

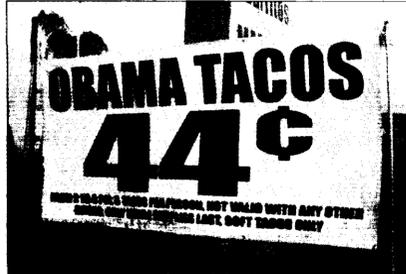
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## Winter days warm up

Palm trees stand silhouetted against a sunset as seen from the Valley Plaza Mall on Feb. 20.



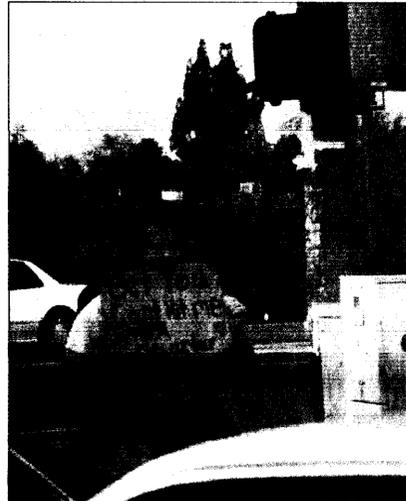
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In celebration of our 44th president, Taco Fresco, located on the corner of California and Chester Avenue, is currently promoting 44 cent tacos while supplies last.



PATTI J. LOOMIS / THE RIP

Scenery shot outside the horticulture department in the afternoon on March 1.



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The Bakersfield Fire Department and BC Department of Public Safety respond to an accident on Haley Street on Feb. 18. The accident occurred when a car driven by BC student Jennifer Lopez, 19, hit a car pulling away from the curb.



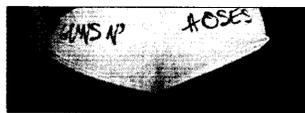
An unknown reason for smoke causes a train to slow down for investigation on Edison Highway on Feb. 19.

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The American flag is hung from a Kern County Fire Department ladder truck at the Riverwalk on Feb. 28. The Kern County Sherri's Activities League sponsored the fishing derby.

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### Battle of the badges

Kern County policemen and firemen box it out at annual Guns and Hoses.

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### Snowboarding challenge

Both male and female students found learning snowboarding to be difficult.

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## State budget finally passed

The California state budget, which was long overdue, was passed about two weeks ago. However, Bakersfield College students can expect fewer classes and longer waitlists.

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The wait for the California budget to be passed is finally over. Bakersfield College president Greg Chamberlain says that this is a good budget for BC, and the school hasn't been cut as much as expected.

"The state recognized our role at community colleges as a part of the solution to the economic problem," Chamberlain said. For the 2008-2009 school year, there is no anticipation to cut any full-time employees. Some things BC students can expect are fewer summer courses, all classes filling up sooner, and more waitlists. Chamberlain suggests to make sure you have gone through the whole process of taking the admission test and seeing a counselor so you have the opportunity to register early before open enrollment begins. Although there will be fewer courses, Chamberlain said that BC will not have fewer students.

"The CSU and UC systems will be reducing freshman admits. Because of the economy, community members have been laid off and will be coming back for job skills." Money from outside businesses that fund programs on campus, such as the nursing program, will continue to be granted. "Now we get down to the work to provide services to our students," Chamberlain said. In the early morning hours on Feb. 19, California's lawmakers passed the budget. The 18-month, \$143 billion spending plan raises taxes and cuts spending to help the \$42 billion deficit. Constitutionally, lawmakers are supposed to pass a budget by June 15 and have it to the governor to be signed by July 1. In the last 30 years, this has happened a dozen times. The last time a budget was passed by June 15 was in 1986.

Feb. 19 also marked the Senate's longest session to achieve the required two-thirds vote to pass the budget. The session took 45 and a half hours to decide on the vote of Republican Abel Maldonado of Santa Maria. An agreement was met with Democratic lawmakers and Maldonado, who asked for election changes, government reform and removal of increasing the gas tax, as well as freezing legislative salaries in deficit budget years. Although the budget was officially passed, there will be a May revise that will be the final budget for the 18-month plan.

## New budget affects students

The University of California and the California State University systems are cutting their budgets back. This could affect any possible transfer students interested in transferring.

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It's old news: The California state budget is lacking. Every newspaper has articles that state how bad our economy is. Budgets everywhere are being cut, and people are being laid off.

So, how will the lack of funding be affecting transfer students to Universities of California or California State Universities?

According to BC's transfer services counselor, Sue Granger-Dickson, the UC system is considering cutting the upcoming freshman class by 6%. "They are urging students to attend their local community colleges and complete their first two years of schooling there," she said.

While they are not cutting the number of transfer students admitted, there will be earlier deadlines to apply.

"CSUB has not announced that they have closed the deadline yet; however, CSU Fresno and CSU Northridge have announced closure on Feb. 15," Granger-Dickson said. "That's earlier than I ever remember."

There is also a chance that all of the application and processing fees may go up as well, Granger-Dickson said.

If one wants to prepare oneself for the transfer system, Granger-Dickson recommends organizing and preparing oneself as soon as possible.

"The earlier you make your deci-

sions, pick out your majors and get all your ducks in a row, the more successful you are going to be," she said. "Almost every student I have seen can be a successful transfer student, you just have to be organized and have a written educational plan. Transfer is a possibility for all BC students."

Now that the Cal States have made earlier deadlines, Granger-Dickson suggests getting ahead and filling out the priority application that can be filled out October-November.

"It's tough to figure out, I know. Look at what you enjoy doing. Come in to the Career Center and make sure you're getting the right classes done."

Students may be forced to get more organized or miss out on needed classes because, according to BC president Greg Chamberlain, there is a cut for some summer and fall '09 classes.

"We have to look carefully at all the courses we are offering and will be forced to give a reduced number of courses available," he said. "Right now we are trying to be as careful as possible to carry funds over from last year. We can handle this year's cut, with the money from last year. It's the upcoming semesters that will suffer."

Chamberlain said that to better prepare themselves for the cuts, students should know what they need to take ahead of time and register for classes as early as possible.

"This is such a difficult time for everyone, in particular California. We have the largest public education system in the nation. Don't let the economic times freak you out. We are going to continue to have transfer workshops and invite the UC and CSU for the students to talk to. Just get organized and know what you want," Granger-Dickson said.

In regard to student welfare at BC, Chamberlain said, "We will do our best to meet the needs of our students with the limited funding we have."

## Chevron donates to MESA

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During a special luncheon in the Renegade Room on Feb. 18, representatives from Chevron presented the Math Engineering Science Achievement program a donation of \$20,000 to help sponsor the MESA Week 0 project.

MESA is a program that, according to its mission statement, "...enables educationally disadvantaged students to prepare for and graduate from a four-year college or university with a math-based degree in areas such as engineering, the sciences, computer science, and mathematics."

MESA Week 0 is an important part of that process. Incoming students, interested in engineering and science majors, are invited to attend the workshop held before the start of the fall semester.

"We take them through the degree process," said Consuelo Gonzalez, director of the Bakersfield College MESA program. "We also work on student development,



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Representatives from Chevron present a donation of \$20,000 to the Math Engineering Science Achievement program Feb. 18.

showing them where things are at on campus," Gonzalez said. "The idea behind MESA Week 0 is to get the students prepared and ready to go when school starts."

Roger Christy, from Chevron's Policy, Govern-

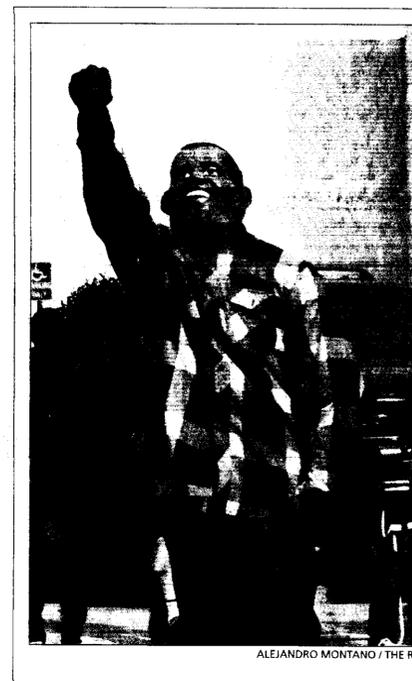
ment and Public Affairs division, was on hand to present the donation. He recognizes the importance of the MESA program and the work they do. "People think of the oil patch as kind of old-fashioned and low-tech," Christy said. "They don't realize that we are tremendous users of technology."

Christy pointed out that Chevron does a lot of engineering and science work. "It's geologists that find the new oil," he said. "And engineers develop the technologies that get that oil out of the ground."

According to Christy, the MESA program at Bakersfield College is a great program. "It gets engineering and science students off on the right track," he said. "I was very impressed by the way students get a very personal and pragmatic touch. MESA gives them the tools they need to not only get a good education but to get internships and jobs later."

Those tools include free tutoring, workshops in resume writing and obtaining financial aid and a study center that offers Internet access and free printing. MESA also sponsors field trips for students to

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## African-American Appreciation

Left: Among the many clubs that marched in the parade, President Obama impersonator made a visit to the downtown Black History Parade on Feb. 28. Above: The percussion line in the parade makes its way down the street. See page 8 for story.

## Gas prices begin to increase once again

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In March of last year, gasoline prices began rising at a fast pace and in June reached an average of \$4.53 a gallon for regular gasoline in Bakersfield. Later, in July, gas prices began going down, averaging \$1.59 a gallon in December.

However, the price of gasoline is starting to go up again, and students are beginning to feel the burn.

Journalism major Tyrone Barner believes that students are severely affected by the increase on gas prices. According to Barner, the oil industry is just finding ways to elevate the price of gasoline and make more profit, just like last year.

High gas prices make some students look for alternatives that would save them a few dollars even if that means sacrificing time. "I have a friend who has a car, but she catches the bus to come to school," Barner said.

Other students combine public and personal transportation. Chi Dinh, 17, comes to Bakersfield College four days a week. She rides the bus two days a week, and the other two days she gets a ride from her family members. "It's cheaper using the bus, but it takes longer," said Dinh. The trip from BC to

downtown Bakersfield, where she lives, takes her about 15 to 30 minutes using the bus depending on what line she uses.

Dinh plans to get her driver's license soon, but she will still use the bus because she finds it more convenient for her pocket.

Some students have no choice but to spend much of their budget on gasoline.

Maribel Olvera, a psychology major at BC, commutes from Wasco, spending around \$40 a week on gasoline. When gas prices were higher, she had to limit herself to eating out less often.

"Most of the time I use regular gasoline unless I have a few extra dollars, then I will go with premium," Olvera said.

She considers \$2 a gallon to be a fair price and would definitely switch to a more gasoline-efficient car if she had the chance.

Around campus, Gasco on Mount Vernon Avenue and California Avenue is the cheapest option to fill up for regular gasoline. For medium and premium grade, Fastrip on Mount Vernon Avenue and University Avenue offers the lowest price.

Olvera usually fills up at Circle K in Wasco. "I use this particular gas station because it is the nearest to my house," she said. Olvera could be saving around 15 cents per gallon driving to Gasco or stopping by Flying J at the Merced Avenue exit on Freeway 99.

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Gas prices rise once again in Bakersfield.

# SPORTS

## Baseball team wins 5 straight

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Bakersfield College baseball (7-7-1) hit the road and ended up earning a six-game winning streak against L.A. Pierce, Glendale and L.A. Mission in Western State Conference play.

BC pitcher Jeremy Gonzales threw a three-hit complete game with one earned run and six strikeouts against L.A. Pierce on Feb. 28 to give BC a 3-2 win.

"[Jeremy Gonzales] was in command from start to finish," said BC head coach Tim Panton. "He really set the tone for the entire day. Gonzales went out and shut them down in the ninth inning and we got a 3-2 win."

BC shortstop/second baseman Joe Ramirez went 4-for-4 in the game and Renegade teammate Greg Fowler hit the game-winning groundball RBI in the eighth inning. A.J. Day led off the inning, with the score 2-2, with a single to start the Renegades' rally.

Panton is pleased and optimistic about the team's defense and overall. "We were better defensively, we're still growing. We're getting better, and hopefully we continue to eliminate

small mistakes in ball games. One of these days we're going to look up and we're going to have what we think we're going to have," said Panton.

Panton elaborated on the team's winning streak after its first game against L.A. Pierce. "It's been a good thing. Outside of baseball people throughout the state, nobody really understood how tough our schedule was in the preseason when we started 1-7," he said. "There was a monkey on our back at that point, and there was pressure at that point, but as we've started to play [conference] we're starting to see some of the mistakes be eliminated, and guys are starting to swing the bat a little bit better so I think the pressure has been removed as we've started to win."

In the Feb. 26 game at Glendale College, BC won 8-7, as Jarret Martin threw seven innings and had a no-hitter into the sixth inning as he struck out 14 of Glendale's hitters. BC's Ryan Huston earned the win as he threw the last innings to win the game for the Renegades.

The Renegades won the first game at Glendale 5-4 on Feb. 24. BC pitcher Marcos Reyna pitched 7 2/3 innings with 7 strikeouts. Reyna allowed five runs on six hits, but four runs were unearned due to errors committed by BC, which two of three in the game were charged to Reyna.

BC pitcher Huston closed out the game in 1 1/4 innings' work and received the win with

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"We performed very well. Glendale's been playing very well up to this point and to go in there and really work to get a 5-4 win was a good win for us," Panton said.

The Renegades defeated L.A. Mission in both games at Sylmar 12-11 and 7-5.

BC pitcher Gonzales threw five innings Feb. 21 for the 12-11 win. Gonzales allowed eight runs on six hits. BC's Greg Sanders and Jarret Martin closed the game out with a combined 3 2/3 innings' work, and Sanders only allowed two runs. BC's Art Charles went 3-for-4, and Joe Ramirez went 2-for-4. The Renegades eighth inning was very important as BC scored two runs that helped win the game. BC committed five errors in the game, and L.A. Mission committed one.

BC won 7-5 at the top of the ninth inning at L.A. Mission on Feb. 19, with four runs. Renegade pitcher Reyna pitched 7 2/3 innings with nine strikeouts. Reyna allowed five runs on six hits, but four runs were unearned due to errors committed by BC, which two of three in the game were charged to Reyna.

BC pitcher Huston closed out the game in 1 1/4 innings' work and received the win with

two strikeouts and no hits. BC's Ramirez went 3-for-5 and teammate left fielder Joey Walker went 3-for-4 against L.A. Mission pitchers John Boersma, Donny Williams and Nick Cerritos.

The Renegades had a total of 12 hits against L.A. Mission.

Panton said that the amount of games that BC will play on the road is actually good for the team because they're not used to Sam Lynn Ball Park.

"I'd rather play on the road where at least we're accustomed to playing in the ballparks on the road," he said. "Obviously, the cost factor at Sam Lynn, plus it's their ballpark, they're trying to get ready for minor league season. They don't want a tremendous amount of games played there tearing up their field for a minor-league team that's going to arrive in league, so there's a lot of factors. We are going to play two or three dates from the middle of March to the first of April. We're just as comfortable traveling on the road. We're more familiar with those ballparks than we are [at] Sam Lynn, and that's the way it is right now."

The Renegades travel to Woodland Hills March 3 for their second game at L.A. Pierce.

## Renegade tennis start conference matchups

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Bakersfield College's tennis teams had mixed results Feb. 24 against Santa Barbara City College. The women posted a 7-2 victory while the men lost 7-2.

Shabrena Dickerson, BC's No. 1 player, returned to her winning ways by defeating Santa Barbara's Meghan Schaefer 6-1, 6-2. Dickerson expressed how important it was for her to bounce back from last week's loss and get a win for her team.

"We wanted to pull out all wins because last year we came in second. We want to end as number one," said Dickerson.

The men weren't as successful with Santa Barbara as they lost Feb. 24.

The men were swept in doubles play and only won two matches. Kevin Loti of BC beat Elliot Markowitz of Santa Barbara 6-4, 6-1, and BC's Matt Booth defeated Santa Barbara's Zack Scott 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Feb. 26, the men had a bye, while the BC women ended up losing that day to Cuesta fairly early due to surrendering five out of six singles matches to the rivals. Sarena Dickerson was the only BC player to post a victory, defeating Erin McGurty of Cuesta College 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

"I'm very proud of all of our women, they played very well, but Cuesta was just a little bit better at each position," said BC women's coach Gene Lundquist.

BC swept Cuesta, winning all 3 doubles matches to bring the final score to 5-4. Shabrena and Sarena Dickerson nearly skunked Devin Meritid and Whitney Whiting of Cuesta by winning the match 8-1. Coach Lundquist leached things up and had Katie O'Leary playing alongside Emily Carnal. The changed paid off as duo beat Cuesta's Hannah Crampton and Bree Rowan 8-5. BC's Jessica Burrow accompanied by Cooper Niswonger won the third and final doubles match 8-6 by beating Laura Haines and Hannah Spencer of Cuesta.

Lundquist was extremely impressed with the way that his team played in the doubles matches.

Dickerson explained how important it was to remain competitive against Cuesta.

"We can get them the next time. We just have to win one more singles match." "It kind of gave us hope" said Dickerson.

Cuesta, 2008 conference champions, was undefeated last year, finished fourth in the state, while BC finished sixth.

"I'm really hopeful that when we play them here in Bakersfield we'll have a much different result" said Lundquist.

The BC men and women will face Allan Hancock March 5. The men are at home and the women travel to Santa Maria.

# NEWS

## Delano Campus professor dies of brain cancer

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Delano Campus is still in a stage of mourning for a faculty member, Robert Mickols, who had been teaching history at the campus since it opened.

Faculty reminisced about the times they shared individually with Mickols, including Mickols' own son Christopher Mickols, who followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a history teacher at Delano. "My father was one of the main reasons I went into teaching because he defined himself by his work with his students," he said.

Robert Mickols had been a teacher for more than 40 years before he was diagnosed with brain cancer. Twenty years of Robert Mickols' life was spent at the Delano Campus and 20 years at Wasco Elementary before he was unable to teach. "He didn't think something like this would happen to him. When he was first diagnosed, he didn't understand it, and the main thing for him was to get back to work as soon as possible after surgery and treatment," Christopher said.

Christopher was only able to spend one semester teaching with his father, and he went on to say how a lot of students would sign up for his class thinking they were taking his father's class.

Along with Christopher, other co-workers were open and willing to talk about Mickols' reputation and status at Delano Campus. Rich McCrow, Delano Campus director, was a friend and colleague of Robert Mickols. McCrow remembers him as always smiling, and his words were always kind.

"He was an outstanding guy who worked hard and loved teaching, history and students," McCrow said.

McCrow recalls when Mickols called and told him he was ill and would not be able to teach anymore and had to take time off for treatment. He remembers Mickols wanting to come back and start teaching again at the middle school before he passed.

McCrow's assistant was Raquel Lopez who had been Mickols' friend since 2001. Lopez has many warm memories of Mickols.

"He was very friendly and popular, and students cared a lot about him at the Delano Campus," Lopez said.

Lopez was one of the many people to be touched right away by his dedication. She talked a little about how he first began feeling ill before being diagnosed with cancer. "To hear that he wasn't coming back was hard and kind of sad," Lopez said.

Christopher Mickols, McCrow and Lopez all agreed that he was a dedicated teacher and had a unique passion for teaching.

## MESA: Chevron gives \$20,000 to BC program

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universities and career conferences that help them become better prepared to obtain internships. "As a community college student, there's not a good chance you are going to get an internship," Gonzalez said. "But since our students are well prepared, some have gotten internships anyway."

MESA also offers students a community in which they can form clusters of friends as they work through some of the harder classes on their way to attaining their educational goals. "A student may want to be an engineer, but once they hit the math, it's like 'Oh my God, I don't want to do this,'" Gonzalez said. "Having a group of friends doing it too makes it a lot easier."

David Herrera, a computer engineering major, is thankful for the benefits he has received from the MESA program. "Thanks to MESA, I have the possibility to attend a university," he said. "Without them, I would have just stopped going to school and done something else. This is a hard process, and they make it smoother for the students."

Juan Saucedo, who is finishing up his last semester of study at Bakersfield College before transferring to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as a mechanical engineering major, attributes much of his success achieving his educational goals to the MESA program. "MESA has been that metaphorical mentor for me, saying, 'You can achieve your potential,'" Saucedo said. "That's what's been keeping me going so far."

Students majoring in science or engineering-related subjects can obtain more information on the MESA program by visiting the Bakersfield College MESA website at <http://www2.bakersfieldcollege.edu/mesa/>.

## Bestselling author visits Bakersfield library

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Catherine Coulter, a New York Times bestselling author, stopped by the Bryce C. Rathbun Library in Oildale on Feb. 21. She is best known for her romantic suspense thrillers as well as her historical romance tales.

"I am such a huge fan of her work," said Lauren O'Connell, a spectator of the event. Coulter spoke about her books, and explained the process of how a book gets published. Some of her best-known works include "Point Blank" and "The Eleventh Hour."

"She is a wonderful writer, she has such a talent of storytelling," said Rosy Gonzales, a local fan of Coulter's. Many eager fans asked questions, including where she gets her ideas and how she got discovered.

Coulter answered all of the questions with a smile and said she appreciates her fans. "I'm writing my 64th book, which is amazing to me," said Coulter.

Coulter wrote her first book when she was 8 years old, and ever since then she has been obsessed with writing. Her new book, called "Knock Out," comes out in June and is part of her FBI series of books. "I'm so excited to write. It's a journey in which I love," said Coulter.

Coulter also spoke about her life and her accomplishments up to now. She also gave aspiring writers a piece of advice: "You have to begin with a means to go on."

## Movie theater brings mall's patrons

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Now that Mervyns has closed its doors and Harris Gotschaiks filed for bankruptcy, the East Hills Mall has lost a lot of business. The one thing that brings customers to the mall is the United Artists movie theater.

"We have a good load of business it seems. We're the only thing in this mall that has customers," said Mark, an employee at the theater.

Some other small business owners have mixed feeling about what has happened to a once very profitable mall. "Business is booming," said Warren Mayhew, an employee from Hope Christian Stores. "We seem to be doing better when Mervyns closed down."

However, some business owners are feeling the pinch of the troubling economy. "Business is extremely slow," said manager of The Country Apple, Robert Young.

The food court also has been hit by the economy. Fewer people are buying food and some are struggling to survive. "We have our clientele, but it's been a total defeat. The mall is virtually dead," said Ben and Jerry's employee Kristy Barrientos. "We get our business mostly from the movie theater."

Plans to rebuild the mall have stopped.

"As long as the movie theater is here, the mall will somewhat survive," said mall patron Victor Salas. "Hopefully, the economy will bounce back so we can have a great mall again."



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The East Hills Mall gets few customers.

## BC men's golf hits strides in season

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Bakersfield College men's golf team finished fifth overall at Allis Ranch on Feb. 2 in a Western State Conference tournament hosted by Santa Barbara. BC's Matt Billington tied for fourth with a par 72 and teammate Chris McCracken tied for sixth with a 73. Santa Barbara City College's Andrew Perez finished first with a 2-under-par 70.

BC head coach Larry Cook said about the season so far that the team faces a very competitive conference. However, Cook said that the competitiveness is also a good thing.

Cook said, "If we do what we do in practice, we'll improve."

BC golfer Nick Vallejo finished fifth at Marshallia Ranch Championship Golf Course on Vandenberg Air Force Base, March 1 for BC's fourth WSC tournament. BC finished fourth with a 384, and Santa Barbara finished first with a 374.

BC's McCracken tied for ninth with a 73, and Renegade teammate Blake Brown shot a 77. Santa Barbara City College's Andrew Perez shot the low score of the tournament with a 3-under-par 69.

BC sophomore Kirk Harper was disqualified for an incorrect card.

BC finished sixth in their third WSC tournament at the par-72 Santa Maria Country Club Feb. 23. BC's Harper tied for ninth and Citrus finished first with a 365 team score. Santa Barbara had the low team score of the day, with a 358. Ventura's Russell Boring shot the low score of the day, a 2-under-par 67.

The BC men's schedule takes them to Paso Robles for the North-South cup March 10-11, and College of the Canyons Invitational March 16.

## Hall of Fame inducts four more

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The Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame held its 43rd annual awards banquet on Feb. 19 at the Marriott Hotel on Truxtun Avenue. The four inductees this year were track and field athlete Jesse Bradford, official Clint Oshimer, the late professional boxer Mike Quarry and pole-vaulter Doug Wicks. Mayor Harvey Hall, Congressman Kevin McCarthy and Supervisor Mike Maggard were in attendance at the event.

The ceremonies began with an invocation by Pastor Michael Oshimer, son of inductee Clint Oshimer. After the room said "amen," welcomes and introductions were done by "the voice of the Bob Elias Sports Hall of Fame," Greg Kerr of KBAK TV 29.

"We (Kern County) have a very strong history when it comes to athletics and a very strong history of achievement," Congressman McCarthy, first cousin to inductee Doug Wicks, told the crowd.

Jesse Bradford, who coached track at Bakersfield College for 25 years, thanked colleagues, friends, family and coaches. Bradford set the national high school 180-yard low hurdle record in 1957. Bradford was short in his acceptance speech, keeping to the "five Bs of public speaking - be brief, brother, be brief."

After each speech from the inductees, the audience gave a standing ovation. The inductees were also awarded a special recognition on behalf of the U.S. Congress.

"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for my fellow officials, coworkers, friends, family and even my critics," Clint Oshimer said prior to accepting his induction.

"I've been very fortunate and very lucky," Wicks said. "In an individual sport...you don't do



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Inductee Jesse Bradford (right) and Wendell James have a friendly greeting before the award ceremony at the 43rd Annual Bob Elias Hall of Fame Awards Banquet on Feb. 19.

it alone. You really need to be surrounded by people who encourage and guide you...and that is exactly what I had."

Bobby Quarry, younger brother of the late Mike Quarry, accepted the induction on behalf of his brother, who had died of pugilistic dementia in 2006. The younger Quarry reminisced about his deceased brother, his voice quivering as he said: "He had to work hard for everything...he never got anything easy."

A video of each of the inductee's accomplishments and lives were played before they made they spoke to the crowd. "I was happy to see that my cohorts were so nice to me," Oshimer said. "Thanks gentlemen, you could have told them the story."



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Kandyce Pearson and son Bradley attend the 43rd banquet.

## Softball team struggles by losing four games in a row

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The Bakersfield College softball team has been on a streak of losing three, winning three, losing three, winning three, the Renegades lost the last four games after winning one game before that.

The Renegades are 6-10 overall and 2-3 in the Western State Conference.

On Feb. 19, the Renegades won 15-6 against Allan Hancock with four runs in the third, five runs in the fifth and six runs in the seventh off of 13 hits.

Liz Chabolla (2-2) pitched three and a half innings with four strikeouts, and gave up six hits and six runs.

Myranda Sawyer (2-2) was the winning pitcher going three and a half innings with four strikeouts and gave up one hit and no runs.

"It was very exciting to have a strong

performance from Sawyer coming off the bench to pitch and get the win," BC head coach Sandi Taylor said. Taylor added, "The bats came alive and the defense played tough."

Britney Morrison had three hits in five at-bats with two runs and four RBIs.

On Feb. 24, the Renegades lost 10-6 against Moorpark with having one run in the fourth, two runs in the fifth and three runs in the seventh off of six hits.

Hanna Grisham (2-3) pitched five and a half innings with two strikeouts, and gave up five hits and six runs.

Sawyer pitched one and a half innings with two strikeouts, and gave up three hits and four runs.

Aly Rosales had three hits in four at-bats with two runs and two RBIs and Jamie Dumairait had two hits in four at-bats with three RBIs.

"The defense needs to be worked on and the team needs to come more pre-

pared next time," Taylor said.

On Feb. 26, the Renegades lost again 2-1 against Ventura with having only one run in the sixth off of three hits.

Joni Lagerstrom (0-1) pitched five innings, had three strikeouts and gave up four hits and two runs.

Sawyer came in to the game and pitched two innings with one strike-out.

After being down by two in the fifth, BC rallied in the sixth with five hits, a stolen base and only one run.

Morrison had one hit and one RBI in three at-bats.

"I was impressed with the game because they haven't quit," Taylor said. "Strategically we had them all in the right places, but we just didn't come up with the big hits."

On Feb. 28, the Renegades played the BC Classic and lost both games 13-3 and 5-0.

In the game against Cypress, the Renegades had ten hits and three runs.

Chabolla pitched two innings and gave up eight hits and five runs.

Sawyer came into the game, pitched five innings, got one strikeout and gave up eleven hits and eight runs.

Lagerstrom had two hits, Melissa Cope had one hit and two RBIs. Clementina Castro had one hit and one RBI; with Courtney Hockett, Amanda Roberts, Jessica Newton-Smith, Rosales, Dumairait and Morrison all getting one hit each.

In the game against Mt. San Antonio College, BC had two hits and no runs.

Sawyer pitched the whole game with one strikeout and gave up ten hits and five runs.

"We played much harder and made some nice adjustments," Taylor said. "Mt. SAC just put some key hits together. Sawyer really threw a pretty good game and continues to make improvements."

BC travel to Cuesta March 3 and are at home against Cerritos March 7.

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Pitcher Myranda Sawyer delivers a pitch against Cypress College, Feb. 28 at the BC Classic at Dave Frye field.

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## Disney brings BC job offers

■ Disney internships offered at BC in the Fireside Room with an apartment and short commute.

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Disney's College Program offered students at Bakersfield College a chance to take part in the magic being created at Disneyland with a career with the college program presentation and on-the-spot appointment settings afterward.

Katie Mock was the full-time recruiter sent out to introduce students all across California to the great career opportunities offered at Disneyland and Disney World.

Mock started the seminar with audience involvement and rewards of luggage tags if participants answered the questions correctly.

Throughout the seminar, more students came in, filling the room almost to capacity. There was a table with a projector and a laptop that displayed a video of different people who have joined the Disney team and climbed the ladder of success in the Disney chain.

After the first five minutes of the video, Mock informed students of some of the many brand names within the Disney Family: ABC, ESPN, Soapnet, and Pixar Films, to name a few.

"The Disney College Program is a place for students to get great experience and skills that would be good for any major," Mock said. "And the networking you get from the experi-



Katie Mock, a Disney recruiter, comes to BC's Fireside Room while traveling across California to offer internships Feb. 25.

The next topic Mock covered was learning, which included the different courses offered at Disneyland. Some of the courses she mentioned were professional development, leadership speaker series and organization leadership.

Mock played another 5-minute visual related to her speech about the benefits of the Disney College Program, which consisted of living, learning and earning.

On the topic of living, Mock pointed out that students are provided with furnished apartments near the park, and transportation to and from work.

"Cast members only have to pay for their rent, personal linen, towels and transportation," Mock said. "The park is only about 2 miles away, and if you use public transportation, it's a fifteen-minute drive."

The last topic covered was earning as an intern. Disney interns are paid \$9.05 per hour but can earn up to \$11.50 per hour based on their position.

Mock showed one last video about people who started as park guides and food servers and became media relations managers and animation supervisors.

## Yellowstone recruits at BC

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A Yellowstone National Park recruiter was at Bakersfield College on Feb. 25 in the Campus Center providing information about the park's summer job opportunities. Marti Tobias, a recruiter for Xanterra Parks and Resorts, which includes Yellowstone, had handouts and was available to answer any questions students might have.

Located in Wyoming, Tobias said the area is a high-elevation climate where it can snow on any given day. She said the air is very clean because of the elevation, and that the temperature varies day to day. Afternoon thundershowers are frequent but clear up quickly. Tobias described the environment as "really pretty cool" and "pristine."

Yellowstone National Park offers jobs in housekeeping, security, front desk and kitchen cooking and management, among others. Room and board and food is automatically taken from employees' paychecks, which is something that Tobias said makes saving money easier. Employees live in dormitories with one to two roommates and usually work eight hours a day and five-day workweeks. The dorms are a five-minute walk away from work.

Tobias pointed out that working at Yellowstone is more than a job but also an experience of a lifetime.

"One of the coolest things is that no one is from there. People choose to be there, people looking for a little adventure," Tobias said. "Everyone is new, experiencing a

brand-new situation and meeting other people with similar interests."

Although Tobias spoke highly of Yellowstone and its environment, she admitted it might not be for everyone. "We're looking for folks who understand that the job is what got them there and do a good job at work," she said. "If you're into shopping, then Yellowstone is not the place for you."

In addition to working hard, employees can look forward to playing hard as well. Tobias said the area is great for backpacking, fishing, and photographing, and that there is even a wilderness Frisbee golf course. She also said there is a recreation group which holds intermural sports games as well as evening talks about wildlife and trips around and outside of the park. Being in Yellowstone, geyser gazing is another way to spend free time.

Tobias said the experience is so great that many employees return, and that she even started at this level of work and ended up working there full-time.

"In particular spots, we get a 50 percent return rate. Positions in general, we get about 20-25 percent return rate," she said. "The more people you can come back the better."

The summer season starts in May and goes through October. Tobias said that the longer a potential employee is available to work, the better the chance he or she will have of getting the job.

Eight to ten weeks is the minimum, but employees can stay six months at a seasonal summer job. For more information, visit [www.yellowstonejobs.com](http://www.yellowstonejobs.com).

## Credits earned by veteran not properly acknowledged by Bakersfield College

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Bakersfield College does not acknowledge the education veterans have received in the military, according to disgruntled BC student Ralph Fairbanks said.

A current BC student, Fairbanks, a business management major, due to graduate from BC this spring and bound for CSUB, says that his military education credits did not transfer to BC the way they should have.

Fairbanks took several science classes including anatomy and physiology with a lab during his April 1990-Nov. 25, 1997 service as a hospital corpsman in the Navy and Marines.

The science courses that he took

during his military service are only acknowledged as "elective" courses by BC and not as science courses, Fairbanks said.

He says that he has noted that BC will accept up to 12 units of military credits as specified in the 2008-2009 catalogue.

Fairbanks said that the catalogue does not say that BC will acknowledge the military credit as only elective credit. Fairbanks said that he tried to talk to a representative of the American Council on Education, and the representative was not very helpful.

Fairbanks is also upset by an incident that occurred during the spring semester of 2007 when his Veterans' 1905 form was misplaced or lost, he claims.

This form, says Fairbanks, pays

for his schooling. Because of the mishap, Fairbanks was dropped from his classes for nonpayment.

According to Sue Vaughn, director of admissions and records, the college that BC can give credit for must be accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges as well as being recognized by the American Council on Education. The colleges and schools must also be present on official lists acknowledged as regionally accredited schools and colleges.

Some schools tend to be less academic and more vocational than others, and so credit given for courses at these schools is not a certainty.

"The military is more vocational than academic," said Vaughn.

Vaughn said BC gives health and physical education credits for basic military training.

# FEATURES

## Firefighters, peace officers box for charity

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On Feb. 28, Bakersfield's finest were on display at the Dome Arena. The Peace Officers and Firefighters of Kern County put on their third boxing event of the year. All of the event's proceeds contribute to local charities.

Not to be confused with "Battle of the Badges," this event was named "Guns and Hoses." Contrary to popular belief, this event is not a "cops vs. firefighters" battle. In some cases there were boxers that squared off against fellow officers.

The boxing ring was surrounded by chairs, which were mostly occupied by the families of the fighters. Outside of that there were stadium seats which were quick to fill up with fans. There were correctional officers, firefighters, sheriff's deputies and Porterville cops throughout the entire venue.

Leonard Castaneda is the director of all of the charity events put on by the board of Peace Officers and Firefighters of Kern County. Castaneda is a Parole Service Associate here in Bakersfield.

"This event benefits the Kern County Sheriff's Activity League and the American Cancer Society," said Castaneda. "It is 100% charity."

Judges for the event were John Roberts, Larry Gutierrez, Andrew Rhoades, Connie Gipson, Andrian Norman and Ruben Gonzalez, all of whom are local contributors to the Kern County Sheriff's Activity League. Fights were scheduled for three three-minute rounds each.

The crowd seemed to fire up as soon as the first fighter, Jason Drake, entered the ring. After being introduced by ring announcer, Barry Bolton, Drake was accompanied by his trainers down toward the ring to LL Cool J's "Mama Said Knock You



The referee presents Teresa Bianco as the winner of her bout at Guns and Hoses, Feb. 28

Out." The energy in the arena never seemed to dissipate from that moment on.

The first two bouts were kickboxing for the fans. The first bout between Jason Drake and Anthony Gonzalez ended in a draw, which was answered by the fans' boos. The second

kickboxing bout ended with Abraham Talaz being forced to throw in the towel after the second round due to a left leg injury sustained during the fight against Mauro Mejia.

The third fight of the evening, and first boxing match, was a ladies match between Silvia Cordero and Teresa Bianco. Cordero won in a split decision.

After the fight, both ladies hugged in the middle of the ring, displaying a symbol of sportsmanship. All of the

fighters showed respect to their opponent after each fight.

Adam Blanks displayed quickness and put on a show for the fans during the fourth fight, yet was defeated by Rodrigo Espinoza in a split decision. Espinoza was able to slow his opponent down with his relentless jabs.

The fifth bout ended with Nick Esparza defeating Hilberto Flores by referee stoppage. Efrain Alvarez defeated Anthony Flores in the sixth fight.

Both of these matches were filled with displays of body shots and haymakers. At this point of the night boxing fans had seen just about every facet of the game, but were in store for two great final matches.

The crowd was most excited during the seventh fight. Jesse Esposito won by unanimous decision over Jessie Alvarez.

Esposito was quick to thank his trainers and corner men after the

fight.

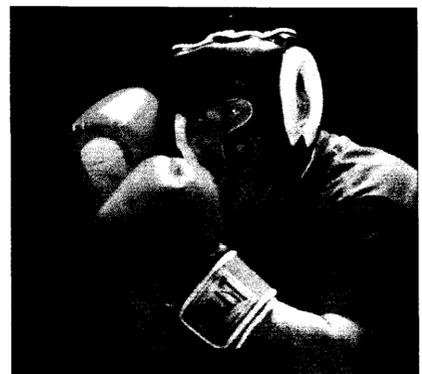
"They're basically the brains" said Esposito. "I just have to trust the training."

Esposito has won every one of his fights in his "Battle of the Badges" career. Even though his confidence level is up it doesn't make it any easier for his girlfriend, Katina Fruguglietti, to watch from the stands. "It's horrible," said Fruguglietti. "It doesn't help at all that he's never lost."

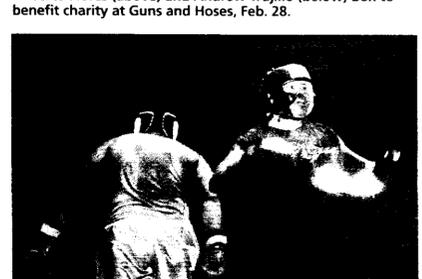
She explained how it is difficult for her and his mother to watch as he fights in the ring: "I am very proud of him but terrified at the same time."

When asked if it affects him and his concentration, Esposito said, "It's a different kind of pressure. I just have to believe that the technique will keep me safe."

In the main event both Andrew Trujillo and Marlen Juarez landed vicious punches. The fight ended in a draw.



Hilberto Flores (above) and Andrew Trujillo (below) box to benefit charity at Guns and Hoses, Feb. 28.



In between rounds and fights there were round card girls, music playing, girls throwing out t-shirts and other prizes and lots of crowd involvement. Each round was started by the traditional ring of the bell. There was also an after party in the building next to the Dome.

The correctional officers, firefighters and BPD will be playing in a charity football game against the Chicago law enforcement team on May 3.

## Casey Mears visits Randolph's

■ Bakersfield born NASCAR celebrity signs autographs and meets fans at local sports bar.

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On Feb. 18, NASCAR driver Casey Mears of the Jack Daniel's car number 7 was in Bakersfield at Randolph's Lounge for a meet and greet with family and friends.

Also on hand was Mayor Harvey Hall to present Mears with the key to the city.

Mears was born in Bakersfield and graduated from Stockdale High School, and he was in town to sign autographs and greet fans.

Jack Daniel's Master Taster, Jeff Norman, was also on hand to present the lounge with a hand-selected barrel of Single Blend.

Hall declared Feb. 18 Casey Mears Day in Bakersfield and acknowledged the 30-year-old driver for his lifelong dedication to racing, the persistence and determination it takes to succeed on a national level, his commitment to advancing Jack Daniel's statement "Pace Yourself - Drink Responsibly" and for the loyalty he has demonstrated to Bakersfield.

When Hall was younger, he raced with Mears' dad Roger Mears. "I am very much a NASCAR fan," Hall said.

"Any time that there is a special event in the community, I am always asked to be a part of the event. Randy, the owner of the lounge, asked me to be here, and I was happy to respond."

Mears visited and talked to family and friends while holding on to a drink, and when someone he had not seen in a long time approached him, he put his drink down and gave a handshake or a hug to that person.

Mears was busy with everything at the event, and he will be in demand throughout the year with many events.

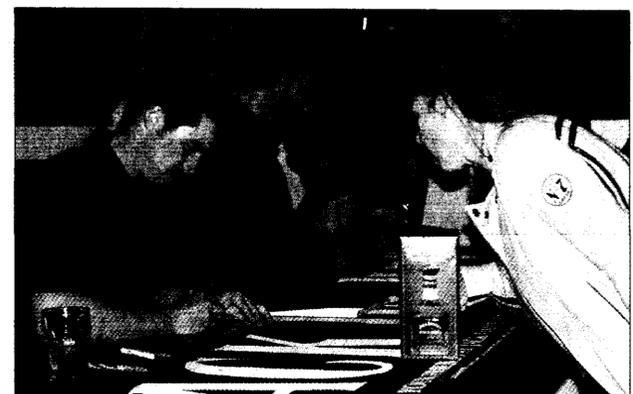
Mears' manager, Mike DiCio, said, "Mears will be very busy with over 100 meet and greet events which promote the racing team."

When Mears spoke to everyone in the crowd, he said he was very thrilled with the turnout and was glad to be back in Bakersfield.

"I am newly engaged and have a 4-month-old baby girl that I love to spend time with," Mears said.

When asked about his birthday, which is coming up in March, he said, "I don't know what I will be doing for my birthday, but I will probably be with my fiancée and my baby girl."

Many of the people at the event said they had a great time with the live music, drinks of Jack Daniel's and pictures and autographs from Mears.



Bakersfield native and NASCAR driver Casey Mears gives an autograph to Claudia Haer of Frazier Park. The Jack Daniels sponsored event took place at Randolph's Lounge on Feb. 18.

## Fifth annual Sheriff's Activities League fishing derby offers fun for a good cause

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Anyone driving on Stockdale Highway and Buena Vista on Feb. 28 undoubtedly caught a glimpse of the annual Sheriff's Activities League fishing derby. The event took place between 7 a.m. and noon at Riverwalk Park in Northwest Bakersfield. The SAL has been putting on the fishing event for five years now, but this year is their fourth year at the Riverwalk lake.

"We started this in 2004 at Mirror Lake in Hart Park, but it was hard because the lake was so small, so the next year we moved out to Riverwalk, and we've been out here ever since," explains SAL program director and deputy Derek Brannan, who started the derby. "I was sitting around one day and I thought that Lake Isabella is this huge thing that we can do something with so I came up with the idea of a fishing contest to raise money for the program."

Anyone can sign up to compete

based on their age bracket. There's the children's divisions as well as the teen divisions, the child with an adult division and the adult division.

Everyone gets a colored wristband that places them at a certain place around the lake where they have 10 minutes to catch fish and then they move to another spot. The person with the heaviest fish in each competing division wins a trophy. In addition to this, people bought raffle tickets to win children's bicycles, among other things.

According to Brannan, the event is not just about raising money for the SAL program, it is also about giving kids a full learning experience.

SAL is a non-profit organization that reaches out to mainly inner-city kids between 8 and 18 that have difficulty behavior-wise in school. SAL has branches in Lamont, Kern Valley, Wasco and East Bakersfield. They do various activities with the kids and encourage them positively.

"Our goal is to provide activities and sports through cops mentoring kids," says Brannan. The program

parallels that of the PAL (Police Activities League) organization.

April Brannan, also a SAL program director and Deputy Brannan's wife, explains what the event was really about. "We come out the night before and kind of baby-sit the lake and we camped out with all of our kids; the ones from the program and our very own. We are really hands-on with the kids. They learn how to fish and camp, but they also have a lot of fun."

Although Deputy Martin Barron, who is the program director for the Wasco SAL branch, was participating for the first time this year, he knew it was a great event that his SAL kids would love.

"The event is important because it allows the kids to intermingle with other SAL kids," Barron said. "It gives them goals, it gives me a chance to spend more time with them and most importantly everyone has fun."

This year local radio station, KLZZ came out and supported the event as well as the county fire department.



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Left: Ten-year-old Taylor Nelsen baits her hook at the fishing derby held at The Riverwalk, Feb. 28

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# FEATURES

## Crowd comes for parade

Black History Parade draws crowds to 21st and R Streets on Feb 28.

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Motorcycle clubs, high schools, car show clubs and even a church were a few of the entries in this year's Black History Parade beginning on 21st and R Streets. There were crowds up and down 21st Street with video recorders and camera phones trying to take pictures of the multiple entries displaying logos and playing music from the speakers of their vehicles.



PATTI J. LOOMIS / THE RIP

The Wayside Elementary School cheerleaders head the parade as they march down 21 and L streets on the morning of Feb 28 in Bakersfield. Black History Month is celebrated in February.

cles around other club members and even some of the horses.

"There were a lot of entries, but my favorite was the Ruff Ryders even though the reason I came was to see my church Rising Star perform," said Byron Gardner.

"There were a lot of people, and it was great to have our new clubs."

— Gloria Patterson, parade organizer

Ambulance, to ensure the safety of both participants and spectators.

The Martin Luther Children's Dancers and God's Children High School were performers in the parade to dance for the crowd. New entries to the festivities were the California African American Firefighters and

## Women's History Month celebrated

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March is the month of celebration. March is Women's History Month. Here at Bakersfield College the members of the Women's History Month and More committee are dedicated to informing the students and the community about women and their experiences.

Ann Wiederrecht, a member of the committee and a professor at BC, feels that the importance of Women's History Month is that it offers the students an opportunity to learn about women of the past and present and their contributions to America.

Wiederrecht explained that the focus of the Women's History Month this year is to enhance the students learning experience. With every event that is planned for March Wiederrecht felt that the students will be "exposed to women who are very in-

fluent in their own particular field. The committee is excited about being able to offer these richly diverse presentations. "Many people didn't even know that March was Women's History Month. Tanya Simpkins, an English major and student at BC, said, "I never knew that there was anything special being celebrated in March. I think that March is a great month to celebrate women's history because it has 31 days in it."

Wiederrecht and the Women's History Month and More would like to thank the Bakersfield College Alumni Association, Bakersfield College Delano Campus Foundation, the Friends of Women's History Month and More and the Norman Levian Center for the Humanities.

For those who may be interested in learning more about women and their significance in American history there are many events that will inform, enlighten and engage its attendees.

March 5 "The Power of Women in the 21st Century" 6:30 p.m. at the Delano Campus. Guest Speaker Dolores Huerta, President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation and co-founder of the United Farm Workers.

March 9 "The Bakersfield De mende 1870-1920" 6:30 p.m. at the Bakersfield College Fireside Room. Guest Speaker: Rebecca Orfina, M.A., RPA, Assistant Director, Center for Archaeological Research at State Bakersfield.

March 19 "Comrades, Cowgirls and Curanderas" 6:30 p.m. at the Bakersfield College Fireside Room. Guest Speaker: Professor, Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

March 24 "Working Women in America" 7:15 p.m. at BC Fireside Room. Guest Speaker: Bridget Christner, Professor, Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

April 2 "Salt of the Earth" 6:00 p.m. Moderated by: Rose Garza, Professor, Bakersfield College.



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Thomas Mieh waves.

## Mike Maggard 'crusades' for Oildale with plan to revive, improve, maintain

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Oildale, after celebrating 100 years, is soon to change. Plans made from the opinions gathered at the Oildale Visioning Workshop in November 2008 were revealed on the evening of Feb 27 at Beardsley School.

Mike Maggard, the Kern County Third District Supervisor, presented his 10-year plan for renovating Oildale. "All the ideas are an outgrowth of the ideas that were expressed here in November," said Maggard. "Tonight probably 25 percent, maybe 30 percent of the people here weren't here in November. They found themselves trying to catch up, and they had new ideas they wanted to make sure they got on the table.

"No ideas are solidified yet. It's an open palette we can do whatever we want." A major project and one that is priority for Maggard as well as Oildale citizens is putting curbs and gutters into unimproved roads.

"We need sidewalks. It's America 101," said Scott Proctor, originally from Los Angeles County, who purchased a fourplex as an investment in July 2008.

"The county for, I've been a county supervisor for two years," said Maggard. "The county for 15 years at least maybe longer has overlooked maintaining our road system. So there are areas in the county that they

basically quit maintaining the roads, and they're dirt roads."

Maggard has formed a \$3.8 million curb and gutter project from South Oildale up to Norris Road, Maggard said. "The supervisors recognize that so much has been overlooked that we must take the opportunity to invest in and repair and refurbish those roads."

Where a worsening economy may cause budget cuts, Maggard said there is little need to worry about not having new curbs in Oildale. "It is possible granted that it will not survive the 09-10 budget cycle we're gonna go through but I think that it is very likely that it will last. Not only because it is important in our infrastructure but because with the way the economy has turned we can get done now for about 40 cents on the dollar what it cost us to do just two years ago. We get a much bigger bang for the buck with tax payer money."

Attendees also called for a community clean up. Maggard happily replied that a clean up had already been scheduled for mid-March. Maggard was very happy that the community was seeing their needs met.

"Serendipity, you know," said Maggard. "You ever heard of how you create your own luck? You do a lot of things, and what do you know things come together.

Some attendees expressed concern for making Oildale into just another part of Bakersfield. "We're just hu-



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Third District Supervisor Mike Maggard presents his plan for Oildale at Beardsley School Feb. 27.

man beings and human beings are always a little nervous and even afraid sometimes of change," said Maggard.

"There are some folks that are worried about that but it'll be slow enough I think we'll be OK. The vast majority of people who run into me want nothing more than to revitalize the streets of Oildale."

Although some Oildale citizens are concerned about preserving Oildale,

others applaud Maggard's efforts to revitalize the land north of the river. "We got a guy here who is on a crusade for our area," said Tom Clark, an attendee of the event. "He's made a lot of progress here."

Maggard's plan includes new bike trails, building a town square and holding street fairs. "I only get to do this for so long," said Maggard, "and I want to shake the tree as hard I as can while I get to it."

## NAACP celebrates 100 years Feb. 28

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The NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) celebrated 100 years of existence on Feb. 28th at the Doubtree Hotel. The event brought out contributors of the community.

Among those to attend the banquet were Mayor Harvey Hall, Senator Dean Florez, and Congressman Mike Rubio, whom all gave approximately two-minute speeches expressing their support for the NAACP.

"It is certainly an honor and a privilege to be here tonight," Mayor Hall said in the beginning of his speech. He talked about how great the NAACP has been for the community and how he enjoys being a member. He concluded by saying, "The NAACP will continue to do wonderful things with outstanding people working together to overcome our city's challenges."

The event was not only a celebration, but it was also a fundraiser. The Freedom Fundraiser Banquet raised funds for the NAACP Bakersfield branch so that they can operate. This covers expenses and also gave out scholarships for having a raffle during the night. Bernard Anthony, president of the

NAACP Bakersfield branch says that, "our local NAACP division is growing."

Dinner and even birthday cake was served toward the middle of the night and the entertainment throughout the night was provided by musicians Darren Gholston and Donald Factory. Several honorees, including reverends and ministers, were awarded in respectable categories such as medicine, education, ministry, county, community service and entrepreneurship. The Mistress of Ceremonies, Bernita Jenkins, had this to say to all of the honorees: "Teach the young people how to work."

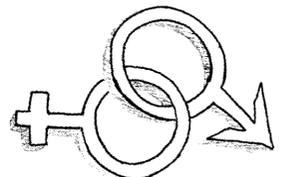
During the celebration, Horace Mitchell, President of Cal State University of Bakersfield, made an announcement of his own. As of this year in June, during the commencement ceremony, CSUB "will be giving out a new doctorate award in honor of the late Dr. and Rev. Tyree Tolliver," who was active in the NAACP for decades.

The night ended with a video presentation on the history of the NAACP and African American progress by high school student David Little. The NAACP strives to assist the community in job/equal opportunity, gang violence, education, discrimination and many other legal matters.

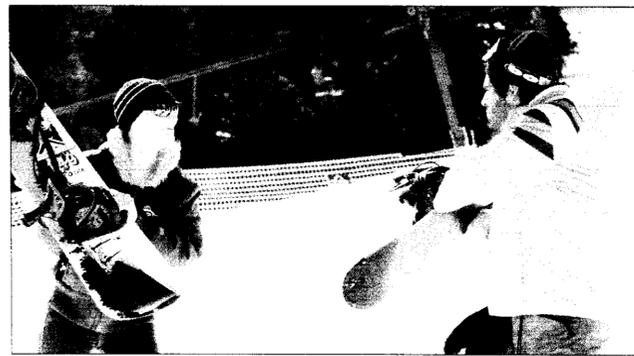
# BATTLE

Featuring: Snow surfing

## Of the SeXes



Editor's note: Battle of the SeXes pits both genders against each other. A challenge will be made testing them physically, emotionally, and mentally.



Staff writer Stacey Staab (left), and online editor Andrew Ansolabehere (right) face off against one another in a snowboarding challenge at the Alta Sierra ski resort, Feb. 27. The two competed in various aspects of the sport including board control and distance before a fall.

## Conquering snowboarding a challenge for novice

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Four days, I had only come into contact with snow four days in my life that I remember. Having been born in Bakersfield, I believe you will agree snow is something I wouldn't forget. Snowboarding wasn't just some extreme sport to me; it was a whole new experience. Balance isn't a trait I have ever been able to master. Skateboarding always ended up with me on my ass by the time the board was moving. Pathetic, I know. When a couple of tiny wheels are a problem, a slick board flying on ice

doesn't seem too promising. And so the third Battle of the SeXes began up in Shirley Meadows on a late February morning. Alta Sierra was melting away so here was possibly the final chance to get out on the slopes.

Being in 40-degree weather, my '80s throwback jacket wasn't necessary. I looked plenty ridiculous without it, falling about every 20 feet. Eventually, I figured out the basics and was making my way down the beginner slope.

Turning definitely was a problem. I found that out after nearly flying into a small grove of trees. As I rode the slope a few times, blasting

The Black Keys, I was getting into it. Staying low and trying not to fall over. I went as fast as the hill let me, eating it and laughing all the while. After I fell straight on my tail bone on some ice, I was almost comforted to know that it wouldn't get too much worse than what I had just felt.

My proudest moment was on one of my first few passes around the slope. I found a small bump in the snow. Combining that with a small jump, I somehow pulled off a 180-degree turn.

For the next 30 feet I was pretty proud. Then I lost my goggles and my beanie as I tumbled down the hill. With each pass, although I never

stopped falling, I would get a bit farther and a bit faster, at one point going from the first lift almost to the turn at the bottom of the beginner hill. Needless to say, I was running on adrenaline at that point.

However, since I had busted out a 180 degree early, we decided to have a formal challenge for distance down the slope. And of course, my luck sucker-punched me again, having me falling within the first 10 feet. Great. No chance at the hat trick now. I'll never live this one down.

The intermediate slope was waiting to be conquered. Well, at least I could make my mark on it. Although I built up speed a few times, I defini-

tely left some holes in that mountain. Going down without my gloves wasn't the greatest idea but my hands thawed eventually after trying for about two minutes after the run to get my keys out of my pants with hands that couldn't grip or stop shaking.

What I didn't think about is that it had been years, yes years, since I had really worked out. If I do this again, there will have to be a few trips to the gym before I strap on a board.

We all drove home and after dropping off a friend, I couldn't lift my leg into the car. I had to drag my poor aching legs into the car. Being the one in better shape the next morning felt unlikely. A few handfuls of the

Chevy Mix and some tea kept me flying the rest of the night.

At 10 a.m., rolled around. I flopped out of bed, feeling those falls on ice in my joints in my arms. My legs were sore but my arms and shoulders were a constant annoyance throughout the day.

For some reason, I was blessed with taking the brunt of the pain after the hour and 20 minute drive home. Not being athletic, this was an experience that I hadn't seen on my radar but it was a party all the way.

Maybe I've misjudged Shawn White all along. Shred the goat, you crazy little leprechaun. I'll see you around the fire.

Both of the challengers, Andrew Ansolabehere (right) and Stacey Staab (below), demonstrate the proper way to fall while snowboarding at Alta Sierra ski resort, Feb. 27



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## Snow mishaps, then victory

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I was an emotional wreck trying to psych myself out, for the challenge of snowboarding that took place on Feb. 27 at Shirley Meadows with three tests to see who could come out on top.

Both my challenger and I had never snowboarded before. Snowboarding is a sport that involves descending a slope that is covered with snow on a board attached to your feet using special boots set into mounted bindings, and it is like skateboarding without wheels or like surfing without the water.

The first test was to attempt to complete a 180-degree turn on the snowboard, the second test was to stay on the snowboard as long as possible without falling, and the third test was to see if one could get up the next morning with little or no pain.

I could not wait to take on the challenges because I consider myself pretty athletic, but my heart was pounding, my palms were sweating, and yet I was so excited.

The morning of the challenge started with a lesson on the basics of snowboarding, like balance and maneuvering of the board.

I was not sure of what to wear while snowboarding, so I had a pair of thermal socks, a pair of cotton pants, two shirts, a jacket, a beanie, mittens, and two pairs of socks. However, I got soaked anyway because I did fall on my butt a few times.



that I could accomplish snowboarding. However, I consider myself pretty good at picking up on new things, so I was pretty confident enough to perform the art of snowboarding.

Yes, I think snowboarding is an art because I had to use my hand-eye coordination, my muscle strength and my brains.

After the lesson, I went down the slopes four times and refused to attempt the 180-degree turn because I was scared, yet I was mastering the "falling leaf" which is the movement of the board back and forth from side to side.

I think snowboarding is so much fun, and so every time I would go down the slope, I would shout, "Wahoo!"

I went down the slopes a few more times, and I met up with my challenger at the small lift to see which

of us could go down the slope without falling.

It was an accomplishment. I lasted the longest down the slope without falling.

I felt the snowboarding challenge was a success, and I would definitely do it again and even take my family,

## 'Everyman' puts life in perspective

Cal State performing arts students put on play that has remained timeless.

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Lights, camera, action. From Feb. 26-28 at the Dore Theatre located on the Cal State Bakersfield campus, actors performed the play "Everyman," which was directed by Mandy Rees and written by an unknown playwright.

This play is a "poignant allegory" about coming to terms with mortality. "Everyman" was written in the late 1400s, and it's about one man discovering his fate and receiving the news from Death. Before achieving the state of grace, Everyman must go through various trials and sacrifices. This play spotlights a man's struggle to come to terms with mortality. Each character in the play represented God, Death and Angels. The

message of the play, to some, is that every man should examine his life, and fix those things that may cause his fate to one of damnation. Maria Armstrong, a performing arts major at CSUB, felt that the play touched a lot of bases and it taught her to be more careful in her daily actions.

Ryan Stewart said, "This play has made me think about my life, and how I really wish I had a lot of time to complete tasks that I long to do. Just like Everyman, I wish I could have more time."

"Everyman" may only speak of one man learning of his fate, but it also shows every man how they should "meet" death, and how they should live life.

Many of those apart of the audience felt that "Everyman" was a wonderful play, and that they wish it was being performed more than just three days. Martha Mayheim, a political science major, said, "Every-one should come and see this play because it's a great play, and the storyline is phenomenal."

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# OPINION

## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Quit using handicap facilities, America

America is lazy. While most of the country would not admit this, carelessness is demonstrated on a daily basis. What happens when a student uses the automatic door to get into a building? He/she becomes like the majority of lazy America. Bakersfield College students and all of America use these (handicap) buttons to their advantage when they are for people who cannot open the door. People should not take advantage of some of these special features offered on campus.

We could understand if someone has too much to carry and needs assistance. But when someone is listening to their iPod and casually presses the button, then that's just wrong. You're walking along, then you press the button, the door opens for you, and you keep walking. Opening the door with your right hand will not take up most of your time or energy. How can you justify this non-threatening issue? Just because no handicapped civilian is in sight? If you believe you could justify this situation, then you fail in life. You are using equipment that is not for your assistance.

This is not the only feature that has caught our attention. Handicapped parking spots and elevators are there for assistance but not for the able.

Parking in a handicap spot is very disrespectful for those who actually need that spot. There was this one time when a nice-looking Hummer took up a handicapped spot at BC. There was no license plate and no window permit, yet they took the spot. For those of you who have an "Excuse" for using these spots, you may also tell your professor your dog ate your homework. That's the kind of bull we see.

At BC we don't have many elevators, but they are still overused. Librarians use this technology for assistance, which is fine. But when you and your fellow class members huddle up and want to take the elevator, you are not using this equipment out of necessity.

People who need some assistance are acceptable. We are not saying these features are for handicapped people only. We are saying those of you who take advantage of these privileges for the aid-dependent should be ashamed of yourselves.

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Like most college students, I value sleep more than just about anything. Every second of sleeping counts. So when my alarm begins waking for me to get up, I sluggishly roll out of bed and get ready and leave for school. Because I am not a morning person my first class begins at 9:35 a.m. Anyone who drives knows that being at school that "late" means getting a crappy parking spot.

I understand this though, and while I am not the most patient of people, I can say that trying to find a decent parking spot brings out all my inner demons. I get so frustrated with the way idiots at our school decide to park their vehicles that I frequently envision driving a military Humvee and ramming into the nitwits who park, well, like nitwits.

Parking here at Bakersfield College is a classic example of Darwin's survival of the fittest theory. The passive will never survive. They will be the ones who get to park. In the back and have to walk 15 minutes just to get to class.

The aggressive, though, have no rules. They fly through the parking lot, risking either an accident or hitting a pedestrian. With one goal in mind, they are ruthless. As Darwin's theory states, those who do not adapt, perish. So we passive drivers must become one of the aggressive.

We become animals and just as a pack of vultures circles a dead carcass, we swarm and hover around the parking lots looking for our prey to feast on, willing to injure anyone else who attempts to claim our target as their own.

Driving around the parking lot, I begin to feel myself getting angrier, and as I glance at the clock I will be arriving later and later to my class. Knuckles white, I grip the steering wheel tighter. My heart pounds with excitement because I have found just what I have been looking for. Eyes narrowed and focused, I rev the engine and attempt to race to that perfect spot. However some jerk driving a Nissan gets there a few seconds before me and steals that precious spot I have been eyeing.

Through this parking experience I have determined that here at BC we have three different types of dimwitted parkers. The first type are the people who feel their car is far too expensive or too large to intentionally park in two spaces. Of course, the people who drive these vehicles are far better than the average Joe and must take these spaces right up front instead of being courteous and parking in the back where they would take two spaces and no one would care. These parkers leave the rest of us because they leave a small amount of space where it looks like we could fit, but once we try to park, we find that even our small economy cars won't make it in the space they left.

The second type of parker is the person who parks directly on the line or a little

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Custodian responds

This is a response to criticism of the campus restrooms. I am a custodian at BC, and the first thing I do when I get here is clean the restrooms.

I have hundreds of students using the restrooms daily. My problems in the men's restrooms are that students won't flush the toilet, so you have the smell of urine and feces in there.

If you are germ-conscious, grab a paper towel and flush the dam toilet. As far as the graffiti, I suggest we post a reward to whoever reports anyone doing it. We stopped the bomb threats by posting a reward. Why can't it work for taggers?

I have this to say for the women's restrooms: Toilet paper, hand towels, tampons, toilet-seat covers - you name it, the female students throw it. Every morning, I go into the restroom, and it looks like they turned loose a bunch of wildcats in there with all of the torn paper every where.

As a man, it's harder to clean the women's restrooms because there is always someone in there, and when you do get the chance, you always have at least two or three girls either hurrying you up or giving you dirty looks so you really don't have that much time to clean very well.

You know, there's only one custodian to a building and hundreds of students using restrooms. You students can make a difference. I am not asking you to pick up a toilet brush and scrub away. That's my job.

What I'm asking is if you are someone who does not flush the toilet, please, flush the toilet because we all use it. too. And if you see people throw paper on the floor, please, tell them to pick it up and throw it in the trash.

Remember, there is strength in numbers. If you want a clean restroom, then please help us keep it that way, and don't put all of the blame on the custodian. If we all pull together, we could make a difference.

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BC custodian

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The race to get your DTV converter box has been a futile one, so far, for the simple fact that the conversion has been put on stand by for a few more months due to budget cuts.

My personal belief is that, obviously, if you cannot afford cable to begin with, why would you want to pay for the converter so that you can get digital channels? Yeah, they gave out coupons to low-income participants, but they didn't print enough and are already out of them.

So what are the people who didn't receive coupons supposed to do? Pay for

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Well, some people can't afford it, like myself. The only big difference between the old rabbit ears and digital is that it's a clearer picture and easier to see, but this rush seems to be coming at a bad time.

The economy is at an all-time low, and the last thing on people's minds is whether or not they can watch TV. Cable companies are in the same crunch, and that's why they wanted to push it back.

Right now is not the right time to have to be handling this. We, as a country, need to step back and actually prioritize what problems need to come first.

We actually shouldn't even be thinking

## College students are adults, not kids

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I was pretty sure I had graduated from high school almost two years ago, but I think I might have been dreaming. I thought I was currently going to college, but I must have been wrong about that, too. Either I am indeed back in high school or some of Bakersfield College's professors seem to think they are teaching high school. From showing videos instead of teaching the information themselves to requiring notebook checks and assigning busywork homework, I would assume that a few of our professors are misinformed about where they are teaching.

Being in college, I expect a semi-decent education, and I expect teachers to put forth an effort in their teaching. I am fully aware that this is a community college and not Harvard, but we should still be getting well thought-out lesson plans from every professor. Specifically, what irritates me is being shown a 30-minute low-quality video from the 1980s to tell me what the teacher could have said in 30 seconds. I appreciate the potential nap-time a video can bring, but, in the end, I'm paying to learn and to be taught. I'm not here to watch videos. However, I will thank the teacher who most recently showed one of my classes a video because I was able to finish some homework from another class two days before it was due.

I am all for videos being shown in class to add some spice to the class, but they should be used as class enhancers and not replacements. A video that brings a confusing Shakespeare play to life or one that illustrates a complicated



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brain function can really help students to better understand the material. But teachers relying on a video to do their job for them is just going to make what is probably already a boring class even more boring. It's different in high school, where a video, enhancing or replacing, can perk up inattentive students. But we're in college. We can be expected to pay full attention without a video.

Since most of us are here on our own accord, unlike in high school, it can be assumed that we more or less want to be here and that, since we are paying to attend, we can be trusted to work hard and study on our own. But again, some teachers seem to have forgotten this by assigning mindless homework and enforcing notebook checks.

As much as I hate homework, I'm not saying teachers should do away with it all. Busywork in high school is to be expected. It gives easy points to students who might not do well on tests. These easy points can play a big factor in whether or not a student passes a class or graduates. Notebook checks show that a student is paying attention and taking notes, and that makes sense in high school.

In college, we are supposed to be more mature. If we are fresh out of high school and plan to transfer to a four-year university, and the shock from the transition will be enormous if these teachers continue to coddle us.

## Don't take risks parking like an idiot

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# REVIEWS

## Ped Egg soft for the foot

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Newfound study finds eggs can give you smooth and soft feet! Well, not quite.

If you haven't heard there is this new invention called the Ped Egg.

Now, just to clear the air, it's not really an egg.

It's a device that gets rid of the rough skin and calluses located on the foot, and it just happens to be shaped like an egg.

The unique shape of the Ped Egg is said to be helpful to its users because it fits in the palm of the hand. The Ped Egg is also said to give the user a pedicure that could, at one time, only be given at salons.

In the commercials they claim that the Ped Egg is able to leave the skin callus free. The commercials also claim that it will remove the rough skin.

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The women now can wear their strappy heels without being cautious about their cracked heels. The men can now roam around without their shoes and socks. These men and women show off their feet with pride.

Also in the commercial, they show a lady rubbing the Ped Egg along a balloon.

The point of this is to show that the Ped Egg is strong enough to get rid of the dry skin but also safe enough to not pop the balloon.

After watching the commercials, I became curious about this Ped Egg. So when the idea about doing a story for the Renegade Rip about the Ped Egg was presented, I couldn't let the opportunity pass me by.

After buying my handy-dandy Ped Egg for only \$10.17 at Walgreens, I went home immediately so that I could try it out.

Imagine slowly looking up and getting a jaw full of knee, BAM! This is the '80s classic review featuring the movie called "Wheels" starring Jackie Chan and directed by Sammo Hung.

In 1984, Chan and Benny "the Jet" Urquidez filmed one of the best fight sequences ever captured on film. Though these kinds of movies have choreographed scenes, it is still one of the best fight scenes ever.

The story is about two (Chan and Yuen Biao) Chinese cousins living in Spain, running a fast-food restaurant

from their van. A wannabe detective (Hung) is hired to find a missing girl (Lola Forner) who belongs to this royal family. Chan and Biao meet her at a mental hospital where Biao's father and Forner's mother are falling in love. As the story progresses, Forner begins to work with both cousins. Eventually, a gang tries to kidnap her, and that's where the story begins to get good.

The stunts and the comedy are priceless. There is one scene where Chan jumps off a balcony and bounces off an awning, then does a front flip and lands on his feet. Chan notices the owner of the awning and turns around to say "hola." Biao needs to get down too. So, Chan signals him not to jump, but Biao misunderstood what he meant. The owner removes the awning, and Biao lands on his butt with some sound effects marking his fall.

At the beginning of the movie, both cousins are getting ready for a typical day at their job. When they arrive at their site, a motorcycle gang scares away the customers causing Chan and Biao to fight them. A crowd gathers around the fight, which ends

one off of his motorcycle. I always wonder how many times it took to film this piece. I have always wanted to dropkick somebody like that, but the producers of "Wheels" took it up to the next level by drop-kicking someone off of a motorcycle!

The story line might be a little confusing at first, but once you watch it the second time then everything else will make sense. When a gang tries to kidnap Forner, Hung asks Chan and Biao to help him find her and stop the gang. The team stops the gang from the streets of Barcelona to a car chase on the road.

Eventually, the main bad guy (who sends the gang to capture Forner) gets tired of his gang's failing, so he sends his top dogs to get the job done. Urquidez leads the kidnapping group and eventually manages to kidnap Forner and her mother.

The director really saved the best

pretty fast. From a distance, two more motorcycle gang members are driving toward Chan and Biao. This stunt was in slow motion, which captured my eye almost instantly. Biao tackles one member off of his motorcycle, and Chan dropkicked the other

for last because the last 30 minutes of the movie will leave you breathless. Chan, Biao and Hung have to sneak in the bad guy's castle to save the girls. Eventually, Chan and Biao get caught where they are both invited to attend a formal dinner with the bad guy and the girls. Chan throws soup at the bad guy, and this causes the final fight to begin. It's truly hard to describe how awesome this scene was. It was funny, unexpected, intense, amazing. It was all of the above, basically.

Chan and Urquidez go fist to fist with a fight scene that puts some of the most recent fight scenes to shame. The speed of the punches and kicks were so awesome that Urquidez actually blows out some nearby candles. This is definitely a classic movie that is a new classic. Chan movies are great, but this one is one of the best.

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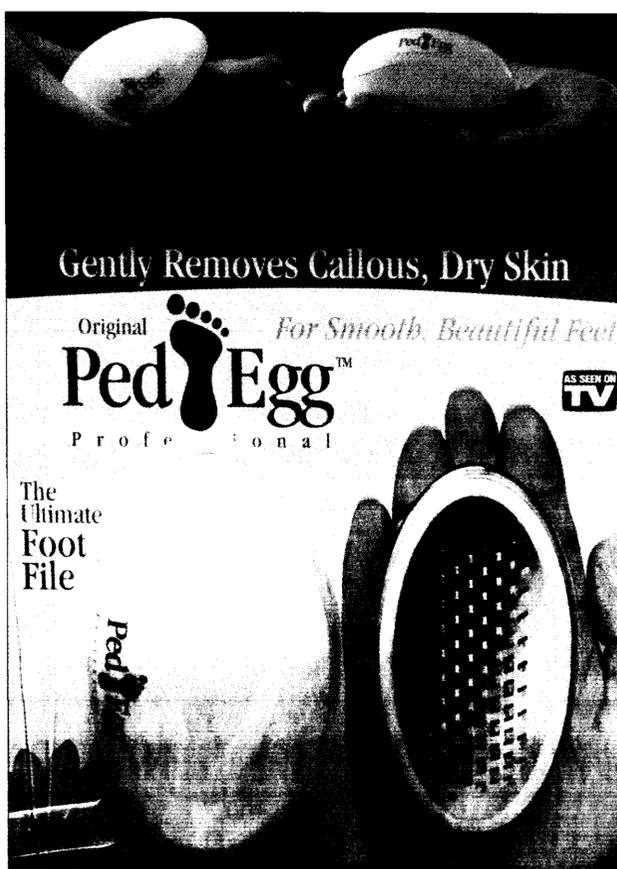
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However, on my ride home, I began looking over the package, and I couldn't help but notice that the front of the Ped Egg looks like a grater. Despite my skepticism about rubbing my foot with a cheese grater, I still decided to go through with the task.

So when I finally got home, I opened the package, put the egg together, and read the directions carefully. I then took off my sock and rubbed the egg up and down my foot.

I decided to blow up a balloon and rub it with my Ped Egg.

To make things more interesting, I decided to make a bet with my sister.

If the balloon popped, she had to give me \$5. If the balloon didn't pop, I had to give her \$5. So I rubbed the balloon for about 15 seconds in the

same manner that I rubbed my foot, and I'm ashamed to say this, but I owe my little sister \$5.

I'm disappointed that I didn't win that \$5 from my sister, but I'm not disappointed to admit that maybe I was wrong about the Ped Egg. I thought that maybe the Ped Egg wasn't what it was cracked up to be, but it is a great alternative to going to the salon and getting a pedicure. Even though I may never use my Ped Egg to remove the dry skin from my feet, I will not look at it as money wasted. I might use it as a cheese grater after sterilizing it, of course.

The Ped Egg is a great product for those who hate spending a lot of their money on feet. It's cost efficient, and it does just what it claimed to do.

The egg has definitely come a long way from just being used in the kitchen.

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In a brazen attempt to resurrect the all but forgotten "Street Fighter" franchise, they went out on a limb to make a new fresh movie, "The Legend of Chun-Li."

New film, new actors, new plot, new angle and a brand new way to disappoint and insult the fan base.

Prior to seeing the movie, I wondered if it would be based on the fantastic world of the video game or if it would try and follow suit with the recent fad of comic book movies by taking place in a realistic world.

The film follows the life of Chun-Li as she narrates. She is given a generic Kung Fu movie story line from her life as a child to her training to the face-off against Bison. Also the movie follows the story of Charlie Nash, a Keaton Reeves wannabe, and his hot female sidekick Detective Maya Suncie. They take on crime in the city run by Bison. The plot of the movie advances a bad joke. The fact that they could have chosen any character from the "Street Fighter" universe, and they chose Chun-Li showed bad judgment. For all the characters that they left out, they could have picked a much more interesting storyline.

After seeing the movie, I still can't be sure what they were shooting for. The movie only featured four characters from the "Street Fighter"

Universe. Chun-Li, Bison, Vega and Balrog; and none of the characters were clad in their outfits from the video game. With the realistic world setting sprinkled with fighting moves based in fantasy, the movie failed to pick a side and stick to it with any sense of consistency.

The cast consisted of mostly C-list actors, most of whom I have never heard of. The most notable actor was Michael Clarke Duncan who was cast in the role of Bison. His character also was considerably the most entertaining, with his deep cartoon villain laugh and one liners that Vega the first time you fight him.

There is a scene with Bison where he is beating his woman, Cantana, for losing a fight with Chun-Li. Bison has her tied up and is just letting loose on her as he talks about her casually in the past tense, his white shirt is splattered with blood. Note-worthy scenes like this appeared out of place in this movie.

To add a degree of irony to the film, Chun-Li is cared for and taught fighting skills by Gen, played by actor Robin Shou who was Liu Kang in the "Mortal Kombat" movies.

This movie was a colossal disappointment filled with horrific dialogue and plot holes the size of the Grand Canyon. Go rent the original "Street Fighter." Compared to this one, it is practically Oscar worthy.

## Apple delivers again

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On Jan. 6, Apple announced the release of iLife and iWork '09 for the Macintosh computers, the newest updates to the personal and productivity application suites. Each of the suites includes various add-ons that improve the applications and still keep them easy to use. Having the 2008 edition of the suites, I had to get the upgrades.

I was excited to try the new iWork. Namely, I wanted to see how the word-processing application, Pages, had been upgraded. The best aspect of the new incarnation of Pages is the Full Screen view, which allows the writer to focus on what they are writing and not get as easily distracted.

Also new to the application is Outline mode, which allows users to set the architecture and structure of their document as well as rearrange the format of their outline as needed should any changes need to

be made. As for the iLife personal suite, iPhoto saw some of the biggest changes. The new iPhoto now makes organizing pictures easier by using face detection and face recognition software to find and label faces of those in pictures. The application can also organize photos by place or event.

The only thing that I disliked about iPhoto is that the face recognition software is not perfect, although it is close. I have twin 2-year-old boys, and the face recognition software cannot distinguish between them most times. Then again, my wife and I have trouble telling them apart sometimes.

Overall, the new iLife and iWork are a definite must for anyone who owns a Macintosh computer. It would take too much space to talk of each application individually as iLife consists of five applications, and the iWork is made up of three.

Anyone interested in more information can go to the Apple website to read about the new features or watch the keynote from MacWorld 2009 in San Francisco in which all bases are covered and demonstrations are performed.

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## Chun-Li no legend

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In a brazen attempt to resurrect the all but forgotten "Street Fighter" franchise, they went out on a limb to make a new fresh movie, "The Legend of Chun-Li."

New film, new actors, new plot, new angle and a brand new way to disappoint and insult the fan base.

Prior to seeing the movie, I wondered if it would be based on the fantastic world of the video game or if it would try and follow suit with the recent fad of comic book movies by taking place in a realistic world.

The film follows the life of Chun-Li as she narrates. She is given a generic Kung Fu movie story line from her life as a child to her training to the face-off against Bison. Also the movie follows the story of Charlie Nash, a Keaton Reeves wannabe, and his hot female sidekick Detective Maya Suncie. They take on crime in the city run by Bison. The plot of the movie advances a bad joke. The fact that they could have chosen any character from the "Street Fighter" universe, and they chose Chun-Li showed bad judgment. For all the characters that they left out, they could have picked a much more interesting storyline.

After seeing the movie, I still can't be sure what they were shooting for. The movie only featured four characters from the "Street Fighter"

Universe. Chun-Li, Bison, Vega and Balrog; and none of the characters were clad in their outfits from the video game. With the realistic world setting sprinkled with fighting moves based in fantasy, the movie failed to pick a side and stick to it with any sense of consistency.

The cast consisted of mostly C-list actors, most of whom I have never heard of. The most notable actor was Michael Clarke Duncan who was cast in the role of Bison. His character also was considerably the most entertaining, with his deep cartoon villain laugh and one liners that Vega the first time you fight him.

There is a scene with Bison where he is beating his woman, Cantana, for losing a fight with Chun-Li. Bison has her tied up and is just letting loose on her as he talks about her casually in the past tense, his white shirt is splattered with blood. Note-worthy scenes like this appeared out of place in this movie.

To add a degree of irony to the film, Chun-Li is cared for and taught fighting skills by Gen, played by actor Robin Shou who was Liu Kang in the "Mortal Kombat" movies.

This movie was a colossal disappointment filled with horrific dialogue and plot holes the size of the Grand Canyon. Go rent the original "Street Fighter." Compared to this one, it is practically Oscar worthy.

## 'GADE FEEDBACK

Where are the best bathrooms on campus and why?

Adam Lackey, philosophy and psychology: "From a guy's perspective, the best bathroom is in the music arts building."

Amber Rocha, biology: "The library because all the other ones look like crap."

Wofsa Karin, engineering: "Library, downstairs."

Idell Tarver, electrical engineering: "For women, the industrial tech bathroom because hardly any women use it."

Eric Silva, engineering: "The bathrooms in the engineering building are nice."

Sheena Dowling, art: "I would rather hold it in than use the BC restrooms."

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## BC BRAINS

Editor's note: BC Brains is a feature that asks students a question to test their knowledge of all things trivial.

## What does perfunctory mean?



Vanessa Graves, biology and math: "Something funky."



Lana McCormick, business: "Like perfection."



DeAndre Wallace, criminal justice: "Has something to do with moving stuff."



Tonette James, child development: "Sounds like the word that is meaning better than something else."



Kaitlin Forcucci, nursing: "Can function well at something."



Ben Lejeune, theater and music: "Pre-1970s, before funk music became really popular."

# NEWS

## CALENDAR

- 4 • Rip publishes
- CSUB outreach representative booth @ 9 a.m.
- 5 • Those Vexing verbs & Verb Forms workshop 12:30 in SS151
- Men's tennis vs. Allen Hancock @ 2
- Adaptive Tennis @ 7 p.m. @ Haggin Oaks Park
- "A Powerful Noise" @ 8 p.m. @ Bakersfield Stadium 14
- "This is How it Goes," begins @ 8 p.m. in BC Indoor Theater
- 6 • Fresno Pacific University booth @ 9 a.m.
- SGA Senate Meeting @ 10
- Essentials in Word Processing workshop @ 10 in MS165
- Track Meet @ 2
- CIF State Wrestling Championships @ 6:30 p.m. @ Rabobank Arena
- "V-Day and Vagina Monologues" @ 8 p.m. @ Empty Space
- "The Goat" @ 8 p.m. @ The Spotlight Theater
- 7 • Oldale Centennial social/fundraiser @ 11
- Trout's
- Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra, "Bohemian Rhapsody" @ 8 p.m. @ Rabobank Arena
- 9 • Registered Nurses open house @ 5 in sci ence SB building
- 10 • Women's tennis match @ 2 vs. Santa Monica
- 11 • CSUB outreach representative booth @ 9 a.m.
- New Student Orientation @ 2:30
- SGA executive board meeting @ 4:30
- 12 • Women's tennis v. Glendale @ 2
- 13 • SGA Senate Meeting @ 10 a.m.
- Swim teams vs Santa Monica @ 2:30
- Marachi festival @ 7:30 p.m. @ Fox Theater
- 14 • Electronic e-waste recycling @ 8 a.m. @ Eye st. and 9th
- Kern County teacher's job fair @ 8:30 a.m. @ University Square
- Bakersfield College Invitational track meet @ 9 a.m.
- 2nd annual Walk for Thought @ 9 a.m. @ Yokuts
- CSUB alumni hall of fame gala @ 6 p.m. @ Seven Oaks Country Club
- 17 • Baseball vs. LA Pierce @ 3
- 18 • Rip publishes

## Volunteers make blankets

Project Linus event "Make a Blanket Day" makes and distributes homemade blankets to needy children.

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Project Linus is a national non-profit organization named after the "Peanuts" character who always carried around a security blanket. On Feb. 21 the local chapter put on "Make a Blanket Day" at the East Hills Mall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Project Linus provides homemade blankets for children in traumatic situations. The organization first started on Christmas Eve in 1995 and has been present in Kern County since 2006.

Kern County Chapter Coordinator Michele Willis went online and started a local chapter after Hurricane Katrina. She said that after Katrina, she wanted to do something locally for people here.

Project Linus makes and distributes blankets for children ages newborn to 18. The blankets are distributed locally to places like Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, Jamison Center, Veteran Affairs Family Assistance Program and several hospitals.

From Girl Scouts to seniors in high school looking for community service hours to veteran blanketeers, the "Make a Blanket Day" event had volunteers of various ages, experience and skill levels, hoping to reach Willis' goal of 150 blankets made. With that goal in mind, there were many projects volunteers could work on.

"If they have their own project to work on, let us bring that," Willis said. "If not, we have lots of projects to work on here like fabric dyeing, quilt squares, knitting, crocheting, fleece blankets and tying blankets."

Most attendees said their favorite part of Project Linus is the friendship and helping others. But Willis found another perk. "My favorite part is getting to meet people ... and getting to see all the cute fabric!" Willis said as she showed off a recently donated "Peanuts" fabric.

Cathy Colbert, a teacher at Arvin High School, has been with the local chapter of Project Linus since its start. She led the crocheting group at

the event and referred to herself as the "lone crocheter in a field of quilters."

"I've been crocheting since I was 7 or 8," Colbert said. "I actually failed home ec. because I would not knit a pair of slippers. I got back into it in college. It made for inexpensive gifts. I'd knit in class, and I dropped a needle once and got caught. I told my teacher I was making gloves and asked him what color he wanted."

Colbert said her friends eventually had too many afghans because of her. When she continued to make more and her friends had their share of blankets, Project Linus was a solution.

"I'm a compulsive crocheter. If there was a Compulsive Crocheters of California, I'd join," Colbert said. "I had to have somewhere for the afghans to go."

Elizabeth Castillo, a 17-year-old Bakersfield High School student, attended the event for the first time. She worked on tying blankets so the fabric doesn't bunch up. When asked of her experience, she said she had none.

"When I called [to inquire about the event], I thought I'd be intimidated, but after I called and was told about it, I thought I'd be OK," Castillo said. "What I hope to get out of this is knowing I did something good. Tragic things happen, and it's good if there's literally a comfort blanket there for them."

Winona Dowell has been with Project Linus for about a year and also worked on tying blankets. She said she made a few blankets in the 1970s, but started again more recently.

"You just learn it by doing it, and you can make them any way you want," Dowell said. "Some of the ladies here are really talented. I just make simple ones."

The store Kohl's was also present at the event as part of Kohl's Cares for Kids, with employees working on fleece blankets.

"We were here last year. We do it every year," said Kohl's employee Katrina Flores. "[Project Linus] gets a donation from Kohl's if five of our employees show up."

Sherrie Lerma, also a Kohl's employee, said she usually brings her kids with her to the event but was unable to this time.

"I like coming because kids can get involved too," Lerma said.

"It gives them a sense of giving instead of 'Gimme, gimme!'" Flores added.

Project Linus meets monthly. For more information, visit [www.orgsites.com/ca/bakersfieldkern-county](http://www.orgsites.com/ca/bakersfieldkern-county).



Buck's Landscape Materials and Pond Shop displays a waterfall from the back of a dump truck at the Kern County Home and Garden Show, Feb. 21.

## Home and garden show offers affordable goods

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The 23rd annual Home and Garden Show kicked off this year on Feb. 20 at the Kern County Fairgrounds with over 500 people attending, and most said they had hopes of buying something for their home or garden.

There were over 300 displays and 100 companies selling everything from cookware to imported wines to lawnmowers.

For home, garden and outdoor living there were displays like landscapes, kitchens, baths, spas and barbecues.

Attendees were able to get green-thumb tips and attend the Home Depot's do-it-yourself clinics, and kids

were able to be creative in the kid's workshops.

Many companies held seminars and demonstrations for the people who attended.

David Monge, owner of Kitchen Craft International, demonstrated how to cook food without using water or oil, which allows "minimum moisture cooking" to preserve flavor and color, reduce shrinkage and odor, retain the maximum amount of minerals and vitamins and saves time and money. The prices of the cookware ranged between \$1,200 for the basic set to \$2,500 for the chef set.

"The waterless cookware is made in America and has seven layers, one layer of magnetic steel, three layers of stainless steel and three layers of aluminum alloy," Monge said.

Marketing director of the Home and Garden Show, Jamie Williams, said, "Bargains have never been better, so treat yourself to something special."

"Dirt cheap is our company's motto," said Buck Whitaker of Buck's Landscape Materials and Pond Shop.

Many said that even though the economy is the way it is, they were able to purchase the cookware, spa, lawnmower, vacuum, garden supplies and a whole remodeled kitchen that they wanted for their home and/or garden.

Attendee Christine Nunes said, "I purchased cabinets for my kitchen that is being remodeled and a spa that I have been wanting for a long time."

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## Event teaches families caution

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The Community Awareness Fair was held at Patriots Park located at the corner of Ming Avenue and New Stine Road. The event, held on March 1, was the result of six months of work from Joshua Cohen, 13, a Boy Scout who was concerned about the knowledge that people need in case of a natural disaster and helping with crime prevention.

Cohen said that the knowledge available at the fair will help to prevent crime and eventually people will know what to do in case of a disaster. The fair targeted all the members of the family because "families make our community," said Cohen.

Children attending the fair had the opportunity to get an idea of how cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is conducted.

"We are trying to teach kids the basic concept of CPR," said Gabriela Tamayo, Health and Safety Director of American Red Cross Kern Chapter.

Members of the Red Cross Disaster Relief Unit also were present answering questions and explaining how to be prepared for possible natural disasters.

Leonard Arends explained the importance about water in case of a disaster. "We recommend storing one

gallon per person per day expecting at least three days before you get help, but it would be better to be prepared for a longer period of time."

Arends warned people that it is not a good idea to drink water from swimming pools because the water may be contaminated. He also reminded people how important it is to have basic items handy such as a flashlight, shoes, a food disaster kit, etc., in case of a catastrophe.

"You must be prepared for the worst possible scenario," said Arends.

Adam Krause from Sport Chalet exposed many items that may be useful to be prepared for a disaster. From a water preserver to a solar charger for electronics, Krause demonstrated the use of every item available for surviving in a disaster.

"They taught us this when I was in the army," said Brad Norris referring to a whistle, which serves to communicate using the Morse code.

Also, officers from Bakersfield Police Department and the Fire Department attended the event exposing their mobile units.

Brooke Davenport from the Crime Prevention Unit spoke about the crime prevention program and neighborhood watch. "We are also teaching kids when it's appropriate to call 911."

Davenport emphasized that the Explorer program enrolls young volunteers who are interested in joining law enforcement. "You can see these

young people directing traffic at the mall during holidays or helping out at parades," Davenport said.

During disasters volunteers are really important, said Barbara Swanson, coordinator of Kern Medical Reserve Corps.

"It is important to sign them up in advance," said Swanson, who explained that many people try to volunteer at the moment of a disaster, but they lack the proper training and sometimes that situation becomes chaotic.

Ether Schlanger, mother of four kids, attended the fair after she saw a flier handed out by Cohen. She came to the fair to obtain more knowledge and be prepared to protect her little ones.

"I think the most important thing I learned today was to know that we need to have lots of water stored," said Schlanger.

Many other people were passing by the park and stopped at the event. "I live just around the corner," said Casey James, who took his three kids to the different stands to have some fun and learn about the subject. "I got a bunch of fliers that I'll read at home."

Cohen hopes that people who attended the fair will get the message and pass it on.

He plans to have a similar event every year at different parks through the city working on his goal of making Bakersfield a "better and safer place to live."

# SPORTS

## Men's, women's seasons come to an end

BC loses two straight to end the season including an 82-78 loss to Chaffey College in the playoffs.

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For the Bakersfield College men's basketball team, its hopes of returning to the Elite Eight came to a quick end.

The Renegades who were seeded ninth in the South were defeated by No. 8 seeded Chaffey College 82-78 Feb. 27 in the first round of the playoffs.

The Renegades started the game against Chaffey down by a score of 20-1.

"It was a tough game. We didn't have a great start. They (Chaffey) had a tremendous start. I give it to them," BC head coach Rich Hughes said.

"We fought our way back. Our guys didn't quit. We had opportunities down the stretch. We had some mistakes which cost us under a minute to go. It was a combination of mistakes throughout the game that hurt our chances of winning."

Despite the loss, Hughes feels like the season overall was successful.

"We accomplished a lot. We finished second in conference, which is not first, but it's a pretty good standing for us. We made the playoffs again for the fourth straight year," said Hughes.

"Were our ultimate goals reached? No. But we did have a successful season because of some good positive things that we did."

Hughes said that he is disappointed that the team wasn't able to get back to the state Elite Eight.

"It's disappointing that we couldn't get back to where we were. We just didn't have enough to get over the hump at times this year against good quality teams. We had enough to beat them but we had too many mistakes," Hughes said.

"Out of our ten losses, probably seven of those were lost in the last two to three minutes of the game. You're not going to win the state championship if you are making mistakes down the stretch."

Hughes feels that there are some things that his team can build on for next season.

"We're excited about the guys coming back. Hopefully we will build upon twenty-three wins and hopefully get a better shot of getting back to the Elite Eight," said Hughes.

Darrin Dorsey had 14 points while Jamar Harrison added 10 points but the Renegades still fell to Western State Conference rival Citrus College 66-65 Feb. 21.

With the Renegades leading 65-64 with 14.7 seconds left in the game, an inbound pass by the Renegades was stolen by Kelly Johnson of Citrus, who then hit a lay-up, which proved to be the winning points.

"They outplayed us. They out-



Bakersfield College sophomore guard Darrin Dorsey attempts a shot during a game against Citrus College on Feb. 21. The Renegades were defeated by Citrus 66-65.

played us for forty minutes. We had our opportunities and we didn't get it done down the stretch," Hughes said.

"We had the game won. We missed some shots. We had a couple of opportunities to dive on the floor and secure the ball, and we didn't do it."

Also against the Owls, Luis Gomez added 13 points while Alex Olcott poured in 8 points.

For Citrus, Steven Bennett had 12 points and one rebound while Terence Reeves added 11 points and four rebounds.

Citrus coach Rick Croy gave credit to the Renegades and said that his team expects a tough game every time with them.

"We know when we are in the bus on the way up that the game is going to come down to the final two minutes," Croy said following the game.

"I think tonight we were outplayed. You make a few plays at the end the thing can turn in the other direction, and that's what happened tonight."

Croy said that he felt like the Citrus College versus Bakersfield College rivalry is the best in community college basketball because of how close each of their games are.

"These games are incredible. They're like ESPN instant classic games every time," said Croy.

"If you sold the video tapes people couldn't believe these games, the kind of passion that people are playing with and the clutch plays that are being made when it counts the most."

The Renegades finished the season with a record of 23-10 and an 8-4 record in the Western State Conference.

Despite their record, Dahl happy that her team fought hard during their tough season.

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For the Bakersfield College women's basketball team, the long season has finally come to an end.

The Renegades endured a season ending 94-44 loss to the Citrus College Owls on Feb. 21.

The closest the Renegades got was being down 22-12, but the Owls built a 35-18 halftime lead and never looked back.

Against Citrus, Taquedia Brown had 16 points and nine rebounds, while Nicole Lopez added 10 points.

For Citrus, Terr Washington had 26 points while Jazmine Matthews also added 26 points.

Also for Citrus, Shateah West had 13 points, while Bianca Nunez added 12 points.

"I thought this season was a lot of missed opportunities," coach Paula Dahl said.

"We started the year off with a lot of promise. We had changes in personnel that we didn't expect. As a result, it impacted us, and it kind of held us back for a while."

Dahl said that her team started to play better when they got into conference play.

"The second half of the season we really started playing more disci-

plined ball. We had opportunities to win several games in the second half of conference," she said.

"It was pleasing that we did finally start competing. It was tough. I had a group of kids that were committed and finished the year out and didn't complain. For that I am grateful."

Dahl mentioned that despite winning only 7 games in 2 seasons she still has the passion to coach.

"The fire is there. I am out recruiting very hard for next season. I am really excited about the prospects we have lined up," said Dahl.

"I am excited for next year and excited to see what we can do."

Dahl said that she will change the way her team does certain things next season.

"I started off the season giving our team a green light on shooting whenever they wanted to. That was a mistake. We were doing that for the first time," she said. "We were trying it and thought it would work. Early on, it did. I won't do that again. I will stick to what I know."

Dahl once again thanked the fans for sticking with the team throughout the season.

"Our families were amazing this year. The parents were extremely supportive. That makes all the difference," said Dahl. "There was a genuine care for their daughters. That's why their daughters were great kids too because they have that strong family support."

The Renegades finished the season with a record of 4-24 overall and 1-11 in the Western State Conference.



Bakersfield College sophomore guard Nicole Lopez maneuvers past a Citrus College player Feb. 21.

## Women win 11 of 12 events at home

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The Bakersfield College women's swim team won 11 out of 12 events in their first home dual against Western State Conference competitors, College of the Canyons, on Feb. 28 at the William A. Wheeler Aquatic Center, 106-69. The BC men's team lost to COC 136-95.

BC's Allison Duran won the women's 50-yard backstroke with a time of 28.42 ahead of three Canyons swimmers. Duran was also in the women's 200-yard individual medley and finished with a time of 2:15.55.

Duran also competed in the women's 200-yard relay with BC teammates Haley Wren, Chelsi Dominguez and Katerina Prasser, and BC won with a final time of 2:00.81.

BC's Sara Brady was also a multiple event winner. Brady won the women's 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:10.19 and the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:53.98.

Renegade women Jenna Defede

and Dominguez competed in the women's 100-yard individual medley, and Dominguez won (1:10.34). Dominguez also won the women's 50-yard butterfly (28.95).

Dominguez said about her performance, "I felt good, but I felt weaker on the 55, [11 m] trying to get used to it. We've been practicing really hard all week." Dominguez mentioned her preparation before a swim competition. "I just relax and have fun. I don't get myself stressed out you don't do as well... it's all mental," she said.

BC men's team struggled against Canyons, but won four events: The men's 400-yard individual medley, the men's 200-yard individual medley, the men's 100-yard breaststroke and the men's 200-yard freestyle relay.

BC's Macce Rigdon won the 400-yard IM (4:50.91) and Renegade teammate Dan Diaz won the 200 IM (2:13.48) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:07.88). BC's Stephen Roberson, Adam Pritchard, Justin Steward and Noah Calugaru swam in the men's 200-yard freestyle relay and finished (1:50.88) ahead of Can-



BC's Adam Pritchard digs deep in the men's 400 IM. Below: Sara Brady swims toward victory in the 500 yard freestyle, Feb. 28.

yons' men (1:54.03).

BC swimming coach Charlie Pike was satisfied with the results. Pike said, "It went really well. Most of the kids swam a lot of [their] best times actually."

Pike added this about the men's team wins against Canyons and the small group the team has this year: "[For our] guy's team, our numbers are down, but we had a few first place finishes I was happy with, and overall, they swam well."

"We're small, and it's tough with the whole numbers situation, but I can't really complain," Pike added about the men's team size.

Pike was surprised how his teams responded agility-wise. "It's their first dual meet of the season, and we're off to a pretty good start. Some of the kids swam faster than I expected 'cause we've been swimming really hard in practice; we're doing doubles everyday."

"I expected them to be a little more tired than they are right now, but they responded; they did well."

Pike explained what the teams are preparing for. Pike said, "We're hosting [Western State] conference [meet] April 16th through the 18th, so that's what we're gearing up for."

