By Lizette Chavez and Megan Fenwick

Editor-in-Chief and Social Media Editor

The Bakersfield College Library hosted a Miracle Mutts event to help students de-stress before finals on Nov. 27.

Berrrys more than 80 students, called the “Miracle Mutts” by the BC students, came to BC’s campus to help students de-stress. The event was sponsored by Marley’s Mutts and courtesy of Bakersfield College.

BC students Andrew Combs, 24, and Julian Moreno, 21, were entering the library in order to study for finals when they saw the amazing canines and decided they had to stop.

Combs and Moreno both said they had adopted dogs and Moreno also shared he had taken in a stray cat, so stopping to pet dogs was something they did.

When asked if these types of stress relieving events helped Combs said, “I mean, it makes me happy.”

Tori Beck, who has worked with Marley’s Mutts for about two years, was working the event and shared why they participate.

“We come to try to do something before finals [week] and break away some of the stress,” said Beck as she held on to Turtle, a brown Labrador, who seemed eager to greet the new students coming in.

Another treat lover was Sully, a blonde terrier, who was saved from her situation and reunited with her sister Sadie, a grey terrier mix, who performed some tricks for means for BC students.

Another was love was Sally, a black Bichon Frise, who would walk to school when dogs were given commands in order to receive some treats.

Sally, who is blind, would respond to urges from students and appreciate the praise.

The Miracle Mutts event has been held in past semesters to help students relax for finals. This Miracle Mutts event was held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

By Alexandra Apatiga

The Renegade Rip

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BC students Andrew Combs pets one of the “Miracle Mutts”, Turtle.

The Psychiatrist asked if he was willing to commit to a treatment center for eating disorders. “Yes,” I said. She looked at me suspiciously. “There are openings at a hospital in Los Angeles,” she said. “Go home and pack your things, you can come tomorrow.” My mother wept. My father, only eight years old, held on to the hem of my jacket and burst into tears in my face. My mother drove us home, silent. I could not attend classes the next day, since I first began teaching him,” said Holloway.

I carefully selected each item I would take with me. I could not bring sharing the logisties of relocating to another town carousels, mirrors, anything made of glass, anything that could break. I carefully selected each item I would take with me: a picture of my mother, a necklace. I was willing to enter a treatment center for eating disorders.

My mother had sought help for me from every institution she could find, soliciting teachers, doctors, and therapists for resources. Apart from personal therapy, there were no treatments available.

The only way I could return to the hospital was to be admitted to a facility. The psychiatrist allowed me to stay and start treatment on an acute inpatient basis.

It was uncannily silent. I had to learn to say each word in a low voice to speak to my family. I had to learn that I was and was not allowed, what I could and could not be.

My mother wept. My brother, as 16-years-old, living in a hospital a day of practice, you’ll know, if you miss two days, your teacher will know, but if you miss three days, everyone will know.” Among those in the audience at the Merritt Holloway Senior Recital was Torie Beck, who has worked in the BC library, said Holloway. “It’s very exciting to watch.”

The Music and Theater Department at California State University Bakersfield (CSUB) held its second annual recital, Last Week’s News, on Nov. 27.

Merritt Holloway, CSUB alumnus, pianist, Merritt Holloway, sits at the piano as he realizes himself to begin another musical piece at the Senior Recital of Merrit Holloway event held in the music building located in California State University Bakersfield on Nov. 27.

Bakersfield College students like vocalist Jannie Puelas smiles and claps as she watches Sadie, a grey terrier, perform a trick at the Miracle Mutts event held in the Bakersfield College Library lobby on Nov. 27.

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Jack Hernandez, director of the Levan Center for the Humanities, is passing on the torch

By Megan Finwick
The Record June 18, 2017

Jack Hernandez is retiring from the position of director of the Norman Levan Center for the Humanities, which has held since 1998 and will serve as the center’s head teacher until the end of the school year.

“I’ve been an educator for 40 years and had the opportunity to work with some of the brightest minds in the world,” Hernandez said. “I am proud of what we have accomplished together and look forward to seeing what the future holds for the Levan Center.”

Hernandez is a native of California and earned his Ph.D. in English from the University of California, Berkeley. He began his career at the University of California, Berkeley, where he served as chair of the English Department from 1984 to 1994. In 1994, he moved to the University of Washington, where he served as chair of the English Department from 1994 to 2000. He returned to the University of California, Berkeley, as a professor in 2000 and served as the director of the Levan Center for the Humanities until 2017.

Hernandez is a member of the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is also a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

Hernandez has been awarded numerous honors and prizes for his work, including the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and the National Medal of Science. He has also been elected to the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Hernandez is married to the former Jane Strong, and they have three children: Elizabeth, Jane, and John. He is also the brother of the late Robert Hernandez, who was also a professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

Hernandez has been a active member of the community and has served on numerous boards and committees. He has also been a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California, the Board of Trustees of the University of California, and the Board of Governors of the University of California.

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The vast majority of pottery has functionality and form. Good pottery is worth the time and effort to learn how to make it. If you're interested in trying out pottery, there are several options available. You can visit a pottery studio, take a class, or try your hand at making pottery at home. These studios often offer introductory classes that will give you a taste of what pottery is all about.

In addition to traditional pottery, there are also many modern art forms that utilize clay as a medium. These include sculpture, ceramics, and ceramic artwork. Each of these art forms has its own unique characteristics and techniques.

When choosing a pottery studio, it's important to consider the location and type of studio you want to visit. Some studios offer classes in a variety of techniques, while others specialize in某一 specific style. It's a good idea to visit several studios before making your decision. You can also ask for recommendations from friends or family members who have taken pottery classes in the past.

Once you've found a studio that you like, it's time to start learning the basics. Most studios offer introductory classes that will teach you the fundamentals of pottery. These classes will typically cover topics such as clay preparation, shaping, and glazing.

As you continue to learn and practice, you'll develop your own style and techniques. Don't be afraid to experiment and try new things. The most important thing is to have fun and enjoy the process.

In conclusion, pottery is a wonderful art form that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist, there's something for everyone in the world of pottery. So grab some clay and get started today!
The Renegade Pantry holds third turkey draw

By Christina Benavides Reporter

The Renegade Pantry gave Bakersfield College students an opportunity to win a turkey through a drawing conducted by the Office of Student Life on Nov. 16. This is the third turkey drawing conducted by the pantry coordinators. They also mentioned that 93 turkeys were given away to students who met the requirements. To have received a turkey you must have been enrolled in 0-9 units, and filled out a drawing form online through the pantry’s BC website. BC students had Nov. 13-16 to enter the drawing. On Nov. 16, the drawing closed at 7:30 a.m. and students were called that morning. They had until 7 p.m. to retrieve their turkeys with their BC ID card otherwise their turkey would be passed on to another student.

That was not the only opportunity for assistance with their holiday meals. The pantry distributed boxes of side dishes on Nov. 21. Due to the donations given by the community, the pantry was able to assist students for the holidays. Donations of clothes, food, and hygiene products are appreciated. It is brought to the Office of Student Life located at Campus Center 4.

The Renegade Struggles: Melissa Puryear

We all have a struggle, and every person has a different story. Each issue of The Rip will feature a student overcoming certain struggles to gain an education and better their life.

By Melissa Puryear Reporter

I decided to return to Bakersfield College to finish my journalism degree in the summer of 2015. I had only a year to use my GI benefits from having served in the Army, before they expired, and at the insistence of a former college advisor, I returned to college to finish what I had started years ago. I was confident about my future, I wanted to wait until graduation to experience a turkey and see if I would be lost in all of this. I went through six months of treatment after surgery as soon as they could schedule it.

The surgery was scheduled one week prior to the beginning of the fall semester. A few days after major surgery I was walking into my public speaking class and felt that everyone was looking to me. But I knew what I had to do. I had to plan for surgery, recovery and in the midst of all of that. I had to plan to also succeed, in order to remain on track for graduation. It was a tough summer and a tough winter that I would face.

I began to look at all of the hard work I had done as a student at BC since the previous fall. I was angry that I had put all of those lessons and models in it, I was angry for the countless millions of people who get the same diagnosis as me. I blamed God because I could. I blamed myself. Maybe it was because I didn’t eat well enough. I drank too much coffee and soda. That’s a challenge to face something devastating without blaming yourself for the reason it happened. Somewhere in the midst of all of this, I want to find out what I would find out in my road to recovery.

The doctors wanted to schedule an operation. They were talking about mastectomy. I wanted to wait until graduation, which would be in the fall of 2018, but they said that my cancer was too aggressive to ignore. If I waited until even the following summer, all likelihood I would be a cancer statistic, not a cancer survivor.

It was pretty devastating to hear the word cancer. I felt betrayed by my body. What do you do when you have been diagnosed? You think of all of the worst pictures in your mind. I thought about dying. Maybe because the doctors didn’t detail the exact stage I was in, but that I needed to go to surgery as soon as they could schedule it.

It was in June 2016. I was sitting in my Argumentation and Rhetoric Class on campus when I received the call. So I stepped out of the classroom. My doctor said, “The tests came back positive for breast cancer. We need to schedule an operation as soon as we can.”

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BS students gather in the Fireside Room to remember those who lost their lives.

By Christina Benavides

Bakersfield College students prepared for Transgender Day of Remembrance Nov. 20. The SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Acceptance) club hosted the event from 12:15 p.m. to remember those who have been murdered and those who have lost their lives to anti-trans violence.

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Restaurant Review

Sushiria has good service and atmosphere, despite bland food.

By Jenny Brito

Located on Coffee Road, Bocado’s Sushi Bar is one of the most popular places to eat. The sushi bar is fully decorated with Japanese paintings, yet there are small things that remind you of Hipster culture. For example, they play a lot of music in Japanese. Listening to Nicki Minaj in a Japanese restaurant was a unique experience.

I ordered El Chapo, and they gave me the Baked Salmon Roll. I was surprised. Contrary to what reviewers on Yelp said, the service was not slow, and staff were very friendly, which made me regret not ordering the food.

You see, all the dishes looked marvelous. I must congratulate the chefs on the presentation of their food. The plates were colorful and inviting, and the food was abundant. At $16 per plate, you give me more than enough.

El Chapo was very tasty. In fact, it was so big that I had to order just one. I am used to small rolls like those served in most restaurants, but this was not it. Despite the generous portion, El Chapo was nothing special. It had spiced crab meat, avocado, and cream cheese. What made it different was the red onions, jalapeno, and sriracha. However, it felt slightly bland. It was not spicy, and the cream cheese was a bit too much. I was not sure if I gave it my two thumbs up, or I hated my friend’s food as well. By the look on their faces, however, they were not loving it. The Baked Salmon Roll was not bad, but it was not great either. It was difficult to go anywhere else, which was disappointing for a place that claims to offer unique flavors.

My last hope was the Beef Teriyaki, which looked amazing. It was not my favorite dish. I did not enjoy the flavor of the beef, and the vegetables were too saucy.

By Christina Bonaduci

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When I said she felt like a friend reading to me, I truly meant it. There were some poems that were hopeful and empowering. There were some that you could relate to, and the others you could use to build your stories. I’m sure that you phrased your life in Leav’s words.

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By Alexandra Apatiga Reporter

Bakersfield citizens came out to participate in the 19th Annual Teddy Bear Toy in the rink for the Kern County Firefighters and Law Enforcement hockey game where law enforcements and the Kern Heavy Rescue Station 7-3, all while collecting stuffed toys for various organizations and charities.

The crew of 8,692 people who attended the Condors’ brother’s game, the third annual Stuffed Teddy Bear Toy Hockey, also broke the record for the most stuffed toys thrown onto the ice during a Condors’ game. Around 15,000 stuffed toys were collected during the Teddy Bear Toy Hockey, with fans throwing their stuffed toys over the rink wall and onto the ice following the Condors’ first goal made early in the second period by Condors’ player Blake Bolden.

The tradition of the Teddy Bear Toy Hockey, the Bakersfield Condors date back to 1999, with the first Teddy Bear Toy Hockey gathering 2,553 stuffed toys, which has only grown every year. As of this last game, the Annual Teddy Bear Toy Hockey has collected 127,395 stuffed toys in the last 19 years. Vice President of Communications for the Bakersfield Con- dors, Kevin Bartl, explained that the mini-language hockey team has been involved in the Teddy Bear Toy Hockey since its formation al- most 20 years ago. “We began the Teddy Bear Toy Hockey at the beginning of teams’ second season and ever since it’s become one of the most an- ticipated games for the players and the community,” said Bartl. According to Bartl, the toys that are collected following the first Condors’ goal are given over to the United Way of Kern County, which then distributes the stuffed toys to various local or- ganizations and non-profits. On average, explained Bartl, around 40-50 different agencies reach out to Ferndale Ways to receive stuffed toys.

“At the end of the night when we gather all the bears and finish counting them, we try our best to arrange them. We do this because we want the community to know that we’re giving back to the community,” said Bartl.

Bakersfield citizens throw stuffed toys in the rink for 19th Annual Teddy Bear Toy Hockey

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By Jenny Brito Reporter

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Women’s volleyball team suffers loss to El Camino College at Regional Playoffs

By Megan Fenwick
Social Media Editor

The Bakersfield College women’s volleyball team lost 3-0 to El Camino College on Nov. 21 during the first-round sweep of the South Regional Playoffs, putting them out of the running of the California Community College Athletics Association State Championship.

In the first set of the game, the Renegades lost to the warriors 25-20, although the BC team stayed close throughout the set. During the second set of the game, the Bakersfield volleyball team lost to El Camino with its largest gap, at 25-14. The teams remained neck-and-neck during most of the third and final set, but Bakersfield College still lost 25-21.

Brooke Horack, a sophomore middle blocker, led the BC team in number of kills, of which she scored 10, while Jourdon Muro, a sophomore outside hitter, got 21 total attacks.

The Bakersfield College women’s volleyball team has done well overall during the fall semester, winning 19 out of 25 of their games since August.
My metamorphosis from dark brown to purple hair in a six-hour session

By Karla Gutierrez
Reporter

When I was in 7th grade, I always wanted to dye my hair. At the time, I wanted to dye it red, but my mom was very strict on my hair dyeing because she wanted me to keep my hair virgin. She would scare me by telling me all those horrible things like my hair would fall out or it won’t grow or it’s going to damage my hair. Even though she said that, I never left my mind since then because I wanted to experiment with colorful hair. My mom would tell me to get highlights in my hair, but in my opinion, mostly everyone gets highlights the same color and I was more into the blue, purple, green, pink, etc. type of colors.

After much research, I decided to dye my hair purple with blue and pink. I got inspired by Youtube star Gabbie Hanna, also known as the “Gabbie Show,” in getting an idea of choosing the colors. I knew I wanted some type of a blue in my hair, but I knew when I looked at the sample photo that I sent my stylist, I knew I was going to like the purple and magenta on it.

My brother was the only one that knew I was going to dye it. The day before, I was very nervous because I didn’t know if it was going to turn out good or not. I’ve never tried to dye my hair at all before. My parents, especially my grandparents, who almost gave me the transition and support of the big transition from going from dark brown hair to multi-colored hair and wondered how people would react to it. I have never seen my hair in a different color before, so I knew this was going to be crazy. Though, I knew I’ve been wanting to do it for a very long time.

I went to Vanity Beauty Bar in downtown Bakersfield, which was recommended by the per- son who cut my hair last year. My stylist, Mona Medrano, had been texting me since I had mentioned to her that I wanted to dye my hair, and told her I also wanted to cut it out. My stylist gave me so many headaches just as I had it in. That process alone took Mona 40 minutes. Von checked on how much hair she took out because that hair alone could be enough for someone else. Medrano actually mentioned, later, to her co-worker that it filled up their trash can.

The next process was bleaching my hair. Which I had originally thought was the process, but, I was saying my dessert wishess to my gorgeous Virgin hair, and Mona Medrano was cutting it off. This procedure was probably the longest to wait for because she had to add the bleach and then put foil on all of my hair. The foil was to heat the hair and make the bleach process go faster. Sadly, some of the bleach got on my favorite long sleeve shirt, but that was par- tially my fault for trying to find an idea and she just did the rest. I just showed her a picture to get an idea and she just did the rest. She rinsed the excess bleach and experimenting with my hair dyeing or piercings because the stylist did a great job overall. This was a six-hour process, but it felt like four hours. I went into the process of dying my hair correctly and actually came out loving my hair and wanting to show it off to the world.

My mom and brother were at Come when I got back to the house. I got my phone and recorded my mom’s reaction. She was shocked, but also loved it, too. She said that the stylist did a great job in dying it. My mom told me that her fear was having someone dye my hair incorrectly and damaging it. If anyone reading this hasn’t died their hair, I definitely recom- mend trying it because it’s always a good thing to change things up. It is always important to find an adventure in life. I’m so glad I did this. I’m planning on dying it and experimenting with my hair more in the future.