**Temple Grandin visits Bakersfield College**

By Rosa Salazar  
Copy Editor

All seats were filled in the Norman Levan Center at Bakersfield College on Feb. 12 to see guest speaker, Temple Grandin.

Grandin is an animal science professor at Colorado State University, an autism spokesperson and an advocate for animal welfare in slaughterhouses.

Grandin is also a published author on several books and articles about autism and animal welfare.

Kirk Fuller, Library Department Chair, introduced Grandin and talked about the sponsors of the event which are the Bakersfield College Agriculture Department, BC students, Libby’s Crevo Author Series and the Office of Student Life Distinguished Speaker Series.

Grandin’s first speech of the day was titled, “Autism and my path through life.” In her speech, she went over the types of thinkers, “people who think in pictures,” “people who think in mathemarics,” and “people who think in words.”

As a visual thinker herself, Grandin said she is able to see risks in many situations.

Grandin also emphasized the importance of these types of thinkers and that it is vital that these types of minds are able to work together,” she said.

Grandin hoped the audience was able to take an important lesson away from the speech. “People think differently and when you understand how some of the different minds think, they can work together.”

After the speech, listeners were encouraged to ask Grandin questions in a Q&A session. One member asked what advice would you give to young teachers working with students with autism.

“Don’t get too hung up on the labels. I’m seeing a lack of teaching life skills,” Grandin said.

People also had the opportunity to get their book signed and take pictures with Grandin.

Alana Lewis shared that she came to the event to accompany her son. “I have a son who’s autistic and he practically worshiped the ground that Dr. Grandin walks on. Everything I do, I do for my son because I just want him to be in this world even if I’m gone,” Lewis said.

Lewis hopes more people accept those on the spectrum. “People who aren’t autistic they need to be a little bit more accepting and learning that they have a lot to offer...they have a place in this world too and they have their own gifts...in my eyes every student who’s autistic they have a gift every single one of them,” Lewis said.

Johanna Rhodes, an attendee, shared her thoughts on Grandin. “I’m a special education teacher so I think any chance to meet her is just such an inspiration to everybody,” Rhodes said.

Paul VanderWerf said Grandin and her speech were amazing. “I worked with autistic children back in the 80s and I watched her movie on HBO; I was amazed. Now I’m disabled veteran into agriculture so it was just amazing that’s all I can say. You see a whole lot of people by the way that she’s able to clarify and talk clearly. It was breathtaking,” VanderWerf said.

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The BC Early College Program provides new freshmen the credentials to succeed

By Katalina Quintanilla  
Editor-in-Chief

Former Senator Jean Fuller and Bakersfield College partnered up with McFarland High School with the Early College Program to ensure incoming freshmen with not only a high school diploma but also an AA or Work Skills certificate. On Feb. 13, BC invited the McFarland community to join them with the debut of the Early College Program at McFarland High School (MHS). Representatives from Kern County and California made an appearance to show support for the initiative. McFarland Unified School District (MUSD) President Jim Beltran and his fellow trustees took some time to thank Senator Fuller and BC for their encouragement to push early college on their students.

“As you feel the magic in this room today?” Fuller asked.

With eager cars and eyes, Fuller was ecstatic to present the community of McFarland the program that has the potential to change their kid’s future. A program that is cost efficient providing four years of tuition-free and textbooks are provided for free as well.

“Your student is going to have an advantage those other small communities and almost any city in the nation is not, but because they are amongst the first, they are the pioneers,” Fuller said.

When Fuller was introduced to this program, she was surprised by how no other schools had such a program like BC’s. She related with families in McFarland because she was a native to Kern County and did not have much growing up.

She worked hard for her own money and her sister as a community a resource on how they can save money and learning that they have a lot to offer...they have a place in this world too and they have their own gifts...in my eyes every student who’s autistic they have a gift every single one of them,” Lewis said.

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CSUB provides onsite admissions for BC students who plan on transferring

By Amy Sarmiento

California State University Bakersfield offered students who applied for the Fall 2019 semester the chance to be admitted on the spot at Bakersfield College on Feb. 12.

“ We had over 170 students in attendance with over 90% of them being admitted to the campus for the Fall 2019.”

- Natasha Harris

CSUB Transfer Student Success Coordinator

This event allowed students to find out whether or not they would be accepted to the university if they brought all of the necessary documents. Students were only asked to bring their official or unofficial transcripts from the college they attended and if applicable any additional test results from AP or CLEP. The representatives from CSUB Admissions and Evaluations and Transfer were available to meet with students. They reviewed the documents and let students know their status within 5 to 20 minutes. The benefit of this was that students were able to find out if they were accepted ahead of time rather than by the usual process, there were a few students who were denied admission due to incompleteness of the general requirements known as Golden Four core courses by Spring 2019. "CSUB has two Transfer Specialists at the BC campus that can follow up with those students who were not quite ready to transfer to make sure they are on track to completing their general education and major prep," Harris stated.

After being admitted, students were given a checklist which consisted of the remaining items to submit in order to complete the admissions to the campus for the fall. There was also a photo booth for newly admitted students to use and announce on social media they have been accepted. "The photo booth provided an opportunity for us to recognize our transfer students and for them to celebrate their acceptance into CSUB." It gave transfer students an opportunity to share the news that they had been accepted into the university with their family, friends and social media. Various students' photos were posted on the CSUB Transfer Center social media account showcasing our students" Harris said.

Drunk driving issue in Bakersfield

By Hope ShyAnne

Last year there were 314 DUI arrests in Bakersfield, according to Sergeant Nathan McCauley, the public information officer for the Bakersfield Police Department.

All of these numbers were made by 18 to 25-year-olds in the city.

In the United States, in 2017, 30 people on average every day die in drunk-driving caused crashes. That is a death almost every 50 minutes.

College students dedicate their time to classes, homework, studying for tests and quizzes. Some may also work full or part-time.

The pressure from one bad grade, a test grade or an essay grade is enough for a college student to feel a need to turn to alcohol or drugs for some type of relief.

In town, college students do not feel as if there is anything more entrancing to do rather than drink.

“I think drinking is the only activity people living in Bakersfield have,” Nicholas King, a Bakersfield College student commented on things he’s noticed at school and off school.

These limited options make college students turn their attention to other remedies.

“Alcohol and drugs are the only things to do in town,” said Naoh Aguilera, a 19-year-old graduate returning from UTI college.

Students tend to make bad choices when using or drugs to relieve their stress. Driving is included with these “fun activities.”

Last year 22-year-olds held the award for the most DUI charges, according to McCauley.

According to the American Journal of Epidemiology, there is no connection between Uber services and drunk driving decreasing. Probation for up to five years, jail time, and a ticket up to $1000 are what college students can expect to receive along side a DUI, according to An American Addiction Centers Resource (ACC).

As alcohol levels rise in a person’s system, the negative effects on the central nervous system increase. This causes impaired vision and dizziness when you drive under the influence, states ACC. Once getting pulled over all you need is to blow into the breathalyzer and get a 0.08% to get a DUI.

The police are able to send the report to your college and then you can lose your scholarship and in some cases be kicked out of college.

It also affects future careers that college students are trying to obtain such as being a lawyer or a nurse, according to the Bakersfield Law Offices of Kyle K. Humphrey.

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Horvitz and Schoenbeck jam out with BC

The BC Jazz Ensemble rehearse before their performance.

By Hilario Ismael Gomez
Reporter

The BC Jazz Ensemble, which performed on Feb. 11 with renowned artists Wayne Horvitz and Sara Schoenbeck at the Edward Simonson Performing Arts Center at Bakersfield College, will undertake a complete renovation of what is to become the new nursery in the Dream Center.

Located at 520 Union Avenue in Bakersfield, the Dream Center’s mission is, “To connect broken people to a community of support by offering free resources and services that address immediate and long-term needs in the areas of poverty, addiction, and abuse, as well as kids and youth membership.”

According to the website for the Dream Center, they serve as a resource center focused on finding solutions to homelessness, hunger, and the lack of education through outreach programs. Each year about 30 individuals across the city of Bakersfield come together with one goal in mind, to create a better Bakersfield.

In order to reach this goal, the 30 participants are split into smaller groups and each group works as a team to find ways to create a better Bakersfield and serve the community.

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The facility will also be getting new signage which will direct visitors where to go.

With homelessness being a frequent topic on the nightly news for so many in the state of California, including Bakersfield, this nursery is needed for so many reasons.

Parents can now go out and look for a job and not have to worry about childcare.

Also, with the rising cost of childcare, parents are offered childcare services free of charge while they seek employment and get back on their feet.

The Chamber of Commerce makes renovations including new nursery

By Stacie Norris
Reporter

Spring cleaning does not have to be done in the springtime.

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US Army brings STEM truck to BC campus

The US Army STEM truck is parked next to the Math Science building as the recruiters await curious students to join in experiencing the future of robots in the Army on Feb. 19.

By Taylor Jensen

STANDS for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

“Our STEM truck is our national asset. The two drivers are both recruiters and drive nationwide, stopping on campuses, schools, and big public events to show off some of the aspects that the Army has,” US Army Sergeant Everett J. Enstine said.

“This truck is oriented towards the more robotic research and development...robots that can carry gear for troops that are in the field.”

Inside the truck is a dark space with lit up screens all around. The process one of the drivers had was to have students watch a video about their robot named SARAH which stands for “Search And Rescue Autonomous Hardware.” SARAH possesses drones and chemical suppressor spray to protect workers. SARAH was developed as a multi-use unmanned vehicle specifically outfitted for navigating environments to dangerous for army personnel and for performing complex tasks,” the narrator of the video explained.

Once the video concludes, the driver walked into the back of the truck where there were four monitors set up that had four different screens for each one.

The monitors are games where one can control the robot SARAH in different situations by tracing patterns on the screen and placing pieces where they need to go. Everyone received a score at the end to see how well they ranked for leading SARAH through harmful environments.

Outside, a booth was set up where students can learn information on the US Army in general and about the STEM truck, of course. “We are local recruiters here in Bakersfield and we’re here to answer any questions anyone has about what the Army is, what the Army can provide, and how the Army can help them get to their goals,” Enstine said.

Enstine encouraged students to visit the US Army website on Information for Jobs and to show up to the Math Science Building to learn about the robotic research and development of robots that can carry gear for troops that are in the field.”

The back of the STEM truck looks similar to an arcade for people to volunteer to help SARAH out of the dangerous situations in the game.

Renegade Events

Campus Events

Feb. 28: Distinguished Speaker: Clemantine Wamariya at the Levan Center, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.
Feb. 28: Distinguished Speaker: Clemantine Wamariya at the Levan Center & Livecast to Orlando, from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.
Feb. 28: Panoramic Invitational Art Showcase at Wylie and May Louise Jones Gallery (inside library), from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
Feb. 28: Kern County Career Expo at Rabobank Arena and Convention Center - 1001 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM.
Feb. 28: Distinguished Speaker: Clemantine Wamariya at the Levan Center, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.
Feb. 28: Uncommon Women and Others at Edward Simonsen Performing Arts Center (Indoor Theater), from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM.
March 01: Women in Leadership at the Levan Center, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
March 01: Uncommon Women and Others at Edward Simonsen Performing Arts Center (Indoor Theater), from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM.
March 02: Uncommon Women and Others - Matinee at Edward Simonsen Performing Arts Center (Indoor Theater), from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
March 02: Uncommon Women and Others at Edward Simonsen Performing Arts Center (Indoor Theater), from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM.
March 06: Beyond #BringBackOurGirls: Women and Conflict in North East Nigeria at Levan Center, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.
March 07: Those Outspoken: Stories from Taft Correctional Institution at the Levan Center, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
March 11: Served Like A Girl at Levan Center, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.
March 12: Industrial Automation Information Session at SE 46, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM.
March 12: Spring 2019 Orientation at Check-in at the Welcome Center, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
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March 13: Emergency Responder Seminar at Levan Center, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
March 13: Emergency Responder Seminar at Levan Center, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.
March 14: Pi Day at SE Courtyard, from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM.
March 14: A Piece of My Heart at Black Box Theater , from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM.
March 15: Automating Success: Your Toolkit to Create an Industrial Automation Guided Pathway at Edward Simonsen Performing Arts Center (Indoor Theater), from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
March 15: A Piece of My Heart at Black Box Theater (PAC 107), from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM.
March 19: Industrial Automation Information Session at SE 46, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM.
March 19: Industrial Automation Information Session at SE 46, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.
March 20: Emergency Responder Seminar at Levan Center, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
By Taylor Jensen
Editor-in-Chief

Female empowerment has come a long way since thousands of years ago, but it’s only just the beginning. A discussion on women’s history and women’s equality took place at the Levan Center at Bakersfield College on Feb. 13. A group of professors and a Kern Community College District trustee spoke on the topic of “Ancient Greece to Modern America: A 3000 Year Quest for Female Empowerment.”

Professor of English and Mythology Rae Ann Kumoski was first to elaborate on the topic. She presented a slide show which was composed of pictures of Artemis who is “one of the three great virgin goddesses of Ancient [Greek mythology] along with Athena and Hestia.” “Artemis represents the pure full moon, dark moon, and candle moon. This illustrates the ability of Artemis to confront, withstand, and incorporate the shadow we all carry because that’s what an archetype is of the dark and the light,” Kumoski explained.

Professor of Art David Koeth spoke about Linda Nochlin’s famous quote, “Why Have There Been No Great Artists?” and discussed The Guerrilla Girls. The Guerrilla Girls banned together to protest how there were no women presented in museums. “In the last five years, four out of five museum solo shows have been by men, so we’ve got a long way to go for women,” Koeth said.

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**Features**

**Farmer’s market provides healthful local produce to East Bakersfield**

By Logan King

Kern County is home to an abundance of food and culture. The best reflection of this abundance is in the local farmers market. Bakersfield is home to multiple farmer’s markets spread disproportionately across the city. These farmers markets have been limited to the west side of town. However, those days are over. The east side finally has its own!

Located in the Kaiser Permanente parking lot at 5790 Mall View, the market is scheduled for every Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm.

Many of the vendors are local favorites like The Hen’s Roost, Martin’s Meats, Pickalittle Farms, Poke Express, and Grizzly Cycles. The east side market is smaller than its west side counterparts but that did not affect the spirits of patrons. Many of whom were east side residents.

The market provides something the east side has been missing. A communal outlet for people desirous of healthy food options. The fresh organic produce was in abundance. Available were leafy greens, fresh fruits, strawberries, and juices. Hen’s Roost provided their line of organic nut butter and prepared salads. Another crown pleaser came in the form of coffee. The coffee vendor, Rig City Roasters, provided the caffeine to start the early morning market goers. The favorite was their drip coffee provided by a pour-over brewing system.

After coffee, there were many great food options with an unusual angle. Martin’s Meats was smoking everything from chicken to brisket. We Be Grubbin’ provided the plant-based spin on Mac and Cheese, Brisket, and Collard Greens.

Another great vendor was Grizzly Cycles who encourages people to ride their bicycles to the market. They provide free and safe parking for your bicycle. If needed, they also give free safety checks on bikes left with them.

The Eastside farmer’s market was bustling with activity and excitement. The Bakersfield farmers market scene has neglected the east side for far too long.

In support of the Boys and Girls Club of Kern County (BGCK), community members came together for an evening of fundraisers, stories, and dinner with boxing icon, Sugar Ray Leonard, and acclaimed Sportscaster, Greg Gumbel on Feb. 19.

Upon arrival at the Armstrong center on 19th and Grizzly, the special evening of Kern County to raise money for the club on Feb. 19.

According to the BGCKC resource development director, Maggie Cushine, the donations go into providing many of the children with club member scholarships, the Armstrong center is proudly entirely of scholarship children.

This speaker event is one of two large fundraisers the BGCKC held every year. In previous years their guests have included the likes of Condoleezza Rice and Laura Bush. “It’s nice to have a club alum come back and talk to the kids... we’re grateful that he and Greg were able to come and spend some time with the kids, let the kids see what they can aspire to,” Cushine said.

“This allows us to raise unrestricted dollars for the club, that means more kids can enter the club on scholarships, they can have more activities, more supplies that kind of stuff,” she continued.

Gumbel and Leonard started the night off with a couple of jokes and expressed their gratitude toward everyone who donated. They told stories from their past and finally, answered questions from the audience. Leonard’s outlook on the potential of young people stems from his own life story: he grew up shy, found a place he felt comfortable in the Boys Club, as it was called back then, and began his boxing career to help his ailing father. His message to the kids is one of hope and optimism.

“Anything is possible. I always tell people, mostly kids, to dream the dreams, because your dreams are the window to your future, your goals are the vehicle that takes you there. Take away those dreams you’re stuck in a room without windows. You take away those goals, you don’t have a map to get to your dreams. I tell the kids that your dreams are the GPS toward your success, and to go for it. Don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t achieve what your dream is. Go for it,” Leonard said.

The night finished off with a few extra donations in the form of auctions. Leonard donated 10 pairs of autographed boxing gloves that were sold to the highest bidder.

The Boys and Girls Club will hold another fundraiser some time in the Fall of this year.

**Sugar Ray Leonard visits Bakersfield to raise money for Boys & Girls Club**

By Laura Lanfray

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Green wave mustard and collard greens are among the many vegetable available at the Eastside farmers market.
Women’s basketball loses to West LA

Haley Duval  
Photo Editor

The Bakersfield College Women’s Basketball team hosted their final home Western State Conference game against West LA College at Gil Bishop Sports Center on Feb. 16, with a loss of 53-45.

Due to the last home game of the regular season, five sophomores were honored and recognized for their last home game appearance; #3 Jasmyn Rodriguez, #14 Tyana Jasper, #21 Victoria Trevino, #24 Brianna Mendez, and #30 Aubrey Stone.

West LA opened the game with a 10-0 lead, but BC came through by the half, 22-18. The Renegades opened the third quarter by one-point lead, 26-25, but West LA took the home victory from the Renegades.

Mendez led the team by scoring 11 points, Rodriguez scored 10 points, and Dasia Wandick scored nine.

After this loss, BC drops to an 8-16 overall and 1-4 in conference play.

Bakersfield College baseball suffers defeat of 5-4 against Golden West

Haley Duval  
Photo Editor

The Bakersfield College Baseball team wrapped up their three-game home series against Golden West at Gerry Collins Field on Feb. 16, with a loss in the extra innings, 4-3, allowing Golden West to take the sweep of the series.

Nathan Ortiz started and pitched for BC through sixth innings with four strikeouts allowing only one run.

The Renegades had the lead up until the top of the ninth inning. Golden West tied the game on a wild pitch allowing the game to continue in the extra innings.

BC had a total of seven hits, while Golden West had a total of nine in game three.

In game one of the three-game homestand on Feb. 14, BC had the lead up until the seventh inning and came away with a 5-4 loss, with a total of five hits from BC.

Although one from an RBI bases-loaded double into deep left field from Trey Harmon in the bottom of the fourth, Golden West scored two runs to take the lead back in the top of the seventh.

Game two also came away with a loss of 5-3. The game started on Feb. 15, with Golden West in a four-run lead but due to weather, the game continued the following morning.

Pitcher Lane Cowan got the start and the loss of game two.

After this series, the Renegades drops to 7-7 overall and continued their losing streak to four.
Annual sports hall of fame celebrated at the Marriott

By Rosa Salazar

The Annual Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Banquet took place at the Bakersfield Marriott on Feb. 19.


One of the four inductees was John Stenderup. Stenderup, born in Kern County mountain climbing, Stenderup summited Mount Everest on May 21, 2017, and two days later summited the fourth highest mountain in the world. Stenderup has summited Denali located in Alaska, Peru’s Alpamayo, Mount Rainier, and several other mountains. In 2018, Stenderup summited K2 whose elevation is 28,251 feet.

In an article from the Bakersfield News website, Stenderup spoke about his hometown. “As I reflect over my climbs, we have a lot of free time on the mountains. I realize that so much of my success is because of my background in agriculture and this community that I have here...So much of our rich history is grit and perseverance. My family, they’ve been in agriculture culture about 95 years now in the Arvin area. It just means a lot to me,” Stenderup said.

Donald Valpredo, horse rider, was another inductee at the event. Valpredo has been on the board of every major horse racing and breeding organization. One of the boards Valpredo has served on was the California Thoroughbred Breeders association Board from 1972-90. Furthermore, Valpredo was President of the board from 1986-90.

Besides being a multiple stakes winner, Valpredo laid the foundation to highlight California bred horses in the California Cup. The establishment is known as the Donald Valpredo California Cup Sprint, and it will be its 29th year this year.

Jake Varner, a wrestler, was another inductee. Varner attended Bakersfield High School and graduated in 2005. In high school, Varner’s wrestling career took off with 159 victories including 132 wins by pin. In Varner’s junior year, he won the Junior National Championship in Nebraska.

By the time Varner was a senior, he remained undefeated with a score of 80-0 and at the time, a four-time medalist. Also, Varner made the Junior World team when he defeated the NCAAs 3rd place medalist. Varner pinned all of his opponents in League, Yosemite sectional, and all six opponents at the California State Championships, making him the first in history to do so. Varner continued wrestling at Iowa State University where he was awarded the prestigious ISU Male Athlete of the Year twice among other winnings.

In 2011 Varner won the Bronze medal at the World Championships and the Gold medal at the Pan-American Games. In 2013, Varner won the World Championship and the Gold medal in London.

Dennis Watkins, a rodeo contestant, was another inductee. Watkins began roping when he was eight years old and has been a professional rodeo contestant for 45 years.

In 1974-92, Watkins competed at the National Finals Rodeo 19 consecutive times. In 1981 Watkins was a Nationals Finals champion and in 1984, he teamed up with Dave Motes and won the 1990 Dodge National Finals Team Roping championship. Then in 1974 and 1990, Watkins won at the Reno Rodeo with Motes, and in 1978 and 1979 he won with his partner Julio Moreno.

The late 90’s and early 2000’s of the NCAA football there were perhaps the best years in the history of the business but in many people’s eyes, the Ruthless Aggression Era, which started in 2002, was historic as well.

The Ruthless Aggression Era began when the Attitude Era ended in late 2002.

It was no longer about Steve Austin performing stummers on every person he confronted and then pouring multiple cans of beer on them as they lay on the mat “stunned.” It was no longer about the sexual tactics that The Godfather and his “hoo” and Tint Stratus portrayed on live television. It was also no longer about who The Rock was going to roast with his quick-witted words that would get the crowd worked up in a frenzy.

This era introduced new stars such as John Cena, Batista, and Brock Lesnar. They all came up from Ohio Valley Wrestling and quickly made an impact in the world of WWE.

Lesnar was a physical specimen and the fiercest athlete that any wrestling fans have ever laid eyes on. He started out by throwing the Hardy Boyz around in the ring which caught everyone’s attention that this man was serious. It took such long unti he was on top of the Smackdown brand. He won the 2003 Royal Rumble and headlined WrestleMania 19 the very same year with Kurt Angle to become the WWE Champion. He became one of the biggest superstars when his career took off. It was historic as well.

The faults of the XFL doomed professionalism and the gridiron. In late 2002, John Cena as he became one of the biggest superstars in the business. Batista was a scary and silent man when he came alongside Reverend D-Von Smackdown in 2002. He instantly earned the name “The Animal” because of his brutality and his muscular strength.

Batista and Lesnar both had impressive physiques and still do today which is why a lot of fans today still want them to have a match.

Batista became part of the faction “Evolution” in 2003 and that’s when his career took off. The era started with Triple H, Ric Flair, and Raindy Orton and Batista eventually turned on his back on them so he could chase Triple H’s world title.

Triple H vs. Batista became one of the greatest rivalries in the Ruthless Aggression era. They both had incredible chemistry. Each match they had, for example, at WrestleMania 21 and the Hell in a Cell match at Vengeance, were both bloody wars that left the fans in awe of the intense hatred they had for each other.

This era was different compared to the Attitude Era because it was more focused on the wrestling aspect of the business and not so much on the things that were mentioned at the beginning. It was still an incredible time to be a fan of the superb entertainment because we witnessed the rise and fall of factions and superstars between the unforgettable years 2002 and 2007.
Grande's “Thank U, Next” a big hit

By Rosa Salazar

Ariana Grande gives off bad bitch vibes in her newest album titled, “Thank U, Next,” which dropped Feb. 8, just five months after “Sweetener.” The album gives listeners a glimpse into Grande’s personal life and sprinkles the importance of self-care.

The 41-minute concoction has the iconic single “Thank U, Next,” that was released on Nov. 3.

“I Rings,” and “Break up with your girlfriend, I'm bored” were released on Jan. 18 and Feb. 8.

“Imagine,” is an adorable song about love. The lyrics: “You're a little cheesy but are saved by the chorus.” Imagine a world like that/I imagine a world like that/ We go like up ‘til I'm sleep on your chest/ Love how my face fits so good in your neck/ Why can't you imagine a world like that?/ Imagine a world…”

Toward the end, Grande lets the world know who holds the soprano queen title. Mariah Carey who?!

The next track, “Needy,” starts off with a hypnotic beat that sounds like Latin R&B trap A.CHAL would use.

The song portrays the feelings of doubt when someone could go through being in a relationship. The lyrics say it all.

“Sorry if I'm up and down a lot (Yeah)/ Sorry that I think I'm not enough/ And sorry if I say sorry way too much/ You can go ahead and call me selfish (Selfish)

But after all this damage I can't help it (Help it)/

It ain't nothing wrong with saying/ I need me time/ Usually I would orbit around you/ But gravity seems to be the only thing that's pulling me/ You'll be my rise and shine soon as them stars align, hmm.” Did I mention the song has a perfect twerking beat?

“Bloodline” is one of those filler songs that you'll only make up with you/ At the end of the day, boy/ You know that I'm about to wake up with you.”

Pa’l Norte Mexican Cuisine food truck is not lacking meal options

By Logan King

The recent demolition of the Campus Center has left students without a cafeteria. The current cafeteria, now located in the Huddle, does offer options just not as many as before. However, students are not lacking in meal options.

There have been a series of food trucks making an appearance on campus just outside the Huddle. One truck you should not miss is Pa’l Norte Mexican Cuisine, you can catch them here at BC nearly every day of the week.

Good for breakfast, lunch, and dinner Pa’l Norte provides classic Mexican staples like tacos, burritos, and tortas. These dishes are decep-

tively simple and aren't as foodpoor as one might imagine.

So often can Mexican cuisine fall victim to dry unseasoned proteins or salsa with no kick. Pa’l Norte has no such problems. They play all the hits, and very well.

For breakfast, the burrito is great. It comes with three options: ham, bacon, and chorizo. For only $7 the choice is the way to go. Spare no ingredient of this burrito and you will be very happy. It was extremely flavorful and supplied the right amount of heat.

For lunch, tacos are a little cheesy but are saved by the chorus. Available in all the meats you could imagine.

On the far right end, there is pollo, asada, chorizo, and al pastor. However, they also provide all the delicious extras like hache, lengua, and cabeza.

All are done well but the al pastor is the winner. Paired with their salsa verde and a horchata you'll be glad you chose Pa’l Norte.

Pa’l Norte Mexican Cuisine food truck located in the Huddle on the BC campus.

For dinner their torta is a great option. Tortas are served with bacon, avocado, crema, lettuce, tomato, and salsa. They are packed with flavor and leave you fully satisfied. Pa’l Norte is a simple place and that might be their best quality. To do a simple thing well is often the most difficult. They have great recipes and a great model. Ideally, that would not change.

Visit Pa’l Norte with the intention of spending $10 and you will be well rewarded.

They provide excellent service that is friendly and quick. However, without that, the food itself could stand alone.

If you can’t find them on campus, chances are they’re not far.

They also set up at the Chevron on the corner of Orwell and Auburn, just one exit east of Mt. Vernon on Highway 170.
Op-Ed: Women take the Grammys

For oilfield workers

Oildale. cated by the oil fields in three months ago, is located on James Road, and it wasn’t worth every individual person’s soul. Lady Gaga expressed her vulnerability with the impact of her music making. She fought through judgments and the let downs from the industry because she was too weird. The music she made was the only thing that kept her going giving the world the famous "Bad Romance" and "Poker Face." Gaga performed through her weirdness and became an icon of no-f’s given. Jennifer Lopez used music to express herself through dance. Just a Latina from the Bronx showing her diversity in dancing whether it be hip hop, pop, or salsa. "Music has always been the one place we can all feel truly free," Lopez said. Jada Picket Smith has been a voice of empowerment with her hit web series The Red Table. She has used her platform to bring light to the world we live in today. Sexual harassment, racism, and women empowerment in the music industry have been hot topics. "We express our pain, power, and progress through our music, whether we’re creating it or just appreciating it," Smith said. As for Alicia Keys, she was the fifth female host in Grammys history. It has been 14 years since the last female host which was Queen Latifah. Keys had a presence that night that had the audience’s attention from beginning to start. With her reassuring beauty and calming voice, she promised the Grammys a good night full of music and surprises. Starting the Grammys with female empowerment, singer and actress Janelle Monae did a nearly five-min- ute ode to the vagina monologue during her "Make Me Feel" performance. Her dancers were dressed in latex suits serving body looks throughout the song. At a point, Monae had more backup dancers in pink suits and flared costumes resembling vaginas. Being one of the first female performers, Monae set the tone for the future acts. All the tributes that night went to legendary female power houses: Dolly Parton, Diana Ross, and the late Aretha Franklin. Each performance captured the essence of each genre being performed at the Staple Center by women with major power and voice.

James Burger, is it worth the drive?

By Hope Sh/Anne Repoter
It was a hole in the wall, and it wasn’t worth the time. James Burger, located on James Rosaf, is a bland burger joint. It was pouring down rain, and I was freezing, discovering a new tasty burger was on my mind. However, I ended up tasting a very tasteless gravy. But the breakfast has gravy. There wasn’t any de- feet spread through the dining area, which was immediately noticed the cleanliness and pleasant looking tile on the floor. The place was small, with only five small tables scattered through the dining area, which was also apart of the ordering area. There wasn’t any de-
cor up except a chuck-le endorsing sign in the restroom stating, “No farting.” Walking straight in, the menu is posted above the cash register. Since not a sign of life was inside, cue the turn- bleeweed, when I walked in I noticed a bell on the counter. I took a second and just looked at the menu and after a few moments a man, the owner Mr. Els, popped up around the corner and waited for me to order. Small talk was not in his vocabulary as my text- tems were shut down, however he did wait pa-tiently for me to pick my order. I ordered a cheese- burger and fries com- bo which came out to be $9.99, it came with a very small drink with free refills. About eight minutes later I had received a giant basket of fries and yummy looking burger in front of me. The toppings were typical burger toppings [lettuce and tomato], it wasn’t bad, the meat just had no flavor! I recommend James Burger for anyone that works in the oil fields by location if not, it isn’t a push-in on your food road map to go.

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Cultural production at BC

By Amir Guyton

Local Bakersfield native and Bakersfield College alumna Danielle Rios, who graduated in 2012 from BC, spoke of her journey in shaping the daily lives of the working-class communities of color.

Rios began his speech by first describing what the history of labor, race, gender meant to historians in the past and then explained how he found correlation between the subjects by closely examining them.

“When thinking about labor, history, race and gender we tend to think about it in terms of de-gender we tend to think about how racially segregated housing was the norm at the time in Bakersfield. Racially restrict ed housing covenants essentially prevented white home owners from selling to black and brown residents.”

He then continued on to explain how many white neighborhoods felt that having black and brown people living in the community was a threat to the property value.

The show ended with the performers thanking everyone that was there supporting them.

Feminism: part III

Discriminations against men

By Rosa Salazar

You can’t have a feminist column and not talk about men. Did you know men are discriminated against for their gender? One of her theories is they can receive longer prison sentences compared to their female counterparts.

In a study conducted by Sonja B. Starr, a law professor at the University of Michigan, found gender disparities in federal crimes.

In her paper, “Estimating Gender Disparities in Federal Criminal Cases,” Starr states, “men receive 16% longer sentences on average than women do,” and “[o]men are twice as likely to avoid incarceration if convicted.”

Starr provides her theories that could answer the question as to why men receive harsher scrutiny.

One of her theories states parental responsibilities.

“Prosecutors and/ or judges worry about the effect of maternal incarceration on children. Other research shows that female offenders are far more likely than men to have primary or sole custody of children. Women more often results in foster care placements,” Starr stated.

Another sexist discrimination against men is being a victim of abuse.

There are several forms of abuse: physical, sexual, emotional, financial and cultural abuse that can affect both genders.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) defines domestic violence as “the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another.”

The NCADV also provides statistics of domestic violence in California in 2016. About percent of women and twenty-seven percent of men experienced physical violence and abuse in their lifetimes.

Why don’t men come forward when they are victims of abuse? Perhaps the world still believes men can’t be victims of abuse.

In 2016, Terry Crews, an actor, accused a well-known talent agent of sexually assaulting him.

The alleged incident happened at an industry party in front of his wife, Rebecca King-Crews.

Crews told Good Morning America that at first the talent agent made moves with his tongue at him.

“He comes over to me. I stick my hand out, and he literally takes his hand and puts it and soothes my genitals. I jump back like, ‘Hey, hey,’” Crews said.

“...he just won’t stop...he rapes me...it’s so bizarre. I start my morning wondering, ‘Did this really happen?’”

Crews is a 6’3” 245-pound former NFL football player that was assaulted in front of a bunch of people!

Abuse does not discriminate against gender. Abusers need to be held accountable for their actions no matter if they are known to the victim, or if it’s their boss, or a stranger or a strang er passing by.

Another reason why men don’t come forward is that they are protected by so many shelters that take them in, making it easier for men to come forward when they need help.

Valentines Day showcase

By Jazmin Velazquez

Bakersfield College THEA B2A and B2B classes performed a Valentine’s themed show on Feb 13. The show consisted of improv games and monologues describing love and heartbreak.

“It took about 4 or 5 classes to get everything together,” said BC professor Kimberly Chin. Students stopped by to team up for the show. It made people laugh as the performers gave funny quotes from movies, music, and shows. BC student Yesenia Chavez shared her thoughts on the events.

“It was a good show and really enjoyed,” she said.

The event took place at the Renegade Food Court that it is an open area. It caused a few students to see the show due to the windy weather that day. Francisco Raiz, BC student said, “It was windy and cold but I got to see the last half of the show and I liked it.”

Even though due to the cold and windy weather the show proceeded as performers smiled and danced. Kathy Avila, BC student said, “I enjoyed it while I was on my break.” The event had a lot of fun and quality time.

Although it had some mature language it was still appropriate for kids to watch. As students waited for their food students and employers watched the show and laughed.

“They should have more events like these,” said Kenneth Lugo, BC student “It was entertaining to watch.”

As the event was going the performers wanted volunteers to participate but people were shy. One person freely offered to participate and got a chance to take out a piece of paper which lead them to their first play.

Sandara Guardado, BC student said, “It was a good show but everyone was a bit nervous.”

“I liked it but it was a bit boring to watch.” Guardado said.

The show continued with each performer saying quotes from music and movies such as Taylor Swift, The Fault in our Stars, Selena Gomez and many more. They also included inspiring quotes which got people’s attention.

“I like how they turned the quotes into something funny.” BC student Olivia Aguilar said.

As the show was about to end all the performers thanked everyone for coming.

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