More college students came out to vote in the 2018 midterm elections than the 2014 midterms, according to a news release from Jen McAndrew, a source from Tufts University. “The turnout gap between students over 30 and those under 22 narrowed from 22.3 percent points to 16.9 points,” according to McAndrew.

During the 2018 midterm elections, the voting rate of all Americans increased 13 percent, but the college voting rate increased 21 percent, according to the U.S. Elections Project. The largest increase in voting was Hispanic students and the most active voters among college students was black women, according to McAndrew.

Older Americans tend to vote more in midterm elections because they may be more educated, but today’s young Americans are more diverse and politically engaged which caused an increase in political efficacy, according to Allen Bolar, a political science professor at Bakersfield College. “You are residents and local officials may run for office. Your entire house of representatives is up for elections, two every years... as well as many local races that are often decided during the off years, the nonpresidential years,” stated Professor Bolar.

In Bolar’s opinion, the increase in female votes was due to women voting more democratically causing them to oppose the president’s views. “More people voted in the midterm elections because of the different propositions; such as healthcare,” said Liliana Linares, a student at Bakersfield College.

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By Jacqueline Gutierrez

AB 705 bill affects community colleges

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By Isabel Enciso

College student votes doubled in last year

By Miranda Defoor

 Survivor of the Parkland, Florida school shooting, David Hogg will be visiting Cal State Bakersfield (CSUB). The young activist will be a part of the 34th annual lecture series at the Kegley Institute of Ethics at CSUB. Hogg’s speech is scheduled in spring 2020, however no exact date has been set.

Hogg’s lecture will be called “Engage in Change: Our Generation Must Own Democracy.” According to American Program Bureau Speakers, the Hogg hopes to inspire his generation to engage in change and register to vote, educate themselves, and become activists. Hogg said on APB’s site, “Everything that affects your life is on that ballot. Free college is on the ballot. The draft is on the ballot. Universal health care is on the ballot. Abortion is on the ballot. The Supreme Court is on the ballot. Your inaction today will affect your tomorrow.”

After the Parkland shooting, Hogg and other students from the shooting created the March For Our Lives. He also wrote a book with his sister about the event.
Walk Like MADD holds sixth annual event

Runners at Bakersfield's Riverwalk Park taking part in the Walk Like MADD annual event in which participants signed up to run or walk a set number of miles.

The event, presented by the local law firm, Chain Cohn and Stiles, drew a crowd of hundreds of people. The event seeks to raise awareness of the growing problem of drunk driving in Kern County and provide resources for families affected by it.

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The summit took place days after the largest climate protest in history, according to USA Today. The global strike was a call on leaders to take substantial steps toward protecting and conserving the planet.

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In this year alone, there have been 288 drunk driving related collisions, with 11 resulting in death, according to a press release by Chain Cohn and Stiles. Kern County currently ranks as the worst in the state for drunk driving incidents resulting in injuries. “Eventually this is going to happen to a member of your family,” Farnsworth said. “Kern County has one of the highest rates of drunk driving accidents, fatalities, and arrests in the state, just don’t drink and drive.”
### News

#### Horror films play at Reading Cinemas

By David Portillo Reporter

Reading Cinemas is hosting an array of classic horror films throughout the month of October.

- **“Shaun of the Dead”**: Showtime is October 16. It will have the cult classic: “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre”.
- **“The Thing”**: Showtime is October 23. It is a re-telling of the 1951 classic film and is one of the best horror movies of all time.
- **“Psycho”**: Showtime is October 30. It is the original movie that开创了 the genre in 1960.

October 9 will be showing the cult movie-comedy “Shaun of the Dead”.

October 16 will have the cult classic: “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre”.

Finally, October 31 will have Alfred Hitchcock’s masterpiece: “Psycho” on Halloween night.

This is your chance to celebrate Halloween with a classic horror film. So be prepared for some spookiness at Reading Cinemas this October.

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### Peanut allergy drug potentially in works

By Tiarra McCormick Reporter

The Allergenic Products Advisory Committee (APAC) convened by the FDA, voted in favor of the use of the drug AR101, oral immunotherapy, for peanut allergies. AR101, also referred to as Palforzia, was voted 7 to 2 in favor of the efficacy of the drug by APAC.

According to the Food Allergy Research & Education a food allergy is a medical condition in which food exposure can trigger a harmful immune response called an allergic reaction. These new habits can help reduce the risk of peanut allergies.

These habits include:
1. **Avoiding peanut products**
2. **Educating family members and friends**
3. **Carrying a written plan**
4. **Learning about cross-contamination**

**Smartphone-apps** can help track allergen exposure and provide real-time alerts.

AR101 is a oral immunotherapy for peanut allergies. It is being developed by Aimmune, a company focused on creating treatments for peanut allergies. AR101 is currently in phase 3 clinical trials and is expected to be approved by the FDA in 2020.

The drug works by gradually increasing the amount of peanut protein that the patient is exposed to over a period of time. This exposure helps the body learn to tolerate peanuts, reducing the risk of an allergic reaction.

The medicine Palforzia must be prescribed by a doctor and has side effects like vomiting, nausea, and itchy throat.

In an NPR article written by Alex Smith, he interviewed several doctors with various opinions on the new medication. "I think this might be a game changer," said Dr. John Kan, an allergy specialist at Scripps Clinic in San Diego. "I also want my patients to have a lower risk of having reactions, but I think from the data that we have had presented to us that neither the safety nor efficacy have been demonstrated."

Erika Brittain, a mathematician and deputy branch chief at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland states “To be consistent with your primary analysis, where people who don’t make it are considered failures, I think this might be a bit misleading.”

The data from the study, with the help of a doctor and board-certified allergist, lets people have the option to pursue treatment and research if this is as an option for them. There are treatment being considered from scientists at Ambrosia Therapeutics to treat peanut, egg, and other allergies.

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### Children at risk for heatstroke in cars

By Laura Lanfray Senior Features Editor

As the weather begins to cool down, parents and childcare providers need to be aware that the threat of heatstroke in cars still poses a significant risk to children.

Since 1998, 844 children in the United States have died from heatstroke while locked inside a car, or Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke (PVH).

As of Oct. 1, the most recent instance of PVH is the case of 4-month-old Samora Cousin, an infant from Phoenix, Arizona. According to reports, the Phoenix fire department found Samora in the backseat of a van in a parking lot, unresponsive; she was pronounced dead at the scene.

Two days prior, reports also outlined the deaths of Rachelyn and Payton Keyes, 3, a pair of twins found dead in a car in Hinsdale. The death toll from PVH so far this year is 47.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation performed a study where they found out that students who were not proficient in reading by the end of third grade were five times more likely to drop out of high school than proficient students.

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Heatstroke occurs when the body temperature rises over 107 degrees Fahrenheit. If the temperature rises over 104 degrees or higher, children can become susceptible to heatstroke.

Heatstroke in cars can be deadly, and every child needs to be aware of the threat of heatstroke while locked in a car. Make sure to cool down, parents and childcare providers need to be aware that the threat of heatstroke in cars still poses a significant risk to children.

**Tips for keeping children safe in cars**

- **Always look before you leave**
- **Keep a stuffed animal**
- **Put your children in the car seat, place the animal in the car seat, and leave**
- **Check the air temperature before you enter the car**

If you notice any signs of heatstroke, such as difficulty breathing, difficulty sweating, or a high fever, call 911 immediately.

By Luis Rojas Reporter

The Kern County Department of Schools office announced in September that they are looking for volunteers for the annual Kern County Community Reading Project.

This project recruits and trains community volunteers to become reading coaches for local second grade students.

According to Teresa Twisselman, coordinator for English Language Arts at KCSOS, “The program is a perfect opportunity for community members who would like to make a positive impact in the lives of young students who are experiencing challenges in learning how to read. One hour a week is all it takes for four children to become successful readers.”
By Jacqueline Gutierrez  
Repoter

The author of the “Freedom Writers” book visited Bakersfield College and spoke about the challenges her students faced and how she helped them overcome those challenges. Erin Grunwells spoke in the crowd-filled room that was occupied with high school students, community members, and college students. Grunwells is an education activist, she is the founder of the Freedom Writers Foundation, and worked with law enforcement and helped change the lives of 150 high school students, according to the Premiere Speakers Bureau.

A few of the audience members went to the speech because they were fans of the book and movie and were inspired by her work. “I love the movie, I have watched it several times. I am a retired law enforcement and I worked with the youth and while working with the youth I modeled a lot of what she did,” Jo-sse Comans, a Bakersfield College student, said.

During her speech, Grunwells spoke about the “Freedom Writers” movie and how she felt like it was important to hire real people.

“Of the interviews, 3,000 teenagers, 14, 15, 16, and 17 year olds, in LA, the kids that got her lead was living in a car,” Grunwells said.

Grunwells felt motivated to change the perspective of her students, because she realized that they were tired. “They were tired. They were tired of being poor. They were tired of being picked on. They were tired of eating that government cheese. They were tired of being touched in places they knew weren’t supposed to be touched,” Grunwells said.

Grunwells explained that once she noticed that her students were tired of the challenges in their everyday lives so she helped her students out by using the red line tactic, a method in which she would separate the students and stick a red strip of tape on the floor and she would call out challenges and the students would step on the line if they have faced that challenge.

“Every one of my kids stood on that line, because every single one of my kids was that someone,” Grunwells said.

Grunwells explained that the students are not going to be able to contain this,” said Youngblood at the meeting. “Assuming the policy will help decrease some of the crime in Bakersfield, it would also provide a chance for the drug offenders to get clean and be off the streets.

“When they’re on the street, they’re lining up to find drugs, not getting into programs. I get phone calls every single day. Our citizens are done, they’re through,” said Youngblood at the Board of Supervisors meeting “They want something done and they want law enforcement to do it.”

The proposed policy is in response to local concerns and problems of local residents. They say it is overpowering criminal activity that has occurred daily.
Arun Gandhi visits Delano High School and Bakersfield

By Miranda Defoor
Editor-in-Chief

As part of Bakersfield College’s Distinguished Speaker Series and celebration of Mahatma Gandhi’s 150th birthday, his grandson, Arun Gandhi, spoke to BC and Delano High School students about lessons learned from his grandfather.

Before Arun Gandhi took the stage, Sonya Christian led an introduction. Christian explained that the Gandhi Celebration to offer opportunity to learn about Mahatma Gandhi during his granddaughter Arun Gandhi’s visit.

Arun Gandhi challenged his audience to turn to the person next to them and make open their hands. He then told the other person to try to open their hand, and the audience members struggled to get the others’ hands open. He used this struggle to explain that violence is a part of everyday life - while much violence happens in the mind, Arun Gandhi challenged his audience to try to open their hearts.

“We have to recognize violence within us all,” Arun Gandhi said.

Mahatma Gandhi married Kasturbha Gandhi when he was only 13 years old. Arun Gandhi said arranged marriages at young ages were common during his grandfather’s lifetime, and though his grandfather was young, he was able to teach each other.

“It was through [my] grandmother that [my] grandfather learned nonviolence,” Arun Gandhi said. He described the beginning of his grandfather’s marriage and his grandfather’s struggle with the change in marriage. He explained that Mahatma Gandhi had read books about marriage, many of which were written by Europeans who were not married to his grandmother. He said these books led his grandfather to tell his grandmother she couldn’t love the husband with his permission and when she continued to do so and stay married, he abandoned her. During this confrontation, Kasturbha Gandhi quickly said she was brought up to believe in obeying her husband and when Arun Gandhi’s parents were rearranging their marriage approach and simple explanation were Mahatma Gandhi’s first experience and most profound lesson from nonviolent resolution, according to Arun Gandhi.

His book, “The Gift of Anger and Other Lessons From My Grandfather, Mahatma Gandhi,” explores many of the topics he discussed in his talk. His grandfather helped him learn to understand his anger and come to peace with it.

“The power was that Mahatma Gandhi experienced and the world even more than Mahatma Gandhi at 12 years,” Arun Gandhi said. He made headlines during his detention.

Arun Gandhi visited Delano High School and Bakersfield (Merced). He was married to Kathy Gandhi. Though Bello feels that it’s simply ethical. Animals are intelligent living creatures, despite what anyone believes, they don’t deserve to be tortured into a world to be suffering from birth to death. It’s clear that veganism saves countless animals from the slaughterhouse but what about non-farm animals?

Billions of wild animals have been killed because of the use of factory agriculture. According to the World Animal Foundation, the leading cause of species extinction is deforestation, and ocean dead zones.

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Gandhi’s 150th birthday celebration

JACQUELINE GUTIERREZ / THE RIP
Jeff Newby speaking about Gandhi’s life and upbringing in the Levan Center, Sept. 23.

In celebration of Gandhi’s 150th birthday, Bakersfield College hosted a panel discussion to commemorate the legacy that has shaped the world.

Gov. Gavin Newsom signs Bill 206

By Bianca Cacciola

Starting in 2023, California college athletes will profit from endorsements and have the ability to hire agents to assist in negotiations. California state governor Gavin Newsom signed the Fair Pay to Play Act, or Bill 206, on Sept. 30 in a Los Angeles barbershop.

“Every single student in the university can market their name, image and likeness; they can go and get a YouTube channel, and they can monetize that,” Newsom said in an interview with The New York Times. “The only group that can’t are athletes. Why is that?”

For the signing, Newsom made an appearance on LeBron James’ “The Shop: Uninterrupted” HBO show.

Many other athletes, including Ed O’Bannon a former UCLA basketball and NBA player, were alongside Newsom and James as the California governor signed the Act.

O’Bannon had a case against the NCAA fighting the denial of endorsements or sponsorships of Division One (D1) college athletes. The U.S. Court of Appeals ordered that the NCAA allow “colleges to offer the full cost of attendance, an annual stipend worth several thousand dollars,” according to an article on the Sports Illustrated website. Bill 206 does not allow college athletes to be paid by the colleges, the act allows college athletes to benefit from their talents as others do, including commercials, video games, summer camps, etc.

One limitation the act faces is that the college athletes cannot accept an endorsement with a conflicting company, the Fair Pay to Play Act, inspired by the O’Bannon case, has not only been supported by numerous athletes, the California Assembly and California Senate gave it approval as well. Other states are following California’s lead and have proposed similar bills allowing college athletes to understand their rights.

“In New York, State Senator Kevin Parker has proposed Senate Bill 272A. It would provide college athletes basic rights as California’s Act, plus compel colleges to establish a fund for injured athletes that would pay out to athletes who suffer career-ending or long-term injuries. In South Carolina, State Senator Marlon Kimpson and Representative Justin Bamberg intend to propose a similar bill to California’s,” according to an article. Michael McCann wrote for Sports Illustrated.

The NCAA have given signals that they might challenge the law and attempt to have the courts block it. The organization has deemed the bill unconstitutional as it renders the playing-field for all college athletes unfair.

Any event that is under the NCAA name will not allow anyone benefitting from the act to participate once the act goes into effect. Events such as NCAA Pac 12 Football, NCAA March Madness, and more would no longer include California, or any states that follow collegiate athletes.
Renegades falter in last minutes of game

By Haley Duvall

Bakersfield College lost their lead in the third quarter and failed to take back the lead, finishing the game with a loss of 20-19.

BC women’s soccer ends with a draw

By Bianca Cacciola

The Bakersfield College women's soccer team hosted the College of the Canyons on Oct. 5 ending in a score of 0-0. The game was the first home league game, and after four extra minutes added to the clock for overtime, the game resulted in a draw.

In the first half of the match, both teams held on defensively and ended with no score. Early in the game a Renegade went down and was sidelined by an injury, but the Renegades kept fighting and saving two attempted goals.

After the half time break, both teams regained focus and increased the possessions of the ball. Even though both teams made an effort to score, and with the extra time added, the game ended scoreless.

The goalkeeper for the renegades, sophomore Aurora Fernandez, achieved a season high of 13 saves and helped keep the Renegades from losing the game against the Cougars. The Renegades end the night with a record of 1-3-2 for the season so far.

The Renegades will take the field on Oct. 8 for a home game against the Citrus College Owls, before they head out on the road for a game away.

Bakersfield College men’s soccer beats Santa Monica

By Jacqueline Gutierrez

The Bakersfield College men’s soccer team took a victory over the Santa Monica Corsairs with a score of 2-1 on Oct. 4.

Mubele Mhango, a freshman at Bakersfield College, made both goals against the Corsairs in the first half of the game. From the Corsairs, Kyler Sorber scored a goal in the second half of the game.

The first goal by Mhango was made in the 14th minute of the first half and was assisted by defender Edgar Gonzalez, a sophomore at Bakersfield College. The second goal scored by Mhango was in the 19th minute of the first half and was assisted by Christian Gonzalez, a BC sophomore.

The goal made by Sorber for the Corsairs was in the 52nd minute of the second half and was unassisted.

There were also four attempted goals, including the ones made by Mhango. The other were made by Miguel Ceja and Edgar Gonzalez.

During the game, the Corsairs attempted six goals on Armando Alvares, the goalkeeper, but only one goal was made.

The men’s soccer team’s next game will be Oct. 18th at Bakersfield College against the Antelope Valley Matadors.
**Renedges win again**

By Bianca Cacciola

The Bakersfield College Women’s Volleyball team swept the Citrus College Owls 3-0, on Oct. 2. BC remains undefeated in the Western State Conference (WSC). Winning three straight matches with wins over Cerritos 25-13, 25-21, and 25-17, the Renegades are currently on a three-game winning streak, and go 11-2 with overall wins. The crowd roared as the Renegades gained each point and triumphed over the Owls. “We are always ecstatic to play and to get out there. Win or lose, it’s tough to get to an A level, but we tried to do that every game,” said Carl Ferreira, Head Coach of the volleyball team, in an article for the BC athletics website. Sophomore Penelope Zepeda led the Renegades in kills with three games, while Jessica Merante, sophomore, recorded 18 digs for the night. Teammates Alyson Dees, freshman, and Lanie Camarillo, sophomore and one of Kern Schools’ Renegade of the week, tied with three blocks against Citrus College. The Renegades head out on a two-game road trip, but will return for their next home game on Wednesday, Oct. 16 as they face Antelope Valley College.

**Brown leaves the NFL**

By Tyler Frost

Antonio Brown is still making headlines, and we should not be surprised. My NFL Column on the last edition of the Rip featured a story about Antonio Brown forcing his way out of Oakland to join the New England Patriots. After 11 short days, the Patriots released the troubled wide receiver after two allegations of sexual misconduct were placed on Brown.

Following his release, Brown went on a grammatical error-filled Twitter tirade stating he will never play in the NFL. Brown is leaving the game on his terms, naming his contract guarantees being voided as the primary reason. Despite this, we can be certain that the league’s biggest diva would have trouble finding a job with charges pending against him.

Antonio Brown’s former trainer accused him of sexual acts of misconduct dating back to 2017, and was followed by a second woman accusing Brown just a week later.

His second accuser released threatening messages that Brown sent to her after the accusations were made public. The gravity of the threats proved to be the final straw that the Patriots would tolerate.

Brown was released so early into the contract, that his guarantees were lost as he didn’t meet game requirements.

He feels that this is an issue the NFL Players Association should investigate, but AB has nobody to blame but himself, and much larger investigations to worry about.

The helmet controversy seems like it took place a thousand years ago and is miniscule in comparison to what has transpired since AB signed with New England.

As a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, I was willing to accept the baggage Brown carried in order to watch the All-Pro wideout play on Sundays, but his conduct has become toxic and unbearable.

No, 84 for the Pittsburgh Steelers was once considered to be an idol in the eyes of fans, myself included. He is one of the most skilled receivers we’ve ever seen.

From 2012-2017, Brown dominated the stat sheet with a five-year statistical run comparable to the great Jerry Rice.

There are no ceilings when it comes to Antonio Brown’s talent, but his lack of good character has managed to contaminate the room.

Brief stints with the Raiders and Patriots are reminiscent of short Kardashian marriages, and Antonio Brown’s behavior during that time frame will likely tarnish his legacy.

We would like to remember him for his elite play, but it has been overshadowed by the fact that he turned himself into an unpredictable ticking-time-bomb.

Though the NFL’s investigation of Brown is not yet concluded, we can expect that he will not be in the NFL anytime soon.

The downfall of Antonio Brown has been an ugly saga to watch unfold. Brown is one of the greatest pass catchers to ever touch the turf.

Unfortunately, his terrible actions have added an asterisk next to his name on a fading Hall of Fame résumé.

Though we miss the acrobatic sideline receptions and the elite route running abilities AB possessed, the National Football League will be better off without his antics.

Antonio Brown once had a Hall of Fame chance, but became the biggest head-case football has ever seen.

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**Condors return to the ice**

By Tiarra McCormick

The Bakersfield Condors owned by the Edmonton Oilers, hosted their pre-season game on Sept. 27 against the Stockton Heat. The home game took place at the Mechanics Bank Arena. The Condors mascot Colonel Claw’d, Baby Cal, and Rigsy are used to help keep the momentum going when there is a break during the game. There are thirty-eight players on the team that play in various positions. The team is run by the head coach Jay Woodcroft, the 8th coach the team. He was previously a assistant coach with the Edmonton Oilers and coached the San Jose Sharks. The 2019-2020 season will have 34 games. The Condors hold 42 wins and the second-longest American Hockey winning streak running, a 17-game win.

The teams first home game is scheduled for Oct. 4 against the San Diego Gulls at the Mechanics Bank Arena.
CSUB hosts ethics seminar

By Jocelyn Sandusky Reporter

CSUB held an ethics seminar on Sept. 29 that aimed to teach students about the importance of ethical decision-making. The event was held in the Walter Stiemer Library at the university and featured a discussion on various ethical topics. The seminar was facilitated by Professor Michael Burroughs, who invited students to engage in the discussion and ask questions.

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Mental Health

By Paige Atkison Senior Digital Editor

Mental illness is increasingly recognized and addressed, but mental illness often comes with stigma. Though mental illness involves suicide or suicidal ideation, it is important for individuals to know where to turn if they or a loved one are feeling suicidal.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people aged 10 to 34 in the United States, according to the National Institute on Mental Health. Suicide is also the tenth leading cause of death in the United States overall. Suicide and suicidal ideation (the thoughts or planning of suicide) is incredibly prevalent. Both the suicidal person and their friends and family involved.

This is why it is imperative that if you or a loved one is suicidal, you seek help immediately. Luckily, help is available for nearly every demographic.

General Suicide Hotlines

There are suicide hotlines that offer specialized services, but there is also a National Suicide Prevention Lifeline that can be utilized by anyone and everyone. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides a toll-free hotline that you can call at any time to speak to a crisis counselor. This hotline also provides resources for the deaf and hard of hearing community, as well as Spanish-speaking counselors.

To utilize this resource, call 1-800-273-8255 or text 825525.

Native Americans and Alaska Natives

Native Americans and Alaska Natives are another population that is at higher risk for suicide than the general population. Though there is no specific hotline for people of Native American and Alaska Native descent, there are resources available through the Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The Suicide Prevention Lifeline has trained counselors for multiple demographics and resources specifically geared toward the Native population.

To utilize this resource, call 1-800-273-8255.

Attempt Survivors

Attempt survivors are likely to attempt again within the first three months of recovery. This makes it all the more necessary for survivors to have resources readily available to them. Like the Native American demographic, there is no specific hotline for suicide attempt survivors, but there are websites dedicated to providing them with resources.

Attempt survivors can call the Suicide Prevention Hotline. To utilize this resource, call 1-800-273-8255.

Crisis Resources is a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations are tax deductible. To learn more about Crisis Resources and how to donate, visit www.crisisresources.com.
Bako Taco and Beer Festival returns

By Luis Rojas
Reporter

Bakersfield held the Bako Taco and Beer Festival Sept. 28, at Stramler Park for the second year in a row. People had the chance to experience more than 63 different types of beer, from local to regional breweries as well as access to many vendors selling their best tacos in town and other items in their menu.

Beer, tacos, games, and a sunny day are the best ingredients for a good time.

Among locals, the event had some outside visitors, like Cataldi Meija, a Northridge resident, who assisted with the festival along with four of her local friends. Meija said she enjoyed the event because people in Bakersfield are more welcoming. “We enjoyed the beer fest, different type of beers, different kinds of tacos, and even though the lines for the food were pretty long, we had a good time,” Meija said. She also suggested that the tacos should be in one area and beer in another to facilitate access to both.

Attendees had access to food trucks and stands that offered multiple kinds of tacos. The most popular were the salsa verde chicken tacos, and the asada tacos. Jim Columbia who assisted with a friend revealed that he is a big fan of tacos and Mexican food. “Bakersfield has amazing Mexican food, it’s one of the good things of living here. I can go anywhere and get amazing tacos for couple dollars a taco. There is a good variety of tacos and food to pick from, they just need to bring more to this event,” Columbia said.

Columbia also mentioned that he drinks according to the weather. “Depends on the weather [...] when it’s hot I want a lighter beer. It is about 80 degrees right now so I can have any of these IPAs.”

Some of the most favored beers and IPAs were Dos Equis, Firestone 905, Modelo, Stone, Rebel, Mais Agave and Estrella Jalisco.

The Bar Room Riot, a local band that plays rock, reggae, and R&B and finally Dubs Seeds to seal the evening. According to the weather, “[...], when it’s cold you need to bring more people on the dance floor. Body Soul and Mind was next, offering some good punk and R&B and finally Dub Seeds to seal the deal. Dub Seeds and Mind Body and Soul travel together on tour to different places in California. Chris Taylor, Dub Seeds guitarist and vocalist said that he likes these events because he gets to eat and drink all he wants, plus he gets to work with friends. “We are like a family. We travel together to different places and I really enjoy this type of events, it’s really fun,” Taylor added.

In addition to the beer and tacos, the event also offered some Lucha Libre, which is professional Mexican wrestling. On one side of the park, a wrestling ring was installed where there were at least 8 wrestling matches to entertain the crowd.

“IT was fun to watch these guys fight and do all kinds of funny things. I don’t know if it was real, but it was fun,” Ben Kitchens said.

Some of the attendees said that this is not what they expected because beer ran out fast and tacos were expensive but would try it next year.

“I wish I could have enjoyed more of the beers I usually drink but I couldn’t. Beer ran out fast and some of the stands were giving only half of cup, but overall it was good,” said Suki Mahal, who had the chance to try new beers.

Despite the long lines, prices and shortage of beer, people had a good time and some of them look forward to a better experience next year.

Upcoming Boo-at-the-Zoo at CALM

By David Portillo
Reporter

A frightfully fun time awaits you at CALM (California Living Museum) Sept. 28-29 as they prepare for their annual Boo-at-the-Zoo event. It kicks off at 9 a.m. 4 p.m. Tons of activities and spooky surprises await guests of all ages. Children under 12 years old get in for free but must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

Ghouls and goodkins of all ages who attend the event are encouraged to wear their best costumes and outfits.

Trick-or-treating will be one day during the event, along with many more surprises such as games and festive decorations throughout the zoo.

Not only will the guests be treated to treats and sweets, but the bears and condors will be given a huge treat-filled jack-o-lantern with their favorite foods. Special wildlife presentations will be also be given with all of the animals at the zoo in order to help guests learn about the wildlife.

The Central California Children’s Railroad will be giving guests rides around the park for only one dollar.

Food will be provided by the Humsaker Bros. Carrie Corn includ- ing fresh-popped kettle corn and finely shayed ice being served all day.
Downtown Murals delight Bakersfield locals

By Alex Gutierrez
Reporter

Downtown Bakersfield featured new murals in the arts district, an area that offers structures, statues, and paintings that contribute to the fine art. The point of these displays is to not only provide a sense of community but to also indulge ourselves in what Bakersfield artists can present.

Rio Acai Bowls hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil their own mural. The mural is in the alley on the side of their building but it is fully visible from Chester Ave. for commuters to see.

The message behind this mural is open to interpretation, although there may be religious attribution since Jesus Christ is placed almost at the center of the mural.

Near Dilly's Coffee Co., there is a mural for all veterans, meant to be a perception of courageousness, bravery and willing sacrifice. It is called the "Statue of Liberty" because it shows lady Liberty holding a real-life torch in hand and an American flag featured as a part of the mural.

The murals and artwork around town are primarily Bakersfield based artists, which means viewers are not only taking in the aesthetics, but also supporting local artists.

The Bakersfield community offers fine arts from murals, statues, and productions all over town. It's easy to find art and that's what many do when visiting the downtown art district. Murals and displays often don't make it to museums or shows, but it's possible to just look up at any downtown building for an art experience.

Open Barn showcases rescue animals

By Jacqueline Aquian
Reporter

The Open Barn is a monthly event hosted by the non-profit organization, All Seated in a Barn, which was established in 2018. The organization is an animal rescue for larger critters such as, horses, donkeys and more. They feed, provide and take care of them until they are ready to be adopted.

The animals coming in are checked into the veterinary hospital to see if they are well and healthy, or if they need special treatments. There are many animals to see from bunnies to chickens.

Everyone involved in the organization are mainly volunteers, Ashley Hernandez, has been volunteering at the open barn for two months. "I feel like the animals help me more than I help them," Hernandez said.

She loves to volunteer there. She discovered it when visiting them a few months ago at their Open Barn, went to see all the animals, and that is how she decided to help.

Volunteers, from young to old, are there for the animals and for the people. At the event, they have an hour just for families that have children with disabilities. These kids can interact with the animals before the rush of others arrive.

Sarah Larson, has come to the event more than once with her son. She enjoys the animals and staff. "It's handicap and disability friendly because my son is in a wheelchair," Larson said.

She likes how they allow the kids to learn about the animals and pet them in a calm environment.

At the September Open Barn she also brought her sister and niece for the first time and said, "They love it." The Open Barn was packed, with children and families petting, feeding, riding and looking at the animals. Miracle Mutts was there with several dogs to pet and even a dog kissing booth.

Many attractions to see such as goats and ponies, could feed and pet; there were also horses big enough to ride, food to enjoy with music and even a zebra to see enjoy life with a donkey. Many interactions for a family.

With the Open Barn many people see and bring in their own animals to see if they would like to adopt any of them. The event had many volunteers to make sure it all went smoothly. The Open Barn of September was well enjoyed by all the families and their children.
Kern County Fair returns for the 59th year

By Tyler Frost
Reporter

The 2019 Kern County Fair has come and gone, giving locals many things to cheer about. It was highlighted by musical performances from Bell Biv Devoe, Nelly, and Scotty McCreery among other talented artists. Many were enthused to see the ride Big Top, similar to one that was featured in the latest season of "Stranger Things". These attractions added excitement to an already fun Kern County tradition.

The 59th Annual Kern County Fair hosted many visitors. The fair featured incredible food. The barbecue exceeded its already high standards with great tri-tip, pulled pork, ribs, and the sweetest barbecue sauce. The desserts were amazing, and the fried foods were mouth-watering. Though the food can be pricey, it is worth the buy knowing that this may be the one chance per year to pig out on food that isn’t easy to make at home.

Another huge part of the Kern County Fair is livestock. People gathered to show the animals they have put plenty of time into raising. The petting zoos and livestock events at the Kern County Fair are the best places to see cattle, swine, goats, sheep, and more.

This year’s fair put an extra emphasis on sanitation and caution against disease and germs than in years past. It is always a blast to attend the fair, but especially important that visitors do their best to take precaution against valley fever and other potential sicknesses.

Many guests attend the fair to watch the rodeo’s, or even participate in the wild ride.

The Kern County Fair was jam packed with families, friends, and couples alike. It is undoubtedly more enjoyable to attend the fair with a great group of people. There are limitless things to do at the fair regardless of age. First time fair visitor Jose Felix said, “The fair outdid my expectations. In my first time, I had a lot of fun and really enjoyed the atmosphere.” Every year the fair gives its attendees something to look forward to.

The opportunity to sit atop a ferris wheel, catch a rodeo, and eat a giant corn dog does not present itself every day. Some go for the food, and others for the music. All who attend the Kern County Fair would agree it is an environment that every person should experience in their lifetime.

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A funnel cake and lemonade stand at the fair. Funnel cakes are a must-try dessert for anyone who attends the Kern County Fair.

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The ferris wheel is a classic tradition for families attending the fair.