Declining gas prices raises questions

By Carl E. Littleberry Jr.

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Gas prices have been dropping for the past couple months and most people seem to be taking advantage while it's here.

By Marcus Castro

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BC hosts a day of engineering

By James Macias

The Bakersfield College Pan­oramic Campus is usually almost entirely empty on Fridays, except when there is something special going on like the happe­ned last week on Feb. 26. They called it Engineering Day, and it was the first time it has ever been held at BC.

Starting at about 1 a.m., a host of unfamiliar figures dressed in blue jumpsuits and white hardhats began to arrive on campus with all kinds of equipment in tow. These strangers proceeded to arrange a small expo of sorts for the dozens of high school age kids from all over Kern County who would soon converge on BC.

They were coming to see dozens of flowed by the electrical department and hot rods built at the auto shop. From the look of things, no expense was spared in putting on a show for the kids. There was even an exhibit from Edwards AFB which was set up accordingly. It is a clear example of the flight characteristics of an Edwards F-15 Eagle to a constellation of American supersonic jet flight­er technology.

Jack Earl, 55, a private con­tractor working on projects at Edwards AFB, arranged to be present and give a talk.

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Earthquake gives Bakersfield residents a shaky surprise

By Marcus Castro

The earthquake that took place on Feb. 25, Bakersfield College is honored to be pre­pared for an earthquake. Everybody knows what to do if an earthquake occurs, everyone has a chance to be prepared.

"We can't predict earthquakes, so when they do happen we are prepared," said Prof. Jack Perez who administers BC's website for an earthquake.
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Start pooling your resources, so issues among black Americans is second in the nation in the large-...
Allen and Jones create new pathways

By Mason J. Rockfellow
Editor in Chief

The Norman Leon Center for Humanities welcomed Bakerfield College history professor Edith Miller as the 28th Norman Leon Faculty Colloquium speaker on Feb. 26.

Miller’s lecture, “Death of Virtue: Citizenship, Race, and Manhood in Colonial America and the Republic,” was mainly structured around her 2016 doctoral dissertation called, “To Make Us Blacker Than We Make Ourselves: Citizenship, Rights, and Manhood in Colonial America and Early America.”

According to Miller, her doctoral dissertation illustrated how something happened so that something would occur when it did. Allen and Jones are also men who Miller sees as too few of her personal heroes.

“I think part of the reason I have chosen to be a historian is because of how I was raised, and the potential of the human spirit to make the world a better place,” said Miller.

When asked what she wanted the audience to take away from this lecture, Miller said, “I think because of the problems we’ve created and the power of the individual and how they can transform...we often forget how important that was then.”

Miller started at BC, earning her associate’s degree in history, then transferred to CSUB to earn her baccalaureate degree in history with a minor in Roman studies.

She went on to earn a master’s degree in early American history and a master’s degree in early American history from Northeastern University.

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The show began and was hosted by master of ceremonies, Majesty, Tatiana Allende, and shared her past experience as a competitor.

Majesty plans to take a hiatus from pageantry for a little bit, and then return to the pageant world in the future.

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The event will be held at BC Planetarium, which, Strobel said, was a supernatural, awe-inspiring, entertaining presentation.

Starting March 3, the Planetarium will offer two features with a more down-to-earth theme.

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BC students dance outside the student services center at the Zumbathon to raise funds and awareness for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

By Freddie Ward

On Feb. 26, Bakersfield College's Business Department and SGA hosted a Zumbathon fundraiser in the student services center.

Quanita Hampton's son is a freshman at BC. Hampton, who was deported from Mexico because Zumba is fun, relaxing and gets you out of the house.

She said she had been dancing for more than five minutes and the weather was great for the fundraiser. BC Business Instructor Stacia Copper said, "I danced from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m." Copper, tired and weary, said, "It's a real workout, but it's worth it.

Alivia Thompson, SGA chapter senior manager for Bakerfield College's SGA, said diabetes is a real problem in the valley. "So for this year, 352 individuals in Fresno and 147 in Bakersfield have been diagnosed with diabetes," she said.

The minimum money raised from the fundraiser will be used for the benefit of diabetic individuals in Bakersfield and Fresno.

Edgardo Soto is looking forward to transfer in order to pursue his career in business administration.

By Crystal Valdez, Features Editor

Edgardo Soto, 20, is a BC student whose journey to the U.S. started the day he was born. However, his story resonates with many students of BC.

"The main reason I started coming to BC is just because it was uncontrolled, and I could change for me to come here and study," Soto said.

Soto moved to the U.S. in 2003 at the age of 3 with his family. He has lived in the U.S. without legal residency for 11 years. In January 2015, Soto was deported from Mexico.

"I had no credit or employment," Soto said. 

He had no idea how she would pay the $5,785 mortgage, car and life insurance, utilities, or any of the other debts.

"I'd think, 'I could probably get a $1,765 mortgage, car and life insurance, utilities, or any of the other debts."

Small said he found a job as a clerk, but her salary wasn't enough to pay their financial obligations.

Small attributed her entry into college to her son, Tyrese. She said, "He convinced me I was 'old enough to start a career.'"

Small said she took months to find a job to earn money and finally decided to go for a degree.

When her circumstances started to depress her, she keeps saying, "I can do this."

"I'm preparing for the future and planning for her retirement," Garcia said.

"I'm a business major and will graduate in Fall 2017." Garcia said SGA is a condition of the future probability, he said he would become a career employee.

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"I have never worked for a company that treats their employees.

"I'm a non-entity student."

She said she was coming to BC to earn her degree and earned a culinary certificate.

"Nash is now a child development major. She plans to open a franchise, "I can drive," she said. "I can finally be the boss."
ENGINEERING: Technology is used to inspire young students

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There aren’t enough engineers by the 223 Prelaw Club, met in the SGA schedule the mock trial event itself for fall semester free food. Anyone anywhere could obtain. Charles Kim to review the case and discuss mock

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Bakersfield College professor Vic Posy gives a lecture to some wards from the Kem Crossroads facility. BC. BC. BC.

"Those kids are coming from a very narrow scope of some of the juvenile detention facili-

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Chad Hidalgo and political science professor Dr. Andrea Wright, a consultant to the Kem County probation offices, were an ever-pres-

tent. They were the ones who really kindled the interest in engineering among students from the project Lead the Way pro-

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"We average about 500 students," said Caras. "But we also want to introduce it to those other students that are not sure where they are going to

FOUR-YEAR: New program for BC students

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We’re about the program and require you to have al-

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By AK Pachla

Cory Foley

Participants in the upcoming mock trial, sponsored by the 223 Prelaw Club, met in the SGA schedule the mock trial procedures on Mar. 19 at 9 a.m. As a result of the reading however, the discussion was made to re-

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Washington State University. The multi-ethnic student counseling staff and BC currently has four. CSUB to hold the event on that date in the fall and among the teenagers that lunch

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"It’s a whole different type of thinking," said Quintanilla, a BC student. "I’m going to do my best to spec-

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Performing “Mellow Mood” by Stjepan Stivoric, computer science major Tucker Clotico, 22, Stops at Open Mi Night at Bakersfield College on Feb. 24. There was fresh coffee, danishes, and muffins available for performers and viewers.

Mock trial is postponed for BC Prelaw Club students

By AK Pachla

For BC Prelaw Club students, the mock trial process was new. "We were going to do a trial on the Miranda case," said Caras. "But after some changes with the Miranda case, we were going to do a Miranda case. But that didn’t work out either. So we’re just going to do a standard trial on the Miranda case."

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Students have mellow sound

"We have been there for three or four years, and this year they started to charge us, and when they don’t have that kind of money for education... So far BC opened the door and said ‘come’," said Wright. "We manage about 50 students through all the high schools and our surrounding area. We try to give this to those students that are interested in this career path, but we also want to introduce it to those other students that are not sure where they are going to

"In the beginning, we thought the Miranda case was a bit too complex. After some changes with the Miranda case, we decided to do a standard trial on the Miranda case."

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Most used cell phone carrier is Verizon

By Carl E. Liddle Jr.
Editor in Chief

From someone with Verizon whistles at their ear, I can honestly tell you it is for the best Verizon serves me faster, than even phone with a hidden bonus, and don’t even get me started on those lobbies (First and Metro P.S. offices). They are in the sky.

Don’t get me wrong, I have all of these carriers, and they all offer great service. Speed has some of the lowest changes for first phones but the phone plan that one is still very friendly.

From Metro and Verizon offer an affordable plan with at least marginal service. However, my experience has shown to the customer service of Customer service is just as bad as I’ve always said breaking my heart. I have received terrible service. If I keep breaking my heart I will be the first two phones I need to a great customer service will be quick, easy and has agents who are prepared to help me completely.

I do not have to be transferred to other departments unless necessary, and I will tell you all that phone like Tzell and Metro send me.

I spend more time trying to tell an animated cell service to a social networking number than I do talking on the phone most times.

It is finally getting ridiculous considering how long it takes to get to an actual human to talk to you, which can run from the minutes to half hours.

Some of phones are really supposed to be used for deep phone calls is a phone. As cincinna extremely important for good communication. Why do we even need phone numbers? They do it all the same thing for the most part.

I have phones that contain a few records and 40 data addresses. The only real differences are the available apps. I’m still using a phone that will be a choice as Verizon, because Stae, Tzell is even worse can’t be a bad choice, considering all phones is the exact same carrier.

Smoking policy: Is it a good idea or a bad idea?

By A.K. Faithful
Editor

By now, you’ve likely heard about the smoking ban that isn’t in one store, and the way everything is looking, it seems all but a done deal.

There’s still some confusion as to exactly how it’s going to work, and what if, consequences there should be for noncompliance. Nevertheless, it opens up a new dimension to the idea of the smoking ban, it is to get it that point.

Today, I have asked a phone a day, gone around, for fifteen years. I have some say of health problems related to it, and it gets that is getting.

There are times when even I physically experienced by myself of not having a phone.

Ever, I have my phone to speak, and I felt necessary to kill before my time. That’s what smoking does.

It is a consciousness I thing it may seem, I suggest the smoking ban, and many others do not seem to do much of the same.

As a non-smoker, I do not see much of the same.

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Even, if we are talking about the smoking ban, it is an appropriate policy to take for an educational overhaul and improve smoking to improve the lives of smokers.

The lives of smokers are improved by not being exposed to cigarette smoke, and the lives of nonsmokers are, at the very least, improved by the fact that we’ll have to take a walk when we want a smoke. Maybe we can share during fewer or at least ten minutes the cigarette is going to take off.

As for the voyage navigability of the ban, I agree that it will be important to one conflict between student, student, and student, but possible even between employer and students. In the absence of all consequences, it may be that some social norms allow for little more than bad behavior.

Personally, I don’t agree. I, of course, I want to take an abandoned phone to head all the kids at the front of the line, but on occasions I have been told that cigarette smoke was bothering other people, they’ve never been told that the smoking to me is bothering other people.

I think the student population base is more than capable of self-regulating on this issue. The smoker isn’t that kind of battleground and the non-smokers aren’t that kind of argument.

The general social atmosphere, coupled with the awareness, is very important.

I would love to have the chance to see how many policies without a mechanism for consequences have been successful. How would camping policy be if there were no consequences for enforcement? It’s not right to design every smoking ban, the policy is not worth the paper it is printed on.

If you want to bring attention to the benefits of not smoking, begin with an advertising campaign, because campus security has a very strong enough job growing respect on campus. Don’t impose a policy without a mechanism to enforce it.

Campus security can’t arrest a smoker, can’t cite a smoker, can’t arrest a smoker off-campus, and can’t even make a smoker put out his cigarette. I propose campus security can’t violate state anti-smoking laws and when the smoker doesn’t listen, they can ask again.

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'Allure' is not meant for men

By Marcus Castro
Contributing Editor

Being a typical man who loves sports and video games, I didn’t have a clue that the more girly magazines were supposed to be about. So I cleaned my eyes and randomly grabbed a magazine.

I was wrong, at least. This magazine is about women’s beauty through makeup and other “women’s” products, but mostly about makeup. I love sports and video games, staying focused, as I learned from my room being dirty. Having clean doors open at 11 and being 100 percent sure if you don’t like it, you’ll probably just have bad TV.

But the biggest surprise was that this magazine is so much like one of my favorite TV shows, The Walking Dead.

In the summer of 2015, the AMC (American Movie Chamionship) channel announced a new series they said would rival the critically acclaimed 2010 “The Walking Dead.” On Nov. 15, 2015, it delivered on its lofty promise with their new post-apocalyptic continuation titled “Into the Badlands.”

I was skeptical about it—like many others with new interests and big-eyed hope for the future. I set the show aside for some time and continued on with my daily life.

But the show has persisted. I set aside my negative attitude and rewatched the first episode. I was immediately captured by the story’s setting, the dynamics of the characters, the special effects and the exciting action.

The show takes place in a.k.a. the Badlands. The Badlands are a futuristic, post-apocalyptic world that is divided into different territories. Each territory is in control of various people who have their own interests and goals. The show follows the story of M.K., a young boy, as he learns to fight and survive in this dangerous world.

The cast consists of Daniel Wu as the lead character, M.K., and other significant characters such as the mysterious Sunny and the formidable Badlands Governor. The show also features other intriguing characters, such as Sunny’s right-hand man, Khashin, and M.K.’s mentor, the mysterious Badlands Governor.

The show’s setting is a post-apocalyptic world, which is reflected in the makeup and fashion of the characters. The makeup is designed to look like a real-life version of the makeup used in The Walking Dead. The fashion is minimalistic and futuristic, with a lot of emphasis on practicality and functionality.

In conclusion, I highly recommend “Into the Badlands” to anyone who enjoys post-apocalyptic stories, action-packed shows, and exciting storylines. The show is a great new addition to the AMC lineup and a must-watch for all fans of The Walking Dead. Thank you, AMC, for giving us another great new show to enjoy and look forward to every week.

If you’re interested in learning more about the show or watching it online, you can visit the AMC website or check it out on a streaming service such as Netflix or Amazon Prime. Enjoy watching and let us know what you think in the comments below.
By Mohamed Bafaki
Contributing Editor

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Left: Lawrence Moore attacks the basket for the Renegades against the Raiders. He finished with 18 points on 7-for-11 shooting. Below left: WSC Coach of the Year Rich Hughes is looking to punch a ticket into the Elite Eight and an upset win over Saddleback College on Wednesday, March 2.

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Both teams came into the postseason after dispatching their first conference championship finals in a draw, on BC (12-2 WSC-South) second in an outright title (first since 1996, co-champs in 2000-01), while Saddleback (23-3, 5-3 WSC- North) ended a wild WSC-North run to capture a share of the conference title in Syracuses.

On winning the No. 9 seed, Hughes said, “It’s a new criteria; there are some flaws to it.

“I definitely think we’re better than five, definitely don’t think we’re a top-four team, and even five is some what a little bit skirmish; but I thought we were 6 to 8 and a home team.

A home game would have meant a chance for BC to put in untested 124 home recent this season on the line, but the draw will continue to mean on the road as in the latest trip to Saddleback.

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Gray chipped in 27 points and seven rebounds despite Moorpark having five players averaging double-figure scoring throughout the season.

As the win or go home road continues for the Gauchos of Saddleback, it’s as familiar as BC having just two players averaging more than 10 points per game, but they offer a ton more size, which will definitely things on both ends for the Renegades.

“They [Saddleback] are the No. 1 team in the state, they’re the No. 1 seed.

“I know our guys will be ready, if they’re not ready, I’ll be shocked.” Hughes said.

Above: Jameik Riviere celebrates BC’s first outright Western State Conference-South Division championship since 1999 by dunking his head in the net and flailing afterward.

Left: Lawrence Moore attacks the basket for the Renegades against the Raiders. He finished with 18 points on 7-for-11 shooting. Below left: WSC Coach of the Year Rich Hughes is looking to punch a ticket into the Elite Eight and an upset win over Saddleback College on Wednesday, March 2.
A year in review: Women's basketball

By Mohamed Batadal

Contact Editor

Just one year following a Western State Conference-South Division championship and a trip to the postseason, the 2015-16 Bakersfield College women's basketball team was part of a 23-5 ballclub last season. "This was nice to see how they respond to that. And it was nice to go to this meet just to see how the women's 500-meter breaststroke went," said Moon.

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By Kyle Cortez

Reporter

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With a few quite town teams swimming from the Mt. SAC meet, "we still a good head-up on what to come for BC swimming. Moon explained," said Moon.

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Tennis teams fall into recent slump

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Both men’s and women’s Bakersfield College tennis teams lost two matches and won one this week.

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The women’s team (6-4) lost Golden West 2-1. Freshman pitcher Hudson Hartley got the win. Her only run was from a bases-loaded walk to the batter in the top of the ninth inning.

The BC women went on to lose against Santa Barbara City College on Feb. 25. The BC women lost 6-1, and Andrew Berdon (6-0, 6-0),颜志《6-0, 5-7, 6-3), Cisneros (6-1, 6-0, 6-0), and Kaylee DeFrees won their doubles matches.

Brian Yanez wins his match against Santa Barbara City College on Feb. 25. He went on to win the match.

Brittney Aguilar serves the ball in her match against Santa Barbara City College. Aguilar went on to lose the match.

Austin Lee hits the ball in his match against L.A. Pierce. Lee went on to win the match.

Key injuries hampering BC softball team in series at Golden West

By Felicity Tominaga

Bakersfield College’s softball team competed in their annual softball tournament, which the team tied against Southern Va. on Feb. 20, and then beat Moorpark 4-0 on Feb. 23.

The Renegades faced Allan Hancock on Feb. 21. BC won 5-3, and then lost 11-3, even with 1-4. BC scored with two outs.

The BC women’s team played Golden West on Feb. 25. BC lost 2-1, the day leaving BC without a single win. BC had multiple hits. Royce went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Freshman pitcher Austin Berdon pitched a complete game. She gave up seven hits on three runs, while striking out five.

Royce won a single set but was the only BC player to do so.

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Grand Canyon University Arena is home to the GCU NCAA Division-I basketball team. Concerts are also taken place here.

GCU provided an amazing trip for students

By Misty Severi
Registrar

Stepping off the bus at Grand Canyon University can be shocking. The campus had so much bright green showing that it took me by complete surprise. Compared to the incorrect assumptions that Arizona is a desert state, the bright green of the campus really stands out.

Images being green state with approximately 50 other students all from the West Coast, only one of you really knew. It can be overwhelming and it certainly took me a few minutes to get used to it. But from the minute we stepped off that bus, the atmosphere became relaxing and the other students and faculty actually welcomed us.

We checked in and received our welcome packet, which included a schedule of the day’s events and a free meal at one of their restaurants before getting lost on our way to the next workshop.

There were three more workshops back-to-back, one about campus employment and internships, one on financial aid and scholarships, and the third was a student panel where Kylie was joined by three other students, two of whom were also transfer students.

Kylie and another of the students on the panel said that when they visited the campus when they were perspective students, they immediately felt right at home.

The atmosphere is so welcoming, and it’s a Christian-based school so immediately felt like I belonged here,” Kylie said in the second session from the audience.

After the panel, we were free to do what we wanted until we had to meet our counselor in order to head home.

Sara and I explored the campus a bit more, meeting a 17-year-old girl named Kaylie who is considering attending GCU in the fall.

When asked what makes GCU stand out to her, Kaylie said, “The campus is really pretty and really modern, and it’s a Christian college, so it’s a lot smaller and more personal.”

The Bakerfield and Tulip group then went to the Thunderground, where we had an hour before heading up to Phoenix for our home game.

We had lunch at 9:00 PM, exhausted, but I personally felt it was an amazing day filled with adventure and full of useful information about GCU and the decision of where to go after BC, if all the more difficult. I think one of the hardest times, Christian, said it best. “Honestly think this is the most fun I’ve ever been on. Not saying that I’ve been on bad trips, but I honestly had a really great time on the campus.”

You’re interested in going on one of these trips, contact Julian West at julian.west@gcu.edu.

Above right: A section of the GCU campus where students can sit down and relax. Below above right: Students play a large version of Jenga in the Thunderground, a recreational room that has a bowling alley and other activities, at GCU.

Left: Students walk toward a building under construction as they tour the GCU campus. Below: A sports mural on a wall at the GCU Thunderground showing the GCU mascot dressed in uniform. The mascot is known as Thunder.
With the arrival of Spring, an annual occurrence happens in the hills and landscapes of Kern County. The blooming of wildflowers is an event to which nature enthusiasts and photographers alike flock during the spring months. Capturing beautiful images of these flowers is not hard, and exploring the hills and countryside of Kern County in search of these majestic flowers make for a great weekend outing.

Whether you are using your phone or own a DSLR camera, experiment with different angles and shoot during the fading light to achieve unique results. The Rip encourages those with an interest to take a photography class and learn how to break away from using the auto settings on their cameras.