

## New bus stop opens after years of setbacks to plan

By Hannah Breeland  
Reporter

With one snap of the giant scissors, the new Bakersfield College Transit Center is up and running on Panorama. Even though the plans for this new bus stop have been around for years, many students were taken by surprise by the sudden opening.

Bus drivers warned some students about the day the bus stop had to change but most didn't know.

"I missed my bus because I went to the old spot. By the time I figured out where the new stop was, I almost missed it again," said Natalie Sotelo, political science major.

The ribbon cutting ceremony took place April 11. At 10:30

a.m. the stop was officially open. The number 17 bus was the first of many to arrive at the new stop.

The transit center has eight spots and has a bathroom for drivers and riders.

"It took so long to open because the bathrooms had to be finished before the buses could start using it," said Paula Bray, maintenance and operations manger.

This new transit center and maintenance of the bathrooms is all funded by GET, not costing BC anything.

In fact, the reason for the move was to cut cost on maintenance, because the buses that were traveling on Panorama to Mt. Vernon were causing potholes and other road damage, not to mention

traffic. Even though the move will cost students parking spots, over all they feel it was the best decision.

"This is what we wanted. It's off campus and the bathrooms are available during non-school hours when the buildings are closed and there's nowhere else to go," said Lamont Schiers, executive director of administrative services.

Unfortunately, work is still being done since the bathrooms have yet to be opened to students. One of the two major complaints is that GET gave no warning of the move and bathrooms aren't open.

One question has yet to be answered, it seems with more buses able to use the transit center,



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Mayor Harvey Hall, center, cuts the ribbon, opening Bakersfield College's new Golden Empire Transit Center during a ceremony April 11 near Panorama Drive.

eight other busses might be using it as well. Details on such won't be public until the route change in October.

"I really hope it does. That would save me some money since I wouldn't have to take a bus to the downtown transit center any more, just get out of class and hop on the eight and go strait home," said Steven Ross, business major.

## Employers coming to Bakersfield College

By Keith Kaczmarek  
Reporter

Career Day is coming back to Bakersfield College on April 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Campus Center, Fireside Room and cafeteria.

According to Denise Crawford, job development specialist, there will be many employers looking to fill positions.

"It's a good sign," she said. "Employers haven't been hiring for a while. Employers don't come out if they don't have jobs."

She recommends that students come to the job fair with a master application filled out and a resume so that they don't have to search for information to fill out an employer's application.

Crawford also stressed that students need to dress appropriately.

"There is always someone in pajamas," she said, noting that students

sometimes don't feel that they need to dress as well as they would in any other job search situation.

"Dressing and being prepared is key to anyone's job search," said Antonio Alfaro, also a job development specialist at BC.

Some of the employers who will be at Career Day include Bakersfield Memorial Hospital, Big Five, P.F. Chang's, Clinica Sierra Vista, Innovative Engineering Systems, and many others.

"They are looking for a skill set and specific experience," said Crawford.

Crawford wants students to know that these employers are looking to fill many jobs and not just the jobs the company might be known for. For example, Bakersfield Memorial is looking to fill more than just nursing jobs. They also have openings in the tech department, offices, and cafeteria.

She wants students to keep an open

mind and check out what employers have to offer.

"Students who may not know what they want to do can look and see what's there," she said.

Most importantly, following up with employers is key to getting a job. Students should get a business card and make sure that they ask whom to contact.

Employers see hundreds of students during the job fair and only those who make an impression and follow-up end up with the jobs.

For those students who are still looking for work, the job placement office is open all year round. They can assist with job hunting and offer computer time and workshops to help job-seekers navigate the challenges of the job market.

"Don't get discouraged," said Crawford. "[Employers] are looking for students that stand out."

## Kenner tries to solidify results

By Keith Kaczmarek  
Reporter

With the recent vote about smoking on campus showing that a majority of students wanted to ban all smoking on campus, SGA general counsel Derrick Kenner has been spearheading the effort to make the results into actual policy.

"The people have spoken, and that's what they want," said Kenner.

Kenner has been heading up the B-COUGH program on campus, an anti-tobacco initiative looking to exploit the passage of Senate Bill AB 795 that took effect this year that allows California campuses to enforce smoking policies by levying citations and fines.

Roughly speaking, the proposed policy will fine students who smoke on campus, and all fines collected will go to cessation, anti-smoking, and awareness programs.

"It's going to take some time," said

Kenner, noting that before finally being submitted to the Board of Trustees, the actual policy still needs to make it through several committees on campus.

Minor wording changes might be requested during these meetings as issues arise.

Bakersfield College's interim president Robert Jensen also wants a chance to review the policy before it goes to the Board of Trustees.

"I personally think it's probably a good recommendation. It is important. Campus health is important," he said.

That being said, a potential smoking ban hasn't had high priority considering the other issues facing the school. "It's not on my radar right now. I have bigger fish to fry," he said.

"I am hoping that they'd be looking at things a little more eminent. Class sizes, student services, assessments," he said, listing several more issues related to BC's current budget situation.

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# New owners bringing excitement to Blaze

**Local Baseball** | Improvements to Sam Lynn Ballpark just the start of plans to invigorate Bakersfield baseball scene

By Nestor Fernandez  
Reporter

For the first time in the history of the Bakersfield Blaze baseball organization, there is new home-grown ownership.

The minor league single-A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds organization was sold to Gene Voiland and Chad Hathaway.

"We are thrilled to bring local ownership back to the Blaze," said Voiland.

"We know that this baseball franchise can be one of the most successful not just in California, but in the country, and we look forward to making the team a real civic asset and excitement for the community."

Hathaway is excited to bring

success to local baseball fans.

"Baseball is a sport that brings families and friends together like no other," Hathaway said. "We want to create an exciting, family-friendly environment and field a team that can make all of Bakersfield proud."

The new ownership is determined to build up the franchise.

"We have a business plan that will address immediate and long term needs," said Voiland.

"It's no secret that the current ballpark is not up to standard, and while we plan to make immediate enhancements, we also plan to evaluate opportunities for a new stadium in the near future."

On March 1, they signed an agreement to purchase the Blaze from D.G. Elmore.

Elmore is an Indiana businessman who has owned the team since 2006.

It all became officially ap-

proved on April 1 by all sanctioning bodies, the California League, Minor League and Major League Baseball.

They will own and operate the team as the Bakersfield Sports Group LLC.

Voiland has many current titles and duties, and the longtime Bakersfield resident has also served as chairman of the Bakersfield College Foundation Board for over 15 years until 2011. He left because of his busy schedule, and part of his busy schedule involved the eventual purchase of the Blaze.

He also mentioned that he was a night student at BC in 1969. Where he took an automobile course.

He permanently settled back into Bakersfield in 1993.

While back in town for good, he was instrumental in forming the company Aera Energy as the founding president and CEO.

He retired from that company about four or five years ago, and has been busy in the community ever since.

The other half of the ownership group, Hathaway, was born and raised in Bakersfield.

He was a 1994 graduate of East Bakersfield High School.

From there he went on to play football at BC and Fresno State University.

He is currently the owner of two locally-based companies. Hathaway LLC is an oil and gas production company, and Payzone Directional Services provides directional drilling for oil and gas companies.

He currently serves on the board of the Bakersfield Petroleum Club.

He is also co-founder and current vice president of Kern Citizens for Sustainable Government.

The partnership of Voiland and Hathaway took form about five or six years ago, according to Voiland.

"I came to know him pretty well, I liked the way he went about doing things, I liked his ethics.

"I invested in some of his projects."

When discussing the issue of trying to increase attendance for the Blaze, Voiland was candid with his response.

"First off, I think it's very important that we have local ownership," he said.

"If people from the city own it, I think it resonates with the people in the city and the fan base more."

Voiland also discussed the make-up of the minor-league system when putting a talented and successful team on the field.

"I had a chance to meet with the Cincinnati Reds player development people who are our affiliate, and I asked them that question, and they said, 'look, yeah, it is a player development league, but an important part,' and it's my philosophy too."

"We want to help teach these kids to win."

## BC's Easter Basketball Camp was a success

By Esteban Ramirez  
Sports Editor

Bakersfield College camp attendees enjoyed the second annual Easter Basketball Camp that was put on by BC coaches.

"I think this camp is good for the kids because we help them learn the fundamentals," said BC basketball coach Rich Hughes. "This is our second year doing it. We've had a pretty good turnout, almost as much as last year, and that's always good."

"We try to time this camp right, so everyone is on spring break and it's good that the parents get them out here and be active."

"I also think that this is good public relations for our program. I think it's good to support the community and that they support the camps we have here."

"I think with any college you want to give back. You always want to teach the younger kids the fundamentals," he said.

Hughes added that they get kids with all levels of familiarity of basketball.

"Some are a little bit above and some are a little bit below, but this can help anyone no matter how familiar they are with the game."

He also added that the benefits from the camp would go to shirts, sweatshirts or anything that the program won't be able to cover for the athletes.

"We want to give our athletes some of these things for the hard work they put in," he said.

The camp was on April 3-4 and Hughes was the camp coordinator, assistant coach Aaron Chavez was the camp director and a couple of current players were there for instruction.

The cost was \$75 per person. The emphasis of the camp was to help with the fundamentals of the game of basketball, including shooting, dribbling, ball han-

dling, passing, defense and team play.

Justus Rogers, 17, a junior at Ridgeview High School, commented on what he thought about the camp.

"I enjoyed it because I like working on fundamentals," he said. "I thought everything the coaches told us was very helpful, and I liked that we got to do it in a new gym."

"I really liked the three-point shooting drills because we got to compete with each other, and it's something I need to continue to work on."

"I think this camp was helpful because it showed me that you always got to continue to work on the small things and make sure that they stay sharp," he said.

He added that he would show some of his teammates at Ridgeview some of the drills that he learned at the camp.

"Yeah, I'm going to try to share it with my teammates, so they can get better as well."

Current BC men's basketball player Duncan Schramm, who was one of the players that assisted in the camp, commented on what he thought about the camp.

"I just like working with the kids," he said. "They're a lot of fun. It's not too serious, and I get to be a jokester."

"I think the kids really benefit from this camp and the parents get them out of their hair for a while."

He added that he learned a lot from helping out in the camp.

"It helps you to learn patience and you get a good feeling helping the kids out, and when they accomplish something you feel good too," he said.

BC is scheduled to have another camp with two sessions in the summer. The first session will be on June 13-15 and the second will be on June 20-22.

## Renegades come away with crucial victory behind walk-off home run

By Nestor Fernandez  
Reporter



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Bakersfield College starting pitcher Kaila Williams delivers the first pitch of a game on April 15 against Mt. San Antonio College at BC. BC beat Mt. SAC 4-3 with a walk-off homerun in the bottom of the seventh inning by Sarah Smith.

After losing four straight games, the Bakersfield College softball team responded with a come-from-behind victory in the last inning over Mt. San Antonio College on April 15.

After losing the first game of the doubleheader 8-1 on April 15, they found themselves down 3-0 going into the bottom half of the seventh inning, but they managed to put the first two on with nobody out.

Then back-to-back ground balls scored two runs to draw within 3-2 with one out.

Sarah Smith took care of the rest. She got a pitch she liked, and hit it just inside the left field foul pole for a walk-off two-run homer.

The Renegades won it 4-3 to get the split with Mt. SAC.

"I couldn't have scripted that better if I tried. That was amazing," said BC coach Sandi Taylor. "That team over there was 25-4 after they beat us in the first game, so that was just their fifth loss."

Taylor was excited for the way her team hung in and persevered.

"It just goes to show them that if we can keep the game close, anything is possible and today was a great example of that," she said.

On April 10 at BC, the Renegades played Glendale College in an afternoon doubleheader. The first game Glendale beat BC 9-0.

The second game was much more competitive, but once again with the same result, Glendale won again by a 3-2 score.

"We win as a team, and we lose as a team, and right now we're not playing very well. I don't know what the answer is, but we have not been playing very well," she said.

"We've got to find a way to get out of the funk we're in, and I don't know what the answer is. We've been fortunate to still be putting up some W's, but we've been struggling as a team."

"It's not one area, it's all of it. If I could put a label on it, it would be easy to fix, but I can't put a label on it. I don't have the answer for it."

BC lost against College of the Canyons 4-1 in a battle of two conference contenders on April 5.

Canyons starter Kimmie Lockhart, who is 16-1, went seven innings and allowed only an unearned run while striking out five and walking only two.

BC beat L.A. Valley College with a 6-1 victory at BC and won again against L.A. Mission 4-2 on April 3 in Sylmar.

BC ends its regular season with games at Citrus on April 19 and at L.A. Valley on April 24.

## BC swimming takes first at home

By Esteban Ramirez  
Sports Editor

Bakersfield College swim team took advantage of a couple teams that were short-handed by taking first at a home meet on March 30. BC took first out of four teams. Cuesta College took second, Santa Monica College third and L. A. Valley fourth.

"I thought the kids were great," said BC coach Charlie Pike. "They were all real competitive and most of them had season-highs. Even though we

beat Cuesta and Santa Monica in this meet, they were short-handed so I'm not sure how we'll do against them in the conference championships."

"I think they did great fighting through [hell week] real well. They kept their spirits up and no one gave up, and I think that will help us," he said.

He added that the swimmers he thinks that'll do well in the Western State Conference Championships are Matt Prasser, Francesca Wyatt, Josh De La Rosa and Katherine Lugo. The WSC Championships will be on April 19-20 at Cuesta.

## TRACK: BC getting boost from Schwartz's performance

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efforts resulted in the women finishing in second place with 100.50 points, and the men finishing third with 110.

College of the Canyons won both categories, with the women posting a 145.50 score, and the men a 166 point tally.

For the BC men, Chris Schwartz won the 1500 (3:56.61) and also won the 3000 (8:37.87), Bevan Wemhoff won the high jump (6'3"). In the 800, Davis Loustalot finished second (1:57.78).

The highlights for the BC women included a first place finish for Tejera Dial in the triple jump (35'5"), Breann Goodman took first in the hammer (131'7"), Amanda Mosby second in the discus (99'8"), Danielle Tidahl second in the 800 (2:20.67), Sarena Underwood second in the pole vault (9'5").

The meets on April 7 and April 10-11 were canceled due to a coaching decision. Next up on the schedule will be April 20 at Santa Barbara City College for the WSC Prelims.

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# Renegades gearing up for a playoff push

By Zak S. Cowan  
Editor in Chief

Bakersfield College's baseball team has won six of its last seven contests as of April 17. With just a few games remaining on its regular-season schedule, including two against division-leading Glendale College on April 19 and 21, every game will be a major factor in whether the Renegades will play beyond the regular season. The Renegades are two games behind Glendale, but lead them in Ratings Percentage Index, which is used to select at-large berths for the playoffs that commence on May 4-5.

Coach Tim Painton is hesitant to speculate on whether his team will earn a playoff spot if they don't beat out Glendale for the Western State Conference South Division title, but he is confident that his team has put itself in a great position.

"In our conference, two teams will definitely go," Painton said. "I think we have a good chance based on our RPI [and] based on the other factors that go into naming teams."

A team's RPI is based on three areas: the team's winning percentage, its opponents' winning percentage and its opponents' opponents' winning percentage.

Currently, BC leads Glendale in RPI .5717 to .5642.

Painton points to the postseason as the only means of measuring success.

"These players don't put in the amount of time they do, and our assistant coaches don't put in the time they do, to play a season," he said. "You play to continue to play. You want to play for something bigger. So certainly, anytime you don't make the postseason, it's a disappointment."

"The good thing is, we have our fate in our own hands."

The Renegades have been on a tear as of late, most recently defeating L.A. Mission 4-3 when closer Ryan Stapp earned his 10th save, protecting starting pitcher



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Renegades first baseman Blayne Ontiveros attempts to pick off Eagles Patrick Roxbury as he slides into first base during Bakersfield College's 4-3 win against L.A. Mission College on April 14 at Gerry Collis Field.

Tyler Painton's seventh win of the season.

With the crucial matchups against Glendale coming up, coach Painton said the games that led up to that series were, "equally as important."

"When you get down to so few remaining games, you can point to Glendale, but it doesn't matter unless you take care of those games preceding that series," he said.

BC wrapped up its two-game series against L.A. Mission on April 17. Check therip.com for the latest results and news on BC baseball. As of April 17, L.A. Mission was just a game behind BC in the WSC South standings.

The Renegades are first in the state in runs, with 237; home runs, with 24; and RBIs, with 206. They also rank in the top 10 in the state in batting average, on-base percentage and slugging percentage.

But Painton points to the team's pitching and defense when he notes the team's keys to success.

"If you don't do those two things, then you don't win," he said.

In BC's three games over spring break, the pitching staff gave up just two earned runs for an ERA of 0.66.

Painton said that his team's health is holding up and, even though they are not 100 percent, thinks they are as healthy as any team in the state.

"[Our injuries] haven't affected us to the point of having to take someone out of a lineup, and we're certainly as healthy as everybody else in the state," Painton said. "Everybody's probably a little ragged at this point."

Although he would like to be in Glendale's position, Painton is content with being two games behind Glendale with two games between the teams likely deciding the top of the division.

"You'd like to be, at this point in the season, the team that is chased instead of being one of the teams chasing the top team," he said. "But we're still in the hunt, and our destiny is in our own hands. You can't ask for more than that."

## Results

March 29

L.A. Valley 4, BC 1

MVP

L.A. Valley's starting pitcher Travis Cassidy pitched a complete game and allowed just one earned run.

### Key moment

With Cassidy's arm holding down the Renegades' offense, the Monarchs put together two strong innings in the third and fourth, scoring four runs, and BC was never able to catch up.

March 31

BC 6, L.A. Valley 5

MVP

The Renegades' overall offense put together a strong performance. Five separate batters earned at least one RBI.

### Key Moment

After L.A. Valley put up two

runs to take the lead in the top of the seventh inning, BC's bats came alive and the Renegades put up two runs of their own and never looked back.

April 3

BC 11, Sequoias 2

MVP

BC shortstop Brent Peterson went 4-6 with two runs and an RBI.

### Key Moment

BC's offense scored five runs in the first inning to start the rout. Then, in the top of the eighth inning, up 6-2, the Renegades put five more runs on the board.

April 4

BC 9, Reedley College 0

MVP

BC starting pitcher Brad Lindsley went six innings, al-

lowing just three hits and no earned runs.

### Key Moment

Leading just 2-0 heading into the seventh inning, BC's offense came alive, scoring five in the top of the seventh, and two in the top of the eighth.

April 5

BC 9, Saddleback College 1

MVP

BC's Tyler Painton pitched a complete game, striking out nine and allowing just one hit and no earned runs.

### Key Moment

In the fifth inning, BC's offense finally stepped up to support the fabulous pitching effort that was being put out by Painton.

The Renegades would put up eight of their nine runs in the next three innings.

April 10

Citrus College 7, BC 5

MVP

Citrus's Mikey Ramirez pitched nine innings, allowing five earned runs and striking out eight.

### Key Moment

After the Renegades put up three runs in the bottom of the second inning, Citrus matched with three runs of their own.

April 12

BC 17, Citrus 9

MVP

BC left fielder Isaiah Turner batted 2-5 with four RBIs.

### Key Moment

BC set the tone early and often after losing to Citrus just two days before. The Renegades had scored 16 of their 17 runs by the bottom of the fourth

inning.

April 14

BC 4 L.A. Mission 3

MVP

BC's Tyler Painton pitched seven innings, and held L.A. Mission off the scoreboard while he was on the mound.

### Key Moment

Leading the game 4-1 going into the ninth inning, the Renegades sent in Ryan Stapp to close out L.A. Mission. After allowing two runs early, Stapp finished the save for his 10th of the season.

April 17

\*BC at L.A. Mission

\*At the time this publication was printed, this game had yet to be played. Check therip.com for up-to-date news and results on the BC baseball program.

Column

## Baseball season destined to be great

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The 2012 baseball season is well under way, and I don't think that I've been as excited for a season like this one because you don't have a real clear-cut favorite.

Sure you have the Anaheim Angels who made big news in the off-season getting first base-

man Albert

Pujols and

starting pitcher

C.J. Wilson,

but I still think

the team has

inconsistency

from the rest

of their hitters.

Even the Philadelphia Phillies, with their dominant pitching rotation, aren't a clear-cut favorite because of their inconsistency to get on base.

Another thing that is exciting about this season is how many story lines there are. Of course one of them is how will Pujols do going to the Angels. Also, how will Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Ryan Braun do after being accused of using performance-enhancing drugs?

Ho will the Phillies do without Ryan Howard, and can Roy Halladay finally break through and get to the World Series? I'm even interested how the Los Angeles Dodgers will do. Can they return to the postseason behind starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw?

I really believe that this season could end up being a great one, and as much as I would like to say that I think the Yankees are going to take it this year, I'm just not sure about that. I think there are plenty of teams that will make a run for the World Series, like the Phillies, Dodgers, Cardinals, Angels, Yankees, Tigers and Red Sox. Even a team like the Colorado Rockies could surprise some people and make some noise in the postseason. We could even have an L.A. World Series... but don't worry you "Dodger haters," it won't happen. It will be the Phillies versus the Angels in the World Series with the Phillies taking it.

### MMA

Just two weeks ago the number-one contender for the heavyweight title Alistair Overeem tested positive for elevated levels of testosterone. He tested 10-to-1 for elevated levels, and it is required to be at 6-to-1.

When you see this guy and how he just destroyed former heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar, you wouldn't be shocked that he tested positive.

Now with Overeem testing positive, there is no telling who will fight heavyweight champion Junior Dos Santos. There is no doubt in my mind that they should have Cain Velasquez step in to fight Dos Santos. They already fought earlier this year and Dos Santos caught him early in the first round with a lucky punch, but I think if they fought again it would be a whole different fight. I think it would make a better fight than if they had Frank Mir or Fabricio Verdum.

### Golf

This is the first time in a while that I've been excited for the Masters, and the reason behind that was that Tiger Woods had just won at Bay Hill before that.

He was headed to the Masters on a positive note for the first time in about two years, and anyone knows that golf is at its best when Tiger's performing well. I was excited to think that the Tiger who brings fear to every golfer was back, but he shot a disappointing three over par, while Bubba Watson stole the show with a come-behind victory over Phil Mickelson.

This really showed that Tiger's best years might be behind him, but hopefully he can bounce back and return to form.

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## K-9 trials *Story by Nicholas Sparling Photos by Gregory D. Cook*

The end of March brings a long-held tradition to the Kern County Fairgrounds: the Kern County Kennel Club's All Breed Dog Show.

The Kern County Kennel Club has been in existence since 1947, running two dog shows back-to-back annually – one complete show on Saturday and one on Sunday.

The point of a dog show is for dog owners to "showcase their breeding stock," said Margie Haarsager, president of the Kern County Kennel Club.

The winners of the show are determined by judges who are considered experts.

"They've seen many top quality champions. These people are giving the people showing the dogs their opinion on how representative the dog is of that breed," said Haarsager.

She then went on to explain the qualifications for being a judge.

"The qualifications to become a judge are to have produced 'x' number of champions in that breed and have shown the champions, to show you have developed enough knowledge of that breed to have a judgment on it. Every breed has a standard that's written and every dog is judged against that standard," she said.

The dog show recognized around 170 breeds, including "the tallest breed, the Irish Wolfhound, to the smallest breed, which are the Chihuahuas. [They're] all there to be representative of their breeds," said Haarsager. Haarsager attributed the size of the dog show this year to the economy.

"This is probably a medium size dog show. The economy has certainly hit the dog shows in California. Let's be honest, if you have a finite number of bills, what are you willing to cut out?" she said.

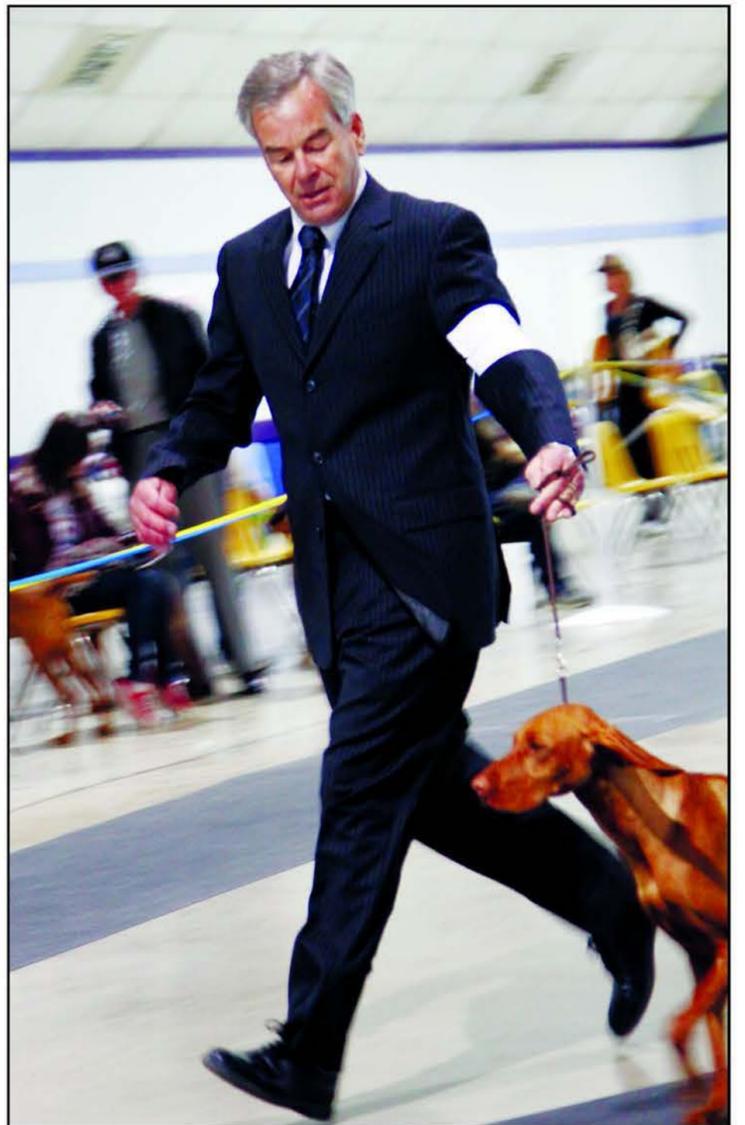
In the past five years, the dog show has been cut from 1,800 dogs to having under 1,000 this



Competitors and their handlers prepare for the final round of judging for the Vizsla breed at the Kern County Kennel Club's All Breed Dog Show on April 1, held at the Kern County Fairgrounds.



Celine Butler, left, looks on as judge Kenneth W. Clemons opens her English Cocker Spaniel, Trumper's, mouth to have a look at his teeth. Trumper came in second place in his breed.



Steven O'Neil trots alongside Fiesta Del Riats, his Vizsla Pointer during final judging for the breed. This was Fiesta's second show, and she won "Best Opposite" honors.

year. Kim Estlund, who showed English Cocker Spaniels this year, enjoys the technical aspect of the dog shows.

"I show my dogs because I love them. It's about trying to get them to conform to some standard, how they look and how they should present themselves.

It's everything about their structure because structure equals functionality," she said.

A large part of the dog show is the groomers.

The groomers are the precursor to the events for the dogs. Camille Walker was one of the groomers at the dog show. She got the job by mentoring some-

one. Another way to become a groomer is to have a natural talent for it. Many of the groomers also show dogs.

"It's all about putting the dog together and enhancing the positive qualities and trying to cover up the bad points of the dog," said Walker.

Gary Allison has been going

to this particular dog show at the fairgrounds for 17 years now. He is the proprietor of Redbarguy.com, a website that sells dog treats, which is another large part of the dog show.

"The Kern County Kennel Club has worked really hard to keep up the event in spite of the weather," he said.

After the show on Saturday, a storm came through and ruined many people's camps.

To Allison, this dog show is one of the better ones in Southern California.

"The fairgrounds are really clean, the show is really well managed, and the people are really hospitable."

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