

Spring Choir Concert at BC

Choir gets a standing ovation

By Misty Severi
Reporter

Africa, China, Wales, New Zealand, USA, Ireland, Philippines, Jamaica, and Israel.

All of these countries were covered in Bakersfield College's "A Celebration of Folk Song" Spring Choir Concert.

On April 1, BC's Chamber Singers and College Choir got together and had their annual spring concert with guests Wrenwood Sessions and West High School Choir. They performed songs from various countries to a full house, Caley Mayhall and David Madrid gave brief introductions before each song was performed. BC Choir director Jennifer M. Garrett directed the concert with Regina Shelton on Piano.

The show opened with a Maori (New Zealand) song called "Kua Rongo Mai Koe" that was led and choreographed by Caley Mayhall.

Some of the other songs include: "Tshotsholoza," a South African mining song, originated in what is now considered Zimbabwe.

The translation of the lyrics mean "Go forward, go forward on those mountains the train is coming from South Africa. You are running away on those mountains, the train is coming from South Africa."

Those lines sung in the languages of Zulu and Ndebele were sung



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The Bakersfield College Choir performs at the Spring Choir Concert on April 1.

in a call and response manner. "The Lake Isle of Innisfree" was originally a poem by William Butler Yeats, but with help from former BC professor Ron Kean, the choir turned the poem into a beautiful ballad. And "Janger" a traditional Balinese folk song that had several audience members talking about the unusual choreography after the concert had ended. Wrenwood Sessions performed "Rocky Road to Dublin" with the choir right before intermission, they performed their own set list at intermission before receiving requests for an encore.

Wrenwood Sessions is a local, primarily instrumental group of musicians who bonded over their mutual love of the Celtic style of music.

The West High School choir performed a moving version of Shenandoah, before the director Ken Burdick joined in on a drum for Hevenu Shalom Aleichem, a Hebrew folk song.

The most popular performance of the night was "Cindy," the final song of the evening where all the performers came out on stage and sang together.

Some instruments used in the song included a xylophone, a tambourine, and a wood block. They ended the concert with a standing ovation.

"I think the performance was a beautiful blend of different cultures," said audience member Jessica Davis, "and I know they covered some music from countries that I never even thought about listening to."



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BC Choir director Jennifer Garrett leads the choir in song.

Program gives Dreamers support

By Felicity Tomisaka
Reporter

Bakersfield College Dreamers is not only a program on our campus but it is also a collective of "undocumented" students represented on campus. Led by Anna Poetker, philosophy professor, and Jeannie Parent, English for multilingual students department chair, the program provides information and guidance for students who feel pressured by the stigma of being an undocumented student.

Poetker said, "In 2011-2012, Jeanie and I saw a gap and wanted to help close it."

Parent and Poetker held monthly meetings, but with the undocumented students' circumstances, they realized that this was not the best way to reach them. That's when the idea for the BC Dreamers website came to mind, where everything they would have discussed at a meeting could be posted online. It used to be more involved, such as when new information was passed on like the BOG waiver, but now it's slowed down. This made it harder to update until it got linked to the BC homepage.

Poetker also said, "When we were doing meetings, we'd put up flyers, but now it's word of mouth or I would email them any information. Since the website's

progress, I don't have any idea as to how many Dreamers see it and don't contact me because the website has everything."

In 2012, DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) changed undocumented students' eligibility for financial aid. This provides temporary relief from deportation, but it doesn't extend to family. It also follows strict guidelines such as:

The student has to have been in the U.S. before the age of 15, have graduated from high school or completed their GED, have no criminal record, and been living in the US as of Jun. 30 2012. In return for meeting the criteria, students receive a legal working permit, a Social Security number, and a driver's license.

There is a real risk of deportation and being discriminated against within the student culture that seems to be underground. Individuals feel as though they can't expose themselves as undocumented students. They don't know if it's safe, but with DACA students have said there's been a shift in this student underground that has come with this temporary protection. Even with this progress, some are still tentative and test the waters to know if it's safe to confide in others on campus.

Poetker got involved through Parent, who invited her to a

fundraising event for Dreamers, and opened her eyes to this other population.

Some of Poetker goals are to give the Dreamers information since a lot of them are first generation students. Also, she wants general students to provide advocacy, openness, and belonging. She hopes that Dreamers know there are people at BC and other places in the educational system that will give them support.

For instance, in 2011 Governor Brown passed the California DREAM Act. This allowed all undocumented students to be eligible for financial aid. Instead of paying for international tuition, they would be required to pay only for in-state tuition. This program is separate from the FAFSA.

Poetker also mentioned that she and Parent set up workshops for faculty and staff through the Professional Development Committee, where they show a power point and handouts. The goal is to educate faculty and staff as to what the difference between an undocumented student and a Dreamer is, as well as what to do if they are approached by a Dreamer.

Parent said, "We are here to support Dreamers, EB540 students."

Parent is always looking for any faculty or staff members

willing to be a part of the support network. This way, Dreamers feel safe to ask questions about the resources BC can provide for them. Parent is on the Board of the College Dream Funds, which handed out 65 scholarships to students. Of these 65 scholarships, 40-50 of the students who received them is from BC.

When asked why students should get involved, Parent replied, "It promotes understanding between people and it doesn't make them other, so it brings humanity to students who don't have documents."

This would help stop the divide between immigrants that we have right now. The label of "immigrant" is something Parent considers offensive. With other students getting involved, hopefully the gap between student and Dreamer will close, with the students realizing they are just people going through obstacles and that everyone is human. Parent and other faculty have Dreamer signs on their doors, signaling that they are open to Dreamers if they have any questions.

Parent said, "We used to have a whole list of people on the website than just myself and Anna. This can be very misleading, because there are many faculty and staff who are supportive of the Dreamers... that they can feel safe with."

Internship opportunity for undocumented

By Felicity Tomisaka
Reporter

Bakersfield College is giving its undocumented students the opportunity to participate in the 2016 Dream Summer, sponsored by Lorena Lara, community organizer for Faith in Action of Kern County.

The Dream Summer, as described by Lara, is a ten-week internship program that happens throughout the United States. Through these internships, participants are able to receive a \$5,000 leadership award for completion and participation in the program. The goal of the

program is for students to engage with the social justice concerns within various communities. Some of the topics covered are health, deportation, and mass incarceration. Participants are also invited to discuss any issues concerning immigration rights.

Lara, who participated in the Dream Summer as an undocumented student herself in 2012, said, "It was an incredible experience. It was my first paid internship and it gave me great skills around community organizing, something that I am still doing at this moment."

Lara highly encourages all undocumented BC students to ap-

ply for this opportunity.

Jeannie Parent, English for Multilingual Students Department, said, "four of dreamers went to this conference."

Anna Poetker, philosophy professor, said, "We used to take the dreamers to the conference, hosted by UCLA, before the DACA."

About 1,000 people consisted of students, faculty, and family come together. They have a keynote speaker who discusses immigrant issues and policies then we broke into the afternoon workshops that tailored to undocumented students. There was a workshop for educators that

showed us how to help our students fill out the Dream Act and DACA. For students they give legal advice, information on transferring, even help with mental health issues. Parents learn how to help their high school students make that transition into college. They even have a LBGT for undocumented students who are dealing with a dual closet. What people don't realize is that Korean's make approximately six percent of undocumented students. Parent also said, "The feed back I have gotten from our students saying they were so glad to know they weren't alone or the only ones going through this."

Top 10 Music Genres

The Rip's Chris Miller has asked 50 students on campus what their favorite music genre is. The results have been compiled into the Top 10 answers based off of student opinion.

1. Rock

Number of votes: 19

Below: J.J. Lopez is one of the 19 students who said Rock is their favorite genre.



2. Country

Number of votes: 4

3. Pop

Number of votes: 4

4. Hip Hop

Number of votes: 3

5. Rap

Number of votes: 3

6. Electronic Dance Music

Number of votes: 3

7. Jazz

Number of votes: 2

8. Japanese Pop

Number of votes: 2

Rounding up the spots for No. 9 and 10 with one vote each:

Folk music, Drum and Bass, Swiss Folk Metal, Chiptune, Showtunes, Gospel music, and Reggae

A day for BC gamers

By Chris Miller
Reporter

The Bakersfield College Student Government Association will be hosting an event called Gamer Day on April 16 from noon to 6 p.m.

According to director of student organizations Chad Hidalgo, Gamer Day, formally known as Extra-Life, will coincide with Garden Fest and will take place in the Agricultural building on campus.

The event is formally called Extra-Life because the BCSGA is raising funds through the non-profit organization, Extra-Life. The Extra-Life organization is a non-profit organization that partners with hospitals in the Children's Miracle Hospital Network and donates all of the funds received from donations during the event to a children's hospital of the fundraisers' choice. All donations collected during this event will be sent to Lauren Small's Children's Medical Center at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital.

Participants will register to be part of a team that commits to gaming for 24 hours. During the 24-hour time period, the gamers will be playing hard in order to incentivize spectators to donate to the cause. The 24-hour commitment doesn't need to be done all at once, and donations are not limited to that time period.

The fundraising goal for this event is \$1,500, but BCSGA is looking to exceed that goal.

Registration with the team, RENEGAMERS, is free, and upon registering members will get their own fundraising page that they can link to their own personal social media pages. Gamers who register with the RENEGAMERS team will have their donations reflected in the team standings, and if those members have earned at least \$15 on their own pages, their Gamer Day admission will be free. Participants can register with any team of their choice, not just the RENEGAMERS team.

Admission on the day of the event will be \$15 for all day access and will include a snack. For \$20, a meal ticket will be included, but the details of what will be included in that meal ticket are still being worked out. There will be vendors from the gaming industry set up on site, as well as prizes to be awarded during the event. Participants are encouraged and allowed to show up in costume and will receive an additional free opportunity drawing ticket for doing so.

For more information on the event or how to get involved contact SGA via Chad Hidalgo's email: bcsgastudorgs@bakersfieldcollege.edu or via his office phone: (661) 395-4614.

For more information on Extra-Life or to join the RENEGAMERS team, go to: www.extra-life.org

For more information on the Lauren Small Children's Medical Center go to: www.childrensmiraclenetworkhospitals.org/hospital/LaurenSmallChildrensMedicalCenteratBakersfieldMemorialHospital

CALM adds new attraction



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A climber makes her way down the new rock tower at the California Living Museum. The rock tower is part of the new Condor Challenge.

Rock tower and high ropes add fun to CALM

By Sara Lievanos
Reporter

On Saturday, March 19, the California Living Museum (CALM) kicked off their Spring Fling Week by opening a new attraction to they are calling the Condor Challenge to the public.

After receiving the Carol White Grant, Chief of Staff Stephen Sanders explained that the zoo came up with this two phase high ropes and climbing challenge, "to generate revenue and help with the expansion of CALM."

The first phase, and the only attraction that has been opened to the public so far, is Bakersfield's first outdoor climbing tower.

The tower itself stands 32 feet high, has two sides to climb, and four different routes to take.

To climb the tower participants must be at least 5 years old and weigh a minimum of 25 pounds.

"The tower is in a perfect location and is for anyone who wants to improve their physical fitness," said Sanders.

Eventually CALM hopes to add another side to the tower, and possibly some new elements to make the wall more challenging.

As for the climbers overall reaction to the tower so far, Sanders said, "They say the views from the top are great, but some are experiencing sore arms the next day."

The second phase of the Condor Challenge consists of a six-element high ropes course that will focus on team building for large groups who want

to gain trust, communication, and agility skills.

The high ropes course includes climbing more than 35 feet, balancing on a single cable, moving across several poles and nets, and one element Sanders said is being called "the leap of faith" where participants must leap from a pole out into the air and catch a trapeze.

However, if the "leap of faith" or any portion of the Condor Challenge seems too daunting, Sanders assures, "We follow the 'challenge by choice' philosophy. We want people to be challenged, but not force them into doing anything they don't want to do."

Participants in the high ropes course must be at least 10 years old and be able to safely fit into the harness equipment.

The high ropes course will only be available by reservation, and is set to open later this spring. Although the Condor Challenge has already received an overwhelmingly positive reaction, it is not the only exciting attraction that CALM has planned to open this year.

Sanders explained that in about six months, the zoo plans to open a new wildlife exhibit called the California Coast Room.

This exhibit will focus on marine life and include a touch tank, so even children who have never been to the beach will have the opportunity to observe marine life up-close.

For pricing and more information about the Condor Challenge or CALM feel free to contact the zoo at (661) 872-2256 or visit their site at calm-zoo.org.



Above: The unfinished high-ropes course at CALM is set to open later this spring.

Left: A climber makes his way down the rock tower at CALM, as worker Julian Montes de Oca assists.

Longtime BC professor set to retire at semester's end

By Misty Severi
Reporter

Bakersfield College's art history professor, Nancy Magner, is retiring at the end of this semester. Magner has been a professor at BC for 27 years, beginning her time back in 1989. "I retire in 47 days, but who's counting?" joked Magner. "I didn't know what an art historian did, but I knew what I wanted to do from the time I was in third grade."

Magner said she was one of the "lucky people" because she always knew what she wanted to do.

"As a kid, I had this collection of brown books, and every year growing up, my parents would take me to Cuba, and I'd read them the entire trip to Cuba, and the entire trip back," she said. "They were art history, and I didn't even know it."

Despite always loving art history, Magner didn't always want to be a professor. Instead she wanted to

work as a curator in an art museum. "Back when I was in grad school, I was a TA in this class and someone told me that I should go into teaching. But I was sure museum work was what I wanted to do, and you know that's what I went on to do as a museum curator. "But then I started teaching on the side after working in a museum, and I just loved it, so now that's what I do full time, and I really do just love it." Magner said that it is her students who make her love teaching.

"It's the students that stand out," she said. "I had one student about five years ago that now teaches art history in L.A., and she had a book that she dedicated to me, and she still talks to me and keeps in touch, and that's the wonderful thing about teaching, seeing those students who went on to have a career in this field, come back to visit with their children."

After her retirement, Magner wants to travel all over the world (a lot of which she's already done), and her immediate

plans for the summer are to travel Europe again.

Magner is returning to Italy, where her daughter was born and where she still has some friends from when she used to live there.

"I love to see different cultures and you know, experience the whole thing," she said.

This summer, some of her plans consist of traveling through the Scandinavian countries, Russia, Germany, France and Italy.



Manuel Zavala
SGA President candidate



Geena Olague
SGA President candidate



Matthew Frazer
SGA President candidate

My name is Manuel Zavala, and I enjoy serving my community. I am currently a Senator for the Bakersfield College Student Government Association, and I have enjoyed making connections between students, staff, and administration. I became a Senator in Spring 2015, and since then I have accumulated skills and connections to know who to talk to for many issues. With-

out the Student Government Association, Bakersfield College administration and staff would not have student's opinions that could possibly affect them, and I would like to continue to speak for the student body.

However, as President, I could make even more valuable connections, which I would gladly share with the student body.

My name is Geena Olague and I am applying for the position of Bakersfield College Student Government Association President. As the current BCSGA Director of Student Activities and as a former BCSGA Senator, I have had the privilege of serving our college community and working alongside wonderfully dedicated people. I am a proud Renegade. I have a genuine love, appreciation, and spirit for my

school. It is my goal, if elected into the position, to share this spirit and encourage it in others through a variety of activities and events throughout the year, as well as proper representation of my constituents.

I feel that I have the knowledge, skills, as well as the desire to effectively and efficiently fill the duties of the BCSGA President. I understand and appreciate the need to forge positive relationships

As I walk around Bakersfield College every day, I see something missing. It has taken me two semesters, but I have finally found what was missing. So many of the students I see don't seem to have any pride in the campus they spend most of their days at. I believe in taking pride in being a Bakersfield College student. I am running for SGA President because I want to make Bakersfield College a school where every student can be proud of being a Renegade. My inspiration for becoming SGA President comes from my desire to leave Bakersfield College a better place than when I arrived. Bakersfield College will always

be a part of my life and I want to ensure that BC continues to grow and succeed in helping fellow students the way it has helped me.

Growing up playing sports, you learn skills at a very fast pace. I have spent most of my life playing football, and I am very grateful for all of the life skills this amazing sport has taught me. Football has taught me how to work hard, and how to comprehend and apply high volumes of information. When you walk out on that field, you don't know what the next couple of hours hold. It can go just how you and your teammates have been practicing, or things won't go the way you expected.

BCSGA Elections

BCSGA election information

The voting period for the 2016-17 BCSGA officers will begin at 8 a.m. April 11 and will end on April 14 at 4 p.m.

Executive office debates 11:30 a.m. April 6, Fireside Room

There will be tents set up on campus with tablets and laptops for students to vote. Students can also vote through insideBC.

Students running for election:

Candidate for Vice President:
-Galo Jimenez

Candidates for Director of Student Organizations:
-Jeremiah Marsh
-Daron Dontae Smith, Jr.

Candidates for Senator:
-Tania Bernal
-Erik Alexander Garcia-Gregorio
-Fitzgerald Graves
-Nicolas Montero-Garcia
-Lawrence Salcido

within the college community, as well as promote and build a school culture where students feel connected, accepted, respected ... and, most importantly, pride in their school. As the BCSGA President, it will be my priority to lead our school in that direction.

It would be a great honor to serve my college community as BCSGA President. Thank you for your time and consideration.

That's where I learned how to make quick decisions and adapt to the unpredictable. Before the game starts, the coaches shout out demands and different plays, all of which we have to remember when our adrenaline is pumping and we're so into the game that nothing else matters. You put your mind to what you want accomplished and work towards that goal as a team. That is exactly what I will do if I am elected SGA President. I will work with my student body team to accomplish the goals that we set.

I have accumulated great speaking skills from years of being involved in clubs and businesses. All throughout

high school, I was in numerous clubs. I gained a lot of experience speaking to large groups of people and learning how to speak to those people. I'm not going to lie, it was not easy at all and not always well received. But after years of spending time in these clubs with different kinds of people, I learned how to approach different topics with certain people; how to read them and decide "What is the best way this person is going to receive this information?" These clubs gave me a new confidence, and I know I could reach our student body and understand their needs and concerns.

A government's job is to

serve its citizens and assist them in creating the best life possible. Bakersfield College's SGA is here to serve that purpose and assist the students in every way needed. The student government is the voice of the student body; making one voice for the college to hear. I will bring that strong voice that will speak for every student involved in the BC Renegade Community. Over my years involved with clubs, organizations, and sports, there has always been one person who steps up to be the voice of the group. I will be that person who brings a voice to your ideas; a voice for the Bakersfield College Renegades.

Random Renegade

Every issue, The Rip will be interviewing a random student at BC about hopes and goals.

By Carl E. Littleberry Jr.
Reporter

RayAnthony Cox, 26, is an Industrial Drawing major at Bakersfield College and is currently a sophomore who is on track to graduate at the end of this spring semester.

Cox was initially an architectural major focusing in design of homes and small buildings but felt as though the field wasn't generalized enough for him. Wanting to stay in the architectural field, however, Cox didn't have many choices to choose from for new majors. After weighing his options, he finally chose on the industrial drawing specific classes because, "Regular architectural classes were just too broad of a field and didn't really give too many specific options for the mainstream job market," said Cox.

He also went on to cite years of "Lego" experience as the starting point for his love in anything architectural. "I remember years of building new and crazy things with my Legos. Basically it was the bigger the better and I always wanted something bigger," said Cox. "Plus I had to move on from Legos though, too many bad memories of stepping on them with no shoes."

Whenever he isn't busy building major infrastructures,

Cox is busy teaching the BC Drumline their steps, as he is a student instructor for the team. Technically Cox's position is a visual tech that is responsible for the basic movements of the team.

Cox plans to pursue a job in process piping which is responsible for over-



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RayAnthony Cox

seeing and designing the construction of marine crafts and floating structures such as tugs, ships, torpedoes, buoys, floats, barges, submarines, among other structures. They design layout of craft interior, including passenger compartments, ladders, cargo space, and elevators. He also plans to continue his education further in the CSU system so as to stay closer to his newborn daughter and work on being a family. "Well my daughter will be born on April 7, so basically everything I do from now on is for her," said Cox.

The BC student loves his time on campus and all the students and just hopes to finish out his time here at BC on a good note.

"Things started off rocky, but the people at BC were always very helpful. I mean I've been here some years now with slow results, and they've been there to help every time. Now I'm just hoping to finish things logistically," says Cox.

Garden Fest springs onto campus



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This little fishpond, located at the main entrance to the BC Horticulture lab and classroom, will be renovated as a part of a backyard pond building demonstration at BC Garden Fest.

By AK Pachila
Copy Editor

Bakersfield College's 11th annual Garden Fest comes into bloom this spring on Saturday, April 16, when more than one hundred vendors will be in Renegade Park near the Horticulture Lab with food, arts and jewelry, yard and landscaping product demonstrations, and of course, plants.

"Well, my world is always over here," says horticultural technician and BC professor Sally Stearns, referring to a lab and classrooms that smell, quite frankly, like dirt. Indeed, walking into the Hort Lab and Renegade Park is a little like passing from Bakersfield into Eden, and it is power of plants that grew Garden Fest from an awareness raising plant sale to the community event it is today.

In the early 2000s, the BC Horticulture program had slowed down due to lack of staffing. With the 2005 acquisition of environmental horticulturalist Lindsey Ono, the

department wanted a way to let students know that there was still a horticulture program. Professor Ono, a CalPoly SLO graduate, borrowed a tradition from his alma mater and held the first Garden Fest at BC. Stearns estimates 75 people showed up to visit maybe a dozen vendors, "but everyone that came up absolutely loved it, so we decided to keep going."

Garden Fest has grown alongside BC Horticulture ever since. This year, in addition to the vendors, local bands have agreed to appear. KERN Radio -1180AM will be broadcasting live in the morning, the Renegade Ruckus Cook off featuring ingredients grown on campus, and a demonstration by Buck's Landscape Materials and Pond Supply on installing a do-it-yourself backyard pond.

The average crowd drawn to Garden Fest numbers between four and five thousand, but this year's event is sharing space with the very first BC Gamer Day (in partnership with the national charity gaming organization Ex-

tra-Life), an event celebrating video games and gamer culture. Stearns, however, sees no conflict. BCSGA is running the Garden fest kids' carnival in addition to sponsoring Gamer Day, "so we're happy," says Stearns, "because those people who come for [Gamer Day] will see Garden Fest and go 'Oh, hey! Let's go see what's going on over there.'"

Stearns regards the addition of Gamer Day to Garden Fest as the possible beginnings of an entire BC Open Campus Day where art shows and concerts, vendors, and other campus and community events take place over the entirety over a weekend. "Every year after it [Garden Fest] was over, we would sit down and say... what new ideas can we come up with for next year?"

Garden Fest is Saturday, April 16. The gates open at 8 a.m., and admission and parking are free. For more information about Garden Fest or BC Horticulture, visit the department website at bakersfieldcollegeagriculture.weebly.com

DISC hosts first Disability and Fundraiser Day

By Freddie Ward
Reporter

On March 17, the DISC (Disabled Inspire & Support Change) participated in its first Disability and Fundraiser Day.

Club members sold cakes, popcorn, snow cones, shamrocks, and green St. Patty's hats. Irish music played, and members were dressed in green.

"It was a huge success and lots of fun," said Sharon Olson. "The money we raised will go towards club activities," said Olson.

The sponsor of the club, Crystal Johnson,

is also the instructor and coach.

She said, "DISC physical education classes are not just a workout. It is also a social time we share getting to know our fellow members."

According to Olson, club meetings are informational. "If there are new laws or changes in Social Security that will affect disabled students, we want them to know. If there's something students might be interested in (financial aid week, help with completing FAFSA forms, or pantry food giveaway), we inform and assist the students."

"We also invite speakers from Independent

Living and other agencies students are interested in," Olson said. "We want members to be alerted to services that are available to them, such as scribes who will take notes for them, and the cart, that will give them a ride between classes."

"At our meetings, students can feel comfortable without someone pointing out their disability. It's a place where students have a voice."

Olson said, "We come together as one, to make college accessible, and, when necessary, make changes to help everyone succeed."



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Nannette Gonzalez, pantry coordinator, front desk assistant for the Office of Student Life, and Spanish Major at BC, is running for mayor of Bakersfield.

Pantry member runs for mayor

By Carl E. Littleberry Jr.
Reporter

On Feb. 15, Mayor of Bakersfield Harvey Hall announced that he would be stepping down from his position and not entering his name in the 2016 Bakersfield Mayoral race. After being the longest tenured mayor in Bakersfield history, Mayor Hall has chosen to give the chance to over 25 candidates who have applied. Hall stated that he wanted to spend more time with his family.

"I want to spend more time watching my daughters basketball team. And watch more of my granddaughter play softball," said Hall in a Feb. 17 interview with local channel 17 news.

Since being elected in 2000, Hall has served 15 years as mayor of Bakersfield and was deeply rooted in the community. To date, he has given 276 scholarships totaling \$234,000 dollars to students in the area and plans to be active in the community after he leaves office on Jan. 3, 2017.

One candidate for mayor is Bakersfield native and Bakersfield College student Nannette Gonzalez. Gonzalez is currently a Spanish major at BC and plans to graduate this year, but those plans have taken a bit of a backseat to her plans for the city. "I want to change so much here," said Gonzalez. "Nobody understands Bakersfield like I do. I'm 57, I have seen it all and want to bring this town back to a certain luster."

After just recently filing paperwork, Gonzalez's campaign may be on fresh legs, however she feels that her stances on today's problems will separate her from the other candidates. Specifically her stance on the recent gas prices and the small influx of crime rates in the lower east-side area.

"The gas problem is ongoing but I am doing my best to think of ways to represent the community in this crisis. It's bigger than just Bakersfield; people are losing jobs in gas and paying too much for it everywhere. But my focus is on Bakersfield first, and that's where I'm starting with my solutions."

When asked about her stance on crime in Bakersfield, Gonzalez chose to focus more on crime prevention than on increasing the police force

like some other candidates. If elected, Gonzalez would ask for more help from the citizens in policing the town, "It starts in our neighborhoods first and foremost. We need to come together as a community and voice out when we see someone committing crimes," states Gonzalez. "That's why things like knowing who your neighbors are and the neighborhood watch are so huge for me. My sister was burglarized right up the street from BC in broad daylight, but no one said a thing. I want to change that."

Not only worried about Bakersfield residents, Gonzales also wants to restore the beauty of Bakersfield and bring back some of the lost tourism she remembers from her days growing up here. Adding that even though the recent drought may attribute to the lessened beauty of the area, people still can do their part to help keep the community clean by just contributing in positive ways around town. "We're in a drought. I get that, but that doesn't mean we have to give up on the beauty of our towns and our homes. Look at me. I live here, too, and I had to adjust. No more car washes at home for me or watering my grass everyday. We all have to sacrifice for the better of our city," says Gonzalez.

Gonzalez, in her own words, is a candidate of the people of Bakersfield. She was born and raised here, she has volunteered and opened non-profit organizations around the world, and, "I care about this city because it's my city," said Gonzalez to prospective voters.

"I'm just like you... I pay taxes, I eat at Shake-n-Buns, and I live in the best city in the world, Bakersfield, Ca. Now I'm not saying I'm better than the other candidates, but I've always done everything to the utmost of my ability and feel as though I would be a great ambassador for the people of this city."

You can vote for Nannette Gonzalez and the record 24 other candidates in the biggest mayoral race Bakersfield has ever seen during a primary held on June 7. The general election will take place on Nov. 8.

Three of the seven city council seats are also up for election.

ESRP: Brian Cypher speaks his mind on the kit fox controversy

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Cypher does not believe a biologist was ever present during the procedures that took place and that the dens on the hillside of the stadium with the "BC" logo was never excavated. "It was just simply filled in," said Cypher. An institution of higher learning and ideals such as BC should have set a better

example for those at BC and surrounding community, according to Cypher. He believes that this was a tragedy and not a responsible action taken by the college.

"I'm extremely disappointed that BC chose to destroy the den instead of setting a good community example and preserving the den and accommodating the

kit foxes, as the college apparently had done for, well, over two decades!" Cypher said. "With just a bit of creativity, I think that stadium could have been nicely landscaped (e.g., xeriscaping) in a manner that would have improved its appearance and accommodated the foxes. It was an opportunity lost."

Bakersfield College held one-day stand against tobacco to help raise awareness

By AK Pachla
Copy Editor

The Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative is a national program enlisting colleges and universities everywhere to join them in taking a stand for clearer air, healthier lungs and cleaner campuses.

On March 16, the 1 Day Stand came to Bakersfield College. In partnership with the BC Student Health and Wellness Center, the 1 Day Stand brought together volunteers from the American Lung Association and American Red Cross as well as representatives from the Kern County Department of Public Health for a day of information and awareness. Information included the impacts of tobacco use, not only on the tobacco users and those affected by secondhand smoke, but the impact of tobacco product waste on the environment.

"Smoking is a public health issue," said BC public health sciences professor Sarah Baron. Baron made her stand against tobacco from behind the American Lung Association of Kern County's information booth as a volunteer. "The big thing we wanted to do today was just raise awareness about

the cigarette butts."

According to Baron, a recent poll of cigarette smokers revealed that over three quarters of them don't consider flicking aside their cigarette butts to be "littering". In reality, all the toxins filtered out of the burning tobacco and additives effectively turn cigarette butts into fiberglass pellets of toxic waste. Smokers should always discard their cigarette butts in an ashtray, or extinguish them completely and throw the butts into the trash for proper disposal.

The ALA volunteers sponsored a butt cleanup competition, awarding prizes to students who collected the most cigarette butts. Over the course of the day students brought bags, buckets, and bottles of grimeys from all over the BC grounds. One butt at a time may seem insignificant, but the nature of the waste problem becomes apparent when collected into a miniature mountain.

For more information about the Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative, visit their website at TobaccoFreeCampus.org. To find out more about tobacco use, or for advice and resources for quitting, contact the BC Student Health and Wellness Center at 395-4336.

Shannon Musser fills Amber Chiang's absence

By Marcus Castro
Contributing Editor

With the absence of Amber Chiang so far this semester, Bakersfield College had to place someone in the position of public relations and marketing manager.

Shannon Musser was chosen for the position. She said that when she was given the position, the idea was to keep it in the department because Chiang is already her boss.

Musser was previously the web content editor for BC. She explained that she will be continuing at that position once Chiang is back to work.

There is no timeline that has been given for Chiang to be back to work, and there was no information given on to why she is currently out. Chiang and BC's administration have not responded to interview requests.

Musser began working in the public relations po-

sition in late February. Before that, the President's Office was handling all of the media requests.

When asked what the job switch has been like, Musser said, "Right now, it's very busy because I'm doing a lot of what Amber was doing. It's fun. It's challenging. It's a 24-hour thing. There's always something that you have to move quickly on."

Even though Musser was the web content editor, she still has experience in public relations related business.

"Well, I was a journalism major, so that's kind of where my background is. I took some marketing classes," said Musser.

Now that Musser has made her way out of the web content job at BC to the public relations side, even though it's temporary, she is not sure if she'd ever want to permanently leave the position of web content editor. She explained that she loves being web content editor and that is why it would be a difficult decision to leave that position permanently.

KIT FOXES: Forced from their dens but still trying to stay put in BC's Memorial Stadium



COURTESY BRIAN CYPHER OF ESRP

Seen above is a mother kit fox with her pups playing with each other in the natural habitat that used to reside on the hillside inside BC's Memorial Stadium.

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subsequently moved to open up better parking for the students.

According to a Nov. 4, 2015 story the Rip did on the mulch, Birdwell stated the plans to place the mulch on the hillside in Memorial Stadium had to be stopped due to the kit foxes.

"To remove the kit foxes without harm we hired a third-party biologist who surveyed everything." Birdwell went on further stating, "the problem has been resolved, and we plan to go ahead with our operations."

In middle to late December 2015, under the guidance of a wildlife biologist, a portion of the mulch was laid on the east edge of the hillside. It appeared BC was working against the clock, as this year's current breeding/birthing season started in January 2016.

According to a Feb. 3, 2016 story the Rip did on construction on campus, Birdwell confirmed that some of the mulch was placed on the hillside in Memorial Stadium. However, the rest of

the mulch could not be installed due to a kit fox problem, and that the mulch would be utilized in flowerbeds located throughout campus.

On April 5, 2016, Birdwell stepped down from his position as director, assuming a managerial position.

Several sources have told The Rip that this change was at Birdwell's request and had nothing to do with his involvement with the kit foxes.

"I'm not really the one to come to for these types of things anymore. Anthony Culpepper is kind of running things right now until the new head of maintenance and operations comes in. Basically there were just too many recent problems for one person," stated Birdwell. He later on would add, "There's a lot going on around here, but we are working on it I promise you. It's just kind of hard without a director at the moment."

Bill Potter has just been named the new director of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations.

Through subsequent investigation, it was learned that Facilities, Maintenance and Operations director Rouse approved the proposal for eradicating the kit foxes out of Memorial Stadium and laying mulch on the hillside. Attempts were made to contact Rouse, who is now the senior director of Facilities and Operations for the Rocklin Unified School District near Sacramento, but Rouse never responded to the request to be interviewed.

The Rip has also attempted to interview Culpepper, vice president of Finance and Administrative Services at BC, but he has not responded to those interview requests.

As of publication, the Renegade Rip is still investigating this story.

Numerous individuals have been identified, and The Rip is working on arranging interviews with all of those involved.

The Rip's Felicity Tomisaka, Mason J. Rockfellow, Carl E. Littleberry Jr. and Marcus Castro have contributed to this story.

Workability provides fine networking

By AK Pachla
Copy Editor

For more than twenty years, Workability at Bakersfield College has made networking with employers in Kern County easier for students with barriers to hiring. About once a month, the Workability Advisory Board meets to evaluate students currently engaged with the Workability program, a BC job placement service specifically for disabled and divergent students.

The board is made up of community leaders and business associates representing area interests, including the California Department of Rehabilitation, the Western States Petroleum Association, Bakersfield College, and the Kern County Department of Human Resources. Students enrolled in the program are given the opportunity to experience a mock job interview from people who know what employers are looking for, and offer the "candidates" real-time encouragement and feedback to help them hone their job-landing skills.

Workability specialists Denise Crawford and Rudy Gutierrez meet one on one with each student, advising them on all the

aspects of a good job interview, from hair and clothes to possible questions and the value of eye contact. After practice and preparation, the prospect is ready to face the board.

Computer science major and Workability student Thomas Casares initially described the experience as "nerve wracking," but admitted that once he settled into the experience, it was very helpful. "Once you're in there, it's a lot easier than it seems." Casares says the thing he found most useful was the feedback. Hearing directly that he absolutely should put more of his accomplishments on his resume. "I know a lot of companies see the resume, but if it doesn't list a lot of stuff, they go on to the next person."

Casares is glad for the opportunity to practice at interviewing, saying, "It took a load off my shoulders."

Workability specialist Crawford explains that this lessening of pressure is exactly the point, and the reason she, her colleague Gutierrez, and the members of the advisory board are so diligent about creating the opportunity. For some students, making a high level of social connection while maintaining ultimate control of



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Thomas Casares makes a great impression while being interviewed by the Workability Advisory Board. Casares initially described the experience as "nerve wracking," but he admitted once he settled into the experience, it was very helpful.

the conversation is difficult, and can result in prospective employers making snap judgments

against them in hiring. Crawford says Workability is operating as that social buffer, facilitating the

interaction between job seeker and hiring manager to the greatest extent possible. "Those kinds

of connections are found through networking, and that's what we provide."

BC to start one of the first Public Health Pathways

By Sara Lievanos
Reporter

Starting in fall of 2016, Bakersfield College will begin implementing one of the first Public Health Services pathways for a community college in the state.

The goal will be to give students with an interest in the health field more career options.

According to Public Health faculty member Sarah Baron, when most people think about going into the medical field, they only consider being a doctor or nurse.

However, most people are unaware that the Public Health field has over 7,000 different careers to offer.

To fully introduce students to this uncharted pathway, BC will be offering two new Public Health related courses in the Fall semester and an additional two classes planned for the Spring semester, all while simultaneously working to get the pathway approved as an Associates Degree for Transfer.

Because most students are unfamiliar with public health, Baron hopes the courses offered in this upcoming school year

will help to define the subject, and hopefully exemplify the vast amount of careers the field has to pursue.

The first course that will be offered at BC in the Fall semester is Intro to Public Health, which as Baron described, "will focus on health law, looking at rates and trends for diseases, environmental health, case studies, healthcare systems, and food and drug regulations."

The second course that BC plans to offer this fall is a course called Personal Wellness, which will target behavioral change, and focus on making changes that will improve the health of the entire community.

The third course that will be offered in the spring of 2017 semester will be Drugs in Society, which will examine the impact and trends of drug use in our society.

And the fourth course that BC plans to offer in the spring is Social Justice in Health, which will focus on groups of people who don't have access to proper healthcare, and also look at cases that advocated for healthcare equality.

To explain the reasoning behind BC's current push in imple-

menting a public health pathway, Baron explained that in the year 2020 it is projected that there will be 250,000 job opportunities that need to be filled in the public health field.

With some of the highest rates for teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases in California, there is no shortage of public health issues in Kern County to address, and Baron stresses that there are entry-level jobs for this field of work now.

For example, Baron describes several non-profits and schools that are currently looking for health educators, people to gather health related data, and even graphic designers.

These businesses are not looking for people with a master's degree, but rather people who have a passion to better inform the community about health.

There is actually such a plethora of career opportunities through public health that Baron said, "The Department of Health and Human Services expressed it was crucial for community colleges to start offering these courses, so people don't miss out on access to careers simply because they don't know about it."

With much anticipation for



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Sarah Baron navigates through the website she created that discusses the new Public Health AA-T degree that should be offered at BC by 2017.

the new pathway to begin in the fall, Baron hopes students who want to make Kern County a better place to live will take the

new courses and realize how many new career opportunities will open with a degree in public health. If you have any questions

about the Public Health Pathway contact Sarah Baron at (661) 395-4447 or visit publichealth-baron.info

WHAT'S GOING ON AT BC?

SPRING FLING WEEK



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Jester Odrunia (left) and Jose Perez (right) perform "Boyfriend" by Justin Bieber. Spring Fling, held by SGA throughout this week, will include free haircuts, an air band competition, an obstacle course and a western theme dance party.

STADIUM TRACK RESURFACING



JOE BERGMAN / THE RIP

The Bakersfield College Memorial Stadium track is being resurfaced for the first time in nearly two decades. The track resurfacing is set to be finished before BC hosts the track and field Western State Conference Finals on April 29.

Storm chaser speaks on his dangerous job

By AK Pachla
Copy Editor

Reed Timmer is a card-carrying, high-pitched, screaming-out-loud tornado freak. Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Timmer is a meteorologist out of the University of Oklahoma. On March 15, the storm chaser spoke in the Bakersfield College Fire-side Room about how he turned scaring his friends and family out of their wits into a paying gig.

"The hardest part was making it into a job," says Timmer. The decision to actually become a storm chaser does not appear to be something he regards as having been within his control, though. "I just knew I wanted to be a storm chaser." He describes

tornados with an excited reverence and drives into them with a full-on war face.

Timmer and his crew, featured on the Discovery Channel show "Storm Chasers," continue to make videos of extreme weather from all around the country. Using modified vehicles nicknamed "Dominators" (Timmer has built three so far), the team is able to get ridiculously close to massive tornadoes and has, on at least one occasion, been close enough to take video of a tornado's core from directly beneath it.

Timmer shared some of these videos, and it is immediately apparent that he is the craziness behind the genius endeavor. He encourages, then demands, and finally outright begs his terrified

companions to keep going toward the storm, to stay just a little longer, to follow just a little closer.

Following the end of "Storm Chasers", Timmer moved on to work for AccuWeather as a severe weather tracker and researcher, but without the show's financial backing, he hasn't been able to keep the Dominators fully functional.

Tornadic supercells often produce large hailstones, and Timmer showed several pieces of footage of windows being shattered and research equipment being blasted by chunks of ice. For now, as Timmer explains it, it's "just me chasing solo in a rental car for AccuWeather."

Timmer's research helps to improve the science of severe weather meteorology, including storm

tracking and prediction. He has also created an online community of storm chasers through developing the TVN Weather app. Using the app, chasers receive detailed, real-time alerts about severe weather events around the country, share stories and videos from inside the storm, and generate a database of tornado and extreme weather information for ongoing and future meteorology research.

Some of Timmer's video work for the Discovery Channel and AccuWeather is available on his YouTube channel, TVNweather. More information about storm chasing, extreme weather, and meteorological research, as well as real-time tornado information for any US location, is available at Timmer's page, TVNweather.com.

Day for Cesar Chavez

By Crystal Valdez
Features Editor

Cesar Chavez was a Mexican American farm laborer and an influential civil rights activist who fought for the rights of farm workers.

His strife went on to impact the lives of farm laborers and their families to this day.

On March 31, Cesar Chavez's birthday, Bakersfield College's MEChA took it upon itself to celebrate his memory and lifelong impact for the immigrant and farm labor community.

The celebration took place at the Levan Center for Humanities at 11:30 a.m. A brief PowerPoint presentation was given, and questions were answered afterward.

MEChA secretary and communications major Dezivon Manos, 30, began the presentation by giving the audience a brief introduction of Cesar Chavez's life.

"He was a Latino civil rights activist in the aspect that when he saw the way that the field workers were treated. He brought it upon himself to make a difference," said Manos about Chavez. "This brought about the start of a union that today we know as the United Farm Workers."

According to Manos, Cesar Chavez created the UFW and dedicated himself to La Causa [the movement] after he quit his prior job in which he worked for 10 years.

Manos said, "It was created for La Causa, and in this case the movement was to better the working conditions of migrant workers."

The presentation then shifted its focus to the 340 Mile March from Delano to Sacramento, which was led by Cesar Chavez.

According to Manos, the march began with just 67 workers.

As they marched from city to city, the number of workers who participated grew substantially.

Grape growers felt pressure upon the arrival of the marchers and agreed to certain changes that were demanded, and they also signed a contract with the



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Dezivon Manos gives an overview of the Safeway Boycott at the celebration of Cesar Chavez's birthday at the Levan Center for Humanities.

UFW.

Again, the presentation shifted its focus, this time to the Safeway Boycotts.

According to a video presented by MEChA, these boycotts were peaceful and demanded a change in which Safeway grapes were produced. Boycotters demanded that shoppers not buy these grapes and urged them to buy only the ones with a UFW sticker.

Both peaceful protests deemed successful and, according to Manos, peaceful protest was the method Cesar Chavez found to be most effective.

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

When asked if similar instances still occur today, Manos said yes. She added that the only difference is that "Those types of problems actually have a route now to where they can be fixed," because of Cesar Chavez.

MEChA vice president and political science major Tania

Bernal, 24, contributed to answering this particular question and stated that one issue that is very prevalent today is the rape of undocumented women in the fields.

According to Bernal, these women are afraid to seek help from law enforcement because of their undocumented status.

In addition to that, many farms still do not pay their workers the minimum wage.

Manos then added, "You have the migrant worker who is undocumented, what do they do? There are programs that are available and that can help them, but they have to seek the information. We have to help get the word out there."

The discussion then became a political one.

Bernal introduced the topic of immigration reform.

According to Bernal, there is a bill in the senate for immigration reform that has not yet passed.

She went on to say that cur-

rently 11 million people in the United States are undocumented. If the bill does not pass, they will remain so.

"That's why immigration reform is so important, and that's why voting is so important," said Bernal. "You got to make sure you're voting for someone who's going to represent your ideals and represent your people."

She added that under the Obama administration there have been approximately 2.5 million deportations, and that the election of Donald Trump is something "we" do not want to happen.

"One of things we do need to do is educate ourselves so we can educate our community," Bernal said.

An audience member then made the statement that it is up to informed citizens to make a difference.

Manos agreed, and added that an advantage Cesar Chavez had was that he was a first generation Mexican American.

Manos concluded the presentation and said, "That's why Cesar Chavez made such a huge impact, because he was a voice for those who couldn't speak."



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Dezivon Manos, MEChA secretary, speaks about Cesar Chavez and the positive impact he made.

Signed band with record deal has BC students in it

By Kyle Chidgey
Photographer

What began as an Internet project between two former Bakersfield College students has quickly grown into a signed band with a new record about to come out.

The Zenith Passage was started by guitarist and songwriter Justin McKinney, who later recruited Greg Hampton, also a former Bakersfield College student, to do vocals. The two laid down tracks on what would be their EP, "Cosmic Dissonance."

The EP quickly gained momentum through Internet exposure and with the addition of drummer Luis

Martinez and second guitarist Rob Maramonte.

The Zenith Passage took their sound to the road. Now signed to Unique Leader Records, The Zenith Passage is set to release its first full length album "SOLIPSIST" out April 15.

Justin McKinney, who wrote all the music on "SOLIPSIST", studied under Kris Tiner and John Gerhold while attending Bakersfield College and credits them for their influence on his growth as a musician.

"The passion in their craft resonated within me and helped me quite a bit. They're incredible educators," McKinney explained.



SOLIPSIST ALBUM COVER

Zenith Passage's first album.

When asked what message he has for students studying music here at Bakersfield College, McKinney stated, "Practice religiously and bust your ass at your craft, and I guarantee you people will take notice, and opportunities will arise. It's important to never give up on your passion and never settle. Stay hungry." "SOLIPSIST" is a testament to that philosophy.

SWMRS coming to Bakersfield

By Misty Severi
Reporter

SWMRS, a punk rock band based right out of Oakland, is coming to Bakersfield.

The band will be performing at B Ryder's Sports Bar on April 6 at 7:30 p.m. with bands The Frights, Party Baby, and Sad Girl.

SWMRS just released their latest album "Drive North" on Feb. 12 which is also their first album under their new band name "SWMRS," previously "Emily's Army."

"It just wasn't the way we were heading," said lead vocalist Cole Becker. "We changed labels and image a bit, and so we needed a new name."

SWMRS are currently getting a lot of attention for their song (which came out in November) "Miley" about pop sensation Miley Cyrus/Hannah Montana. "I wrote it because I really admire her. She's strong, and I really like that," said Becker.

They are currently on tour performing at

venues like Chain Reaction in Anaheim.

The band got their start when Becker and his best friend Joey Armstrong were watching School Of Rock at just the age of eight. "Joey was messing around on the drums, and I didn't know how to play either drums or guitar," said Becker. "I learned to play guitar at the age of 10. All the cool people always play the guitar, and it's better than the drums."

"I want people to feel like they're just overcome by the music," said Becker on the experience he wants fans to feel when attending a SWMRS concert, "like the music just completely takes over."

"My favorite venue has to be in Fresno at this place called Strummers," said Becker. "The employees and crew are just so great there." The SWMRS include Cole Becker on lead vocals, his brother Max Becker on lead guitar, Joey Armstrong (son of Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong) on drums, and Seb Mueller on bass.

Donald Trump: Yes or No?

By Joe Bergman
Photo & Sports Editor

The President of the United States is often considered to be the world's most powerful person, leading the world's only superpower. The president commands the world's most powerful military, which is armed with the largest nuclear arsenal, and leads the world's largest economy.

One would think that a position with so much power would have stringent pre-requisites, but it is one of the few jobs available with little to no experience required.

For the longest time, becoming president was limited to a rather select group of people. These individuals came from prestigious families, spent a lifetime being groomed for the office. You could look back and see years and years of "public service" in their backgrounds, which is a nicer way of saying "a lifetime in politics."

Regardless of the political party that resides in the White House, it seems that nothing will ever change. The federal government has continued to spend more and more; the federal deficit is almost at a laughable dollar amount, which as of this writing is \$19,205,096,750,000.00 dollars. That is \$59,413.00 of debt per person for every American.

If the United States of America was a private business, it would have filed for bankruptcy and gone out of business a long time ago.

For way too long, the government has been run with no sense of urgency. When money runs out, they simply borrow/print more. No other organization in the world has that power.

If a private company ran out of money and decided to print more as the solution to their problem, all those involved would be arrested, not re-elected.

Looking at the presidential primaries that are currently unfolding, it is very clear that an outsider is winning the votes of the delegates. Those who have been in the status quo of federal politics, to simply put it, are panicking.

Donald Trump is not the perfect candidate. I might be old-fashioned, but I strongly believe that George Washington was the last perfect president.

Donald Trump has not spent a lifetime in politics; he has both succeeded and failed as a business owner

I strongly believe that his business sense is what we need to shake things up because the federal government is not sustainable in its current form.

We need someone to make the difficult decisions because cuts are needed.

Trump is not the best spoken, he has had three wives, and he can be rather blunt in delivering his message.

I could honestly care less about his political correctness, because being politically correct has seriously weakened our society. I am tired of being nice, tired of having to say the right thing. Whatever happened to people being people?

In regards to national security, Trump has been the only truthful candidate to date, because we have federal laws that cover border security.

The president has to swear an oath to enforce the law, so by simply saying that he would enforce the law, he has suddenly become a demagogue.

Yes, he is rough around the edges, but I'd rather have someone who is blatantly honest lead this country.

By Freddie Ward
Reporter

Donald Trump is no longer a joke, and it's time for voters to take this sexist, racist, bigoted, lying, and narcissistic candidate seriously.

Currently, he has won 18 of 30 primaries and has approximately 800 of the 1,237 delegates needed to secure the Republican nomination for President of the United States.

First and foremost, Trump has no knowledge of the Constitution and First Amendment rights. In America, we do not manhandle, curse, threaten, and belittle individuals who chose to exercise this right. Personally, I feel he could benefit from a political science 101 course.

Trump's sexist attitude began long before he became a candidate. When he was interviewed in 1991 about his negative business practices, he responded by saying, "It doesn't really matter what the media writes about you, as long as you've got a young and beautiful piece of ass with you," referring to women.

In his book, "Trump: The Art of the Comeback," he said, "All women hate prenuptial agreements because all of them are gold diggers." Trump also referred to women as the best "actors" in the world. He said the smart ones act feminine and needy, but inside they're real killers.

In an interview with Larry King, when asked about his friendship with the late Princess Diana, Trump said, "I would have no problem sleeping with her. She was the right height, had beautiful skin, and she was a beautiful woman."

His most recent sexist remark was addressed to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Trump said President Clinton's infidelity was caused by Hillary's inability to "satisfy" her husband.

Trump's world consists of lily-white, conservative men, and no one is exempt from his racial slurs. He has no concept of diversity. On the campaign trail, he has referred to Hispanics as murderers, rapists and drug dealers. His political agenda consists of deporting 11 million Hispanics back to Mexico and building a wall to keep them there.

Trump has no love for African Americans as well. After all, according to Trump, they are killers of white males, drug dealers, and black males and females are lazy and on welfare. Trump identifies American-born Muslims as radical and members of ISIS. He has said, "We need to keep them under control." He proposes to keep them under surveillance, invade their privacy, and deny them the right to assemble. Americans expect our president to uphold the Constitution, be truthful, and to possess integrity and diplomacy. Trump has none of these qualities.

He is the biggest liar and exaggerator in the world. Trump is incapable of telling the truth, even if life depended on it. He's consistently told his supporters he's not accepting money from any outside donors, but that's a lie. Trump has a super PAC. Trump has stated on numerous occasions that the U.S. has a \$500 billion trade deficit with China. That's also a lie. He says he's popular with Blacks and Hispanics and they love him. That's a lie. Trump's political agenda differs minute to minute. When journalists ask questions regarding his agenda or disagree with him, Trump belittles them and asks them to leave. If a private citizen confronts or disagrees with Trump, he has them thrown out of his rallies.

Wake up, voters. Trump is not what America stands for. We are a nation that embraces diversity. Our belief is every individual, no matter what their race, gender, sexual or religious preference, has the right to exercise their First Amendment rights without retaliation.

Fellow voters, I urge you not to vote for Donald Trump. Reject him on Election Day. To elect Donald Trump for President of the U.S. would be self-inflicted disaster.



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Netflix Series Review

'Daredevil' makes Marvel Studios look good

By James Macias
Reporter

Daredevil is a marvel comics "O.G." (Original Gangster). This term is commonly applied to unmitigated bad-asses who have been around since as long as anyone can remember.

The Netflix original series: "Marvel's The Daredevil: Season 2," is one of the best offerings ever to bare the sacred Marvel Studios name. The story threads, which, carry us through the 13 episodes, are all spot on accurate retellings of classic Marvel Comics canon.

The casting is well chosen and expertly presented. It all starts by adding The Punisher aka Frank Castle (Jon Bernthal known for his portrayal of "Shane" in the AMC original series "The Walking Dead") to the list of characters who are taking form in this brave new Marvel Universe.

As one might expect, we find him brutally and remorselessly spreading the blood of criminals all over Hell's Kitchen, which, of course, draws Daredevil into his life very quickly.

The question of whether or not killing is acceptable while in pursuit of the "greater good," was a major theme last season, ultimately leading to Daredevil's decision to "draw the line," as

it were, at murder. These two antagonists clash briefly and spectacularly like an immovable object and an unstoppable force. In the end, Daredevil ends up regaining consciousness chained to a roof at the mercies of Castle. They proceed into a truly profound debate about the meaning of everything in their lives.

They slowly work there way through the finer points of selfishness, selflessness, truth, justice, loss, war, cowardice, right, wrong, vengeance and the realities of life in Hell's Kitchen.

The ensuing scene between Daredevil and Castle may be the very best fight ever choreographed.

There is action and acrobatics easily above and beyond season one, but there is also a deeply moving, character driven narrative that attempts to ask profound questions. There is a love story -- or two -- playing out between Electra and Daredevil while Mat Murdock and Karen Page start to get involved in a rollercoaster sort of love affair of their own. Neither relationship ends up well and no one lives happily ever after. The social and political commentary is ubiquitous yet subtle. You will discover layers of meaning stacking up in nearly every scene. Especially during: the trial of the Punisher. We finally

get to the law firm (Nelson and Murdock) in action, doing their actual day job, for an entire trial, from jury selection to sentencing. Something that was tangibly missing from season one.

The Punisher is not the only new character nor does the season revolve solely around his thread. Electra is introduced, her canon beautifully presented and her thread proceeds to weave itself throughout the rest of the plot.

Electra is Daredevil's long lost love but also his worst influence and a very naughty girl all rolled into one extremely lethal, sexy, ninja assassin package.

After she and Murdock fight a relentless army of ninjas, they discover that a seemingly dead villain from season one (Nobu) is inconceivably still alive. Convinced that he is the trouble that brought Electra to Hell's Kitchen, so they decide to get together with Stick and fight their way to the heart of a Yakuza enclave hoping to find Nobu.

Meanwhile, Castle has been apprehended and is standing trial for his crimes, represented by Nelson and Murdock. The Murdock half of things is almost never available because he is so wrapped being Daredevil.

The trial is a media sensation with the court of public opinion

generally in support of Castle, but in the end the jury hands down a guilty verdict and a heavy sentence is imposed.

Castle's time in prison leads him to Kingpin (Wilson Fisk) who manipulates him into eliminating his competition by which I mean Castle is driven to murder the only other powerful person in the prison.

Now firmly in control of the institution, Kingpin locks Castle alone in the cellblock with the dead gang leader (whom he's just killed) and the gangsters who were the dead man's top dogs. Another fantastic fight scene ensues which will paint the walls with your brains and clog up all your drains I'm telling you: your screen will have blood stains.

This show had everything I look for in good television: fantastic, visually spectacular fight scenes in every episode; deeply compelling character-driven stories; subtle yet powerful and unmistakable social commentary; beautiful woman who kick ass and take names; and amazing cast.

One of the best things is that the entire season comes out at one time allowing a madman like myself to watch the entire season twice in less than 24 hours.

★★★★★

Reviews of game reviews

By Chris Miller
Reporter

The integrity and overall trustworthiness of video game reviews has plummeted over the years, and as time goes on, it seems to only be getting worse. Video game reviews, along with any kind of review in general, are sacred. They are personal opinions about a game after a reviewer has spent enough time on that game to give his or her own thoughts and share those thoughts with other people. What makes video game reviews so sacred is the fact that people take what reviewers say about a particular game to heart. There's a certain level of unspoken trust established between the reviewer and the general public.

That's the major difference between a video game review and other types of reviews. Video game reviews are more than just some pros and cons about any particular game, they're also the biggest indicator of whether or not a game is even worth investing in. People trust that the reviewer will be fair and honest about his or her review on the game and there lies the problem.

Video game reviews, many years ago, used to be written by professional and credible journalists who understood the process of reporting and always wrote their reviews in an unbiased manner that made them trustworthy.

These reporters worked for professional publications like Nintendo Power or Game Informer. Game Informer is still a professional publication with genuine reporters, but video game reviewers aren't all real journalists anymore. Nowadays, there's an oversaturation of websites like IGN or Gamespot that, like Game Informer, are dedicated to reviews and

video game related news.

That's not to say these sites are in any way bad or that there aren't good reviewers working for or submitting reviews there, but the reviewers are not held to the same standards as they should be. In a recent IGN review for the new game Pokken tournament, the reviewer gave the game an 8 out of 10. While that is still an excellent score, the review itself and the reason the game received an 8 instead of a 9 or 10 was absurd.

The reviewer had nothing but positive things to say about the game and even claimed to be a fighting game enthusiast with years of experience.

The only negative the reviewer gave was that the game was too complicated.

That is simply untrue as the game has multiple tutorials that literally hold your hand and teach the player what each button does as well as show how to perform some simple combos.

That means the reviewer knocked off two whole points from the overall score over a false implication that the game was too difficult which puts into question how much time the reviewer even put into the game or how much of an "expert" at fighting games this person was.

The problem doesn't just lie with half-assed reviews like this, it also becomes an issue when games like Assassin's Creed Syndicate are given high scores and praises for being fresh and innovative when in reality, they're not deserving of such praise.

It raises the question about the integrity of these reviewers and how true they are being. As an amateur video game reviewer aspiring to go pro one day, I'm appalled by what constitutes as a "reviewer" these days. Especially when they get paid for it.

Preparation and care will help shortage

ALBERT "NIMAK" VARGAS / THE RIP



By Marcus Castro
Contributing Editor

As we all know, California is in a serious drought. The shortage on water is a big deal in Kern County as we mostly rely on the snow from the mountains around us for the mass amount of our water. In the past couple of years, the snow hasn't come in the amounts that we need it to.

This year, the storm known as El Niño was supposed to provide a good amount of water for us. The snow on the mountains around us has been greater than it has been in the past years, so we have benefited from that snow.

The problem is that we were not prepared enough for the storm. We were expected to receive more rain than usual, but we did not have a system set up to properly gather the water.

We were able to get water from the snow as it naturally makes its way down the mountain, but the rain needs to be collected as well.

We do not have the proper amount of reservoirs to hold the water produced from the storm.

That being said, I believe the community as whole does not care enough about the water

shortage. It will not be taken seriously until we are at the point of disaster.

I've had discussions with many people on the topic, and most people say that they are not changing their ways to save water. Some people's reasonings are that they do not care and others say that their water usage is a habit that is hard to break.

I am guilty of this as well. The only thing I have done to reduce my water usage is turning the water off as I brush my teeth. What I am most guilty of is turning the shower on and then using the toilet for around 10 minutes while the water is running. That's a pretty large waste of water, and it is something I need to quit doing.

I think with the combination of a community working together to save water and our county having the proper methods and equipment to collect water, we can be in a better place in this drought. By no means do I think that it will get us out of the drought, as it is a natural event, but being in a better position when it comes to our water levels is much better than being in a worse position.

Album Review

'The Life Of Pablo' is a new hit

By Jacob Tovar
Photographer

Kanye West is my second favorite artist after Logic, but this album review on The Life of Pablo will be completely in favor of Yeezy.

From the get go, "Ultralight beam" is very gospel-like with a church choir on the hook. Chance the Rapper kills his verse talking about his daughter and how he feels even more unstoppable after collaborating with Kanye. There are also parts of a little girl talking about prayer and God on the track.

On the next track "Father Stretch My Hands Pt. 1," Kanye brings in Kid Cudi and talks about how he wants to feel liberated and how he wants to get out of the norm of being known for controversial situations even though we all know he's had his fair share of them.

"Pt. 2"'s beat sampled by a producer by the name of Designer. His dad inspires Kanye's verse in the song. Kanye's dad left the family when he was super young. "Up in the morning, miss you bad, sorry I ain't call you back, same problem my father had." Kanye reflects on his dad's decisions and wants to be

the opposite to his children and wife.

On another note, "Famous" is one of my favorite songs on the album, especially when the beat drops after Rihanna sings the hook. I love the ending and how Kanye mixes up Sister Nancy's "Bam Bam" with Swiss Beats vocals.

In "Freestyle 4," Kanye talks about living an intoxicated lifestyle while having wild nights at dinner parties. It seems like he's having a conversation with himself in his own head.

Onto another deep track, "FML", it is one of the deeper tracks on the album. Kanye admits he's on an antidepressant known as Lexapro.

He also states he's glad he's found his wife, Kim Kardashian and he will do anything and die for the ones he loves. The Weeknd is featured on "FML" and does a marvelous job with his vocals. Onto "Real Friends," it was one of the singles from the album.

Ty Dolla Sign is featured on this track. Kanye speaks about how throughout life, people get older and everything is in constant motion, even family. He gets very wrapped up in his personal life that the people he used

to be real friends with rarely come around and likewise with Kanye. "I couldn't tell you how old your daughter was, couldn't tell you how old your son is. I got my own jr. on the way dawg, plus I already got one kid. Maybe 15 minutes, took some pictures with your sister, Merry Christmas, then I'm finished, then it's back to business." Things that were important back then aren't as important anymore with Kanye.

"Wolves," in the first verse, Kanye speaks of how he's been lost and beat down. After the passing of his mother in 2007, he's been emotionally sad and some say he's declined since then. He also released "Graduation" in 2007 while his mother, Donda, died two months after. There are a couple versions of "Wolves" out. One version is with just Kanye and Frank Ocean while another with Vic Mensa and Sia.

"30 hours," was also released before the album dropped. Kanye is most likely talking about his ex, Sumeke Rainey, in this song on how Kanye moved to Los Angeles during his early career and would frequently go back to Chicago to visit her.

If you look up how far LA is to Chi Town, it takes 1 day and 5

hours, 24 + 5 which is 29 hours but that's not counting stops so round up and it's 30 hours. The hook mentions, "but I still drove 30 hours, but I still drove 30 hours to you."

"No More Parties in L.A.," features Kendrick Lamar. Kanye gives praise to Pablo Picasso on this track. This track was also a single to the album.

"Facts (Charlie Heat Version)," is another version of the previously released "Facts". It is arguably the hardest track on the album, especially with the vocals. "Facts" is Kanye's diss track to Nike and in a way to Jumpman or Jordan. Saying "Yeezy, yeezy, just jumped over Jumpman." And. "If Nike didn't have Drizzy man they wouldn't have nothing, if Nike didn't have Don C, man they wouldn't have nothing." Onto "Nike treat employees like slaves, gave LeBron a billi" not to run away." Kanye also announced he's going to run for president in 2020. Just another cocky Kanye song. But I love it. Give this album a listen rather than ignoring it due to Kanye's attitude. The Life of Pablo is available on Tidal in addition to Spotify and unfortunately not on iTunes yet.

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Renegade Events

News

An unnamed Bakersfield College student reported that a male looked to be breaking into another student's car while the student parking just south of the Mt. Vernon Avenue and Panorama Drive intersection around 6 p.m. on March 29. The student called public safety, which then contacted the Bakersfield Police Department while going to the scene. The man who was reported was a known felon and has now been caught thanks to the unnamed student who reported the suspicious behavior.

April 8: Volunteers needed, The office of Outreach & School relations is seeking student volunteers for our high school outreach event, BC Open house scheduled to take place on Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. We are expecting anywhere from 700 to 800 students to be on our campus and student volunteers will be needed and appreciated. Confirm your participation with Manuel Muralles as soon as possible (By 3/31 preferably) via email: Manuel.muralles@bakersfieldcollege.edu or Office: 661-395-4669 and provide the following information: Name, Email, Phone number, BC ID.

Workshops/Fairs

April 6: Writing Center Workshop, Formatting made Fun, Wednesday, 2:45 p.m.- 3:45 p.m. Location: SS133 Will introduce the basic formatting steps for MLA style essays and research papers using Microsoft Word.

April 6: How to Choose a Major/Career, Wednesday, 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Location: Counseling Center, SS151

April 7: Elementary Education Degree Informational Session, Thursday, 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Location: Face 12

April 7: How to Choose a Major/Career, Thursday, 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Location: Counseling Center
Learn how to research and choose the appropriate major and career that meets your life goals
Call to register: 661-395-4421

April 7: Workshop, Research Strategies, Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Location: L217

April 7: Workshop, Periodical Articles Online, Thursday, 1 p.m. Location: L217

April 7: Dismissal Workshop, Tuesday, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Location: Counseling Center, SS151

April 8: Workshop, Beyond Basic Google, Friday, 9:30 a.m. Location: L217

April 8: Workshop, Research Strategies, Friday, 11 a.m. Location: L217

April 21: BC Alumni Student Nexus, Thursday, 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Location: Fireside Room

April 11: Writing Center Workshop, Writing an Effective Thesis Statement, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Location: SS133

April 12: Probation Workshop, Tuesday, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Location: SS151

April 13: Dismissal Workshop, Wednesday, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Location: Counseling Center, SS151

April 14: Writing Center Workshop, Writing an Effective Thesis Statement, Thursday, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Location: SS133

April 19: Probation Workshop, Tuesday, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Location: SS151

April 19 & 20: Writing Center Workshops, Creating Outlines to Streamline your Writing, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Location: SS133

April 20: Student Education Plan Workshop, Wednesday, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Location: Counseling Center, SS151

April 21: Dismissal Workshop, Thursday, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Location: Counseling Center, SS151

April 21: Renegade Talks, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Location: Indoor Theatre

Miscellaneous

April 6: Annual Levan Lecture, Jared Diamond, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Location: Simonsen Performing Arts Center: Indoor Theatre

Dr. Diamond's talk is open to the public, and is free with free parking.

April 6 & 7 & 8: A Dramatic Reading: Violence in The Lives of Women, Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. 04/06/2016 - 7:30 p.m. Location: Black Box Theatre SPArC #107
Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is Free.

Movie Review

Parody movie has much laughter to all the viewers



HIDDEN EMPIRE FILM GROUP

By Mason J. Rockfellow
Editor in Chief

"Meet the Blacks" is a comical take on the past suspense movie series "The Purge."

Carl Black, played by Mike Epps, is a resident of Chicago who has his own wiring company and ends up robbing drug dealer Key Low, played by Charlie Murphy, after Key Low gets arrested.

After robbing Key Low of his money and a large amount of marijuana, Carl uproots his family and moves to a mansion in Beverly Hills in search of a better life and to get away from the purge and his past, or at least he thought he was.

With any parody movie, I don't usually have very high

expectations on these films, as most parodies are supposed to be dumb, stereotypical, with bad acting and corny lines usually scattered throughout the movie.

All in all, I thought "Meet the Blacks" was hilarious and kept me laughing the entire time, and at some moments, it even had me shaking my head because it was so bad, yet so funny at the same time.

Carl thought moving across the country was going to keep everything he left behind in Chicago including all of his debt to people, but he was wrong.

With the movie starting out on the day of the purge, Carl is trying to get his family to start acting like one. But there is tension between his new wife Lorena, played by Zulay Henao, and

his kids Allie, played by Bresha Webb, and Carl Jr., played by Alex Henderson.

Carl decides that they are going to take a family walk in their new rich and fancy neighborhood. Carl believes that people in Beverly Hills can't take part in the purge because they have everything they want, big mansions, nice cars, lots of money, etc. But he was wrong, and when they took their family walk in their new neighborhood, Carl and his family quickly find out that it is just as bad and probably even worse than it was back in Chicago, as everyone on the block is preparing for the purge by loading automatic weapons, taking out masks, and prepping other various type of weapons.

Once the purge started, they

had locked themselves in the house and things began to unfold as everyone from his past in Chicago, who Carl owed anything to, just starts to show up and try to kill him and his family, not too mention all the rich neighbors who aren't happy about them moving into the neighborhood.

As more and more attempts are made on the Black's lives, you start to see the family getting along and being more caring for each other.

By the end of the movie, the Blacks look like they just went through hell, but they are now a family, through and through.

If you like parodies with crude humor and stereotypes, then "Meet the Blacks" is right up your alley.

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RENEGADE MINDS

"Would you rather be invisible or read minds?"

Compiled by:
Joe Bergman
Photo & Sports Editor



Omar Castellanos, 24, Sophomore: "Be invisible, I don't want to know what others are thinking."



Jenypher Hernandez, 21, Sophomore: "I would like to read minds. I am pretty nosey."



Claire Heffernan, 19, Sophomore: "I want to be invisible, but must be able to control that power."



Marcella Romandia, 45, Returning student: "Power to read minds, it's just the better choice."



Andy Amador, 21, Freshman: "Read minds, I would know what people are thinking about me."



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BC baseball wins five of its last six



PHOTOS BY JOE BERGMAN / THE RIP

Left: BC's Monty Stevens (25) delivers a pitch in the game against Saddleback College. BC defeated Saddleback 4-3 in the game played on March 24 at Gerry Collis Field. Above: The Renegade baseball team supports its teammate at bat in the game against Saddleback College.

to his bullpen to close out the win. In relief Cain Roberts and Omar Gamboa both pitched scoreless innings, closing out a second win on the day for the Renegades.

"Monty didn't have his best stuff, but he competed when he had to. He competed all the way through and he was able to work himself out of the jams that he worked himself into. He just didn't have his normal stuff today and he won without his best stuff," said Painton.

Tyson Brewer, who went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, led the Renegades offense. Smith went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Hanz Harker went 2-for-3 with an RBI and also scored two runs.

"I felt like the 2-3 run innings, we were able to string some hits together, which we haven't done in every ballgame. Both of the bullpen guys are coming off of injuries, and they both stepped into the game and did a good job," said Painton.

BC was able to finish the sweep of Antelope Valley by beating them 6-1 in the final game of the series on April 2.

BC starting pitcher Austin Toerner picked up the win. Toerner pitched seven innings, giving up only one run on five hits while striking out five. Potter pitched two scoreless innings of relief.

Brock Hallum went 3-for-4, including a triple. Martinez continued his strong season by going 2-for-4, including a triple and a RBI. Brooks Douglass went 2-for-5 and scored a run.

Two weeks before the sweep of Antelope Valley, BC lost two out of three games against Glendale College.

The Renegades lost the first game against Glendale 5-3 at

Gerry Collis Field on March 15.

"We didn't compete for seven innings. We kicked the ball all over the field. We showed up to play instead of to compete. At one point, we had more errors than they had hits and they were winning 3-0. We really didn't start doing a good job competing offensively until the seventh and eighth innings," said head coach Tim Painton.

Freshman pitcher Hudson Hartley got the loss. Hartley pitched eight innings, giving up three runs (one earned) on five hits while striking out two.

"I thought Hartley was awesome. He did a great job, and we had nothing really offensively to show for that," said Painton.

Martinez went 3-for-5 with an RBI and also scored a run. Smith went 1-for-4 with two RBIs.

The Renegades scored their three runs in the last two innings. They also had six errors on defense.

"We didn't compete and when you don't compete, you don't deserve to win," said Painton.

BC won the second game against Glendale 6-5 on March 17. BC starting pitcher Monty Stevens got the win. Stevens pitched five innings, giving up three runs on one hit while striking out four and walking seven.

Jason Potter picked up the save. Potter pitched four innings of relief, giving up two runs on four hits while striking

out five and walking one.

Harley Lopez was the only Renegade who had multiple hits. Lopez went 2-for-5 with an RBI and also scored two runs. Jacob Herrera, Martinez, and Douglass all had RBI singles.

BC lost the final game of the series against Glendale 14-9 on March 18. Cyrus Parsons got the loss. Parsons pitched two innings, giving up seven runs on eight hits while striking out one. Austin Toerner pitched 2.2 innings of relief, giving up six runs. Luke Andrews pitched 2.1 innings of relief, giving

up one run. Trenton Taylor pitched two scoreless innings of relief.

Douglass went 3-for-6 with two RBIs and also scored a run. Martinez went 2-for-

4 scoring three runs. Hallum went 3-for-4 with two RBIs. Smith went 2-for-3 scoring two runs.

BC committed a total of 12 errors in the three-game series against Glendale.

Between the Antelope Valley and Glendale series, the Renegades played in the College of the Sequoias tournament over spring break, where they went 2-1.

BC started off the tournament by playing College of the Sequoias on March 22. BC went on to win 10-4. BC starting pitcher Hudson Hartley pitched the win. Hartley pitched eight innings, giving up four runs on 11 hits while striking

out three. David Carter pitched a scoreless inning of relief.

Brewer went 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Herrera went 2-for-5 with two RBIs. Jassen Oliver went 2-for-3 scoring three runs. James Carroll went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

The Renegades went on to lose against Reedley College 12-4 in their second game of the tournament on March 23.

BC's starting pitcher Trenton Taylor got a no-decision. Taylor pitched four innings, giving up two runs on two runs while walking three. Parsons got the loss for BC. Parsons pitched 0.2 innings, giving up five runs on four hits. All five of BC's pitchers combined to give up 11 hits and they also walked nine batters. Lopez went 2-for-3 scoring two runs. Hallum went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Caleb Hewes went 1-for-3 with two RBIs.

BC went on to beat Saddleback College 4-3 in their final game of the tournament on March 24. Saddleback was on a seven-game winning streak coming into the game.

BC starting pitcher Monty Stevens got a no-decision. Stevens pitched seven innings, giving up three runs (1 earned) on three hits while striking out two and walking four. Toerner picked up the win. Toerner pitched two scoreless innings of relief giving up only one hit.

Harker went 2-for-4 with an RBI, including a triple. Smith went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

BC begins a series against West LA College at home on April 5. BC will be on the road on April 7 at West LA College. BC will be back at Gerry Collis Field on April 9 against West LA College.

Renegades remain one game back as they enter the final month of the season

By Kyle Cortez
Reporter

The Bakersfield College baseball team is 6-3 over their last nine games, which includes a four-game winning streak.

After losing two out of three to Glendale College, the team would rally to sweep Antelope Valley in all three games. With the wins over their Western State Conference-South counterparts, the Renegades moved to 15-9 overall and 6-3 in WSC play.

BC beat Antelope Valley 4-1 in the first game of the series on March 29.

Hudson Hartley started for BC and he got the win. Hartley pitched eight scoreless innings, giving up five hits while striking out eight. Luke Andrews

pitched the ninth inning and got the save. Andrews gave up one run in the ninth.

Harrison Smith was the only Renegade who registered multiple hits. Smith went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a solo home run. Luis Martinez went 1-for-4 with an RBI. Brewer went 1-for-5 with an RBI.

BC went on to beat Antelope Valley 6-1 in the second game of the series on March 31.

Monty Stevens was on tab to start the day for the Renegades pitching a strong seven innings, yielding only one run on six hits. In those seven innings Stevens struck out six, while mixing up his pitches, never giving the Marauders any chance to consistently produce runs. After a quality start from the starter, Coach Painton went



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Left: BC's Hanz Harker (10) rounds third base on his way to score in the game against Saddleback College. Above: Jassen Oliver (17) slides awkwardly into second base in the game against Saddleback College. The Renegades defeated Saddleback 4-3, as they closed out the COS Tournament.

Renegade softball is looking for consistency as they enter homestretch



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Trinidad Lee delivers the pitch in the game against College of the Canyons. BC would end up losing that game 14-0.

By Felicity Tomisaka
Reporter

Bakersfield College's softball team played 11 games over the past three weeks, winning six of them.

The Renegades are 6-4 in the Western State Conference Blue Division and 10-16-1 overall.

The highlights of the time span were doubleheader sweeps against Citrus on March 15 and LA Mission on March 29.

The Renegades beat Citrus 4-2 and 10-8.

Against Mission, the Renegades won 4-2 in eight innings behind a home run from Trinidad Lee.

In the second game, BC won 11-7 as Madalyn Arambula had



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The Renegade softball team forms a pregame huddle prior to their game versus Canyons.

four hits and Alyssa Gonzales had three.

Lee and Karlee Goolsby each hit home runs.

In other games, BC beat Santa Monica 15-3 on March 17.

The Renegades split with Riv-

erside on March 19, losing 9-1 and winning 10-7, and lost a doubleheader to Canyons 14-0 and 3-1 March 22.

BC lost to LA Valley 8-3 on March 24 and Antelope Valley 11-3 on March 31.

In the loss to Canyons, Cassandra Sanchez had an RBI single in the 3-1 loss, and against LA Valley, Arambula hit a home run.

BC played at Glendale on April 5 and is on the road April 7 at Citrus.

Tennis qualifies for state tournament



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Sammy Ramirez returns the ball in his match against Ventura College.

By Marcus Castro
Contributing Editor

The Bakersfield Collegemen's and women's tennis teams combined for 10 Ojai State Championship qualifiers.

The BC men have a total of six qualifiers for state. Sammy Ramirez, Andrew Schwartz and Austin Lee are going to state in singles competition. Ramirez made it to the semifinals then lost to Corey Karen of Ventura College. Lee beat Andrew Tufenkian of Santa Barbara City College in order to qualify for state.

Doubles teams Ramirez and Lee, Andrew Schwartz and Brian Yanez, and Kyler Fields and Austin Lux qualified for state as well. They will later compete to

see who is going to take the top spot for state.

The BC women have two doubles teams and one singles player advancing to state. Riley Tucker is the sole singles player from the women's team that qualified for state.

Tucker and Kaylee Defrees and Ashley Guillen and Lucy Cisneros are the two doubles teams to advance to state.

Both the men and women's teams will be competing in state from April 21-24.

Prior to qualifying, the men's team competed with Santa Barbara City College where BC lost 2-7.

Matt Wells was the only singles winner for BC (6-1, 6-2), and Wells and Christian Cutchague were the only BC

doubles team to get a win (9-7).

The BC women also lost to SBCC (1-8). Tucker and Defrees were the sole winners for BC in a doubles match where they won 8-6.

The BC men competed with Ventura College at BC's last home tennis match of the season where BC lost 2-7.

Ramirez and Lee won their doubles match 9-7, and Cutchague and Wells won their singles match 8-0. There were no BC singles winners.

The BC women also lost to Ventura College with a score of 2-7. Defrees won her singles match 6-1, 6-1, and Cisneros won her singles match 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

There were no BC doubles winners.



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Brian Yanez serves the ball in his match against Ventura College.

Men's swimming returns to campus with a victory; women fall short

By Mason J. Rockfellow
Editor in Chief

Bakersfield College's swim team has been doing well, according to coach Matt Moon, and the swimmers have been preparing themselves for the conference meet.

The weekend before spring break, the swim team traveled to Ventura for the Western State Conference invite #2, and then traveled to Cuesta for the WSC invite #3.

The swim team has been traveling all season and finally got to swim at home on April 2 in a dual meet against College of Sequoias just after their meet at Cuesta on April 1.

With some technical bumps at the beginning of the home meet, Moon said that overall, the meet went well with the men's team winning and the women's just falling short against COS.

Starting off the meet with a relay win for the men's side. The men were off to a good start ahead of COS.

Against COS, Erik Wood took first in the 100 and 200-meter freestyles, as well as in 100 but-

terfly.

Christian Chau took first place in the 200 individual medley, and Christian Chau (first) and Aaron Green (second) took the top two places in the 500 freestyle.

Cesar Zepeda got second in the 100 freestyle, and Brian Bender took first in the 100 breaststroke and set his season best at 1:03.68. Sara Klang took first in the 100 and 200 freestyle events.

After the home meet, the team held its annual fundraiser dinner and silent auction at Coconut Joe's restaurant. Moon said that it went well, had a good turnout, and raised a good amount of money for the team and program.

Moon said in the next couple of weeks they are going to begin the next phase in the tapering process leading into conference.

The Renegades will compete in the Western State Conference Championships April 21-23 at Cuesta College, located in an Luis Obispo.

"They are all swimming very well and looking strong, so I'm excited for the meet," said Moon.



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Edward Smith performs a breast stroke during one of his events at home on April 2. The men won the dual meet.

Saunders twins leading the way for women's track; Hodges leading men

By Kyle Cortez
Reporter

The BC women's track team had four first-place winners in the AVC Invitational at Antelope Valley College on March 18.

Kyra Saunders took first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.32 seconds. Saunders placed second in the long jump with a mark of 17 feet 7 inches (5.36m).

Tyra Saunders took first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.86 seconds. Saunders placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.62 seconds.

Kassidy Murphy placed fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute 3.01 seconds.

The BC women's 4x100-meter relay team, consisting of Kortney Herring, Tyra Saunders, Murphy, and Kyra Saunders, took first in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 48.46 seconds.

The BC women's 4x400-meter relay team, consisting of Tyra Saunders, Kyra Saunders, Carina Perezchica, and Murphy, placed third in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4 minutes 22.42 seconds.

Veronica Slade took first in the triple jump with a jump of 34 feet 9 inches (10.59m).

Slade placed second in the high jump with a jump of 4-11 (1.51m).

Marilyn Quintero placed third in the discus throw with a distance of 120 feet 7.24 inches (36.76m). Quintero placed fourth in the javelin throw with a distance of 85 feet (25.92m).

The BC men's track team only had one first-place winner.

Jacob Bookout took first in the high jump with a jump of 6-7 (2.02m). Bookout placed third in the long jump with a mark of 21 feet 5 inches (6.52m).

Deonte Henderson placed fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.16 seconds.

Mark Agbalog placed fourth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 59.81 seconds.

Richard Timmermans placed third in the 3000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10 minutes 28.92 seconds.

Dillen Littles placed third in the shot

put with a distance of 46 feet 10 inches (14.27m).

The BC women's team took first in four events at the Santa Barbara Easter Relays on March 25.

The BC women's 4x100-meter relay team, consisting of Emagee Tyler, Tyra Saunders, Murphy, and Kyra Saunders, took first in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 48.59 seconds.

The BC women's 4x200-meter relay team, consisting of Tyra Saunders, Kyra Saunders, Tyler, and Murphy, took first in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1 minute 44.37 seconds.

The women's 4x800-meter relay team, consisting of Julissa Mendoza, Sydney Roman, Felicity Tomisaka, and Corina Garcia, placed third with a time of 10 minutes 30.10 seconds.

The women's 800-meter sprint medley team, consisting of Tyler, Tyra Saunders, Murphy, and Kyra Saunders, took first with a time of 1 minute 57.79 seconds.

The women's 4,000-meter distance medley team, consisting of Mendoza, Garcia, Tomisaka, and Roman, placed fourth with a time of 13 minutes 46.73 seconds.

Slade placed second in the triple jump with a jump of 35 feet 7 inches (10.84m). Slade placed third in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet (1.53m).

Sha'Nya Terry placed second in the shot put with a distance of 36 feet 5 inches (11.10m). Terry placed fourth in the discus throw with a distance of 110 feet 4.8 inches (33.65m).

Quintero took first in the discus throw with a distance of 121 feet 9.02 inches (37.11m).

The BC men's team took first in two events.

Jessie Hodges took first in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.11 seconds.

Bookout took first in the high jump with a jump of 6-6 (1.98m).

Littles placed second in the discus throw with a distance of 137 feet 10.33 inches (42.02m). Littles placed third in the shot put with a distance of 46 feet 4 inches (14.12m).

The Renegades competed in the Western State Conference Inland meet at Antelope Valley College on April 1 where

five teams competed.

The BC women's team took second at the meet with a team score of 153.

College of the Canyons took first with a team score of 192.

Kyra Saunders took first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.12 seconds. Saunders also took first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.27 seconds. Saunders placed second in the long jump with a mark of 17 feet 1 inch (5.21m).

Tyra Saunders placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.26 seconds. Saunders placed fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.92 seconds.

Tyler placed fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.81 seconds.

Murphy placed third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute 1.99 seconds.

Roman placed fifth in the 1500-meter run with a time of 5 minutes 3.45 seconds. Roman placed sixth in the 3000-meter run with a time of 11 minutes 28.74 seconds.

"I didn't get to PR on the 1500 how I wanted, but I did still PR by a second. My goal is to break a 5 by the end of the season on the 1500. I didn't do good on the 3000 because of the 1500. The 1500 gets really competitive where girls are pushing you, so you're fighting to stay up there from the start to the end of the race," said Roman.

Perezchica placed second in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1 minute 13.73 seconds.

The women's 4x100-meter relay team took first with a time of 48.40 seconds.

The women's 4x400-meter relay team took second with a time of 4 minutes 17.32 seconds.

Slade took first in the triple jump with a jump of 33 feet 10 inches (10.33m). Slade placed third in the high jump with a jump of 4-9 (1.45m).

Terry placed second in the shot put with a distance of 34 feet 1 inch (10.39m). Terry placed fourth in the shot put with a distance of 100 feet 3 inches (30.55m).

Quintero took first in the discus throw with a distance of 123 feet (37.50m).

Quintero placed second in the hammer throw with a distance of 117 feet 11



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Tyra Saunders takes the baton from Emagee Tyler during the 4x100 relay at the Santa Barbara Easter Relays.

inches (35.94m). Quintero placed third in the javelin throw with a distance of 74 feet 2 inches (22.60m).

Quintero placed fourth in the shot put with a distance of 28 feet 11 inches (8.82m).

The BC men's team took third at the meet with a team score of 98.

Hodges took first in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.41 seconds. Hodges placed fourth in the high jump with a jump of 5-8.

Tristan McGee took first in the triple jump with a jump of 42 feet 7 inches (12.98m).

Luke Parviainen placed fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.11 seconds.

Daniel Aguirre placed fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 1 minute 58.21 seconds.

Patrick Alvarado placed 14th in the 1500-meter run with a time of 4 minutes 20.62 seconds.

"I feel like I did pretty good. I hydrated properly, got out in the race good. My form messed up at the end of the

1500, but I still got a PR of 4:20. I just need to work on my form and my speed and in the 800 I need to kick earlier," said Alvarado. "I think I've progressed pretty well. Throughout each race, I learn something new and take that lesson to my next race and improve. The cycle repeats, I've done good so far."

The men's 4x100-meter relay team placed third with a time of 43.24 seconds. The men's 4x400-meter relay team placed fourth with a time of 3 minutes 24.71 seconds.

Bookout placed second in the high jump with a jump of 6 feet.

Bookout placed third in the long jump with a mark of 20 feet 3 inches (6.17m). Gavin Hong placed third in the high jump with a jump of 5-10.

Littles placed second in the shot put with a distance of 44 feet 9 inches (13.63m).

Littles placed second in the discus throw with a distance of 133 feet 10 inches (40.78m).

The next track meet is on April 9 at Glendale College.



JACOB TOVAR / THE RIP
The Vance Creek Bridge located near Shelton, WA; if it looks familiar, it was featured in the 1986 movie “Stand By Me”.



JACOB TOVAR / THE RIP
Jacob breaks the rules in downtown San Francisco.



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Left: Multnomah Waterfalls, located near Bridal Veil, OR. Above: San Francisco, as seen from China Town.



PHOTOS BY JACOB TOVAR / THE RIP
Above: Rowena Crest, located in northern Oregon.
Below: Mid-afternoon on the Oregon coast.



Road Trippin’ It

By Jacob Tovar
Photographer

This Spring Break, I went on a road trip with seven other photographers. We packed a van and literally just started driving. There was no need for hotel reservations, as we were just going to rough it. Our plan was to travel throughout Oregon and Washington, with a stop at San Francisco to take photos. We had some spots mapped out that we wanted to stop at, but for the most part we stopped at what-ever caught our eye.

We left Bakersfield at 10 a.m. and got to Rowena, Oregon at 2 a.m. Half of us decided to sleep in a tent, while the other half stayed inside the van. The next day, we roamed around Oregon to the Multnomah Falls, the Columbia River Gorge, and a couple other random spots. We then ventured up to Shelton, Washington, getting there at 1 a.m. After we set up camp in a random parking lot, we tried to get some much needed sleep. That night, it started pouring rain and the guys

who slept in the tent ended up underwater, so we had to pack-up at 3 a.m. in the heavy Pacific Northwest rain. We were about 30 minutes from our next destination, so we loaded the van and looked for a good spot to park. A couple hours later we woke up and began searching for the Vance Creek Bridge. We searched for hours and we eventually found it. It has been on my bucket list to take photos at Vance Creek forever. The view is indescribable.

From Vance Creek in Washington, we made the 17 hour drive to San Francisco. We pulled an all-nighter and took photos of the Bay Bridge and Twin Peaks until the sun rose, and eventually we made our way downtown. In SF, we hit a couple rooftops, but it was not long before hotel management threatened to call the cops on us for trespassing. Fortunately they let us go and we wrapped up our trip. Jacob Tovar’s work can be seen on his Instagram @motvd.

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