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Author speaks to high school students at the Bakersfield College Delano Campus

Author of “A Village in the Fields,” Patty Entrado, speaks to students at the Bakersfield College Delano campus on Oct. 25.

By Miranda Defoor
Editor-in-Chief

Bakersfield College’s Delano campus hosted author Patty Entrado to discuss her book “A Village in the Fields” and the importance of ethnic studies in local schools on Oct. 25. The speech was in part of the Delano Campus cultural historical awareness program.

Entrado spoke to elementary and junior high school students about the history that inspired her novel. Her speech and presentation were aimed at the students and offered them information about the impact of teachers and positive school influences.

“A Village in the Fields” was meant to offer literature with representation of Filipino culture in the Central Valley. Entrado attended Porterville College before attending Davis and pushed the value and importance of attending a community college.

Entrado also talked about her inspiration for the novel, including her father’s history and life. Although Entrado is Filipino and her father is from the Philippines, she didn’t know about his life until taking her Filipino experience class at Davis. Both of her parents had experienced traumatic events, and Entrado was unaware of their history. The knowledge of her father’s life only came later because, “we don’t talk about the bad times,” she said.

Her parents were also the cause of a cultural gap because they didn’t teach her the language or explain their lives to her. So, Entrado ventured to the Philippines in an attempt to connect with her culture after her father’s death.

“I went there to connect to my roots, but I realized just how American I am,” she said.

After not feeling connected to the culture in the Philippines, she applied to the Peace Corps. She felt like she needed experience for writing, and college taught her she could write in her own way.

Though she got rejected from the Peace Corps, she was able to volunteer as part of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Her College and volunteer experiences began to inspire the historical fiction that would turn into “A Village in the Fields.”

Her main inspiration was her family and Agbayani Village in Delano. The book from beginning to end took 17 years, but “if someone had told me it would take 17 years, I don’t think I would have continued.”

While writing her historical fiction, she said she knew students were the audience. Because there are a lack of ethnic studies courses available to students, she was aiming to create something for students and educators.

The challenge, Entrado said, is to “keep nurturing our village.”

Entrado ended with ways for students to make changes in their own communities. She encouraged them to take action and become a mentor, find motivating teachers, think critically, honor family by documenting family stories, taking ethnic studies courses, and attending their local community colleges.

“Advocate for your community,” she said. “We rise by lifting others.”

Bakersfield College plans to relocate current Veteran’s Resource Center

By Jacqueline Gutierrez
Reporter

The Veterans Resource Center at Bakersfield College offers a program to help veterans transition back into the civilian life.

The Veterans Resource Center faculty director Paul Beckworth directs and coordinates activities and gets supplies that are needed for the program.

One service that the Veterans Resource Center offers for veterans is educational counseling. Armando Trujillo is the veteran’s educational counselor and he helps veterans choose classes that correspond with the GI Bill and goes over educational planning with the veterans.

“We have a computer lab, free printing, snacks, informational luncheons on Wednesdays, and we have math and English tutors,” Beckworth said.

In addition to educational services the Veterans Resource Center assists veterans transition from a structured military life to the unstructured college life.

“You’re kind of tossed out there, your military buddies are no longer with you, you’re out on your own again and sometimes it can be scary and the idea of this place is to make sure that they can come here, return, and keep them moving in their education,” Beckworth said.

The Veterans Resource Center collaborates with the Veterans Club, which is advised by Tommy Tunson and Paul Beckworth, who participate in events, like parades and campus events. They sell cotton candy at the football games, set up information booths, and help run the Vet Fest, during the Veteran’s Day parade where they display a float.

In November, the Veterans Resource Center will be relocated from Levinson Hall to the new campus center, located next to the forum.

“There’s almost no words, the excitement, the joy is just through the ruff, right now we are in the busy stage of moving in few weeks,” Beckworth said, about the relocation of the Veterans Resource Center.
Bakersfield ex-football star David Carr teams up with Realty Concepts

By Tyler Frost

Former first overall NFL draft pick and Bakersfield native David Carr teams up with Realty Concepts and their brokerage. They are reflected upon in a way that is wonderful! Carr's partnership with Realty Concepts was founded with J.P. Shamshoian. His son J.P. Shamshoian shares of the partnership with Carr, Our beliefs are fundamental and committed to service, and they becomes a family business are reflected upon in David. He also adds, “We know that with the Carr family roots in the Valley, we can uplift our community through future efforts.”

Carr was a legendary Quarterback for Fresno State, and went on to play 11 seasons in the NFL. He was selected by the Houston Texans as the first draft choice in their franchise’s history, and played 5 rough seasons with a lackluster supporting cast. Carr then made appearances for the Carolina Panthers, San Francisco 49ers, and served as the backup for the New York Giants for several seasons, including their 2011 team that won the Super Bowl. Carr had to say of the agreement, “I am delighted to partner with J.P. Shamshoian and the entire team at Realty Concepts.” The company shares many of the same principles as the Carr family, and it seems to be the perfect match. Carr then added, “They have a strong orientation towards family and the community, and it runs throughout their whole organization. Their commitment to Fresno and the Central Valley is wonderful! Carr’s decision to join Realty Concepts had much to do with their commitment to the two places he considers home. Many windows of opportunity have arisen with the partnership, combining two of the Central Valley’s most prominent and caring brands in a field where the people come first. The future of real estate in the Valley is bright, with Realty Concepts looking to expand outside of their current offices in Fresno, Clovis, and Oakhurst. The David Carr partnership looks to bring growth to a brand already committed to service, and works hard to bring the Valley people-oriented real estate.

Rudy Salas visits Bakersfield College to encourage local change by voting

By Jacqueline Gutierrez

Assembly member Rudy Salas from the 32nd Assembly District visited Bakersfield College on Oct. 21 and spoke about local issues and his journey as an assemblyman.

Salas is a democratic assemblyman that represents a region of Bakersfield in Sacramento and he sits on the agriculture, governmental organization, and water, parks and wildlife committees, according to his website.

Salas explained his journey to the state’s capital and explained how he worked in the fields during the summer and after high school he managed two jobs and college.

During the power lunch Salas talked about local issues and how citizens can resolve these issues on a local level. The local issues that Salas spoke about included: how elected officials solve issues, the PG&E power shut off, animal overpopulation, and air pollution.

“Here’s the policy on this. We had all of these wildfires you guys remember everything was burning and they said oh it was because the sparks came from PG&E power lines. So if I lost my house who am I blaming? Now PG&E is out a million dollars,” Salas said.

Although California is primarily a democratic state Salas explained different views and their brothers have different perspectives on issues.

”We vote on 2,000 different things. Now whether we agree on 2,000 things is going to be very hard. If we put 2,000 different issues right here would you guys be 100 percent in alignment with each other. I tell people this is what it’s like being an elected official,” Salas said.

When Salas spoke about less controversial topics he explained how citizens can prevent these issues on a local and personal level.

“If there is a difference you want to see in your neighborhood or you want more services show up [to city council meetings]. As big as you think the city is, do you know how many people actually come up for public comment, less than a dozen,” Salas said.

On more personal situations, such as school bullying, Salas explained all that is needed of community members is to see something, say something, and do something.

“Audience members brought up important issues to Salas’s attention which included air pollution.”

“We have put millions of dollars towards air pollution, but there is always more to be done. But the thing is what can you guys do,” asked Salas.

Salas stated that the most influential way to inform the local representatives is to voice opinions at local council meetings.

JACQUELINE GUTIERREZ / THE RIP

Assembly member, Rudy Salas, speaks about the importance of voting, animal overpopulation, bullying in schools, the effects of social media on students, and the PG&E power shutoffs during the BCSGA Power lunch in the Levan Center on Oct. 21.
Dr. Paula Green shares tools for peacebuilding

By Alex Gutierrez

Peacebuilding is one thing distinguished speaker Dr. Paula Green is most recognized for. Green is the founder of the Karuna Center for peacebuilding, a nonprofit organization whose statement is to empower people divided by conflict to develop mutual understanding and to create sustainable peace, according to their vision.

Karuna Center uses a grassroots model to further pave the way for what they envision. One of the first conflicts Karuna Center guided assurance in was the Rwandan war and Rwandan Genocide. Now over 25 years later, it’s worked with many conflicts all around the world to achieve peace. The Karuna Center operates out of Massachusetts, but its impact is displayed all over the states.

Meaning the small central organization has a large and powerful impact on those affected by their work.

However, those at the center are not alone in the attempt for peacebuilding and understanding. The Karuna Center works with a huge number of external facilitators through its global network of religious leaders, government ministries, multi-lateral organizations, and war-affected communities.

Dr. Green has seen through-and-through how positive her psychological and sociological work can be. She yields these insights by intimately interconnected understandings and comprehension through the characterized sociological and psychological wisdom.

“This approach generated respectful and effective dialogue, reconciliation, and collaborative problem solving between warring parties,” Green said.

Green enticed the audience by dissecting her peace-building efforts using philosophy as the backbone. Green’s tools for peacebuilding not only include her insights and wisdom of political, sociological, and psychological efforts, but also her sense of social responsibility and spiritual awareness. Green said society should spread the skills and tools for peacebuilding and conflict construction using those same skills and knowledge.

Karuna Center directly offers programs all over the world in different types of communities struck with conflict in an attempt to bring peace to communities. Along with her help, Greens grassroots Karuna Center directly offers programs all over the world in different types of communities struck with conflict in an attempt to bring peace to communities.

At the 3rd annual Agriculture Career Expo in front of the Huddle on Oct. 23.

By Jacqueline Gutierrez

Bakersfield College hosted the 3rd annual Agriculture Career Expo for students majoring in agriculture and students in high school considering the agriculture pathway at BC on Oct. 19.

“It helps you open up doors and meet new people. Also, you get to learn more about the company,” Samuel Ontiveros, a sophomore BC student who works with Grimmway Farms now, said.

“Companies like Grimmway Farms, Wonderful Pistachios, and Califa Farms attended the career expo to show students what they offer in the field.”

During the expo companies were handing out their products, for example Grimmway Farms handed out carrots and pens and Califa Farms was handing out free vegan yogurt and coffee.

“The first year that we put this event together it was just the workshops to introduce the different programs. The second year is when we brought the career fair and the employers,” Trinidad said.

“I am out here with Grimmway Farms as far as recruiting operations we have a lot of internships available. We have a variety of internship programs. We do offer full time positions, but we have a variety of internships as far as business and agriculture” Maria Castro, a former BC student who works with Grimmway Farms now, said.

Universities also attended the expo to recruit students to their agricultural programs.

One university that participated in this event was Cal Poly Bremner Anna Barker and Teagan Ehlers represented the CAFES College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences program that is at Cal Poly.

“We have all of the degree and department brochures here and are talking about all of the degrees you can come to CAFES for. We are just here talking about transferring in,” said Barker.

The goal for the career expo is to connect students to the agriculture programs at BC by networking with the industries that hire for specific programs, Domenica Trinidad, the coordinator of the expo, said.

BC hosts annual Ag Expo

Renegade Events

Campus Events

**Nov. 07:** Distinguished Speaker Jason Beardley (10 AM), Levant Center, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Nov. 07:** Radiologic Technology Program Celebration of 50 years at BC, Math Science 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Nov. 07:** Distinguished Speaker Jason Beardley (2 PM), Levant Center, 1801 Panorama Dr., from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Nov. 07:** Daily Bread, Levinson Hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Nov. 07:** Distinguished Speaker Jason Beardley (7 PM), Levant Center, 1801 Panorama Dr., from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Nov. 07:** Dynamic Earth: Exploring Earth’s Climate Engine, Planetarium, Math-Science 112, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Nov. 09:** Gandhi Legacy Debate Tournament, Delano Campus, Science and Technology Center, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Nov. 09:** Brian’s Beard Improv, PAC 107 [Black Box Theatre], from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Nov. 11:** Daily Bread, Levinson Hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Nov. 12:** CSU Apply Transfer Application Workshop, CSS 151, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Nov. 12:** Daily Bread, Levinson Hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Nov. 12:** New Student Orientation Fall 2019, Welcome Center, 1801 Panorama Dr. Administration Building, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Nov. 13:** Delano CSU Apply Transfer Application Workshop, Delano - DST 119, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Nov. 13:** Daily Bread, Levinson Hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Nov. 14:** Coffee with Campus Safety, LEV 40, Levinson Hall, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Nov. 14:** African-American Mentoring Program, MS-3, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

**Nov. 14:** Daily Bread, Levinson Hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Nov. 16:** Renegades Football, at Memorial Stadium, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Nov. 18:** Daily Bread, Levinson Hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Nov. 20:** Daily Bread, Levinson Hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Nov. 20:** Dr. Brian Harnetty - Composer and Artist, Levant Center, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Nov. 20:** MARS One Thousand One, Planetarium, Math-Science 112, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**“It helps you open doors and meet new people. Also, you get to learn more about the company”**

- Samuel Ontiveros

Information tables, advertising what they have to offer in the agriculture industry, at the 3rd annual Ag Career Expo in front of the Huddle on Oct. 23.
Discussing biotechnological advances in CRISPR use

By Bianca Cacciola
Reporter

Biochemist Samuel Sternberg visited Ba-

Sternberg received his doctorate’s degree in chemistry from the University of California Berkeley in 2014 and currently is the head of a research lab at Columbia University, where he is an assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics. Aye.

The biological advancement CRISPR, the acronym for clustered regularly interspaced short palindrome repeats, has widely taken over the world of biology in the past decade. CRISPR can be defined as “a segment of DNA containing short repetitions of base sequences, involved in the defense mechanisms of prokaryotic organisms to viruses,” according to the Oxford dictionary.

“One of the most controversial topics right now in biotechnology (and) bioethics is should we use these kinds of tools in human embryos,” Sternberg said. “What are the boundaries for where we should be using technology and where we shouldn’t? And could this tool give us the caliber to make these decisions about the genetics that the next generation might have.”

CRISPR could have the ability to look at an embryo’s DNA sequence and eliminate the part of the sequence that could be positive for diseases such as HIV, cystic fibrosis, cancer, and more.

“They take gene edited cells and they can put them in a mouse model. Then they can look for cancer, for example, sequence what genes were edited, and get a complete genome-wide landscape on all the different molecular players in tumor metastasis,” Sternberg said.

With all new biotechnology, the privilege has not passed to begin actually using CRISPR in humans or embryos yet. A Chinese scientist, He Jiankui, used CRISPR technology on a set of embryos to completely rid their DNA sequence of HIV. He performed this experimental task that costed him his career, title, and reputation.

“Again, we are in the early days. I don’t think that tomorrow, or next year, or even in a couple years, we are going to have cured genetic diseases. But I think we are at the beginning of a new era with thinking about treating these kinds of conditions in a fundamentally different way, by going into the genome and repairing the mutation at the source,” Sternberg said.

Meat substitutes

Veganism
By Haley Duval
Senior Photo Editor

Best meat replacements so former meat-lovers don’t have to miss out on choosing to be a vegan.

Tofu
Tofu is a great substitute for a variety of types of meat.

Tofu is a food prepared from condensed soy milk. It’s made to form solid white blocks of softness.

There are a variety of different ways it can be made.

It can be silken, soft, firm, or extra firm.

Tofu isn’t supposed to taste like meat, but for a cheap and simple meat substitute, it’s worth the try.

Tofu with ramen? Delicious.

Tofu with soy sauce and rice? Yum.

Plus, tofu is a good source to get protein.

MorningStar Farms veggie chicken nuggets

These veggie nuggets are a dream come true for me.

Literally. For years after becoming vegetarian the only meat I missed and craved was chicken nuggets.

Everything I dream about eating meat was always McDonald’s chicken nuggets.

Chicken nuggets were my favorite food growing up and now it’s my favorite food again as a vegan adult.

The brand also has a variety of other meat-free and dairy-free products, including MorningStar Farms’ Buffalo Chick Patties, Buffalo Wings, and Chick’n Nuggets.

Beyond Meat’s website contains ingredients for their plant-based patties include water, pea protein isolate, expeller-pressed canola oil, refined coconut oil, rice flour, soy flour, and other natural flavors, including apple extract and beet juice extract to add color.

Black-bean and gardein veggie patties are nothing compared to the beyond meat patties.

It does not look exactly like the real animal meat but it sure does taste like it.

It’s so good the first time I tried it, I was tempted to re-check the ingredients.

It’s just that good. There is also a vegan alternative to KFC’s famous chicken breast called “Beyond Sausage.”

Vegan pizza
Make it or buy it, it’s easy to get when craving pizza if you know where. There are a few dairy-free frozen pizza brands that you can simply ask for the vegan cheese when ordering at Blaze Pizza.

Bakersfield Pizza Co also has vegan options, like vegan sliders, cheese fries, cauliflower wings, pizza, and ice cream.

Tofurky
The holiday season is coming up and vegans who celebrate Thanksgiving with family or friends can sometimes feel left out.

A traditional Thanksgiving meal consists of a turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, some kind of vegetable, and more.

Don’t worry, there’s plenty of exciting Thanksgiving food alternatives.

Soy chorizo
Soy chorizo is a great way to eat breakfast burritos with potatoes.

Gardein Classic’s meatless meatballs

Obvious spaghettini can easily be made vegan, but what is spaghetti without meatballs?

It’s not the same without it. Thankfully, Gardein Classic’s meatless meatballs solves that problem.

Trader Joe’s also has meatless meatballs.

Some store-bought meat substitutes are not always 100 percent vegan.

It’s a rookie mistake to not check the ingredients label to ensure the item does not include eggs or milk.
STEM department shows off chemistry

By Tiara McCormick
Reporter

The STEM faculty hosted a Marvelous Metals Event outside on campus.

The STEM department and other related clubs put up booths displaying their work.

Students were able to walk from various booths and watch as demonstrations took place. There was a strawberry DNA extraction demonstration shown by Angela Hill in the Biology Department where she talked about genetics.

Timothy Plett from the Bakersfield College Artificial Intelligence club showed how electrical current flowed from grapefruit can change different metals like aluminum and copper.

Another booth showed a robot writing out people’s names on paper using code from an algorithm shown by the Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement club.

The operator was Martin Perez and Ramases Patterson who told people about the club and robot. The Psychics club booth demonstrated how fast a person’s reaction time was by how fast they caught a yard stick.

The various reaction times were considered data that could be used to see the average time it took a person to react. The Engineering/Women in Science and Engineering booth had students put together a puzzle giving them examples and using spaghetti and marshmallows, hosted by Ben Duval.

During the event, students received cards if they participated in the different games each booth offered.

With two cards students they were able to get food. The booth was covered by Dan Kimball, chemistry professor, who took their two cards, they wrote their name down, and gave them a hot dog and soda. The Financial Aid booth offered pens, highlighters, and USB flash drives and answered any questions. The event hosted many booths and there was something interesting for everyone to see.

Tiarra McCormick / The Rip

Luncheon combats rise in homelessness

By Alex Gutierrez
Reporter

The Bakersfield Downtown Business Association hosted a luncheon in the Westchester Event Center for the fight to take back downtown from all the developing conditions on Oct. 24.

In attendance was a lot of business owner in the downtown area along with very prominent people in local and state government, such as Senator Shannon Grove, Assemblyman Vince Fong, Mayor Karen Goh, Bakersfield Councilman Andre Gonzalez, and District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer, all of whom were key speakers in this event.

The luncheon’s purpose was to directly combat the growing homeless people in the downtown area.

Many businesses are challenging the downtown area to keep anyone away from the growing homeless issue.

According to the Downtown Business Association this issue getting worse, The DBA is also coordinating a plan to provide a deeper communication within the businesses to keep each business and property owner updated with what is happening in the neighborhood in a forum that discusses these issues.

The forums and updated information would be gathered by a block captain, something that was also legislated at the luncheon.

However, there will not be multiple blocks consisting of each city block.

These newly proposed blocks would be strips of businesses and property owners running along both sides of the street for an extended distance.

With crime and vandalism continuing, the DBA has mentioned that the downtown area is still safe and should not keep anyone away from utilizing these businesses and services.

They also spoke briefly about how great, historic and intertwined with Bakersfield these businesses are, such as Fox Theatre, The Mark and many more.

Downtown Bakersfield is always at the center of controversy concerning crime and homelessness, and for that reason movements like Block to Block Empowerment focus on such things to provide a safer place for the business property owners and the community as a whole.
BC football team loses to Long Beach

By Haley Duval
Senior Photo Editor

The Bakersfield College’s football team lost their home game against Long Beach City College, 23-20, at Memorial Stadium, on Oct. 26.

In the second quarter, BC’s quarterback, Braden Wingle gave the Renegades their first touchdown of the game. In the same quarter BC’s freshman Malik Delouth made a 13-yard touchdown. By end of the first half BC was up 14-10.

In the second half BC made two more goals by Paxton Winders and Wingle. The Renegades ended their lead up until the fourth quarter when Long Beach scored back-to-back touchdowns, taking BC’s 23-20 lead.

After this loss, BC is now 2-5 and has yet won a home game. The final home game of the season is on November 16.

BC’s Larry Harrington (#11) tries to catch a pass during the first half, at Memorial Stadium, Oct. 26. Bakersfield College’s football team lost to Long Beach City College, 23-20.

Roadrunners hockey team loses

Enrique Galvan (9) trying to dribble University of San Diego defenseman, Torben Pearson (18) at the ice hockey game at Rabobank Arena, October 25. The game finished 7-3, with University of San Diego leaving with a victory. With this result, California State University Bakersfield is now 2-3 and will have a rematch on Nov. 2 in San Diego. For the full story, visit www.therip.com.
Sophomore quarterback shares his experiences

By Haley Duvall
Senior Photo Editor

Sophomore, Stephen Figure, 20, currently plays quarterback for the Renegades football team.

How did you start playing football?
I started playing football when I was eight years old. My godfather, whose son is on the team, Isaiah Martin, his dad got me into it when I was in third grade. I feel in love with it ever since. That’s why I still play today, because of him.

One football moment you can never forget?
I went to Bakersfield Christian High School when we went to State. That was the best moment of my senior year. Going to state and being in that type of atmosphere.

How do you manage studying and playing games?
With studying we all have to go to study hall and have to get a certain amount of hours in. To make sure those two-hours I have gets in. To make sure those two-hours I have gets in. It’s a great feeling.

Do you have a favorite football team?
The Kansas City Chiefs. That’s my favorite football team. I liked them because my dad liked them.

Do you have a special routine or superstition before you play a big game?
Not really. I just listen to music. Usually to classical or something slow, because I like being in a calm mood before playing. I don’t like listening to rap or something because it’ll get me off mood.

In some major games, how do you handle the pressure?
I handle pressure when I’m on the field. I tune everyone out [expect] my coaches. I just focus on what’s going on. I forget about the fans, who are out there, and the scouts. I just focus on one thing, which is just making the play.

How is the relationship of a coach with players?
It’s pretty good. It’s like we’re family. We’re together every day. I see them more than my actual family. I look up to all my coaches. They’re my role models and my teammates are like brothers to me.

How does it feel to hear the cheers of supporters?
It’s a great feeling. When they cheer for us, that’s how we know we’re doing something good. When there’s a bad call and hear the boosing, you know we have true fans that care about the games.

How do you and the team motivate each other in half time if you are behind in the score-line?
We stay motivate by thinking that there are many people out there that wish they could, makes us that when we’re in our heads. You have something like that in your head, that some people can’t play, wish they could play and wish they could make, makes you want to play better, play more, and play to your best ability.

If you weren’t playing football, what would you be doing?
Just going to school and focusing on my major. I’m a psychology major. I’m branching off after that and go into children psychology. That’s what I want to do and hopefully, get into somewhere here in Bakersfield or close to home. That’s the plan. I love kids.

Haley Duvall / The Rip

BC’s quarterback Stephen Figure, points out a play at at Memorial Stadium, on Oct. 26.
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Puppies meet and greet

By Bianca Cacciola

Sangera Subaru of Bakersfield hosted Mutts & Munchies with pets ready to be adopted from the company Pet MatchMaker on Oct. 26. This event had a wish list of items that could be donated, and food and drinks were provided for the people in attendance.

Pet MatchMaker is a non-profit companion animal rescue organization that began in 2004 on the east coast of the United States and has since expanded to California. Pet MatchMaker’s goal is to rescue dogs and cats from the south-eastern states and transport them to New England where there was a high demand for dogs, and the need for help in the southeastern states.

“I moved out to California in 2007, to Bakersfield, when my husband transferred to the east coast, and basically transferred Pet Match-Maker,” said Morgan Sokolow, Director and founder of Pet MatchMaker. “We expanded. We kept the west coast branch, started the west coast branch, and had a facility on M Street from 2007 to 2010. Then we bought our facility property in 2010 and have built from there.”

The aim is to raise the numbers of spayed and neutered animals to prevent the number of stray dogs that go into shelters. “Our dogs need to get out and be socialized out in public with the other dogs. We’ve got two sets of dogs that were breeders and that’s all they ever did, was breed,” said Monique Nunlist, a foster for Pet MatchMaker. “[Events such as this] are to make people aware our dogs and, they get rescued. You don’t have to go and buy a dog, you can rescue a dog and get something just as good, if not better.”


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Op-ed: Small town pros and cons

By Bianca Cacciola

Tehachapi is a small town in California that I am sure most people don’t know actually exists. The population is approximately 10,000 people and growing up in Tehachapi has been an experience I wouldn’t change. Let's face it, every small-town shares common characteristics and have their pros and cons.

Pros:

1. A small-town community is a tight-knit community in times of need. This is one of the beneficial ways that knowing everyone can be a good thing. When a tragedy strikes, such as a death or devastation, the community bands together to fundraise or help out in any way they can. When I was in high school, we lost a few students due to unforeseen accidents and it really bonded the community as a whole. Whether it was holding a candle light vigil, hosting a memorial in our high school’s gymnasium or doing something in honor of the person, small-towns feel the hurt too.

2. Everybody knows everybody, and no I am not kidding. Growing up, it made transitioning from one elementary school to the one middle school easy. You went in with your same friend group and it made the big changes in life less intimidating. But, as I grew older, I realized how tricky knowing everyone could be. If you were like me, wanting to get in and out of a store, going to Allens and agreeing to bump into practically the whole town.

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Cons:

1. Pro: Small towns make most people humble. The beauty of growing up in a smaller town is that it teaches you to make something out of nothing. Most people at a young age can’t think of anything better than leaving their small towns with the exception of some, and making a name for themselves outside of the town.

2. A good number of people like to let the idea of staying in the town as they get older, which is why the last names of people become so “legendary.” No matter if people stay or go, our small-town communities will always remember where we came from.

Pro: When you grow up in a small town, that means there is a small selection of stores, activities, or anything around you. All basic city things to do, like going to a mall for new clothes, or having all your friends, means that you have to drive almost 45 minutes both ways for it.

Tehachapi is in the middle of Bakersfield, Ca and Lancaster, Ca distance-wise. On days when your family plans a trip to go shopping, you have a choice of any city to go to. When I was younger, driving to either city got me excited for one reason only, food. In Tehachapi there isn't much of a selection of places to eat unless you want to eat at one of the many McDonalds that are spread all over, so coming home from a day of errands gets a whole lot better when you can stop at Panda Express. The fun thing to do with your friends in high school was to have a monthly membership to the one car wash in Tehachapi, and ask your friends to come get your car washed with you.

So, when I say there is a small selection of things to do, I mean it.

Op-ed: Don’t victim shame abuse survivors

By Jocelyn Sandusky

Two years ago, the McToo and Times Up Movement caught the nation’s attention. Women’s sexual harassment and assault stories to the forefront of social and political activism. Despite the immeasurable number of brave women who told their stories created an environment where speaking up isn’t as scary and pointless as it once was because there is comfort and strength in numbers. But even still, a question remains: How do we make it into the conversation when victims choose to speak up and speak out about their experiences, but we didn’t say anything sooner? Is it when, some reason, women waiting until they are ready and willing to share their traumatic experiences make them feel?

Because if it really happened, they would make a police report and seek justice at all costs. But some people I’ve spoken to actually don’t doubt that it was sexually harassed, I experienced a response that made me feel much worse. After revealing the most embarrassing and intrusive thing to ever happen to me, every person I told blamed me for not preventing the perpetrator’s future assault on other girls. I went from being a victim to a villain. In a split second, I became his accomplice because I felt it really was my fault, I was too silly.

These people confirmed my worst fear: It is my fault the inappropriate behavior and cycle of abuse continues because I did not raise anything about what I was supposed to do?

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So what happened?

My former co-worker, at my former place of employment, made comments about my body, and I was scared to report him as a potential dangerous situation. When he didn’t have enough room to move past me, I thought he was very uncomfortable and turned his back on me.

Even though I might have been uncomfortable, I thought I might be making his job easier. But when he sent me photos of his genitalia after I quit, I knew that I wasn’t delusional and all of the excuses I made for him were unarranted.

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I don’t even know if such departments were available to me because I was too afraid to ask. The owner never shared such information with me.

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I was even more afraid of being ignored. I often found myself wondering if I would lose the cycle of abuse to flourish but I will not be held responsible for somebody else’s actions.

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Jonas Brothers reunite at the Hollywood Bowl

By Haley Daval
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It feels like 2008 all over again. After experiencing the Jonas Brother’s “Happiness Begins” tour at the Hollywood Bowl on Oct. 20, I certainly still had the lovebug for them.

The Jonas Brothers are an American pop-rock band formed in 2005 which consists of three brothers; Kevin, Joe, and Nick Jonas. After taking a 6-year hiatus, the “Jo Bros” are back and have never been better.

It has been a huge year for the Jonas Brothers and especially for the fans. Since they announced they’re back together in late February, the brothers have been unstoppable.

They released their first single in almost ten years called “Sucker” marking the group’s first No. 1 single.

The Jonas Brother’s latest album, “Happiness Begins” dropped in June of this year, along with a documentary titled, “Chasing Happiness” shortly after they announced their “Happiness Begins” tour. I’ve been waiting for this for nearly ten years. I couldn’t see them when I was ten. What ten-year-old has money to go to a concert. Not me.

Now that I’m in my early 20s, well still no. I still didn’t have any money, but I still got tickets as a birthday gift.

Although the night before the concert I was stressing out and crying because I had nightmares that I missed the show, the emotions I felt during the show were just full of happiness. They open up their set with the song “Rollercoaster,” off of their 2019 album. Which sent me on an emotional rollercoaster.

My eyes teared up a little. The song is about their journey since the fans last saw all three of the brothers performing together, which ties in perfectly to open up with.

The best songs to dance to was definitely “Only Human,” from “Happiness Begins” and Nick and Joe cover “Cake by the Ocean,” from Joe’s band DNCE. Fun fact, cake means butt.

The only disappointment I have from the show was how heartbroken I felt when they didn’t perform my favorite Jonas Brother’s song from their 2008 “A Little Bit Longer” album “Shell.”

Overall, the show was amazing and I hope they’ll be back to announce another album and tour in the near future again without taking another six-year hiatus.

The first leg was the “Happiness Begins” tour officially ended the next day at the Hollywood Bowl.

The set list was perfect for the old and new Jonas Brothers fans.

Jonas Brothers setlist:
- “Rollercoaster”
- “S.O.S.”
- “Cool”
- “Only Human”
- “Strangers That’s Just the Way We Roll”
- “Fly With Me”
- “Used to Be”
- “Hesitate”
- “Hello Beautiful”
- “Gotta Find You”
- “Camp Rock”

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“Jealous” (Nick Jonas cover)
“Cake by the Ocean” (DNCE cover)
“Comeback”
“When You Look Me in the Eye”
“I Believe”
“Manh”
“Paranoid”
“Got Me“
“Hold On”
“Tonight”
“Lovebug”
“Burnin’ Up”
“World War III”
“Play My Music”
“Paranoid”
“Sucker”

Will Smith’s “Gemini Man” is predictable

By David Portillo
 Reporter

A duo of Will Smiths star in the 2019 action flick “Gemini Man.” The film, directed by Ang Lee, is a real visual marvel. Although the film is an absolute joy to look at, the plot drags it down in the most cliché ways.

The film follows Henry Brogan (Will Smith) and his sudden targeting of a mysterious operative who looks very similar to him, a clone also played by Smith who is digitally made to look like the star in his twenties.

The plot seems like a setup for an extremely fun time at the movies, but the writing makes the movie a real let down. Dull dialogue and easy to predict setups are seen throughout the movie. Smith seems to try to give his all in his performance, but the result is boring and seems way too repetitive. With an almost two-hour run time it just keeps dragging on.

The film seems like its pulled from the year 2005 and with all of its flaws that all of the action films of that period had. It simply doesn’t live up to 2019 standards.

“Gemini Man” is so predictable that it seems like a 15-year-old fan wrote the script and the director just went with it. As a result, the movie flopped and didn’t seem to pull an audience to give it the time of day.

Through all of the film’s negatives, the entire grab of the film is the double Will Smith experience and it delivers. Technology in all aspects of life has come a long way and “Gemini Man” shows it with the motion capture of Smith. His performance felt like there were two of him on screen at once. At some points, it seems like the younger Smith character is his own entity and isn’t captured through technology. To be fair, if there is any reason to see this movie it’s that.

“Gemini Man” should be a good movie, but it’s ridden with a predictable script that keeps it from being unique and falls flat even with the star power that the director tried to capture with two doses of Will Smith.
Annual chalk art event returns to town

By Bianca Cacciola
Reporter

The annual Bakersfield event Via Arté hit the parking lot of the Marketplace on Oct. 19 and 20. Artists and creative minds got the chance to showcase their talent at the Italian Street Painting Festival.

The theme of Via Arté 2019 was “Our World United.” Participants varied in ages from experienced adults to young children expressing their own ideas of what unifies the world.

Ferris Hernandez, high school senior and member of Independence High School Art Club, said, “The colors are what drew us to [the art piece], we also saw the dove holding an olive branch and we thought it was a very good symbol of peace and unity. We felt like this was the best to choose.”

Many Kern high schools, such as Golden Valley High School, Bakersfield High School, and more, had students in attendance sponsored by the Bakersfield Museum of Art.

Along with students, people who work for school districts also spent hours on their weekend preparing and competing against the other entries.

Darla Kendrick, an art teacher for two different elementary schools, said, “Every year the kids [I teach] look forward to this. My third grade classes take a walking field trip over here and I will actually meet them out here. They will see this in person, they will get to ask me questions, they will get to see our art. Just to get kids more involved in it, we like to hide little things in our projects, because it makes them stop and look at the details.”

Kendrick’s aim is to have her students see that not only is she an art teacher, but she is also a producing artist.

Jennifer Williams, who creates the Via Arté artwork with Kendrick, also works around children as a librarian. Williams said that the students inspire her; they create artwork that she will hang in the library that helps her explore her creative depths.

“Instead of me feeding them art, they feed it to me. I always make them sign their work, I tell them artists sign their art. You got to put your name on it and that way everybody can see that it is you, you did it. They are just so creative and it is constant, so that kind of keeps my creative juices going,” Williams said.

Via Arté gives an outlet for the community to view artwork from the people that surround them every day.