the five percent required by California law – a move which has caused some concern among the faculty and staff at Bakersfield College.

Kate Pluta, an English teacher at BC who has been with the school for 35 years in various positions, is one of the faculty members against the board's decision.

"It limits [BC's] flexibility, and the district managed fine in really difficult economic times when the budget between the colleges was cut, when the budgets between everybody was cut, when the number

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Snare and cymbal players warm up to give the audience a performance consisting of three different types of bands on May 1 in the Gil Bishop Sports Center.

## Musical sounds of spring

By Rigoberto Lopez  
Photographer

Bakersfield College's Spring Concert was held this semester outside of the gym, but director Tim Heasley mentioned that hopefully next year they would be performing in their new music room.

There were three different types of bands playing: concert band, drumline and jazz ensemble. Heasley directed the concert band, and its music list consisted of "The Music Man," "Old Man River," "Pavanne, for Orchestra," and "His Honor."

The drumline, known as the Golden Empire Drum and Bugles Corps, was also directed by Heasley and performed its show titled "Coming Home."

The jazz ensemble closed off the Spring Concert by playing such songs as "Sweetie Pie (a.k.a. Easy Chair)" and Central Park West which was directed by Kris Tiner.



Performing Arts Director Tim Heasley directs students during their Spring Concert performance, which was held outside this year on May 1. Heasley is hopeful that the bands will be able to perform inside of their newly-renovated music rooms by next semester.



The BC Jazz Ensemble, directed by Kris Tiner, perform for the audience during Bakersfield College's Spring Concert. The ensemble was one of the three groups that were featured that day.



The Golden Empire Drum and Bugle Corps, also directed by Tim Heasley, does its warm ups in front of the audience.

## BC GSA hosts the Triwizard Tournament games

By Sharida Rejon  
Features Editor

The Bakersfield College Gay Straight Association hosted their second GSA Fun Night on May 2. The Triwizard Tournament, which consisted of an evening of games and dancing, was themed around the Harry Potter films.

Alex Delgado, president of the BC GSA, said that although the event is open to the community and numerous BC students attend, it is mainly intended to send a message to high school students who are planning on attending BC.

"We're here to have a good time and we really want to let the high schoolers know that once they get to BC that there's actually somebody there for them," said Delgado.

Delgado explained that the event serves as an announcement to the high school students about their club on campus, and attempts to help them have a night when they are able to ease their minds during the stressful time at school during their last days of high school.

"Our real purpose for this night is to let them [high school students] have some fun – it's getting toward

the end of the year, so they have their finals, they're graduating, so we want them to have fun," she said.

"There are GSAs in high school, but not all colleges have it, so we want to let them know that we exist and that once they get to college, they know there's somebody there that will be there for them to help them through college, and help them through everything they need, and let them know that we exist on campus."

Delgado said that although the GSA Fun Night event is fairly new, there are plans to make it a yearly tradition.

"The only thing I would change is I would make the dance longer so people can have more time," she said.

In addition to their Fun Night event, the Bakersfield College GSA plans several community events throughout the year.

"Right now we are planning our winter formal, which is going to be the second part to our Harry Potter theme – it's going to be the Yule Ball," said Delgado. The GSA winter formal is planned to take place in December.



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Caleb Christensen (left), Issac Ramirez (middle), and Kye Coveit (right) dance the Cha Cha Slide during the Triwizard Tournament on May 2, hosted by BC's Gay Straight Association.



# Super Smash Bros. tournament attracts players

By Bernie Rejon  
Photo Editor

Even after six years, Super Smash Bros. Brawl remains a popular choice for a tournament, so Ben Webby and a couple of his friends decided to host one at Wall Street Imprintables.

“We’ve been playing this game for about three years, and we’ve wanted to see who is the best around,” Webby said.

One of the contestants at the event, Johnny Moore, was there to have fun and hoped to win the \$300 for the single players category.

“I wanted to try to win. Even if I don’t win, at least I had a good time,” Moore said.

Video games have been a part of Moore’s life since he was seven years old. This tournament was an opportunity for him to become a better player, which is something he hopes to gain.

Among the other contestants were Jacob Mathews and Jesse Forty, who participated in the tournament as a team.

“I came here to test my skills on how good I am in Smash Bros,” Forty said.

Both Mathews and Forty started playing Super Smash Bros. since the ages of 7 and 8, respectively. “There’s other people out there that I can try to beat and give me a challenge,” Mathews said.

Kyle Christensen, a Bakersfield College student, saw the fliers around campus and decided to try the tournament.

“I don’t expect to win because there’s a bunch of good people here.



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Teammates Jacob Mathews, (left) and Jesse Forty, (right of Mathews) put their gaming skills to the test in a challenge against one of the various teams present at the Super Smash Bros. tournament, which was held at Wall Street Imprintables on April 26.

Just for fun,” Christensen said.

Jonathan Silva, who became the winner in both categories, took a cash prize of \$400 in the singles category and shared the \$250 prize from the doubles category with teammate Chelsey Starbright.

“We came today because my friend and I, Chelsey, like going to these tournaments,” said Silva, who

is from Fresno. “This is our favorite game.”

Silva has been playing Super Smash Bros. since the late ’90s when the first game came out.

“In all honesty, we came out to find what’s happening here to get the pulse of the community,” he said.

Both Silva and Starbright love

meeting new players and hopefully get people involved in their events in the future.

According to Webby, there are plans to have more tournaments in the future. He also said that maybe in the next couple of months, they would be putting on another tournament with the same genre of game but a different title.

Something he hopes to gain from this is to establish a Facebook page dedicated to the Super Smash Bros. Brawl community in Bakersfield.

Webby said, “We need a tournament, we need to do this, and we can all just come together, have a good time, and meet some new people and expand that union of friendship.”

# BC Career Day brings over 100 companies to meet with students

By Elias C. Ahumada  
Reporter

Bakersfield College successfully hosted over 100 company representatives for the college’s Career Day on April 30. Some of the companies that showed up to career day consisted of banks, corrections, and the California National Guard.

The booths were scattered across the campus quad area with some inside the cafeteria and more inside the Fireside Room.

BC students crowded the booths and asked questions, and for the most part, the representatives seemed to give a lot of helpful feedback to students. One student spent some time talking to the corrections representative. The representative walked the BC student through some of the steps and gave the student an overall view of how the program works once an officer passes the academy.

“The first expectation was that we wanted a minimum of 100 employers,” said Nikki Coffee, who is a Bakersfield College Job Placement representative. “Many of the employers came with jobs. We had

a lot of on-the-spot interviews, and several students even let me know that they had a follow up interview the next day.”

Myriam Richards, a representative for Valley Achievement Center, said, “We’re here recruiting today at BC because we do get a lot of great recruits from here that are looking to get into this type of work.”

Valley Achievement Center is an organization that helps individuals with autism. They help children and even adults. Richards noted that one of the reasons why lots of college students’ work with them is because of the flexibility of hours and that the organization offers part-time work for college students.

“For some of our programs, we do have CCL requirements that need to be fulfilled, for example, child development units, those are specifically for our preschool program and our immediate after school programs,” said Richards, referring to requirements needed for future job applicants. There are some other programs, however, that do not require any of those units in order to work for VAC.

Maria Lara, human resource man-



RIGOBERTO LOPEZ / THE RIP

Barbara Mead signs up for “Damsel in Defense” while other students look over the many different career booths that Bakersfield College had to offer during Career Day on April 30.

ager, was at the booth for KBAK TV News.

“We currently have a part-time news producer, an engineering position that is full time, digital sales manager position, and also a sales account executive position,” she said. Lara noted that those jobs positions are always in need.

There were many other job booths at Career Day that met many of the students’ needs, including part-time

to full-time job positions and from county to state jobs as well.

Coffee explained the main importance of Career Day.

“Two reasons, one because it connects and links a student’s education with employment opportunities, the whole goal of getting an education is to be employed or be the employer, so what better way than to see both sides,” said Coffee.

Coffee also mentioned that Ca-

reer Day is a great way to meet employers and have an opportunity to speak to them and get a better feel of the job and the field, which is something that a student at a job interview will not get. “You can get that one-on-one insight that you couldn’t get at an interview,” said Coffee.

There were a total of 105 companies that attended BC’s career day, according to Job Placement.

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# Award-winning author speaks in Levan Center



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Award-winning director, screenplay writer, and author Marisa Silver visited the Levan Center April 24 to read passages from her book “Mary Coin.” Her book is based on the famous painting “The Migrant Mother,” which she spoke about before she read from her book. Silver has directed several movies and has won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival.



Events Calendar
Wednesday, May 7
Bakersfield College Renegade Pantry sign-up day. Campus Center CC-4. For more information: thepantry@bakersfieldcollege.edu.
Scholastic Book Fair. Bakersfield College Child Development Center. 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information: (661) 395-4368 or email danell.ward@bakersfieldcollege.edu. To order books online: http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/bakersfieldcollegedcps2.
Thursday, May 8
Bakersfield College Renegade Pantry pick-up day. 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information: thepantry@bakersfieldcollege.edu.
FAFSA and Dream Act application workshop. Bakersfield College Student Services building, room 151. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sign up through InsideBC at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu.
Scholastic Book Fair. Bakersfield College Child Development Center. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information: (661) 395-4368 or email danell.ward@bakersfieldcollege.edu. To order books online: http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/bakersfieldcollegedcps2.
20th Chicano/Latino Commencement Celebration. Bakersfield College cafeteria. 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. For more information or to RSVP: email JoAnn Acosta jacosta@bakersfieldcollege.edu.
Friday, May 9
Scholastic Book Fair. Bakersfield College Child Development Center. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information: (661) 395-4368 or email danell.ward@bakersfieldcollege.edu. To order books online: http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/bakersfieldcollegedcps2.
“Oh the Places You’ll Go,” a concert based on the Dr. Seuss book, featuring the Bakersfield College Choir, Chamber Singers, and guest artists. Mill Creek Christian Church, 1660 S St. 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$5 students, faculty, and seniors. \$10 general admission.
Saturday, May 10
“Levi the Poet Tiny Tour” featuring Burn the Ships, Forget Your Friends, Hillsvainkill, Of Eyes That See, and The Hubs. The Gate, 2010 O St. 6 p.m. \$10 admission. For more information: levithypoet.net.
Sunday, May 11
Spring Rising Tour with The Steppas. B-Ryders Sports, 7401 White Ln. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information: (661) 397-7304 or email Kaliko Keaweehu kalikokeaweehu@yahoo.com.
Monday, May 12
FAFSA and Dream Act application workshop. Bakersfield College Student Services building, room 151. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sign up through Inside-BC at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu.
Thursday, May 15
FAFSA and Dream Act application workshop. Bakersfield College Student Services building, room 151. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sign up through Inside-BC at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu.
Friday, May 16
Bakersfield College’s Centennial Commencement. Bakersfield College Memorial Stadium. 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free admission. For more information: www.bakersfieldcollege.edu.
Monday, May 19
FAFSA and Dream Act application workshop. Bakersfield College Student Services building, room 151. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sign up through Inside-BC at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu.
Wednesday, May 21
“Stick Figure” B-Ryders Sports Bar, 7401 White Ln. 8p.m. All ages. For more information: stickfiguremusic.com.
Thursday, May 22
FAFSA and Dream Act application workshop. Bakersfield College Student Services building, room 151. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sign up through Inside-BC at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu.
Thursday, May 29
FAFSA and Dream Act application workshop. Bakersfield College Student Services building, room 151. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sign up through Inside-BC at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu.

# BC reaffirms zero tolerance stance on sexual assaults



RICHARD J PETERSON / THE RIP

BC Vice President of Student Affairs Zav Dadabhoy signs a pair of jeans at the SGA-sponsored Denim Day on April 23. The day raises awareness for zero tolerance of sexual abuse on campus.

By Amber Hayden  
Photographer

Denim Day came to Bakersfield College on April 23 to help support and affirm the college’s stance on zero tolerance of sexual assault. Denim Day actually started in Italy when the Italian Supreme Court overturned a conviction. This caused the female employees of the Italian Parliament to come to work wearing jeans in support of the victim. Elizabeth Peisner, interim director of student life, commented, “Be aware and be vigilante,” explaining the importance for all students to be aware of their surroundings, especially at night when the lights are not always on. Sonya Christian, BC president, said this was the first time the campus has held Denim Day, but hopes that in the coming years the day will still be recognized and supported. Denim Day will be an annual event for the campus, according to Christian. “I’m very pleased that our students, faculty and staff are symbolically and visibly reaffirming that BC has a no tolerance towards sexual assault,” she said. The jeans that were signed during the hour-long event can be seen hanging above the entrance to the Campus Center.

# Dancing highlights club’s multi-cultural ethnic roots



Bakersfield College’s M.E.Ch.A club hosted its first Culture Night, which had Aztec dancers and musicians on April 24 at Forum West.

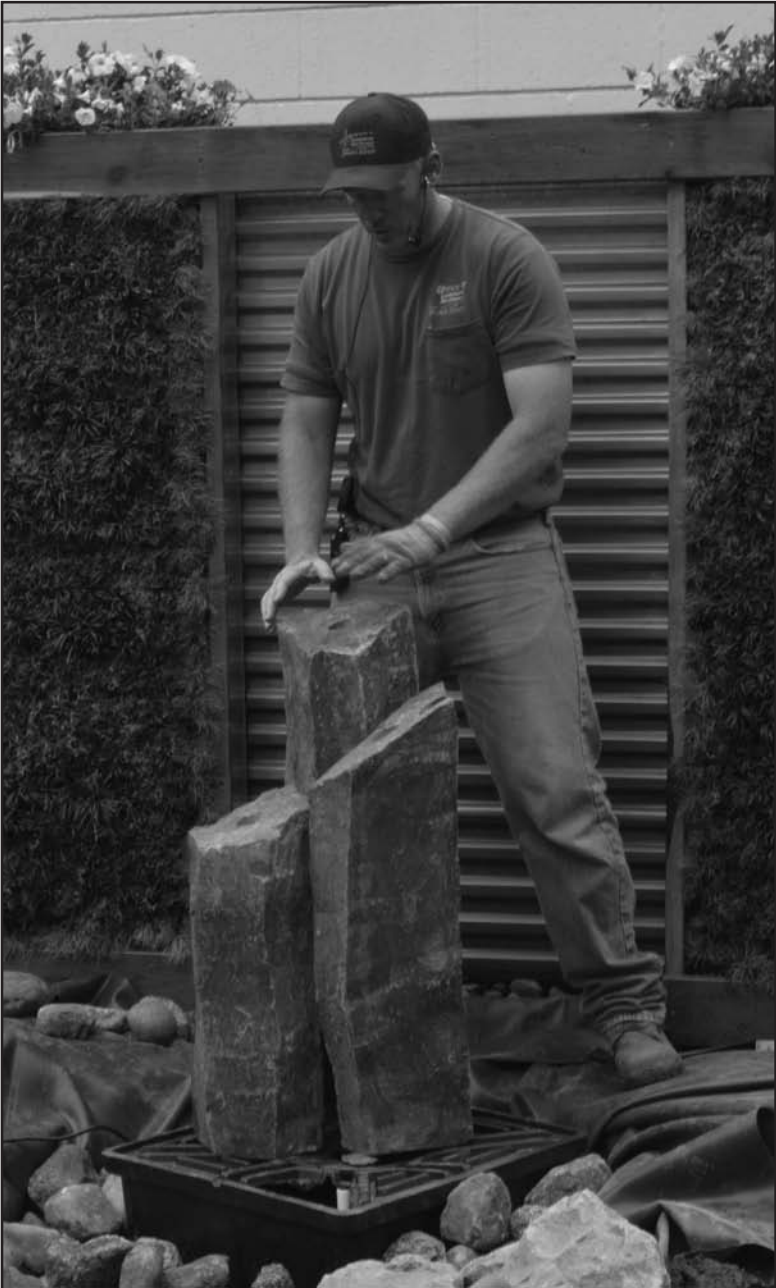
Above: (From left to right) Brittney Chipp, Monica Loftus, Sylvia Guzman, Erin Padilla, Luz Delgado and Daisy Delgado of Escuela Unidas perform for the audience during M.E.Ch.A’s First Annual Culture Night.

Right: Sylvia Guzman of Escuela Unidas shows off her dress to the audience.

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# Clouds don't hinder Garden Fest celebration



SHARIDA REJON / THE RIP  
Mike Prestridge from Buck's Landscape Materials and Pond Shop demonstrates how to install a fountain at Garden Fest.



SHARIDA REJON / THE RIP  
Staff from Buck's Landscape Materials and Pond Shop install a water fountain in the Bakersfield College horticulture area during the annual Garden Fest, which took place on April 26.

**By Robert Mullen**  
*Sports Editor*

Dark clouds and the threat of rain couldn't put a damper on the ninth annual Garden Fest at Bakersfield College, which took place April 26.

The nine-hour event saw thousands in attendance from the community and

across the San Joaquin Valley, visiting vendor booths run by clubs and organizations from BC, Bakersfield, Kern County and the rest of California.

White Forest Nursery, the BC Drumline, American Sign Language club and BC Alumni Association, Mary Kay, the Sequoia Community Corps, InShape, the California Water Service Company, and

Bakersfield Koi and Water Garden Society were just a few of the vendors at the festival, and KERN 1180's Country Garden radio show did a live broadcast with BC's Lindsey Ono.

Local artisans sold a variety of hand-made goods for home and garden decorations, including birdhouses, wind chimes, and gardening tools. Others sold jewelry,

cosmetics, candles and soaps.

"I'm very happy with the turnout. I know last year it was hotter than a pistol and this year we've got this [stormy] weather, but there's a great crowd and everybody is having a great time," said Sally Sterns, Garden Fest organizer and Environmental Horticulture technician.

"It's a successful Garden Fest."

## BC alumnus gives 10 percent of earnings to less fortunate

**By Elias C. Ahumada**  
*Reporter*

In every envelope, a simple, but encouraging message is written. A message to inspire and give hope to a person that is in need of help.

Shade Gumapac, a former Bakersfield College student, who graduated in 2010 in theater arts has been giving 10 percent of his monthly wages to people in the Bakersfield and Delano area that are in need of financial help.

When asked how much money he has donated, Gumapac said, "I don't know if I call this a donation to the homeless, but so far 63 envelopes containing five dollars inside of them have been spread out."

Gumapac is a server at Denny's on Seventh Standard in Bakersfield, a founder of the Dream Team Talent Academy, and a business associate with Legal Shield.

"The money I've given is 10 percent of my monthly take-home income. No less. No more," said Gumapac.

Gumapac noted that the reason why he is giving the money.

"I've been blessed and given so much," he said. "I started separating my 10 percent from my February income, followed by my

March and April income. I started spreading the envelopes for about two weeks and I still have lots of envelopes waiting to be given out."

Gumapac is passionate about what he is doing and encourages the community to give back.

"The goal is to see if I can continue to go all the way to one thousand envelopes," said Gumapac.

Gumapac said he doesn't always go alone when he is out handing out the envelopes. Sometimes he takes his 12-year-old nephew and five-year-old niece because the experience sometimes surprises them.

Gumapac noted that once he hands out the envelopes, he quickly walks away before he has a chance to see the reaction of the person in need. "I don't really see their reactions, but I am sure they are smiling, which is the intention that I am trying to make," said Gumapac.

"I choose the homeless to be the receivers because I know what it is like to have nothing and these people have nothing and sometimes have no one," Gumapac added.

Gumapac still has more envelopes that he is going to hand out, but he is happy to be doing such a good deed and is determined to meet his goal of 1,000 envelopes.

## Guests gather for the Greek Food Festival, greeted by Greek guitar

**By Amber Hayden**  
*Photographer*

The sounds of the bouzouki, a Greek guitar, played through speakers as guests walked into the annual Greek Food Festival on May 3 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church on Truxtun Avenue.

Along with the sounds, there were also the smells of several traditional Greek foods.

There were several booths set up for food. The busiest of them all seemed to be the booth selling gyros, which is a sandwich made of lamb meat, onions, tomatoes, and a sauce called tzatziki.

Located inside of a little room, the desserts were kept in order to keep them cool

and out of the sun.

Such desserts as baklava and lokumades, fried pastries dipped in honey, could be purchased inside.

If you weren't a fan of Greek food, it was OK as there was a booth selling hot dogs and inside the dessert room were chocolate cupcakes filled with tiramisu and kahlua cream.

Even though there were several bounce houses set up for the kids to play on, they seemed to lean more toward the cotton candy, snow cones, and kettle corn.

There was also live music provided by Synthesi, tours of the church itself, and a booth was set up where three Greek priests were willing to speak with people as they came in.

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# Michael J. Fox shares views about time

By Myrissa Johns  
News Editor

“People think I’m an expert on time because I did these movies,” said actor Michael J. Fox, who is most well-known for his role in “Back to the Future.”

Although he joked that he doesn’t know anything about time travel, flux capacitors, space-time continuums or gigawatts, he said his experiences with Parkinson’s disease and in his life have shaped his idea of time and he has figured out some things about time that Doc Brown hadn’t.

Fox shared this idea with a captivated audience at Hoffmann Hospice’s 20th annual Voices of Inspiration fundraiser at Cal State Bakersfield on May 1.

According to Hoffmann Hospice Marketing Coordinator Spring Bunting, with 700 people in attendance, the event raised a record-breaking amount – more than \$200,000.

The most generous donation of the evening – a \$13,000 pledge to cover the total price of one patient bed – was made by Greg and Dana Pratt for part of the Fund-a-Need project, which aimed to fund the building of the first wing in the Hoffmanns’ new hospice home project. The Comforts of Home Hoffmann Hospice broke ground in April and it is projected that the home will allow the hospice to serve an additional

1,800 families annually.

Beth Hoffmann, a founder of Hoffman Hospice, spoke about the hospice, the idea that it takes a special kind of person to do this work, and the goals of the organization.

“Hospice is not about death, it’s about life,” she said, explaining that the goal of the hospice is to provide quality end-of-life care and really celebrate their patients’ lives.

Fox spoke about his father, who he called a no-nonsense man, saying that when you got in trouble, he would be the first person you would call, but the last person you wanted to talk to. He said that when he made his decision to drop out of high school to pursue his acting career, he was shocked that his father actually drove him to LA.

He said he gave himself three years to pursue acting, with the thought that he would treat it as if it was his version of college. Although he said the beginning was a struggle and time was not his friend at that point, he got his first big break at what he called his last-shot audition where he scored the role as Alex P. Keaton on “Family Ties.”

After some time on “Family Ties,” which is where he met his would-be wife, former co-star Tracy Pollar, he was called to his producer’s office and joked that he thought, “The jig was up.” This was when he found out that he had been offered a role in a Spielberg film, which would



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**A Doc Brown impersonator stands in front of a DeLorean during festivities at the Hoffmann Hopice’s Voices of Inspiration fundraiser May 1. Michael J. Fox was the keynote speaker.**

lead him to his role as Marty McFly in the “Back to the Future” trilogy.

He joked that he realized he had gone from eating macaroni and cheese to attending royal premiers.

At the royal premier for “Back to the Future,” Fox recalled that he was actually seated next to Princess Diana, whom he said was “smokin’ hot.” At this point, he said two thoughts occurred to him.

“I’m one fake yawn and an arm stretch away from being on a date with the princess of Wales,” he said. “And then the other thing that occurred to me was I had to go to the bathroom.”

During filming for “Doc Hollywood,” Fox said he woke up one day and his pinkie was twitching. A year later, he was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease at the age of 29, but his doctor told him he would be able to work for ten more years.

He said at this point he was still young and dumb enough to say work was his life, questioning, “So what, I’ve only got 10 years left to live?”

He said he went through all the stages of grief, but then recalled some of his training as an actor. He said that as an actor, you’re trained

not to react to the pie before it hits you.

He realized, “I may be cast in a tragic role, but it’s all about the way I play it.”

He decided that he wanted to help others with Parkinson’s disease, so he began his foundation and started funding research hopeful for a cure. Fox said that to date, his foundation has funded approximately a half a billion dollars in research.

Although the majority of his contributions are toward funding for a cure, Fox said he had heard great things about the reputation of Hoffmann Hospice, and he was excited to be a part of it.

In a Q-and-A session after he spoke, an audience member asked Fox what he believed was the secret to a happy marriage.

“The secret is she’ll have me,” he said, regarding his 25-year marriage. He said that his wife has been very influential to him and very supportive through everything.

True to the name of the event, one member of the audience expressed how Fox had been a very special voice of inspiration for her.

Carly Ranson, an audience member, has looked up to Fox since she

first read his book when she was going through some of her own health issues at age 14, when she had to undergo a surgery.

Her mother stood up to express how grateful she was to Fox for the inspiration.

Ranson told her mother she wanted to be a pharmacist after reading Fox’s book.

Her mother told Fox that she was seated in the audience that night to listen to him speak, and she had accomplished her dream of being a pharmacist.

“His message has pulled me through a lot of stuff,” Ranson said. “It’s one of those books that I hand out to people if they’re going through stuff because it kind of gives you perspective on things.”

Ranson said that his book really gave her perspective before her surgery.

She said that she was so scared that she would die or that it would be this thing that defined her, but to see Fox go through what he has and still be so optimistic has really given her something to grasp onto.

“It’s been a dream of mine to hear him talk, and he’s everything I could’ve hoped for.”

## RELAY: Bakersfield community shows up in force for Relay For Life

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of cancer,” said Raulston. “So it’s something that keeps hitting us, and we want to fight it.”

Team I Love Lucy conducted several fundraisers prior to the Relay For Life event. At the beginning of the event, they had already collected \$6,337, hoping to reach their ultimate goal of \$10,000 by the end of the day.

“We have to fight this disease, and the only way they can do it is through research, and research takes money,” said Raulston. “All we can do is hope and pray that we are doing enough to bring a cure to this down the road – there’s always hope.”

Another team present at the event was Team GEMCare – Caring is Part of the Cure, which featured a large birthday cake prop in front of their campsite, decorated with numerous tealight candles.

Each candle represented a person who has been affected by cancer.

“We’ve done the tealight candles on the cake for about five years,” said Susan Ristenpart, the team captain. “We started doing it as part of the theme to celebrate more birthdays, and it’s kind of become our identity.”

Team GEMCare – Caring is Part of the Cure raised over \$21,000,

placing them among the top 10 teams.

Ristenpart, a skin cancer survivor, said that her motivation to participate yearly is herself and her own fight that she went through. “We each have our own reason to relay, it could be for loved ones or it could be self-motivation,” she said. “Our ultimate goal is to assist in finding a cure.”

Bakersfield Relay For Life is known for offering several activities throughout the event. One of these activities was the Locks of Love segment, where volunteers donated their hair to the non-profit organization in order to make wigs for cancer patients.

Edwin Borbon, a Bakersfield College student and current Student Government Association vice president, was among the volunteers.

Borbon said that his inspiration to participate is his grandmother, who passed away from cancer.

“I do this every two years,” said Borbon. “I hope to inspire other people to grow their hair out and donate, because to me my hair doesn’t really have too much value, so I grow it out to donate to people who actually need it and who do hold a lot of value in their hair.”

Borbon, who is a member of Team Fight For the Cure, feels

like this event is important to raise awareness in the community.

“I feel like people need to be more aware of how many people are actually affected by cancer,” he said.

“The stigma cancer has is that it’s old people, but when you come here, you see babies, children, and teenagers who have passed away from cancer, and I feel like Relay makes people in our community more aware about how big an issue this disease is.”

One of the main events during Relay For Life is the Luminaria Ceremony, where participants gather to honor and remember cancer victims, and support the ones going through the fight, while lanterns line up the track.

“Each luminaria is personalized with a name or message in memory or honor of a friend or loved one who has been affected by cancer,” said Kurt Rivera, master of ceremonies during the Luminaria Ceremony. “Each one, each candle, represents a person.”

Rivera explained that the luminaria lanterns are symbolic for the emotional stages that cancer victims’ experience.

“Physically, the paper sack represents our thick skin, what you need when you hear a cancer diagnosis,” Rivera said. “The sand inside offers



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**Edwin Borbon, current SGA vice president, donates his hair to Locks of Love to make wigs for cancer patients. Esperanza Duran from Great Clips volunteers her time at Relay For Life.**

us a firm foundation when we feel weak, the solid candle, is what our caregivers, family, friends, doctors, and nurses are to us, and the flame is the light of hope – hope that a cure will be found, it’s the burning desire in each of us to extinguish cancer now.”

The Luminaria Ceremony drew

thousands of people, who later walked a remembrance lap in honor of those taken by cancer.

“By being here tonight, we are keeping the flame alive and we are helping to make it burn bright until the day comes when we have conquered cancer for good,” said Rivera.

## MORAN: Wants second chance

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opportunity to file a complaint or grievance before the poll’s cessation, according to Peisner. Although students may still choose to do so, she added that no such referrals had yet to be made at the time of interview.

“I’m sorry,” stated the vice president-elect. “I have really repented, but I believe in second chances.”

Moran continued to say that he hopes to not only to improve himself, but also the school. He plans to implement the re-opening of the game room and renovation of the Panoramic Grill. Above all he wants to see more school spirit, hold more events and help SGA gain the trust of BC clubs.

“I have many ideas, I plan for clubs to be united with SGA,” said Moran. “I feel they’re scared of SGA. I want [them] to say SGA is awesome if they have issues.”

In regard to his term next semester, he stated his team has made a pact to confront anything that comes their way together, and added, “I’m too excited.”

## RESERVES: KCCD versus BC employees over dispute in equal wages

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of class sections were decreased, when people who retired or moved to another job weren’t replaced, we made it through that,” said Pluta. “There were no layoffs, there were no salary reductions, none of that, and we had five percent in our board’s policy language then.”

Pluta wondered why the board has decided to increase the minimum reserves so much.

“Now that times are better, now that a [state] budget has been passed on time for the last three years, proposition 30 passed last year, things are looking better,” she said. “Do they not trust themselves to be responsible when they’ve managed in very difficult times with the five percent reserves?”

The KCCD is required by law to have a minimum five percent reserve district-wide, and each school is required to have a further three percent reserve. In 2009, the board set a goal of maintaining a 10 percent reserve following the start of the 2008 recession, and at points during the five-year period

from 2008 to 2013, the reserve increased to as much as 20 percent.

During the Board of Trustees meeting April 10, Pluta noted this and talked about her support for the “prudence of the board in maintaining a reserve that allowed [BC] to weather the storms without borrowing additional funds or laying off employees.”

Part of Pluta’s problem with the decision is the reasoning behind it. The district, she said, wants to build up reserves like government entities, but that model does not work with education she believes.

“We are not a corporation, neither are we a city or county government. Our responsibility is to spend taxpayers’ money wisely,” she said.

“That means maintaining reserves, but it also means maintaining the colleges and the programs and services they provide students. Otherwise why are we here?”

The library and counseling departments at BC are just a couple of the programs that have been devastated over the last few years. Of the two retiring librarians, Marci

Lingo and Dawn Dobie, only one position is being replaced, though originally there were not going to be any replacements for those positions.

The KCCD did not respond to questions put forward by The Rip on this matter.

This semester also marks contract renegotiations between the BC faculty and staff, and the KCCD.

Nancy Guidry has been with BC as a librarian for 14 years and has noted massive discrepancies between raises offered to BC employees and employees of the KCCD.

Chancellor Sandra Serrano “has a three year contract, so every three years it comes up for renewal and apparently it was due to be renewed last year. She went from having \$282,450 in 2009 to \$308,000 a year, which is a nine-percent raise, which is significant, especially for a high-end salary to get that kind of a raise,” said Guidry.

According to Michele Bresso, KCCD’s associate vice chancellor, Serrano’s salary is determined by looking at administrative compensation rates in similar districts, as

well as changes to the California Consumer Price Index and job performance.

In comparison over the last six years BC employees have not received a cost of living adjustment and have gained only around 2.5 percent over the last six years, according to Susan Regier, the chief negotiator on behalf of the faculty of the three colleges within the KCCD.

She believes that negotiations, which have been going on since early 2014, are productive and hopes for some higher raises.

“Given the improvement in the state budget and the increased allocation to the district as a whole I am hopeful that our new contract will keep our salaries competitive with other college districts in the state,” she said.

Regier thinks negotiations may be over prior to the end of the semester in late May, however, she notes that the constraints of time may push the negotiations into the fall of 2014 because both parties have agreed not to negotiate during the summer.



Raymond Peel,  
Computer  
Science:  
"I'm going to  
work at a boy  
scout summer  
camp."



Removed  
from SGA,  
but given  
a second  
chance

Apparently, the moral of the story is, if you plan on messing up and being a complete waste of money, do whatever you want and don't worry about any type of punishment because next election you can just run for a different position without any consequences.



# Medical marijuana stirs up the community or not

**By Sharida Rejon**  
*Features Editor*

The problem here is not the medical marijuana and the patients who need it and follow the local laws to use it correctly, but it is the people who abuse the system.

All these effects brought by the use of marijuana only bring a whole new list of problems that undoubtedly outweigh its medicinal perks.

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Movie Review

Spider-Man sequel caters to hardcore fanbase

By Bertin Rodriguez  
Editor in Chief

“The Amazing Spider-Man 2” is what you expect from a sequel to a very successful reboot, but with all the new characters and information they threw at us they had enough for another movie in there. The cast was great like the first film, and they use every special effect they could get their hands on to make this movie beautiful visually.

Andrew Garfield, who plays Peter Parker, shows us once again how Spider-Man should be played. He shows so much confidence and cockiness just like Spider-Man is supposed to have. Emma Stone, who plays Gwen Stacy, Peter Parker’s love interest, has continued to support Garfield in his role perfectly. The two are a good combo on screen. With the addition of Jamie Foxx, who plays Max Dillion, and Dane DeHaan, who plays Harry Osborn, this cast was stacked with good actors and it showed.

The bad part is that with all of these characters, all of them didn’t have a real time to shine. Some felt like they were just added to the story at the last minute and others seem to get more time than needed. This was the biggest flaw in the movie.

At times, the story seemed to be a little all over the place and not easy to follow unless you are a fan of the comic book. The origins of Spider-Man, much like the origins of Batman, are very important and should take center stage.

Peter fighting with himself to keep Gwen out of his life to keep the promise he made to Gwen’s dad is one of the best parts of the story. This is what makes Peter normal. He is so caught up in everything Spider-Man that having this storyline run alongside the main one is exactly what this movie needed.

The fighting scenes in this movie are insane. They use every camera angle and every special effect to bring you one of the greatest superhero fight scenes since “Avengers.”



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Being a big fan of videography, I appreciate all of the different angles and the use of different lighting.

Spider-Man is so versatile with his web and uses it to his advantage.

The camera work and special effects show that off perfectly.

It definitely isn’t perfect but “The Amazing Spider-Man 2” is a must see. It just depends if you are big superhero fan or not that you might wait and rent it instead of going to the theater to watch it.

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Music Review

Boring music from legendary Santana

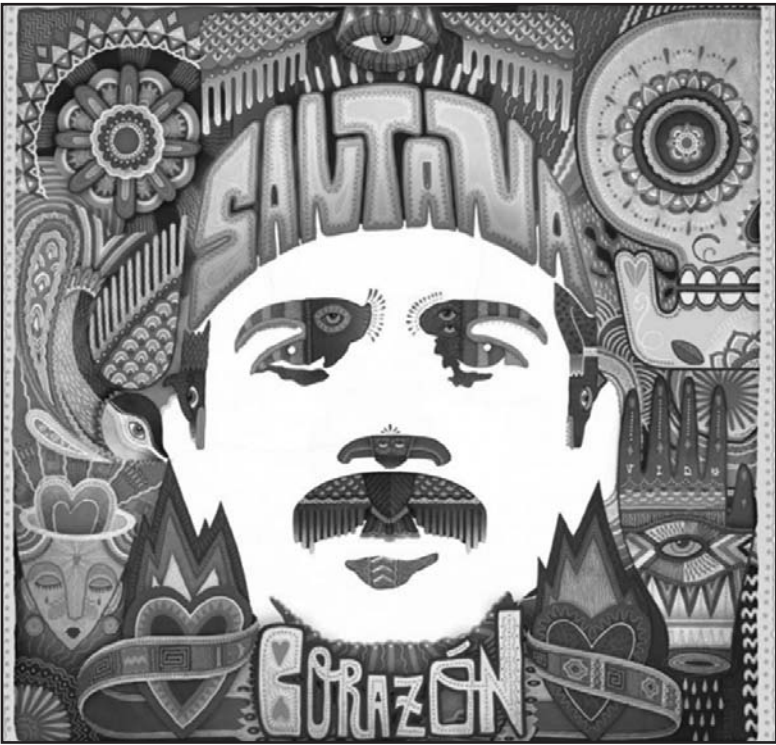


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By Bertin Rodriguez  
Editor in Chief

If you’ve heard one Santana song, you have heard them all. “Corazon” is no different than the rest.

“Corazon” is the 22nd studio album by Santana, and there are a few songs that stand out to me. But out of 15 tracks, a couple of songs just don’t cut it.

One of the best songs on the album is “Margarita” and it features Romeo Santos. The song isn’t bachata, Santos’ strongest genre, but a blend of rock and pop. His voice lends itself very well to Santana’s sound so this track stands out.

“La Flaca” is the lead single from the album and it features Grammy Award-winner Juanes. I have yet to be disappointed by a song featuring Juanes. His own music sometimes falls short, but when he performs songs on other albums, he shines.

A song that grew on me was “Iron Lion Zion,” and it features Ziggy Marley and ChocQuibTown. This was originally a song by Bob Marley. This is the right way to take an original song and remaster it.

Unfortunately, this album has a track featuring Pitbull. “Oye 2014” is a remixed modern version of Santana’s hit “Oye Como Va.” This song is a slap in the face to every Santana fan out there. Pitbull has been featured on so many songs and he seems to always be remastering old Latin songs. They are far from remastering and more like tossing a hit song into a blender with his god-awful voice mixed in.

The album art for “Corazon” is even a disaster. Santana is so stuck in its ’70s psychedelic ways, that the album art just screams it. The only reason this album would be acceptable is if you were taking drugs before you started to listen.

Santana is just Santana, and it doesn’t change.

If you love Santana, you will love this album, but if you are just a casual listener, you will be left with a bad taste in your mouth from the completely boring songs and generic guitar chords.

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Game Review

Ubisoft Montreal develops yet another instant classic



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By Bertin Rodriguez  
Editor in Chief

Imagine the best elements of a 2D platformer with the challenge of a role-playing game, toss in a hint of turn-based fighting and add a handful of beautiful graphics. This is “Child of Light” in a nutshell. Developers Ubisoft Montreal have another gem on their hands with this game.

You play as a small girl named Aurora, who is taken from her father to Lemuria. Upon arriving there you meet your trusty partner, Igniculus. He is a firefly with many abilities to help aid you in your journey throughout the game. The only way Aurora can get back to her father is by bringing back the sun, the moon and the stars to Lemuria. These elements were stripped from the world by the Queen of the Night.

The controls for the game use a mixture of keyboard and mouse, and can take a little time to get use to. You use the keyboard to control Aurora and use the mouse to control Igniculus. You can also play this game with a partner where one person is Aurora and the other is Igniculus.

The way you fight in this game is very standard for a turn-based fighter. Once you come in contact with an enemy in the world, the game cuts to a fight scene with you and your partner or partners on the left side of the screen and the enemy or enemies on the right side of the screen. You each get a turn to either fight, flee, defend or heal yourself.

The fighting system is so simple that anyone can pick it up and win battles, but the RPG element of this game will make it hard to master fighting because depending on

where you spend your skills points will determine what spells you know and how powerful they are.

Using Ubisoft’s UbiArt Framework engine, this game has amazing graphics. The world is more like a bunch of mystical drawings put together on the screen than computer graphics compiled for the sole purpose of this game. Even down to the small details like branches on trees or grass on rocks, this game does nothing but impress.

“Child of Light” is another one of those simple games that’s sure to please a majority of the people who pick up this game.

It is available now on PC, PS3, Xbox 360 and all next-gen consoles.

★★★★★

Food Review

Ruben’s grows with same great food, but in a new location

By Sharida Rejon  
Features Editor

Nestled in the Rosedale Village shopping center located in the corner of Calloway Drive and Rosedale Highway, is Ruben’s Mexican and Seafood Restaurant, a newly relocated restaurant that has a lot to offer.

From the moment guests walk in, they are greeted by the courteous staff who seem eager and genuinely happy to assist them.

Upon seating, the server brought the standard chips and salsa, and although I was not very impressed with the salsa, in addition to

that she brought what I thought was one of the best features in the restaurant: refried bean dip, prepared to perfection, with a hint of a spicy flavor.

Its menu consists of numerous Mexican dishes and drinks, seafood options, as well as “chef’s specialties,” “house specialties,” and its lunch specials menu.

I opted for Arroz con Pollo, a traditional Latin-American dish that consists of chicken over a bed of rice. At Ruben’s, the presentation of the dish was superb. I was served a generous amount of chicken pieces and rice, paired with zucchini, mushrooms, and a savory sauce over the food. It delivered the au-

thentic Latin-American flavor, which I was extremely satisfied with.

Another dish I would highly recommend in addition to the Arroz con Pollo is the chicken fajitas, which are part of the lunch specials menu.

For a small price, you are served a plentiful amount of food. First, you are served a portion of Mexican rice, beans, sour cream, and salad, and then the chicken fajitas are served on a cast iron skillet, giving the dish an impressive presentation.

The mouth-watering presentation was not the only good thing about it, though. Although the rice was not as flavorful as the one

served with the Arroz con Pollo, the rest of delectable dish, especially the tender pieces of chicken, successfully delivered exquisite flavor that I was happy with.

Besides its extensive menu, Ruben’s offers a fully-stocked bar, including mixed drinks that would be the perfect compliment to some of the items on the menu.

With the authentic ethnic flavor with every bite, generous portions, outstanding presentations, and reasonable prices, Ruben’s Mexican and Seafood Restaurant is undoubtedly one of Bakersfield’s best-kept secrets.

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# BC football already hard at work

By Daniel Ojeda  
Reporter

As the football season inches closer with each passing day, the anticipation around Bakersfield College also begins to grow.

Last season, the Renegades finished with a 5-5 record and this upcoming season the schedule doesn't get any easier.

"We're facing two playoff teams right off the bat," said head coach Jeff Chudy.

"It's a great schedule and arguably, this is as strong a schedule as anyone."

The Renegades have a brutal start to the schedule. Three of the first five opponents that BC faces – Riverside, Golden West and Canyons – were state playoff qualifiers from Southern California just a year ago and overall BC faces six teams that qualified for the postseason.

To better prepare his players for the start on the season, Chudy and the football team have been conditioning every morning Monday through Friday with Wednesday an off day.

"There's a commitment level, we start at 6:30 a.m., were not easing into it. When 6:30 a.m. hits were rolling," Chudy said.

"It's a test for who's committed, who's not and who the guys can count on. It really helps with the team chemistry as well."

Players aren't allowed to practice in full gear until Aug. 16, so conditioning is more about keeping players in shape and adding muscle before full-padded practices start.

"As coaches collectively were happy with the commitment level

shown. Players are working hard, putting muscle on, getting fit and that's good. We're happy with what we're seeing," Chudy said.

After losing about 60 percent of his team due to transfer or graduation, Chudy knows that there are areas on both sides of the ball that need work.

On the offensive side of the ball, Chudy says that the quarterback position is a wide-open competitive battle.

The wide receiver position is one main area that the coach believes needs work before the start of the season.

Protecting the quarterback is the offensive line and with the incoming freshman class and the players returning, Chudy feels comfortable about how the line will shape up.

The running back position is considered to be solid by the coach.

On defense, there is some experience with the returning players.

Last season in the secondary, some players were lost due to injuries. Now that those players have recovered, they are the ones the coach will look for to pick up the pace and provide leadership for the freshman.

Both the kicker and punter are returning for special teams, which should provide some stability in the kicking game for the Renegades, which helps give Chudy some relief.

"It's a huge advantage, to have experienced guys in those areas. Those little things might tip the balance of the scale as to who is on the winning side at the end," he said.

After conditioning ends and when full practices start, that's when play-



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**Jeff Chudy has been the head coach of Bakersfield College's football team since 2004, and an assistant coach for 12 years before that. He feels confident about the team's chances for the fall.**

er roles will begin to fall in place. That's when Chudy and his assistant coaches can start teaching the players how to reach the high bars that have been set for them.

"We have a high standard we expect, the bar is extremely high and we have a lot of traditions and history in this program that we have to live up to. It's important who we are and where we come from," Chudy said.

The same high bar can be said of the playing surface at Memorial Stadium.

Currently there is talk to renovate the playing surface, which has really bad soil underneath the playing field and is causing the grass to die.

Community members are working with the college and it looks like the field should be renovated before the first home game in September.

With over three months to go be-

fore opening night, both the football team and playing surface have plenty of time to fix those areas of concern.

After the final rosters are submitted and once the football team is ready to play, Chudy knows one thing for sure.

"It says Bakersfield College on our chest," he said. "We're not playing for ourselves, we're playing for our community as well."

## Baseball ends its season with two losses against College of the Canyons

By Daniel Ojeda  
Reporter

After reaching the playoffs the previous season, the Renegades fell short in a repeat bid finishing fifth at 9-12 in the division and with an overall record of 14-22.

Despite finishing the season winning six of the last ten games, an eight game losing streak in the middle of conference play was BC's undoing.

Before the losing streak began BC sat at 4-2 in conference play and within two games of first place LA Mission.

The Renegades would emerge from the streak with a 4-10 record and their playoff hopes dashed.

### April 22

The Renegades won their second straight game beating West LA 4-1.

Jared Solf went the distance pitching a complete game for the win allowing only three hits and one unearned run while striking out six.

Solf was helped by the BC defense as they turned three double plays to keep West LA scoreless until the ninth inning.

BC took the lead for good in the fifth scoring two runs on RBI singles by Rolando Martinez and Erik Williams.

In the seventh, with two outs, Kaidan Meadows would come through driving in the final two runs for BC and giving the Renegades a 4-0 lead.

Martinez finished with a hit and an RBI, Williams finished with two hits and an RBI with Meadows chipping in with a hit and two RBI.

### April 24

BC lost to College of the Canyons 6-1, dropping the last home game of the season.

After two scoreless innings, BC struck first taking a one run lead on a bases-loaded walk to Kaidan Meadows in third.

College of the Canyons scored



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**BC's Zach Tanner hits a ball during a two game series against College of the Canyons that took place over April 24 and 25.**

two runs in the fifth, taking the lead before the BC defense began to unravel in the eighth.

Three straight BC errors allowed Canyons to load the bases and score four runs to put the game out of reach for the Renegades.

The defense was a sore spot all game for BC as the Renegades committed five errors.

Rolando Martinez was one of the lone bright spots for BC, finishing the game with four hits and a walk.

Meadows had the only RBI for BC while Cole Hallum pitched eight innings striking out six batters while allowing only three earned runs.

### April 25

The Renegades closed out their season with a loss, falling to Col-

lege of the Canyons 9-5.

BC started the scoring early with two runs in the first on an RBI double by Kaidan Meadows and a passed ball that allowed Rolando Martinez to scamper home.

In the second, Martinez would double to plate another run and Cole Hallum was hit with bases loaded to give BC enough runs for a 4-1 lead.

But after that it was all College of the Canyons as they would score four in the fourth to take the lead by one before adding a run in the sixth and three in the seventh to give them a 9-4 lead.

BC scored its last run in the ninth on an RBI double by Erik Williams.

Martinez and Williams each finished with a game high three hits and an RBI each.

## Several ex-Renegades will be honored at BHS Hall of Fame banquet

By Leanne Cave  
Special to The Rip

The Ninth Annual Driller Football Hall of Fame will take place May 22 at the Marriott on Truxtun Avenue. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and induction ceremony at 8 p.m.

The 2014 class of inductees is one of the most prestigious in Driller history. Congressman Kevin McCarthy along with Jeremy Staat, Chad Manning, Tharrell Ming, Jack O'Brien, Jerry Marion and Bill Van Osdel Jr. will add their legacies to the Driller Hall of Fame.

Also being inducted are the 1945, '47 and '48 Valley Championship teams. The 1947 Bakersfield High School Valley team was led by National Football League Hall of Famer Frank Gifford.

BHS and Bakersfield College alumni have always had connections as far as football and community service is concerned and the 2014 class of inductees will add to that tradition.

Chad Manning attended BC from 1992-94. He played for the Renegades as an offensive tackle from '93-'94. He was awarded the JC Grid wire Honorable Mention All-American; JC Grid wire First Team Academic All-American and All-Western States Conference. He currently is on the Board of Directors of the BC Helmet Club and has been stellar in helping the Renegade football program.

Jeremy Staat attended BC from '94-'96 where he received a degree in criminal justice. He received numerous awards while playing football and participating in track for the Renegades. He was chosen as first-team WSC; honorable mention All-American by J.C. Grid wire; recipient of the Matt Poole Award in football and the Bakersfield College Coaches Award; Most Outstanding Male Athlete at Bakersfield College and numerous other awards in track.

He was a member of BC's '94-'95 football championship teams (in '95 the 'Gades won the Potato Bowl). He is a U.S. veteran and received the 2011-12 MOPH Veteran of the Year Award. He played three years for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He is in the BC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jack O'Brien is currently an as-

sistant football coach for the Renegades. He has been an assistant for BC for 13 years. He states, "These years were highlighted in 2012, when the Bakersfield College football team won the State Championship."

Tharrell Ming attended Bakersfield College for a year and then transferred to San Jose State. He currently lives in Bakersfield with his wife Dinah where he has worked for the Alliance Appraisal Company for 41 years. He has spent 10 years with The Appraisal Foundation, serving as chairman in 2001. This is a quasi-governmental body authorized by the U.S. Congress. He has spent years helping kids (Driller supporter and booster) within the community as well.

Kevin McCarthy attended BC for two years ('84-'85) before transferring to California State University Bakersfield where he earned a degree in marketing. He currently serves in Congress as Representative for the 23rd District (which includes Bakersfield) of California and is the House Majority Whip for the Republican Party.

Bill Van Osdel Jr. played one year, 1960, as a running back and punter for the Renegades. He went on to play for the University of Houston in '61-'62. While at Houston, the Cougars won the Tangerine Bowl, which was a highlight in Bill's life. He signed and played for the Denver Broncos in '63-'64. Sadly, Bill passed away at the early age of 44.

Jerry Marion did not attend BC but received a split scholarship to play both football and baseball for the University of Wyoming.

He started as a running back, but changed to the wide receiver position while at Wyoming. The 1966 Wyoming football class was inducted in to the Wyoming Athletics Hall of Fame.

The 1947 BHS Valley Championship was led by NFL Legend Frank Gifford. Gifford played for BC for two years before transferring to the University of Southern California.

There he became an All-American tailback and was drafted by the New York Giants. He did broadcast work as a Wide World of Sports commentator and was later inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

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## Roundup

# Torres and Hargis reap post-season glories

By Monique Hansen-Garcia  
and Daniel Ojeda  
Reporters

The BC women's Track and Field team had a strong showing at the Southern California Championship Preliminaries meet in Riverside on May 3 and 4.

Sophomore Alicia Torres took second in the shot put with a distance of 42 feet, just two feet behind first, and will go on to qualify for the State Championship meet.

Torres also took fifth place in the discus throw with a distance of 121 feet.

Sophomore Natalie O'Dwyer placed third in the meet for the women's 400-meter dash, with the time of 58:37.

Jessica Campbell, a freshman, took fifth in the women's 800-meter run, coming in with a time of 2:20.38.

She was the only female freshman to place higher than tenth place at the meet.

The women took sixth in both the 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter races. They ran the 4x100-meter in 48:64 and the 4x400-meter in 4:00.10.

Jade Gridiron, a sophomore, took eighth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.34.

The men would have only one competitor rank in the top 10, freshman Juan Calderon. Calderon came in fourth in the men's 800-meter run, with the time of 1:57.54.

The Southern California Cham-

pionship Finals will be held on May 9 and 10, also in Riverside, while the State Championships will be held on May 16 and 17, at Mt. San Antonio College.

## Swimming

The women's swim team had nine swimmers chosen to represent BC at the Community College State Championships.

They were: Shelby Bayne, Heather Bryan, Ashley Foster, Clarissa Gardella, Elizabeth Hargis, Morgan Peters, Nancy Ramirez, Paige Richardson and Alexis Zimmerman.

The women finished in 10th place, out of the 35 schools in attendance, Diablo Valley College took first place at the meet.

Gardella was the top female

swimmer, finishing eighth in both the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 54.27 and the 50-yard backstroke with a time of 28.33. In the 50-yard freestyle she finished sixth with a time of 24.64.

Zimmerman finished 13th in the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 32.40 and 15th in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:09.31.

Her top finish was the 200-yard individual medley, where she finished 12th with a time of 2:15.15.

Bayne managed to place ninth in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.73.

The men's swim team had seven swimmers chosen.

They were: Michael Fink, Andrew Hargis, Conner Hicks, Spencer Kerwin, Chance Marchini,

Casey Moehnke and AJ Spiller.

The men finished in 14th place out of 30 schools.

The men's top swimmer was Hargis, fresh off his record setting meet at the conference championships.

His top finish was second place in the 500-yard freestyle, finishing with a time of 4:31.35. Hargis also finished in fifth in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:40.54 and 11th in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 46.47.

Hargis had previously managed to set three BC records and one conference record in the 500-yard freestyle.

Kerwin managed to place 16th in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 55.04 and 14th in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:59.77.

## Softball looks to next year after strong finish

By Elias C. Ahumada  
Reporter

The Bakersfield College softball team failed to make the playoffs even after its surge in the late season.

The Renegades began the season going 3-7 in the first 10 games, then made a hard reverse, finishing the season 7-3 in the last 10 games. The Renegades ended the season sitting in fourth place in the Western State Conference Blue Division with a record of 16-23 overall and 11-10 in the conference.

"We started playing more relaxed toward the end of the season, and the girls wanted to have people in our conference remember us," coach Ryane Petersen said. "We took some good wins in the end that shook up the conference a bit."

One of the strengths for the Renegades toward the end of the season was the offense. "We had strength in our hitting. We finished with 24 home runs accumulated from nine out of our 12 players," said Petersen.

Alex Avila finished second in the conference in hitting with 77 at-bats, 36 hits, 21 RBI, and an average of .468. Avila's slugging percentage was .727.

The Renegade outfield was also solid, noted Petersen.

"Our outfield was strong with our speed, range and the ability to read balls well," she said.

For the season, Petersen wanted her team to improve constantly. "One of our expectations was to get better each day. I do believe that as a whole team we did get better each day. Toward the end they really seemed to understand it, and their capabilities as a team coming together. I truly do not believe that our record reflected the ball club that we had."

Petersen also noted that a good majority of the current roster of players would return for the next season and there would be some talented freshman recruits coming in as well.

The Renegades came into the season with little collegiate experience with only one senior on the team and a total of 11 freshmen.

"Next year those girls will be sophomores and the expectations from them will be held higher," said Petersen in reference to the returning freshmen.

Petersen expects to have more leadership on the team for the next season as well as the maturity level and familiarity with the game.

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Participants in the taco-eating contest compete for the grand prize of \$250 at the first-ever Tacos, Margaritas, & Beer Festival. The festival also featured a jalapeno-eating contest among other activities. Enrique Sandoval was the winner of the jalapeno-eating contest and Lucas Garner was the winner of the taco-eating contest.

# Bakersfield's first taco and beer fest

By Sharida Rejon  
Features Editor

An array of taco trucks, food and drink stands, music, and games decorated the Bakersfield College soccer field on May 4 to give way to the first-ever Tacos, Margaritas, & Beer Festival.

According to Quin Miller, owner of Q-Event Management and the coordinator of the event, the concept of the festival was born after noticing the abundance of taco trucks and stands in town, and observing similar events in the community.

"We had seen some events around, like taco competitions, but Bakersfield never had its own festival," Miller said.

"After a while we put some of the things that we like the most: I love margaritas, I love tacos, and I love beer, and they go together pretty well, so I figured why not put that with some good music, some good companies, and have a good time?"

Miller said that when the BC soccer field was brought to his attention as a possibility to host his festival, he immediately knew it was the ideal location.

"I said, 'why not BC?' It's a good location, and it's greatly kept up," he said. "Our ultimate goal is for people to come here and have fun and kind of let loose a little bit, and just enjoy the day, and enjoy the weather. This is a nice, open field, so it's perfect for that."

Giljay Juarez, owner of Face Clothing and sponsor of the Tacos, Margaritas, & Beer Festival, agreed with

Miller. "BC is a really, really good location, and it's innovating," he said. "Besides, everybody knows Bakersfield College, so it's easy to get here."

Juarez, who was in charge of marketing and advertising of the festival, said that they were expecting approximately 3,000 attendees. "I'm excited to see the people come, the 3,000," he said. "There's a mechanical bull, live music, food – it's awesome, I'm excited about it all."

Among the many vendors present at the event was the League of Dreams, a local non-profit organization that helps children with disabilities play sports.

"Part of the proceeds from today's event goes back to our organization to make it to where it's free to the families for the children to play," said Christina Heard, one of the League of Dreams representatives tending the booth.

"We are striving for awareness today," she said. "We want the public to know about the program, especially with maybe a lot of out of town people who don't know about what we have here in Bakersfield, so we want to spread the word."

Juarez explained that one of the main purposes of the festival is to bring people together. "It's a very important event, and the reason why is because you have to get everyone together," said Juarez.

"With the Hispanic community, this is what we love, we love to get together and eat and celebrate, and I think this is a very good thing that Quin is doing for the first annual Tacos, Margaritas, & Beer Festival."



Attendees Desiree Lopez and Jose Del Real dance to the sounds of Banda Tierra Brava while enjoying their mixed drinks.



Juan Carrillo, a representative from Senor Pepe's Restaurant and Cantina, takes a break from making various types of margaritas and mixed drinks to pour Junior Ortiz a shot of tequila.



Jesus Arredondo cooks meat while Rosaria Velazquez warms the tortillas for the tacos at the booth representing Sol y Luna.



Banda Tierra Brava take the stage playing various covers of popular hispanic songs during its set at the Tacos, Margaritas, & Beer Festival, which took place on May 4 on the BC soccer field.



Jose Carrillo rides one of the two mechanic bulls set up for the attendees to enjoy at the Tacos, Margaritas, & Beer festival.