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Chancellor announces her intent to retire

Following 36 years in higher education, Sandra Serrano speaks about her retirement plans

By Joe Bergman
Editor in Chief

In March 2016, Kern Community College District Chancellor Sandra Serrano informed the KCCCD Board of Trustees of her intent to retire from the district.

Serrano said that she announced her retirement early to give the district time to find a viable candidate.

She said that there are 38 out of 72 CEO vacancies throughout California community colleges.

"So that is why I had to make a decision earlier than I initially expected, but I wanted to let the board know, because I care about this district, I care about the colleges, I want to make sure they have leadership to take them to new levels."

Serrano will still have commitments lasting through 2017, including presenting and coordinating the Vineyard Symposium, which is a training and leadership program for newer CEO's at California community colleges.

Additionally, Serrano will continue on the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior Commission for Accreditation, which will last through the entire school year.

"A couple things to keep me busy for several weeks out of the year, but certainly not anything that is year round," said Serrano. "So I will be making a transition."

According to Serrano, her husband, Kern County Superior Court Judge Robert Tafoya, will continue to work for at least five more years.

"Long ago, someone told me to never retire at the same time as your spouse...you just need to get used to being retired, so the fact that he wants to continue working, I think is great too. He is not ready," said Serrano.

"I once had a colleague that actually said that one probably should not spend more than 10 years in one position and I am already at 12 years, so I think it is time...not to mention that I got my Medicare card," said Serrano.

Serrano has been involved in higher education for approximately 36 years, 12 of which serving as chancellor.

Prior to being named chancellor of the district, Serrano served six years as president of Bakersfield College.

Serrano has additionally served as a vice president and associate dean of students at BC.

Prior to her stint at BC, Serrano started her career in higher education at CSUB, working in student outreach.

"I was directly involved with students, going out to all of the high school campuses, having CSUB students hired to work with me as outreach workers and providing students, who at first didn't think about college, or



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Chancellor Sandra Serrano hopes to leave in February 2017.

maybe thought about college but didn't know where to go, so that was really a part of my life for at least 15 years, and I have to say, that's truly what I liked, it's what I liked to do," said Serrano.

Serrano has always thought of education as being life changing. "It certainly was in my life, neither one of my parents graduated from high school, but I learned very early that my parents expected me to go to college," said Serrano.

Recalling her childhood, at one point Serrano thought she would become a math teacher.

While in the fifth grade, she would tutor her fellow students in math, "I thought that's what I wanted to do," said Serrano.

"In reflecting on what I have done instead, I think it is because education has really made a difference in my life and provided me with opportunities that I never knew existed. I gravitated toward a career in higher education, but in higher education where the connection was working with students, but not necessarily working with students in the classroom," said Serrano.

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Kyle Carter



Karen Goh

Prospective mayors discuss future visions of Bakersfield

By Dylan Bryant
Reporter

Since Harvey Hall was first elected 16 years ago, he has been one of Bakersfield's most-liked mayors. For some college students, he may be the only mayor they've ever known. But in November, residents of Bakersfield will be electing a new mayor, and it's shaping up to be a pretty tight race.

Karen Goh, a former county supervisor and CEO of local nonprofit Garden Pathways, and Kyle Carter, known for his decorated local business career, have been presenting their visions for the city.

While both are Republicans, and both talk of bringing new jobs and businesses to the city, each have a unique background that seems to shape their view of government. Both candidates agreed to interviews with The Rip. The interview with Carter was held at one of his newest ventures, the Bakersfield Music Hall of Fame, and

Goh responded to questions via email.

In your opinion, what is the most important duty of the mayor of Bakersfield?

"Our city charter states that the mayor's job is to promote local economic growth, that's job number one," Carter said. "Job number two is to run the (city council) meetings, and job number three is to be the face of the city." Carter wants to take a more hands-on approach to welcoming businesses here. "That's kind of my thing," he said.

"The most important role of the mayor is to provide leadership that produces cooperation and progress," said Goh. "The mayor is the leading voice in celebration and inspiration — celebrating successes and inspiring confidence for greater things. As the visible leader and ambassador of the city, the mayor confidently articulates and facilitates the goals of the city in full cooperation with

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Fire nearly contained but victims still in need of assistance

By Veronica Morley
Reporter

Several fires have consumed the grounds throughout Kern County this past summer.

On June 23 at 3:51 p.m., the Erskine Fire erupted off of Erskine Creek Road near Lake Isabella burning over 48,000 acres and destroying almost 300 homes in the South Lake community.

The Cedar Fire began on Aug. 16 at 4:30 p.m. just east of Glenville. It has burned over 29,000 acres and is still burning with a 98 percent containment status as of Sept. 5.

Red Cross and other emergency services are working to help with disaster relief and long-term aid.

"When the fire exploded, it did just that, it exploded, causing this wall of flame," said Georgianna Armstrong, emergency service manager of the Kern County Fire Department Office of Emergency Services, in regards to the

Erskine Fire.

Armstrong is working alongside the state to provide long-term housing and aid to the victims of the Erskine Fire.

When the fire first commenced, Red Cross provided temporary shelters, but these have been closed since early July.

"Since then, people have been scrambling day by day, not only did they lose their homes, but their possessions, their vehicles," said Armstrong.

Out of the homes lost during the fire, only 200 were covered by insurance, leaving almost 100 home owners vulnerable.

"Many of these people are elderly, disabled, or veterans who either could not afford insurance or did not qualify," commented Armstrong, who hopes to work alongside the state to provide mobile housing units for those individuals.

Exact details about these units are still being discussed and a contract is in the works. The



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The Cedar Fire burns for the second day, as seen from Kernville. The fire is still burning, but is nearly 100 percent

county is working to provide septic systems for the units and the exact timeline and costs of these projects is unknown. As Armstrong said, "We're building the plane as we're flying it."

The hope of the county is that the state will provide majority of the funds while they perform most of the work.

There are other organizations, such as private non-profits,

working to help raise funds as a parallel lane of assistance to the state.

Since the Cedar Fire began it has caused the evacuation of several communities. As of Aug. 26,

the total cost of containment has been \$27.7 million. Red Cross has provided shelters at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella and Granite Hills High School in Porterville.

Column
Start the first week off right

Life Hacks: Tips to dealing with the typical busy life at BC

Being a college student nowadays feels nearly impossible. Most college students are full-time students who are working at least one job and have other out of school commitments.



Veronica Morley

As a student working two part-time jobs, with 20 units and working as a student reporter/photographer for the Rip, I can personally attest that the most important skill a student can have nowadays is the art of being organized.

To anyone who prefers waiting until the night before to write a 10-page paper and runs on 4 hours of sleep, here are some tips.

Get a planner. Typically, my planner is divided into three areas: what to do daily, what to do this week as far as school assignments and what to do this week outside of school. Many people try to think of their week in a daily format, focusing only on what needs to get done by the end of the day.

The problem with doing this is that it leaves everything to the last minute. First of all, you are in a rush every day just to figure out what needs to get done. Secondly, it almost always eventually leads to a weekly format but as a last minute thought. If you try to focus on your schedule primarily in a weekly format, you will have a better understanding of what you need to get done every day.

Once you have a planner and have formatted it to fit your weekly schedule, set aside time during your week dedicated just to planning out your week. Every Sunday night, for at least 15 minutes, I look at what assignments I have coming up this week and schedule exactly when I am going to get them done. After scheduling exactly when I am going to finish my homework, I move on to scheduling important meetings: calling professors, possible news stories, study groups. After this, I schedule in any personal plans.

After you have your week planned, the next, and possibly the most difficult part, is staying focused and committed to this plan. After going to school all day and working all afternoon, it feels incredibly tempting to go home and get straight into bed. It is easy to think to myself that whatever I have scheduled to do that evening can wait one night. Don't do that.

Once you put it off one night, one night turns into two, then two nights turns into the weekend, and the next thing you know, you are staying up until 3 in the morning writing a research paper for your 8 a.m. class. No matter how tired you may feel, you will always benefit more by sticking to a schedule rather than playing the procrastination card, even for one night.

Being organized and focused is a large part of being a successful college student, but that does not mean it is the only aspect of college life. To have a truly successful college career, one has to understand balance and their own personal limits. The better you take care of yourself physically and mentally, the more successful you will find yourself academically.

If you have questions on balancing your busy schedule, send your questions to Veronica at ripmail@bakersfieldcollege.edu

Condors freezing over stadium

By Kyle Cortez
Managing Editor

The Bakersfield Condors announced the team will hold the Three-Way Chevrolet Condorstown Outdoor Classic presented by Mission Bank at Bakersfield College's Memorial Stadium against the Ontario Reign on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017.

In mid-December, a temporary ice rink will be built in Memorial Stadium and it will be open to the public for skating on Dec. 21.

"There will be a number of other activities designed for family fun. Among them, zip-lining, obstacle courses, kids' play areas, snowman building and more," said Bakersfield Condors president Matthew Riley.

"This will be combined with hockey tournaments slated to bring in more than a hundred teams from other cities, injecting millions into the local economy."

This idea has been floating around the minds of the Condors' front office for years, and now it's finally becoming a reality.

"The NHL's first outdoor hockey game was between the Edmonton Oilers and Montreal Canadiens 13 years ago. It was with that game, that we half-jokingly said, wouldn't it be cool to do an outdoor game in Bakersfield," said Riley.

"Then two and a half years ago, an outdoor game between the Los Angeles Kings and the Anaheim Ducks took place at Dodger Stadium. Then we very seriously asked, why not in Bakersfield?"

Riley thanked Three-Way Chevrolet President Ted Nicholas and Mission Bank President and CEO A.J. Antongiovanni for sponsoring the event. Riley also said that they are still looking for another presenting sponsor to help Three-Way Chevrolet and Mission Bank headline the event.

"We're looking for other sponsors as well, companies to purchase groups of tickets and the actual items to support the ice

rink; generators, fuel, equipment, decking, rubber matting, dirt, sod, food trucks, Porta Pottis, you name it.

We need a lot of stuff to make this thing happen. We invite everyone to be a part of this great community event," said Riley.

Bakersfield College President Sonya Christian also thanked the sponsors and the people working hard to make sure this event will take place. Christian was very pleased that BC's Memorial Stadium was chosen as the venue to hold this event.

"It is a privilege to have BC's Memorial Stadium selected as the location for such a local prestigious and spectacular event.

The Memorial Stadium was built in 1955 with a grand vision of bringing our community together, 20,000, creating extraordinary occasions," said Christian.

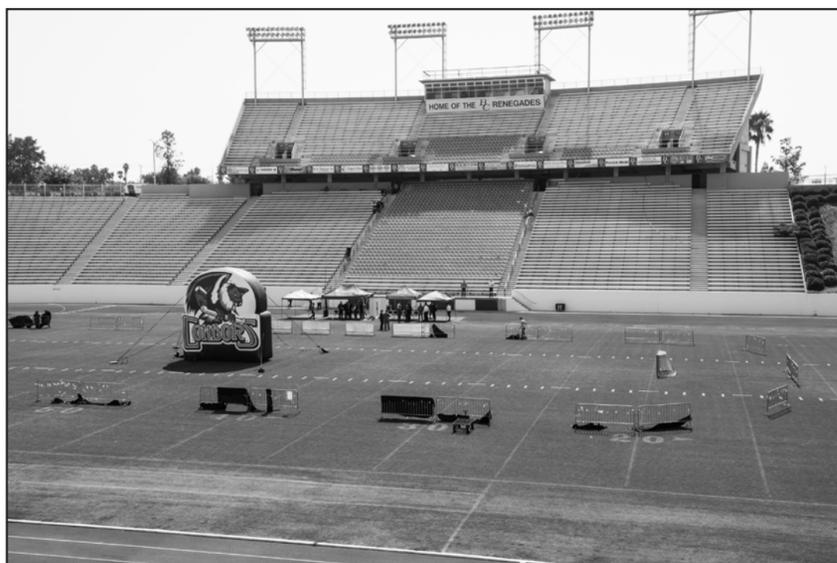
"Through the years, Memorial Stadium has been a place of rich history, athletic achievements, world records, and dreams. But now, the Condors playing ice hockey outdoors in this signature venue, is a must-see event and takes it to a whole new level."

Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall spoke very highly of the Condors and how they're so involved in the community.

"I'm so proud of the ongoing effort that the Bakersfield Condors do in our community. With all of their constant community outreach, all of the support of educational opportunities, and most importantly putting products on the ice that bring people to the venues, in which they play, to make hockey a special occasion," said Hall.

Three-Way Chevrolet is one of the main sponsors of the event and has been partners with the Condors off and on for the past 15 years.

"We're celebrating our 60th anniversary this year and this community has supported us for a long time. This is just one way where we feel we can give something back," said Nicholas. "They're a charitable organiza-



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The field in Memorial Stadium will be frozen over forming an ice rink as outlined above.

tion, there's a lot of things that they do that we do with our organization too.

We have similar paths and passions, and those are to support those charities locally here and to also give back to those that have supported us loyally for this many years."

Antongiovanni also spoke as to why Mission Bank decided to go ahead and sponsor this event as well.

"First of all, because it's Matt (Riley) and his team and the Condors and Condorstown and we love it. It's a great thing for our community and they do come up with great ideas.

It's going to be fun, it's going to be unique, we're going to have our families out here so it's going to be a lot of fun and we want to support that," said Antongiovanni.

"The other reason we chose to support this event and why we continue to support the Condors is because it really closely aligns with our mission and our purpose. So the purpose of Mission Bank is to fuel and grow vibrant

and prosperous communities.

It's going to be an engaging community event and so what better way for Mission Bank to support and to really fulfill our purpose than to get behind this and get behind the Condors."

Two-time Stanley Cup winner and Oilers Vice President of Player Development Kelly Buchberger spoke on behalf of the Oilers and how they're really excited about this game.

"Having an outdoor game in Bakersfield continues the rivalry between Edmonton and Los Angeles.

These young prospects are future stars in the NHL and they're going to have an impact when they start playing in the NHL, so for us to watch them develop in the AHL is huge for us," said Buchberger.

"None of this is possible without the city, sponsorship, volunteers and most of all the fans. If we don't have the fans, we don't have games like this, so I would like to thank you all."

Bakersfield Condors Head Coach Gerry Fleming also ac-

knowledged how much work it's going to take to make sure that this event will happen and thanked everyone involved for giving them this opportunity.

"I would like to thank everyone involved. This is a huge deal for the players, for the coaching staff, the trainers, and for everybody involved. There's a lot of work that goes behind the scenes on putting one of these on. It takes everybody."

Events like this don't happen like this just because you want them to happen.

There's a lot of foresight, there's a lot of hard work and there's a lot of dedication from a lot of people involved," said Fleming.

"Everybody involved, from the college, to the city, to our front office staff, to our coaching staff, to Edmonton, to the Mayor and his group, thank you for giving us this opportunity to play in this game."

For any additional information about the game, you can visit the website <http://www.bakersfieldcondors.com/classic/>.

Students engage in festivities at BC

By Zach Sullivan
Reporter

Bakersfield College's annual Student Involvement Festival offered a wide variety of booths, ranging from snow cones to cell phones and everything in between.

The festival took place Aug. 31 at the Renegade Crossroads from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The goal was to encourage students to learn about the campus and become engaged and active members of Bakersfield College and the Bakersfield community.

Numerous clubs, organizations and businesses were present: Veterans services, Bakersfield Police Department, Renegade Cheer, Liberty Tax, North of the River, Jamba Juice and many more had booths set up throughout the Renegade Crossroads quad.

Jose Lopez, 22, thought that the festival was a good way to get more students involved in clubs at BC.

"I believe that this is a great way for students to visually

see the actual clubs at BC, so that we can have greater involvement of students and bring participation to an all-time high."

Lopez said that he felt that overall the event was cheerful and believes that if more clubs get together they can collaborate and hold more powerful events.

Not everybody felt so cheerful about the event, though.

Joe Fonceca, 18, felt that the festival got in the way of students being able to hang out in the Crossroads quad area like they normally do between classes.

"It was a good event, but it was too much in our face.

Spread it out, move it to another area, let us chill. We don't want to buy your fake Loui belt."

Demetrius Alexander, a student at BC, felt that the festival was missing one thing. "We need to sell Kool-Aid at these things," said Alexander.

Out of 30 students polled, 29 said that they liked the festival and would like to see it held again next year.



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A veteran speaks with some members of SGA during the Student Involvement Festival at BC.

Blaze farewell puts Sam Lynn Park's future into question

By Sam L. Jaime
Reporter

It seems, outside of at least one playoff game this week, minor-league baseball will be leaving Bakersfield for good. Despite numerous attempts to fund and build a new ballpark, by opening day 2017, the Blaze will have become a memory. Local baseball fans came in droves to the final few home games of the regular season, selling out every seat in quirky, west-facing Sam Lynn Ballpark. It seemed only fitting

the Blaze secured a victory, thus ending the 75th and final regular season in team history on a high note. The Single-A Blaze did make the playoffs and faces San Jose in the second game of a three-game series at 7:15 p.m. Sept. 8 at Sam Lynn Park. A third game is scheduled Sept. 9, if necessary. But after that, the team has been contracted out by the California League and will be moving to South Carolina. With professional baseball's departure, the future of Sam Lynn Ballpark has immediately come

into question. The county-owned ballpark has drawn interest from groups such as Northwest Bakersfield Baseball, a local Babe Ruth nonprofit league, and the Kern High School District. Suggestions such as concerts and soccer matches have also filled discussions, though nothing definitive has been announced at this time. One concern for all interested parties is the condition of 75-year old Sam Lynn Ballpark. Limited funds and failed bids to construct a new park have taken their toll. Attendance,

which declined over the years since the departure of the Los Angeles Dodger's affiliation, seemed to only to increase the financial pressure in the waning years of minor league baseball's tenure.

While some renovations have been made in recent years, concerns over many of the park's facilities remain. Bakersfield Blaze general manager Mike Candela believes those deteriorating conditions will have severe impact on any sort of return for professional baseball, stating, "Minor-

league baseball will never play at Sam Lynn again, I think it's new stadium or bust."

Kern County Parks and Recreation director Bob Lerude noted, however, that ballparks are not being built in California right now, and haven't been for quite a number of years.

Despite this, Lerude seems confident about the public interest, stating a belief that, "The community wants to see Sam Lynn being used for baseball even if professional baseball is not available."

Random Renegade

Every issue, *The Rip* will be interviewing a random student at BC about hopes and goals.

By Joshua K. Fisher
Reporter

Bakersfield College senator for the Student Government Association Fitzgerald L. Graves is one of the original members of the African-American Mentoring Program (AAMP), designed to increase academic performance, retention, graduation/transfer rates and to decrease drop-out rates among black males.

He says that originally the AAMP was only males but now consists of male and



Fitzgerald L. Graves

female students. He also says AAMP has made him aware of the deficits that the African-American demographic faces. This made him want to be part of the solution, and in order to make an impact, Graves joined the SGA. He says upon joining the SGA, it was intimidating to face the documentation that a senator would have to be accustomed. But learning it has given him a respect and pride for the process.

Graves has been a senator since fall of 2015. Graves was soon appointed to be the Chair of Academic Advancement at BC, a position that takes on the external issues of the classrooms that benefit the student body. He says he has been working to get BC students a discount on their GET bus passes, and he has recently heard that soon the students might receive them for free.

Graves says that helping students and getting them prepared to face their challenges is an immediate gratification for the hard work that he puts in. Graves says that working too much is one of his biggest weaknesses.

Facing his own weaknesses has caused him to become more engaged with the faculty at BC and the students. In his conferences, Graves is working to get a sandwich dispensing machine for the students that they can use after hours when the cafeteria is closed.

Graves says that his strength is his moral compass

that guides him when he is dealing with people. Graves believes that all people are important and should be represented and understood. This skill has led him to becoming a coach on many different occasions.

"I've coached basketball, football, baseball, soccer, track, you name it. I've coached them all. The same abilities and engagement play over into coaching. That's really what we're trying to do. Give them the game plan to be successful," said Graves.

Graves said that coaching has always been his passion. He said the real blessing is helping a student who feels lesser, and giving them the confidence to feel equal.

"And now that they're equal they can pass that down to someone else," said Graves. After all that he has been through at BC as a member of the SGA, he has broadened his horizons on what it really means to be a coach. And he agreed that even as a senator and chair for the BC Student Advancement Program, he is still a coach on the inside.

But now, instead of coaching athletes, he is coaching students and faculty. "One thing you should know about being a SGA member," Graves said, "is that you're always representing someone else; students will have bad days and that can be overlooked, but a coach cannot have bad days. If you aren't taking the students as seriously as possible, you're missing the point. Because then, it's more about you; you have to look at the students and see where they are to be able to help them, and if you can't help them, you can see if you can connect them with someone who can help them. Some problems that you come across may exceed your power as a SGA member but you can still connect them with someone who can. In the end it's all about winning the game for the students." It takes us all as SGA to do that."

Fresh designs show students their path

By Morgan Park
Reporter

Over the summer, Bakersfield College underwent several renovations – the largest of which is the new "optimal path of travel" system and new signage that now populates the entire campus.

The new pathing is designed to make getting from class to class easier for students. "You can now get from one side of the campus to the other on concrete the whole way," said Bill Potter, head of maintenance and operations at BC.

Aside from enhanced convenience of those walking the campus, the new concrete walkways will make navigating quicker for those disabled or using wheelchairs.

Part of this new initiative is the new uniform signage and maps. Labeled arrow signs now point students toward their destination. "The main thing is that students can look at those signs and know the best way to get there," said Potter.

Regarding the four "zones" that the campus is now divided into, Potter explained that it will make reading the map generally easier. "Every map tells you which zone to go to, so you can at least walk in the right direction."

Potter said that while there are multiple ways to get to each building on campus, the new signs represent the recommended path that never leaves concrete. Additionally, every map now also has a QR code that can be scanned to download the campus map on a phone.

"[The maps and signs] have needed an update for a long time," said Potter. "I don't think, in the past, we've ever had a uniform sign system." He pointed out that everything from the signs regarding dogs, skateboarding, and even stop signs all aesthetically match for the first time.

Potter went on to say that a big part of the new signs is to make them future-proof and easily updatable when new structures are added to the campus.



Top: A new sign outside of the current Facility Maintenance and Operations building give directions using building titles and the new zones. Left: The new design for signage to indicate staff parking lots, located by the pool.

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Column

Lucky to come out twice

The Gay Agenda: *Life and times of a modern gay man.*

Coming out is one of the biggest moments in any gay man's life and I was lucky enough to do it twice.

My initial attempt was met with such shock, confusion, and anger from my parents that later that night I traipsed into their bedroom and told them, "Ha ha, just kidding."

I remember my dad's hollow voice traveling through the darkness. "Why would you do that to your mother?"



J.R. Hensley

It was a lie, yes, but it seemed like the best thing to do, since this news hit my mother like a truck.

My father, on the other hand, could not have cared less.

The next day my family acted as though nothing had ever happened.

The second time was just after my mother, unbeknownst to her, had dropped me off for a date.

What I didn't anticipate was for her to loop back around the parking lot to see who it was I was meeting.

That night, my mother glared at me as she asked if the man with the tattoos she saw me walking with was my boyfriend.

I took a brief moment to let the question hang in the air, weighing the pros and cons of my response. I knew I couldn't say "just kidding" this time around and have it be alright.

I responded with the answer she did not want to hear.

So upset was she, that she did not say a single word to me for two solid months.

When she seemed to finally move past it, or pretend it had once again been a joke, her words were very carefully chosen and our relationship seemed to weaken.

That was fine with me at the time. I knew before I had answered what the result would be.

What I did not expect was how much change my mother would, in fact, make.

It is strange to look back at how cold she was compared to who she is now, and how even at family events, she refers to my husband as her son-in-law or on occasion refers to us as "the boys."

The strangest of all was, before my husband and I were allowed to wed, we moved in with my parents for a short time while we gathered the money we needed to buy a house.

I think it was during this time that she saw that my husband and I were just like every other couple.

Sometimes I dread to think what it was she thought we did...

I can't begin to understand what it would have been like if my parents had chosen to throw me out without any place to land, because that was their idea of "the right thing to do."

Unfortunately, for many that do share who they are with friends and family, it is met with anything but love.

Many families have been ripped apart by some preconceived notion of what it is to be gay and how it is somehow immoral to be homosexual. More often than not, they are misinformed caricatures.

While it is something every gay person must continuously do throughout their life, telling one's parents is the first and the most difficult.

Evidently, I love the stress of it or I wouldn't have done it twice.

New students share first impressions

By Daulton James Jones
Reporter

It's the time of year again where Bakersfield College becomes flooded with hundreds of new faces. From the fresh-faced high school graduates to the mid-twenty and thirty-somethings who feel that now is the right time to start college. And you can't forget the older students who just want to learn more even in retirement.

Mayson Jones, 21, West High School grad of 2012, has just stepped foot on to the BC campus for the first time this semester. Before attending BC, she was working odd jobs here and there, and helping her family out.

"Yeah, I was working at Torrid at Tejon, but I really just wanted to go to school to try and get my degree," she said. "Working was fun and all, but I knew that this life wasn't what I wanted for myself, so now I'm here."

She came to BC with hopes

of getting her AA-T in English to one day be able to transfer to Emerson College in Boston. There, she would like to major in publishing where she would be able to have a career in writing of some sort.

"Emerson College just has a nice feel to it that I personally really like and relate to," she said. "I like the fact that they actually have a publishing major, especially because that's what I'm interested in. Most of the colleges I've looked into do not offer a degree in it, or anything like it."

Jones also stated that she would like to also attend Florida Memorial University, and major in ethnic studies. At BC, she enjoys the diversity and maturity of the students compared to high school.

"There's a wide range of students here, and the maturity level of most of them makes it easy to learn for me," she said.

Not all students agree with this though, Shanice Watson,

20, Stockdale High School grad of 2014 and first generation American, feels as if Bakersfield College could be a little more ethnically diverse. "I wish BC promoted ethnic clubs more, so that we would actually know that they're here," Watson said when informed of ethnic clubs on campus.

"I feel like it would help our education even more if we had a place where we could relate to people who come from similar backgrounds, because we wouldn't feel alone."

Watson is a political science major who intends on graduating from BC this fall semester.

For her first three semesters, she attended Pierce College in Woodland Hills, but she started to miss her family and friends, so she opted to come back home for her last semester. She has hope of transferring to San Francisco State next fall to finish her bachelor's degree, which is something her parents always wanted

her to pursue.

"Even though my parents are immigrants, they want the same for their kids like any other parent," she said. "They just always told my sister and I to take advantage of the opportunities we are given."

To also gain as many degrees as we can because those are things no one will be able to take from you."

Football player Lino Medrano, 19, is a South High School grad of 2015 and the starting center on the BC football team. Before attending BC, he went to Mid-America Nazarene University in Kansas.

"Coming from Mid-America, I didn't expect BC to be this big," he said. "There are people everywhere. Back in Kansas, you mainly only saw people in class, never really outside hanging out like you do here."

Medrano's favorite part of BC are football and the teachers. He played football throughout high

school except his junior year when he broke his collarbone.

Medrano has high hopes for the upcoming season this year. "I think we're going to be good this year," he said.

"I can definitely see us being in a bowl game and making playoffs."

Like Medrano, other students at Bakersfield enjoy their teachers as well, such as freshman Cristian Monciviaz, 18, a recent Stockdale High School graduate.

"So far, I really like BC. All my teachers are really chill. I like them better than my high school teachers."

Monciviaz continued, "I was kind of nervous coming to BC. Man, like I honestly didn't even know what to expect, but it hasn't been that bad so far. I actually like coming to school so far."

Monciviaz has hopes of becoming a filmmaker and transferring from Bakersfield College with his AA-T in theater to attend USC in the film program.

BC parking flows to streets



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A truck parks in the shadow of a new no parking sign on Princeton Avenue, adjacent to the Bakersfield College campus.

By Joshua Kincaid Fisher
Reporter

With two sides of Bakersfield College bordered by residential areas, one thing is for certain at the beginning of a school year: There will be parking issues.

During the spring and fall semesters, the parking lots settle with hundreds of cars filled with students desperate to get to class on time and sometimes parking spots are difficult to find.

Due to this and the fact that some students don't buy the annual parking permit, students are finding it easier to park in these neighborhoods that are adjacent to BC.

Certainly, some of the residents are not happy about this parking situation, because the neighborhoods have retaliated

with no parking signs, but this is not stopping students from using the neighborhood as a personal parking spot.

Some of the neighbors on the block nearest to BC were pretty sympathetic to the situation concerning parking.

Terry Meyer, one of the residents, and also a teacher at BC, said, "Most people don't understand what students are going through, or the reason why they aren't parking in the parking lot. Parking permits cost a ton of money for students and students are already struggling to buy their books, so they have to park on the street instead of the parking lot." Meyer doesn't mind having students park close to her house.

Another resident, Rick Frias, said, "When you live next to a

big college like this, you've gotta expect that you're going to get a bunch of cars parking in front of your house every day, so I don't mind it. But it just gets irritating to have to plan when you're going to leave the driveway in the morning, because it's impossible to leave when all the students are coming to school. It's the same way when they are all leaving, but I always plan before I leave my house."

Another resident, Bill Trout, was walking his dog and said that he lived toward the back of the neighborhood and it was only sometimes that cars ever reach his house, but when they do he doesn't like it.

"Students shouldn't leave their cars in a neighborhood all alone if they don't live there. It's not smart, but it doesn't really bother

me, because it's not all the time," said Trout.

Evelin Valencia, a BC student, parked right next to someone's driveway. She took her time and she seemed nervous getting out of the car as she exclaimed, "You just witnessed some of the worst parking ever in the history of mankind!"

Valencia is a mother and a nursing major, and she said that budgeting while going to school can be very difficult.

Valencia discussed why she chooses to park on the side of the school rather than the parking lot.

She said, "I feel like it's too expensive to pay for a parking permit. I only come here once a week, and I don't want to pay for parking, something that I don't need every day."

Kit fox investigation still ongoing by DFW

By Joe Bergman
Editor in Chief

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has been conducting a criminal investigation into the alleged unlawful treatment of the kit foxes who reside in Memorial Stadium. Copies of the offense reports have been requested, but have not yet been received.

When kit foxes are known to be in the area, project management must work with both the U.S. and California Departments of Fish and Wildlife, and must utilize a wildlife biologist who is familiar with the species.

This process can be seen playing out at state Route 99 and Ming Avenue, where the improvement project has ground to a halt because of the presence of kit foxes.

The state has brought in McCormick Biological, the same company which consulted Bakersfield College, but unlike BC, the state utilized a wildlife

biologist from the onset of their project.

BC only brought in McCormick Biological following community complaints about what was occurring to the kit foxes in Memorial Stadium.

BC has since abandoned its plan to spread mulch on the hillside in Memorial Stadium, and over the summer break spread the remaining mulch around campus.

Memorial Stadium has remained untouched since the last portion of mulch was spread in late December 2015 and early January 2016.

Additionally, over the summer break, Anthony Culpepper, who served as Bakersfield College's vice president of finance and administrative services, accepted a position at the Glendale Community College District.

Culpepper had been at the heart of the investigation into the treatment and removal of the kit foxes who reside in Memorial Stadium.

Ali says goodbye to KCCD

By J. R. Hensley
Reporter

Abe Ali, vice chancellor of human resources for the Kern Community College District, will be leaving after eight years of employment, during which he also served as both president and vice president of the California Community Colleges Association for Chief Human Resources Officer.

"I have met great leaders, great staff, and great faculty throughout KCCD's 26,000

square mile service area. "I wish my successor the best and more importantly, I bid the Kern Community College District a heartfelt farewell," said Ali.

Ali accepted the position of vice president of human resources appointed to him by the Board of Trustees at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut.

A farewell reception will be held for him at the District Office on Sept. 8.

Ali's final day with the KCCD will be Sept. 19.

ELECTION 2016

Column

No debate for third-parties without significant reforms

Practical Idealism: Seeking a balance between what can be done and what should be done in the political landscape today

I'm going to say something that I'm sure is going to make a lot of people upset, including me: third-party candidates do not belong in the presidential debates. Keep in mind, I'm making this statement as someone who would vote for Ralph Nader in a second if he ran again.

However, putting third-party candidates in the national debates elevates them to a level that they simply are not at yet. The only candidate that seems to have a chance is Gary Johnson, and the latest polls from Rasmussen and Reuters don't even put him at 10 percent (the legal requirement to get into the national debates).

With our current system, 10 percent is far too low to make a significant impact. Unless all 10 percent of the people that support Johnson are concentrated in multiple states, he would still have no chance of winning.

For reference, California is approximately 10 percent of the country's population. If every single Gary Johnson supporter lived in California, he'd get 55 electoral votes; still a far cry from the 270 needed to win.

I know that's a ludicrous scenario and there are better situations in a hypothetical electoral map for Johnson, but the reality is that 10 percent is basically nothing in our system. That kind of support is drowned out in the winner-take-all Electoral College we have now. No one is really going to care if Johnson takes 10 percent of Ohio, all the votes go to someone else anyway. It might get a passing mention on the air, or possibly a footnote in the paper the next day, but the only thing anyone will remember is who actually won Ohio. Without some sort of sweeping change to the way we actually elect our president, third-party candidates will continue to be on the outside looking in.

There is a certain trouble with this view, of course. If people like Johnson or Jill

Stein aren't allowed in the debates, how can they showcase their views and get people on board to vote for them? That seems reasonable, right?

But if we let them into the debates, all they would do is take away from the votes of the candidates that are likely to win, and that's where our focus truly needs to be. Undecided voters need to take a look at Hillary and Trump and figure out which one to cast their ballot for.

Third-party candidates spend most of their time preaching to the choir. By and large, they aren't attracting anyone to their ideals. At best they're attracting their own fringe groups away from the major party that they're associated with. I remember watching

Bill Maher get down on his knees and beg Ralph Nader not to run, because it would fracture the left.

That's what will always bring third-party candidates down. That, and when it comes right down to it, there isn't that much difference in the eyes of the American people between Gary Johnson, Jill Stein and Andrew D. Basiago (who believes he is a time traveler and that the majestic Sasquatch should be listed in the Endangered Species Act). To the American public, they're all just third-party nutjobs.

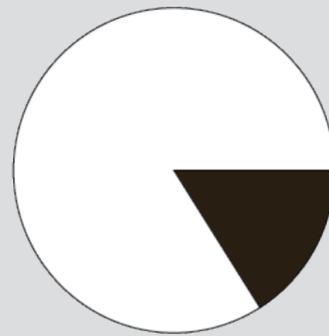
Let's be real here: in this election, where Trump and Hillary get as much criticism from their own parties as they do from their opponents, the fact that someone like Johnson is only getting 10 percent is laughable. It either shows that's all the support he's ever going to get, or that people know our system can't elect a third-party without a massive change.

The only way to give these candidates a chance is a switch to a preferential ballot system, where voters get to rank candidates by preference. This way people get to vote with their true ideals, without worrying about wasting a vote.

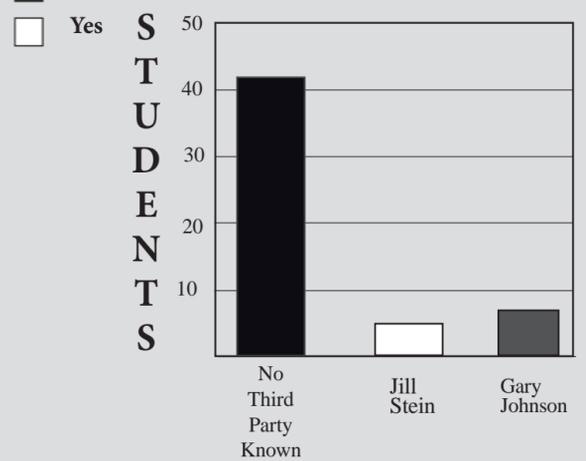
Each edition, The Rip will tackle issues related to politics at the state and national level, in the interest of educating the student body to make informed choices when they hit the polls this November

Reporter Dylan Bryant polled 50 Bakersfield College Students to see the impact of third-party candidates on campus.

Should third-party candidates be allowed in the national debates?



Can you name any third-party candidates?



Presidential alternatives in third parties

By Dylan Bryant
Reporter

For over 150 years, the same two political parties have been the largest power brokers in the United States. When election years roll around, voters hear about "third-party" or "outside-party" candidates running for president, and sometimes they gain attention, yet almost always fade into anonymity.

This election season is different, though, in that the two main parties have nominated the two candidates that some Americans won't vote for, creating what seems to be a perfect environment for an outsider to win.

The two candidates hoping to seize that opportunity are the Libertarian Party's Gary Johnson, and the Green Party's Jill Stein.

Gary Johnson, an ex-Republican as well as the former governor of New Mexico, is making his second run for the White House on the Libertarian Ticket. Considered the more likely of the two to actually have a shot at winning, Johnson now faces the task of earning a spot on the

debate stage, which would require bringing his national polling from 10 percent to 15 percent by Sept. 26, the day of the first debate.

Johnson is considered well liked amongst millennial voters, with some polls placing him at 35 percent amongst voters 18 to 24. The Libertarian Party's platform centers around individual freedom and autonomy, summarized by the passage, "We believe that respect for individual rights is the essential precondition for a free and prosperous world, that force and fraud must be banished from human relationships, and that only through freedom can peace and prosperity be realized."

His campaign website lists his areas of focus as cutting wasteful spending, tax code reform, protecting the environment and ending the war on drugs. He has been known as controversial for being an open consumer of marijuana products, even in his home state where they are illegal.

Jill Stein, the Green Party's candidate, is a former medical physician and has run on the Green Party's ticket once before in 2012. Her cam-

paign has very much been centered around framing herself as the only "true progressive" left now that Bernie Sanders has lost, and she has adopted the motto "Abandon the lesser evil for the greater good."

Her campaign is centered on the issues of environmental justice and protection, ensuring jobs, education and healthcare as human rights, reforming the criminal justice system and reforming the campaign finance system.

The Green Party rose to notoriety in the last decade as an alternative for those who felt the Democratic Party is not progressive enough, and is known for their dedication to climate change reform. Stein has the disadvantage of only being on the ballot in 42 states, and is polling at 3 percent nationally.

Both candidates are known for being pro-legalization, pro-immigration reform, and pro-choice, yet they differ in that Johnson doesn't support large government spending on programs such as tuition-free college, or universal healthcare, while Stein believes these are human rights.

Game Review

Take flight in 'No Man's Sky'

By Morgan Park
Reporter

It's kind of crazy that "No Man's Sky" is finally out. In the time following its announcement three years ago, we've been wondering if Hello Games could deliver on their promise of endless randomly generated planets for players to explore. To many, it sounded too good to be true, or even possible.

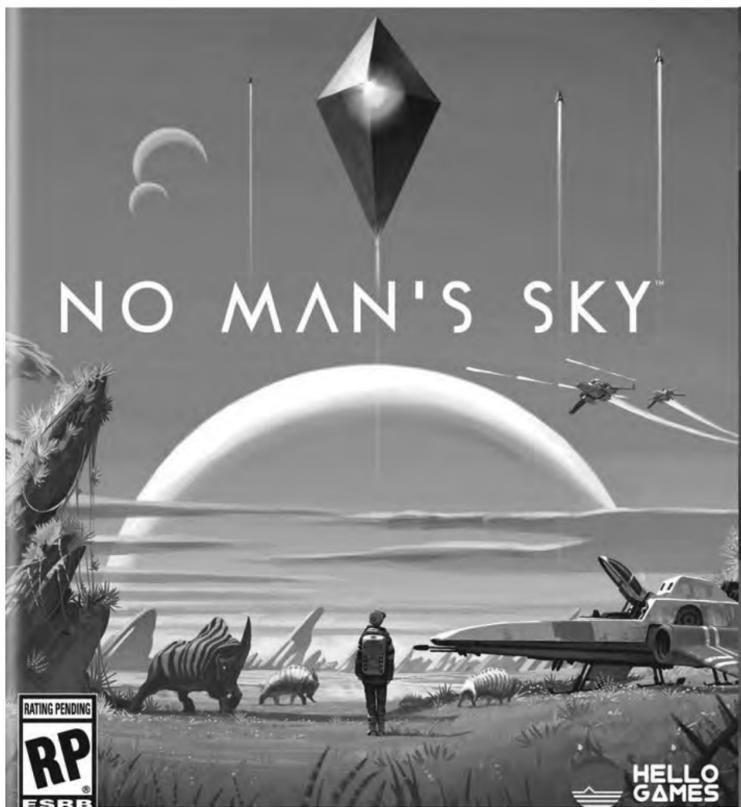
But after all of this time waiting in curiosity about what the game would really be, it's a pretty surreal feeling to actually play it. And despite any vague expectations I might have had for the game, Hello Games has made something truly special in "No Man's Sky."

"No Man's Sky" is a game about a lot of things, but what you might not expect is just how much of a crafting and survival game it is. You begin next to a crashed ship on an unexplored, randomly generated planet, and must scrounge around nature to craft repairs for your ship. Once the period of tutorials is done, it's just you and your ship, ready to explore the galaxy and travel towards the center.

Most of your time in "No Man's Sky" is spent on the surface of planets discovering new plants, animal species and landmarks that can be uploaded to the game's servers so that other players can find your discoveries themselves. That said, survival is always at the core of whatever you're doing. Whether you're replenishing your life support system or crafting fuel for your journey, a lot of the game is relatively action-free.

Sure, you can start fights with sentinel robots, but the magic of "No Man's Sky" is really found in the quiet moments. Flying down seamlessly from space to a planet, landing in a nice patch of grass, peaceful walks, discovering animals and befriending them; this is when the game is unlike anything else I've ever played.

The single greatest aspect of "No Man's Sky" is that it doesn't care what you want to do in it. It's a genuinely open-world game that doesn't thrust any particular objective or even incentive in the player's direction. Even the game's most direct "goal" of flying to the center of the universe is a completely



optional notion.

More than any other game, "No Man's Sky" is defined by what the player puts into it. This is best expressed by an experience I had in my first few hours with the game, in which I had damaged my ship on a harsh and hazardous planet. I was stranded there; my only hope was to wander around on foot in hopes of finding an outpost where I could buy the parts needed for my ship. So began my two-hour pilgrimage.

It was a tough trip, but I saw so many cool things along the way. I discovered cave systems, met some cool dinosaur creatures with dog-like heads, and even mined a fair amount of gold along the way. And just when I was

going to give up, I finally found a lone outpost where I could buy what I needed to escape.

Despite the flaws that "No Man's Sky" has (the repetitive puzzles, occasional bugs, and painfully under-explained gameplay systems), these are the kind of moments that make it all worth it, and what kept me playing it for over 30 hours. And no, I never got to the center of the universe, but that was never really the point. "No Man's Sky" is a therapeutic experience, if you're open to it. But, going into it with any other mindset is setting yourself up for disappointment.

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Music Review

New Korn singles show a return to old style

By Stephen Underwood
Reporter

Being a follower of the current hard rock and metal styles and trends in America, no local bands get my attention more than Korn and Adema. They are by far the most commercially successful bands in this town because they have achieved gold and platinum success.

Korn gained their success before other local bands with their 1994 self-titled debut album. Recently, they kicked off a new tour for their upcoming album The Serenity of Suffering, which from listening to particular tracks, gives the listener a sense of sarcasm, anger and mental confusion as lead singer Jon Davis has stated to the press about his voice and lyrics.

Korn has written dark material before, but this could arguably be the darkest record they've made since their first four albums in the 1990s.

They confirmed to the press

and Billboard that despite their mainstream success, they wish to return to their "old school" Korn sound that originally made them famous in the nu metal genre.

Fans that miss Korn's older heavier sound get more than they bargained for in some key tracks that really stand out, such as "Insane" and "Rotting in Vain," which are also singles.

"Insane" opens the record as the first track. It has a brutal mix of melody and death metal. Its intentional sound is odd to hear on a Korn song because Jon Davis has said before in past interviews that when Korn started, they didn't intend to be super heavy.

In 1999, he told Guitar World that he didn't want to be the guy that only screams, but can't really sing so he started improving his vocal abilities over the years. This song must obviously be an attempt to balance a hard sound with pop sensibilities. That makes the title definitely fit the song.

"Rotting in Vain" has Jon's trademark growls that the older records had, like in songs such as "Twist," "Clown," or the classic "Blind." This song offers something fresh though as well because it's fast and really aggressive in tempo. This is likely due to the band's original drummer, David Silveria, being replaced with Ray Luzier, who was previously in Army of Anyone. Ray has been labeled by the band and fans as having an energy live.

It's clear his energy spills into the recording studio. The album, besides featuring a return to the Korn that made sick albums like "Korn," "Life is Peachy," "Follow the Leader" and "Issues," features tracks that were likely never to happen by the band's personal interests, let alone what the fans might want or expect.

Such tracks include "The Hating" and "A Different World." "The Hating" for example, is strange in its title alone. Fans

might confuse it for being a reworked or remixed track of "Hating" from the album "Untouchables." Why have two songs with the same name?

Fans that dig the collaborations Korn have done will be pleased to listen to "A Different World." It features Corey Taylor from Slipknot and Stone Sour.

Davis told Fuse awhile back that he's a big fan of Corey's singing style, so this song should not come as such a shocking thing to fans. It's still a miracle this song saw the light of day though. Davis has said that he's actually tired of collaborations and just wants to focus on his own band. "The Serenity of Suffering" is scheduled for a CD and vinyl release in October.

The album can already be heard in its entirety on Apple iTunes. Some tracks have been bootlegged on the Internet if fans don't want to buy the album, such as "Everything Falls Apart."

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Renegade Events

News

At 7 a.m., August 31, a female student was jogging along Panorama Drive when a male in his mid-to-late 40s with long, blonde hair, offered her a ride. She ignored his request at which time he yelled at her to get into his vehicle, a 1990s gold Toyota Camry with faded paint spots and a gray fur steering wheel cover. If seen please contact campus security.

Wanted, BC Scribes. There are currently 3 open jobs for the new Industrial Automation program and 15 others for various classes. Scribes are paid to take notes for students in classes. For further information, go to: collegecentral.com/bakersfieldcollege.

BC Events

Sept. 10: Student Leadership Conference, Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Register online, only 250 seats available. There is a \$10 registration fee. Location: Student Union @ CSUB.

Sept. 10: Running of the Renegades, Saturday, 5-6 p.m. Students that want to participate must wear a BC or red shirt, suitable pants, closed-toe tennis shoes, and fill out a liability waiver. Location: BCSGA tent by the Field House.

Sept. 12: University Transfer Day, Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Location: Renegade Crossroads & Student Services Lawn.

Sept. 27: New Student Orientation, Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. Register online. Location: Forum East 101.

Sept. 28: BCSGA Power Lunch, Wednesday, 12-1 p.m. Free to students. Location: Fireside Room.

Oct. 6: Master Class with Pianist Tomoki Sakata, Thursday, 3:30-5 p.m. Location: Choir Room (PAC 8)

Oct. 6: 2016 Bakersfield College Tennis Fundraising Dinner, Thursday, 6-8:45 p.m. Attendance is \$40. For more information email Nick Jacobs at: Nicholas.jacobs@bakersfieldcollege.edu. Location: Cafeteria

Oct. 7: Rucco & James Duo, Friday, 8 p.m. Musical event. Location: SPARC Indoor Theatre.

Oct. 11: New Student Orientation, Tuesday, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Register online. Location: Forum East 101.

Oct. 17: Homecoming Week: Poster & Office Decoration Competition, Monday, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. To enter the competition email studentlife@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

Oct. 20: Community Movie Night: The Martian, Thursday, 6-10 p.m. Location: Forum 101 East.

Oct. 21: Fall Choral Concert, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Location: SPARC Indoor Theatre.

Oct. 23: BC Jazz Presents Lucian Ban and Mat Mameri: The Transylvanian Concert, Sunday, 6-7:30 p.m. Location: Indoor Theater.

Oct. 25: Cerro Author: Andy Weir, Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. Location: Fireside Room.

Oct. 25: New Student Orientation, Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. Register online. Location: Forum East 101.

Oct. 25: Cerro Author: Andy Weir, Tuesday, 7-8 p.m. Location: Simonsen.

Around Town

Sept. 9, 10, 16 & 17: RAT 2016: Make 'Merica Hate Again (Offensive Sketch Comedy), Friday & Saturday, 11 p.m. Offensive comedy with adult language and themes, 18+ only. Admission is \$5 and \$2 beers/shots. Location: The Empty Space Theatre, 706 Oak St.

Sept. 15: One Book One Bakersfield Water Themed Paint Night, Thursday, 6 p.m. Space is limited, reserve in advance. Location: Southwest Public Library, 8301 Ming Ave.

Sept. 20: Book Club in a Pub, Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location: Lengthwise in the Marketplace.

Oct. 6: A Soulful Evening with Art Inspired by Poetry, Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. The event intends to bring awareness to foster children in Kern County. The event will include live music, a silent auction, spoken word, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. \$5 donation at the door. For more information, visit: www.kerncasa.org. Location: The Metro Galleries, 1604 19th St.

RENEGADE MINDS

Do you feel safe on campus?

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Lilly Phillips, 18. "No, I don't."



Andy Amador, 22. "I feel all right, I feel somewhat safe on campus."



Anthony Rodriguez, 24. "Yes, I feel safe."



Amber Partridge. "Yes."



Shea Young, 19. "Sometimes yes, sometimes no."

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SERRANO: Chancellor Serrano is ready for retirement following 36-year career

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Early in her career, Serrano never dreamed that she would one day become chancellor of the KCCD, which is geographically one of the largest community college districts in the state. "I actually believed that when I was hired at BC as associate dean of students, that I would retire as associate dean of students," said Serrano.

"I have had a great career with the KCCD, it's really been a wonderful career... I can move into retirement knowing that we continue to be in the top community colleges in our state."

—Sandra Serrano, KCCD Chancellor

During her tenure as chancellor, Serrano believes her biggest accomplishment has been the focus on transforming lives. "With an opportunity for higher education comes opportunities that are life changing. Over the course of my years, including those as chancellor, having the

opportunity to work with faculty and staff...All with a focus on ensuring that students have access to quality higher education and [to] have the opportunity to

prepare themselves for, in some cases, for careers that they never dreamed of, before they enrolled. I think the greatest accomplishment is having great community college leadership, faculty, and staff that are truly committed to changing lives," said Serrano.

Serrano has always felt that her role in life has been to make things better for those around her. "I think that's been a core value that I learned from my grandmother, and my mom and dad, it's about making life bet-



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Sandra Serrano's portrait, from when she served as president of Bakersfield College.

ter for others because you never know what their circumstances are," said Serrano.

The projected date for Serrano's retirement is in February 2017, but the actual date is flexible. Serrano wants to ensure that the next chancellor is in place and that there is a smooth transition before she officially departs

the district.

There are currently no travel plans or grand vacations scheduled.

Instead, the one thing that Serrano is looking forward to having time to do is work in her yard. "Believe it or not, I love to go out and lose myself in thought, working in the yard for four, five,



Above: A 2006 photo of then president Serrano, with the past BC presidents. Right: A 2009 photo of Sandra Serrano with Todd Coston and Kevin McCarthy.

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six, seven hours, in fact, the day we had one of the hottest days of the year here in Bakersfield, just a few weeks ago, I didn't even realize it was the hottest day of the year and I had been outside since about 9 a.m. and didn't quit working until 4 p.m. or 5 p.m. that afternoon, so that's one of the things I want to be able to

do," said Serrano. "I have had a great career with the KCCD, it's really been a wonderful career... I can move into retirement knowing that we continue to be in the top of community colleges in our state with great leadership and great opportunity. It's been a wonderful career," said Serrano.

MAYOR: Both mayoral candidates talk to The Rip about their visions for Bakersfield

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the city council and city manager, as well as speaks encouragement to all residents and visitors. ... This depth of knowledge and leadership that produces cooperation and progress are essential for a mayor to successfully fulfill the duties identified in the city charter."

What is your view of the role of Bakersfield College and its importance to the community?

"I see Bakersfield College as the centerpiece for the kind of educational resources essential to drive a successful economy in this city and the greater things that are yet to come," Goh said. "BC prepares students to become the responsible, educated, and skilled workforce that is indispensable to economic growth, both to expand local businesses and attract new employment providers. ... Bakersfield College, with its commitment to serve all students, especially those who are underprepared, non-traditional and underrepresented, is central to developing individuals of value to our community and making our community a better place for all people."

"I see BC as a major key in this," Carter said. He shared his experience getting his carpenter's license at Bakersfield College as a young man and emphasized his support for vocational training programs on campus. As a Kern Community College District trustee and former developer, he said the campus is in need of repair. "I can walk around campus and see structures falling apart, that's why I support Measure J." That measure would provide additional funding for campus reconstruction.

Why should Bakersfield college students prefer you to your opponent?

"A lot of people think we are the same, we run in the same circles, we're both Republicans, but there are huge, gigantic, differences in the way that we attack things," Carter said. He said that a main difference between him and his opponent is that he sees himself as a "rubber hitting-the-road" kind of person and that he "doesn't see a whole lot of that coming from the other camp."

"It's a lot like baking a cake. There are a lot of people around, and they like to stir and stir and stir and stir, and they'll go to meeting after meeting after meeting, and they'll stir and stir and stir. At some point in time, you have to put that cake in the oven. You can stir it to death. People are happy stirring and stirring and never having to have a completed project, that's where our world has kind of gotten turned upside down. I'm not going to be back here four years from now having to apologize because I didn't get something done, and that's what I'm angry about. We keep sending politician after politician

after politician to Washington D.C. or Sacramento or downtown Bakersfield, and we get nothing for it. And that's why I'm running for mayor, I want to get something done."

"I have a depth of experience, training, and aptitude that have prepared me, I believe, with critical skills for the job of mayor in this place and time," Goh said. "I've realized, over time, that I've been greatly blessed, through no merit or planning of my own, but through mentoring and encouragement of others, with incredible experience that is broad and deep in the very abilities needed for this job. ... I began my career as a teacher in Bakersfield and then was recruited to the demanding world of New York City where I developed strategic leadership and executive decision-making skills. My business experience includes management at the highest levels. I left that job to return to my family in my hometown of Bakersfield and to lead a non-profit corporation dedicated to helping the hurting and the homeless on the toughest streets of Bakersfield. ... Then, through nothing I planned, Gov. Schwarzenegger asked me to accept an appointment as Kern County supervisor where I served from 2010 to 2013 in a county government operation managing over \$2 billion dollars of taxpayer money and serving on numerous public service commissions. That was an amazing growth experience and one that solidified my sense of responsibility to those who work and pay for the cost of government. So I have been blessed to gain a level of experience in business, community service and government with substantially greater depth and breadth than my opponent. Those experiences came to me because of what others saw in me; at each level I tried to live up to the trust that was placed in me."

Both you and your opponent have claimed to have the ability to bring employment opportunities to Bakersfield. What specifically do you plan on doing to create new jobs here?

Goh said, "Creating new jobs is the purview of businesses that are able and willing to take a risk on new investment of their money, time, and intellectual property with the hope to produce a product or service that is new, better or cheaper than what is available. As mayor, I will be a steady voice in declaring, 'Bakersfield is a great place to do business,' and then make sure we live up to this reputation. I will also be the champion that retains our up-and-coming work force and attracts new workers by highlighting all the advantages of living in Bakersfield and creating jobs here. My door will always be open for those with ideas how to make our business community and quality of life more attractive. ... With recent

top 10 rankings for STEM jobs and high-tech GDP growth, Kern is emerging as a recognized technology hub across several industry sectors including, aerospace/defense, energy, food processing, healthcare, and logistics. We must find a way to expand on the use of technology in these industry sectors, as well as in oil and agriculture."

Carter said, "I don't have a crystal ball, but what I've done in the past is probably what I'll do in the future. I've created over 20 businesses and thousands of jobs here already." Carter spoke on the importance of diversifying our local economy. "Whenever oil is down, we feel it. Whenever there's a drought, we feel it." He says one of the ways he plans on welcoming businesses is through ribbon-cutting ceremonies, continuing a tradition of Mayor Hall.

"The other part of my plan has to do with annexation" he began. "If you hold up a map of Bakersfield, it looks like a piece of swiss cheese. We've got these county islands and peninsulas," he explained. These areas of Kern County stretching into Bakersfield cause problems for police, fire, and residents, he said. Through incorporating these areas into the city, he said the population of Bakersfield will go from roughly 350,000 to 600,000, without a single person packing a bag. Bakersfield would become the fifth largest city in California. "You don't think things would change?" he asks intently. "You don't think things would change if we were the fifth largest city, in the most populous state, in the most amazing nation on Earth?" Carter said annexation can bring Bakersfield the kind of voice needed to bring business and tax dollars into the city.

In the past, the Bakersfield City Council has debated laws that would limit access to abortion. If asked to break a tie, would you take steps to limit access to abortion, or keep the laws the way they are?

"I would try to prevent the killing of every child in the womb that I possibly could," said Goh. "Many people choose abortion not as their first choice, but as what seems at the time to be their only option. As mayor, I would work hard to increase opportunities for supporting single pregnant women and linking them with adoption services. We need to turn some of our protesting into providing real options."

"I would take steps to limit access to abortion in every way I could. I am very pro-life. I am very against pro-choice. That's just how I feel," Carter said.

What do you propose to do in order to ensure police are held accountable, yet are equipped to keep residents safe?

"First, you have to look at the cause of the problem, and that's AB109 and Prop 47." Carter



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The Rip's Dylan Bryant interviews Kyle Carter at the Bakerfield Music Hall of Fame.

states that the two pieces of legislation that are responsible for the release of thousands of criminals in California have created an influx of criminal activity here. He said letting prisoners go in Bakersfield because it's the closest city to many prisons must end, and that we should let prisoners out "where they have a support system" so that they don't revert back to crime.

"Second, we're stressed out. Every year our city grows but we don't grow the size of our police force. We have to add numbers to our force." He said that the number of shootings by BPD last year "is a sign of stress. If you have a stressed out police force, and they're shooting a bunch of people, it's because they're stressed out. When things are in balance, you don't have to worry about it. When things start to get out of balance, that's when you start having these problems. ... And I'm not saying police brutality is OK, I think we need to be tough, but we need to be fair. Now, if it gets to the point where it's become militant, then we'll need to get on that, but I don't think it's there, I see serious signs of stress."

Goh replied, "Our community must support a strategic balance of prevention, intervention, and suppression to combat violence, as well as partnerships through community policing. With the governor's 'early release' program, thousands of state prisoners have been and are being released and many are taking up residence in Bakersfield. ... I will listen to the experts, encourage them, and work hard to get them the personnel, technology, equipment, and training they need to apprehend, prosecute, and jail dangerous criminal on our streets. At the same time, I will equally encourage support for training and resources for every community service organization, faith-based or secular. They are able to provide counseling, mentoring, and job training to those people who are in

or have been in prison and street gangs or have drug habits that put them at risk of committing a crime. ... I also would bring residents and law enforcement together to build trust, exchange ideas, and grow in mutual respect. I've been actively involved in community initiatives that do this. I will use my visibility as mayor to continue to support the good efforts already under way. Garden Pathways and I, as a board member of the Bakersfield Safe Streets Partnership, work directly with gang members and police officers to bring about understanding of law enforcement's responsibilities to the public for community safety as well as options available for both police and gang members to lessen tensions and reduce crime. ... An important thing we can do to improve public safety, which disproportionately affects minority neighborhoods, is to encourage young men and women from these neighborhoods to consider law enforcement as a career. BPD is eager to assign officers to work in the neighborhoods where they grew up. They are uniquely familiar with the culture of neighborhoods, and are likely to be trusted as someone that is known as a member of that community."

One barrier homeless people face to accessing services they need is that they are not available to those suffering from addiction, a disease that disproportionately affects the homeless. Thus, in order to be fed, clothed, and housed, hundreds of Bakersfield's homeless residents must first be detoxed, a medical treatment available only at a handful of locations, and often inaccessible to those without healthcare, which many homeless people lack. Thus, would you support making local detoxification centers accessible to those without insurance, as a first step to addressing homelessness in Bakersfield?

Goh said, "Yes, I would support making local detoxifica-

tion centers accessible to those without insurance. (However, because of the complexity of homelessness and many ongoing community initiatives, it's not appropriate to classify this as "a first step.") While federal housing regulations often limit the accessibility of federal housing to individuals who are using drugs and alcohol, our community provides other options for persons suffering from addiction. Most homeless individuals do not need medical detoxification (provided often in a hospital setting). Social detoxification treatment offers an effective path to recovery. The No Place Like Home initiative, with its 'housing first' strategy, provides permanent supportive housing with accompanying treatment and wrap-around services. Treatment and wrap-around services are critical for dually diagnosed homeless persons with both substance abuse and mental health challenges. I support making both medical and social detox services available to those without insurance."

Carter explained that he is a member on the board at the Bakersfield Homeless Center, and that he joined in order to build them a new shelter. "First off, we have to get this city a new homeless shelter."

The one we have now is an old tire shop or something, and it's being held together by chewing gum. Now, in regards to detoxification, I would hope that at the new center we have the facilities for that, but we just don't have it right now," he explained. But he isn't without a solution for those without shelter.

He said "one thing we can do as a city to help is to stop giving money to these panhandlers."

He believes panhandlers often desire their predicament and abuse the generosity of others to support bad habits.

"Instead of giving money to that panhandler, give your money to the homeless center," he asked of residents.

Scores

BC 22, Allan Hancock 19

Football					
Bakersfield College	7	9	6	0-22	
Allan Hancock College	0	0	6	13-19	

First Quarter			
BC - Vickers 44 yd run (Young PAT), 4:10			
Second Quarter			
BC - Vickers 4 yd run (Young PAT blocked), 11:38			
BC - Young 33 yd field goal, 0:48			
Third Quarter			
AH - Autry 1 yd run (Pollard missed PAT), 7:51			
BC - Tomlin 21 yd pass from Gallis (2pt conversion failed), 1:24			
Fourth Quarter			
AH - Cecchi 21 yd pass from Albright (2pt conversion failed), 5:01			
AH - Kimball 8 yd pass from Albright (Pollard PAT), 1:19			

	BC	AH
First downs	12	20
3rd Down efficiency	5-16	8-16
4th Down efficiency	2-2	0-1
Total Offense	240	356
Comp-Att-Int	15-31-1	18-33-4
Rushes-yards	33-86	41-176
Passing Yards	154	180
Total Return Yards	51	62
Penalties-Yards	6-28	6-59
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-2
Sacks-Yards Lost	1-8	0-0
Interceptions-Yards	4-2	1-0
Time of Possession	39:35	34:12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - BC - Vickers 9-62, Jones 12-15, Hill 8-10, Gallis 1-2; AH - Autry 19-100, Saintmelus 15-71, Lankford 1-5, Lorick 2-5, Albright 3-0
PASSING - BC - Gallis 15-31 154 yds 1 TD 1 INT; AH - Albright 18-33 180 yds 2 TDs 4 INTs
RECEIVING - BC - Vickers 9-95, tomlin 3-33, Jones 1-14, Thind 1-8, Bowman 1-4; AH - Cecchi 3-66, Barganier 7-59, Kimball 3-26, Simmons 2-15, Saintmelus 1-7, Autry 1-5, Rantz 1-2

Women's Soccer

Aug. 26
Bakersfield 4, LA Valley 1
BC goals: Alexandria Castro (unassisted), first half; Amelia Lopez (Sabrina Sanchez assist); Maria Carillo (Sanchez); Odalys Espinoza (unassisted)
LA Valley goal: Ashlie Barillas (Neaz Sedaghat and Amy Guzman)
Shots: LA Valley 9, BC 7
Saves: Jeannette Gutierrez (BC) 3; Becky Reyes (LA) 4
Aug. 30
Bakersfield 5, West Hills Lemoore 0
BC goals: Amelia Lopez (Iris Pineda); Amelia Lopez (Odalys Espinoza), first half; Sabrina Sanchez (Sabrina Muriello); Amelia Lopez (Alexandria Castro); Odalys Espinoza (Arielle Joven)
Shots: BC 9, West Hills Lemoore 1
Saves: Jeannette Gutierrez (BC) 1; Llesenia Jimenez (West Hills) 2, Finess Tafolla (West Hills) 2
Sept. 2
Bakersfield 2, Clovis 2
BC goals: Sabrina Sanchez (unassisted); Amelia Lopez (Sabrina Sanchez)
Clovis goals: Chloe Burrows (unassisted), first half; Danae Condra (Elisa Soderholm)
Shots: BC 9, Clovis 4
Saves: Taylor Serrano (BC) 2; Beatriz Lopez (Clovis) 7

Men's Soccer

Aug. 26
Santa Monica 2, Bakersfield 1
BC goals: Kevin Hernandez (Braulio Gutierrez and Alber Munoz)
Santa Monica goals: Christian Cruz (Victor Tapia and Saul Medina), Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 4, Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 4, Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 4, Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 4
Shots: Santa Monica 10, BC 2
Saves: Frank Arreola (BC) 8; Paul Makhtin (Santa Monica) 1
Aug. 30
Bakersfield 2, West Hills Lemoore 2
BC goals: PK Edwin Bernal (Armando Perez), Brian Nava (Jorge Reyes and Armando Perez)
West Hills Lemoore goals: Salvador Contreras (Alex Zarate), Adrian Lopez (Contreras)
Shots: West Hills Lemoore 11, BC 7
Saves: Frank Arreola (BC) 7; Arturo Najera (West Hills Lemoore) 5

Volleyball

Pierce Kickoff Classic
BC d. Chaffey 25-14, 25-22, 25-21
Kills: Jourdan Muro 7, Sophie Ralphs 6, Brooke Horack 5, Kelsey Henderson 5; Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 21, Reece Stevenson 8; Digs: Hannah Pope 8, Alex Paris 4, Jourdan Muro 4, Sophie Ralphs 4, Savannah Cano 4
BC d. Rio Hondo 28-26, 25-16, 24-26, 28-26
Kills: Sophie Ralphs 13, Jourdan Muro 12, Brooke Horack 9; Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 31, Sophie Ralphs 5, Reece Stevenson 2; Digs: Sophie Ralphs 18, Hannah Pope 16, Mackenzie Hernandez 6
Mira Costa d. BC 25-13, 25-13, 25-14
Kills: Sophie Ralphs 8, Kelsey Henderson 5, Alex Paris 4; Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 16; Digs: Hannah Pope 6, Mackenzie Hernandez 5, Sophie Ralphs 5
Santa Barbara d. BC 25-17, 25-10, 25-14
Kills: Sophie Ralphs 8, Kelsey Henderson 5, Alex Paris 4; Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 12, Hannah Pope 4; Digs: Hannah Pope 14, Mackenzie Hernandez 12, Sophie Ralphs 11
Tournament at BC
Santa Barbara d. BC 25-21, 25-21, 25-22
Kills: Mackenzie Hernandez 7, Sophie Ralphs 6, Alex Paris 6; Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 17, Reece Stevenson 15; Digs: Hannah Pope 17, Mackenzie Hernandez 16, Savannah Cano 9
Mira Costa d. BC 16-25, 23-25, 25-19, 25-17, 15-6
Kills: Brooke Horack 12, Alex Paris 11, Sophie Ralphs 9; Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 25, Reece Stevenson 22; Digs: Hannah Pope 28, Mackenzie Hernandez 14, Alex Paris 10

Cross Country

Oxnard College Invitational
Men's 4-mile Run
Team Scores: 1, Glendale, 16; 2, Hartnell, 57; 3, Moorpark, 114; 4, Canyons, 124; 5, De Anza, 154; 6, Cuesta, 163; 7, Antelope Valley, 173; 8, Bakersfield, 195; 9, Oxnard, 213; 10, Ventura, 249; 11, Citrus, 279
Individual Top 10: 1, Thompson (G), 20:57.7; 2, Ambrosio (G), 21:02.6; 3, Celaya (G), 21:16.7; 4, Lopez (G), 21:18.3; 5, Sanchez (H), 21:18.4; 6, Vazquez (G), 21:15.6; 7, Eisler (M), 21:31.9; 8, Higdon (CA), 21:33.3; 9, Mora (H), 21:44.4; 10, Martinez (H), 21:48.9
BC Finishers: 22, Patrick Alvarado, 22:23.9; 40, Benedict Carlson, 23:10.1; 44, Joel Lopez, 23:15.5; 52, Kenneth Becas, 23:28.1; 56, Alberto Perez, 23:34.8; 66, Ryan Carmody, 23:57.4; 71, Juan Medina, 24:10.6; 75, Lucas Parvialmen, 24:30.4; 76, Jonathan Oropeza, 24:42.4; 79, Nestor Vasquez, 24:52.7; 84, Cristian Orozco, 25:35.7; 96, Johnny Aguilera, 28:54.8; 98, Carlos Angel, 30:52.4; 99, Braulio Gonzalez, 31:02.6
Women's 5k
Team Scores: Team Scores: 1, Glendale, 30; 2, Canyons, 54; 3, Cuesta, 105; 4, Hartnell, 126; 5, De Anza, 140; 6, Moorpark, 148; 7, Oxnard, 196; 8, Bakersfield, 210; 9, Citrus, 210; 10, Ventura, 220
Individual Top 10: 1, Daschian (CU), 18:30.6; 2, Masedo (G), 18:37.5; 3, Martinez (CA), 18:45.8; 4, Theologydy (AV), 18:49.8; 5, Maranjo (G), 18:55.9; 6, Ruiz (CA), 19:01.7; 7, Cassidy (CU), 19:06.9; 8, Setian (G), 19:10.7; 9, Salas (G), 19:14.3; 10, Faulkner (G), 19:24.1
BC Finishers: 25, Sydney Roman, 20:56.0; 28, Alyssa Morales, 21:12.7; 61, Valeria Quevedo, 21:37.3; 68, Liliana Portillo, 24:17.4; 77, Andrea McNairn, 26:07.0; 78, Madalyn Roach, 26:30.7; 82, Mikennah Dannelley, 31:23.6

BC wins season opener 22-19

By Kyle Cortez
Managing Editor

After a disappointing season last year that saw his team go 2-8, Bakersfield College football head coach Jeff Chudy is looking to have a bounce back year.

The Renegades (1-0) are already getting off on the right foot by winning their season opener against Allan Hancock College (0-1) 22-19, and also having a "good" scrimmage against Antelope Valley College.

"You always have high expectations going into a season and we're going to take it one game at a time, but we're always striving for a conference championship. We're in a very competitive league and we have our work cut out for us," said Chudy, who is entering his 13th year as head coach.

This year's team is filled with a lot of young players, and it's their first year playing at the community college level, but Chudy expects the freshman to have a big impact on the team.

"We have a huge freshman influx. We expect those guys to be huge contributors. We're going to be playing with a lot of new faces, which is exciting," said Chudy.

Chudy also said that it's still early in the year, and he would know more about his team after the first game of the season.

"We had some guys that played for us last year and we had some guys that were hurt that had to sit out. As our roster completes itself, we'll know more after our first game when guys get out there and get under the gun and see the live bullets," said Chudy. "It's always a challenge, first game of the year, and we're going to be playing on the road a 3 o'clock game, which is unique. Normally we don't play until later in the afternoon when we travel, so we're going to have some challenges, but I'm excited because our guys have put in a really good summer and we've had a good fall camp so far."

BC dominated Allan Hancock the entire first half and was up 16-0 at halftime.

After halftime, BC looked like a totally different team. They struggled to move the ball on offense and their defense started giving up big plays.

Allan Hancock scored 13 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to make it 22-19, but BC was able to hold on to get the win.

"I thought we did a really nice job early on. We didn't take advantage of our opportunities early on in the first half. We created five turnovers and we only came away with 16 points, which is not enough," said Chudy. "You play a team who's playing at home and we figured out a way to lose momentum, which in football, is extremely tough to get back. We were fortunate enough at the end

that we had a big enough lead and didn't give it up. I'm proud of our guys, I'm not extremely happy with how we finished."

Derrick Vickers seemed like the focal point of BC's offense, rushing for 62 yards and 2 TDs. He also had 95 yards receiving and a nice punt return for 39 yards.

"He's a playmaker. He did a nice job on the punt return and a nice counter right up the chute. I don't know how many times he made guys miss on the edge, but it was more than five and it was probably double digits on how many guys actually missed tackles on him. We know how he is, we get to see him every day in practice and he's a handful," said Chudy.

Chudy felt that his young secondary did a really good job, considering there is only one sophomore playing in the secondary.

"We have one sophomore defensive back total. We're playing with 11 freshman DBs and along the way you're going to have a little bit of growing pains. I thought there were some really good plays made early on, but I don't know what happened at the end, we just made some mental mistakes at the end," said Chudy.

BC had a scrimmage against Antelope Valley on Aug. 26th and Chudy was really happy with the tempo his team was playing with.

"I thought we did some really good things after we got in the flow. We were going 15-play series, so our second series on offense we started getting into the flow of things and our tempo was really good," said Chudy.

"We came off the ball and we were able to mix up the run and the pass and we were running downhill. The tempo was a lot better once we started going. Defensively, at times we did some really good things, in terms of keeping leverage on the ball and putting pressure on the quarterback. We also lost leverage on the ball and missed a couple tackles and gave up some big plays and we can't do that."

Chudy is ready to see how his team will play in the season opener against Allan Hancock College when it's not a practice and they're actually keeping score.

"We're like most teams right now at this stage; we're a work in progress. It's going to be exciting to see how our guys respond on Saturday. The biggest thing to look at on Saturday is to see how guys perform under stress. It's different than practice. It's different than going against your teammates. Now we're keeping score and there's a meaning and a consequence with everything now. Obviously we're not game 10 ready, we're game one. There are a lot of unknowns," said Chudy.

Chudy felt that getting 11 guys



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(Above) Derrick Vickers (1) celebrates with teammate, Ferguson Ayers (11) after scoring a touchdown against Allan Hancock College. (Below) Derrick Vickers gets ready to catch a pass. Bakersfield College went on to win the game against Allan Hancock College 22-19.



to come together and be on the same page was the main thing that his team needed to improve on going into the season opener.

"Offensively, we got to play together as 11 guys on the same

page. Whether it's playing on the offensive side of the ball or the defensive side of the ball, you got 11 guys that have a lot of moving parts and they have to work in unison. That's the chal-

lenge, getting 11 guys to come together and get on the same page," said Chudy.

The Renegades will host Chaffey College in their home opener on Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.

Volleyball hopes to find consistency

By Sam L. Jaime
Reporter

Box scores will fill as the 2016 Women's Volleyball schedule counts down to season's close. Each will paint the picture of a culture in full bloom.

With every victory and defeat, each member of the roster continues to grow in the selfless environment created by head coach Carl Ferreira.

Long ago, Ferreira replaced coaching with other avenues of teaching that make the game more powerful.

While the traditional aspects of coaching remain in Ferreira's leadership, he has built a solid program upon developing the chemistry of his players. Ferreira says, "You don't see chemistry, you don't see spirit, you don't see soul, you don't see heart, you feel it." The creation of a culture like home, in which there isn't a hierarchy, has allowed players to unify under a singular identity that doesn't care what name is on an opponent's jersey.

This unified mentality has allowed the team to pursue consistency day in and day out. Ferreira considers competition to be a wonderful barometer of his team's progress toward that consistency, regardless of the opponent.

The team has opened the season strong despite what its record might indicate. A string of tough losses has followed two dominating performances. Worth noting from each of those losses, is just how close each set was. Of the 18 total sets played, the team has only been defeated by a margin of more than 10 points a total of five times.

For a team entrenched in perfecting their craft, those defeats will likely serve more as growing pains than any sort of detraction as the season progresses. The message of creating something bigger than themselves and rising to challenges is paramount to the program, and it seems to resonate within this collective of players.

Leading the charge, Macken-



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Sophie Ralphs (21) gets ready to spike the ball against Rio Honda College. Ralphs is averaging 2.4 kills and digs per set.

zie Hernandez, Hannah Pope, and Savannah Cano have provided a veteran presence on the floor, returning to build upon the results of the 2015 campaign. Hernandez has dominated out of the gates averaging nearly 6 assists and 3 digs per set, while Savannah Cano has already registered 21 digs on the season, more

than four times her 2015 total.

The Renegades have also found a bevy of talent in first year players, such as Jourdan Muro and Sophie Ralphs.

Muro is currently averaging 2 kills per set, while Ralphs is averaging nearly 2.4 kills and digs per set.

This balance of talent from

both returning players and first year players makes the Renegades dangerous to opponents. With such an immense level of incoming and returning talent coming together in conjunction with the leadership and culture of the program, 2016 has the potential to be a truly magical season for the Renegades.

Column

Athlete
pay is not
too high

E9: What you wouldn't believe about sports.

I can't help but laugh when I realize that the average Minor League Baseball player's salary is less than I qualify for in financial aid per semester.



Sam L. Jaime

I laugh, not at the misfortune of the ballplayer struggling to make ends meet (believe me, it is a real issue amongst both minor and major leaguers), but rather, the audacity of anyone who claims athletes make too much.

For every billboard-plastered, Wheaties-chomping athlete basking in millions upon millions of dollars, there is a far greater amount of athletes that will make considerably less than a fast-food employee over the course of their career. A professional athlete's career, regardless of the sport, lasts an average of 4.85 years. By the time most of us have graduated with a degree, a bevy of promising athletes will be forced into retirement.

Believe me, I would love to have been able to retire in my early-to-mid twenties, but that's not the reality. The reality is, while major sports corporations rake in upwards of \$12 billion dollars annually, the players only receive a fraction of this spread out over many years, and frequently without contract guarantees. So, generally speaking, if an athlete were to end up in that range of averages mentioned before, they would end up making considerably less than that eye-popping figure that incites that pang of jealousy in your gut.

If you want to be even more blatant, take the NCAA, where despite the efforts of lawsuits, student athletes do not receive any compensation for their play while TV networks, the NCAA, and even the schools themselves make an insane amount of money by finding willing athletes and pointing a camera at them. This reality should be alarming to would-be athletes, and potential superstars alike.

"You will never be paid equally to the money which can be made from your efforts." Remember that as long as you can, because it applies universally. It's an absolute insult to the reality of career length to pay a notoriously paltry salary for most of an athlete's career. Take Major League Baseball, for instance. In order for players to even be eligible to test the market and truly explore their value as the league might see it, a player must remain in the minor leagues for a minimum of six years of service time, nearly a full year and some change longer than most players' average expiration date.

So next time you see a player sign one of those unimaginable deals that usually ranges in the hundreds of millions and seem to last the better part of the century, remember that someone else is planning on making at least double that. Also, remember, there are something in the neighborhood of 150 minor league baseball organizations filled with average people like you and I that will never know what that million-dollar paycheck feels like. Those who will relish in that feeling not only earned it, but are actually owed at least a few more million on top of that.

Men's soccer welcomes return

By Mario Saldaña
Reporter

The Bakersfield College men's soccer team started their first season this fall after almost three decades without a team. Coach Vayron Martinez is determined to build the program from ground zero and ready to lead the Renegades to a successful season.

Before accepting the job to coach here at BC, Martinez was the associate head coach of LA Mission College for four years, leading them to the semifinals on his final year. Martinez has had coaching experience 10 years before that, and when he got the offer of becoming the new coach of BC, he was ready to start this new program.

When asked about how he felt receiving the opportunity to coach this team and starting it

from the ground up, he answered by mentioning how it means a lot to restart the program from scratch.

When the offer came to him, he felt very fortunate to get the job and he understands the meaning of soccer in this community. To him, Bakersfield is a "community hot bed for soccer that's been yearning to have a men's soccer team here at BC for a long time."

Coaching at a new school and even starting up a new program would most likely make coaches nervous, but Martinez believes this challenge is a great thing for him and he knows that at "any time you're representing something bigger than yourself, you're obviously going to feel some pressure on you, but I'm confident that I'm capable of doing the job."

When it comes to starting a

new team, the first years can be a rebuilding process that will take time with a learning curve that could affect coaches and athletes.

With time, Martinez wants this club to have a solid foundation that will be stable not just for present time but as well for the future of this program to keep it going. He hopes that he will be working on this club for a long time and making history alongside with the athletes to make BC proud.

Having to start a whole new team will mean having new students meeting for the first time so his first goal is to build a culture between the players and making them aware that they aren't representing their high schools anymore.

Martinez said they're representing a larger community, which is the city of Bakersfield

and to do that he believes they need to grow together as a team.

The players started practicing this summer to get ready for the season and Martinez talked about how his group of players are looking good, motivated and are competing to win a spot on the team, but even though they are competing for a spot, they all get along very well because they know they're making history together.

When asked if he has any key players on the team, he replied by saying it's too early in the season to point any players out that will win us games.

He said every player is working hard to earn their spot on the roster.

He also mentioned the transition from high school to college can be difficult.

"The pace is different here, it's just getting used to that pace,

getting used to the physicality of collegiate competition. They're facing men out there, and some of these students are 17, 18 year olds playing against older players, so it's not an easy transition, but once we get more games under us, it's going to give us a picture of who we are this year."

For Martinez, the goals for this season include winning the conference title. He said to do that the team knows they have to work hard all season to close and win games. "If we're not striving to win a championship for BC than we shouldn't be here," he said.

The team is scheduled to play in the NorCal Community College Showcase at Cosumnes River in Sacramento this weekend. The Renegades play at Santa Barbara City College on Sept. 13, and then host Hancock College on Sept. 16.



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BC's Alexis Goyeneche (5) battles for the ball during a match against Clovis Community College.

Women's soccer starts off strong

By Kyle Cortez
Managing Editor

The BC women's soccer team hopes to improve on last year's record of 7-10-3 overall and 5-6-2 in the Western State Conference-South Division.

So far, they have done just that by starting the season 2-0-1.

They have scored a total of 11 goals through the first three games, while only allowing three.

BC opened the season against LA Valley College and beat them 4-1. BC won their second game 5-0 against West Hills Lemoore College.

BC ended up tying with Clovis 2-2 in their third game of the season.

Head coach Scott Dameron is happy with the way his team has played, but he says they still have a lot of things that they need to work on.

"We've scored a couple goals in each game, so it's good that

there's been a lot of balance. We've had different people contributing, but there's still a lot that we need to work on," said Dameron.

"There's been some things that we've learned, and we've had a lot of people playing a lot of different spots, so I think we're still kind of figuring out where everybody goes."

Dameron said his team is taking it one game at a time and trying not to get too ahead of themselves this early in the season.

"We're just playing today. I think they see it as something like we're a team that could do something, but right now we're just focused on the next game. That's really just how we're trying to take it right now," said Dameron. "We know that there is some potential with this group, but if we can just focus on the game we're playing and not focus on the rest until later when it comes, we'll be fine."

The women's soccer team had five different players score goals in the first two games of the season. That kind of balanced attack has made Dameron impressed with his team.

"What's impressed me is that we're balanced. I wouldn't say that there's one person that you stop and you stop us. Even today, a lot of goals came from a lot of different people, so that's what has impressed me," said Dameron.

"What I've been happy with is that we've been able to plug a lot of different people into a lot of different places and they've been pretty multi-functional and so that's making us a lot more versatile and we can kind of try a lot more things."

The women's soccer team plays their next five games on the road, before having a three-game homestand.

Their next home game will be on Sept. 27 against West LA College.



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The BC women's soccer team huddles for a pre-game prayer prior to their match against Clovis.

Young team eager
to see competition

By Joe Bergman
Editor in Chief

Bakersfield College wrestling had high hopes last season as the team worked its way through the postseason grind, but came up short in the California State Championships, finishing ninth in the team standings.

Fast forward to the present, and co-head coach Brett Clark knows the road ahead of his team this season will be challenging.

Clark is entering his third season as co-head coach with Marcos Austin.

The Renegades are returning three wrestlers from last season, Pedro Serabia (125 pounds), Andrew Binger (174 pounds), and Zack Mitchell (184 pounds). Also returning to the team following a year away is Arik Onsurez (133/141 pounds).

The newcomers to the team include Julio Feutes, who comes to BC after a year away at Clackamas Community College in Oregon, where he red-shirted. Fuentes is a graduate of Golden Valley High School, where he finished third in the California State Tournament in 2014.

Alvaro Tamayo joins the

Renegades by way of Arvin High School, where he was a state qualifier his junior year of high school, and finished second in the Central Section his senior year.

Ramiro Vargas-Macias enters his first year at BC after qualifying for state both his junior and senior years at Robert F. Kennedy High School in Delano.

Victor Organista joins the Renegades by way of South High School, where he was a state qualifier his senior year.

Clark has high hopes for this year's newcomers, but it's just a matter of time while they make the transition. "They were the best guy in their room, they were allowed to get away with certain things. You can't do that here, because you're probably not the best guy in the room," said Clark.

When asked about the transition from high school wrestling to college wrestling, Organista said, "It's a big jump, the conditioning, the intensity of everything and just the fight overall is tough, but that's what makes everything worth it."

The Renegades open the 2016 season at home, hosting The BC Duals on Sept. 10 at 9 a.m.



New football lockers inside the Dr. Romain Clerou Field House.

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Field house gets face lift

By Daulton James Jones
Reporter

This past summer, the Dr. Romain Clerou Field House went through some renovations.

The Facilities, Maintenance and Operations department repainted and put in new lockers for the sports teams to use.

Before they renovated the field house, the lockers were pretty old, and a handful of them actually didn't work. Some wouldn't even close.

Some wouldn't lock correctly. The big red lockers had been there for years.

The field house was also subject to a number of thefts last year. Many of the athletes have reported stories about how themselves or someone they know had phones, wallets,

books and other items stolen out of their lockers.

"The renovations to the field house took about roughly three weeks to complete," said William Potter, head of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations.

Old lockers were removed, and new taller lockers were put in.

There's one locker on the bottom for athletes can bring their own locker to put in items, and there's a locker at the top to put valuables into.

That locker on the top uses a PIN number to insure the safety of belongings.

Many of the athletes seem to like the new lockers, especially because their belongings are safer.

The project was mainly funded by the BC Helmet Club.



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Above: BC's Jorge Reyes (8) battles West Hill's Eric Martinez (29) for the ball. Right: Members of the Renegade soccer team celebrate a goal scored by Brian Nava (11) in the match against West Hills College. The Renegades tied West Hills 2-2.



Men's soccer returns to Bakersfield College



Memorial Stadium welcomed back men's soccer after what was close to a 30-year absence. The Renegades jumped to an early 2-0 lead over West Hills, but gave up two fast goals as the first half came to an end. Both teams played a physical yet scoreless second half, resulting in a 2-2 tie. The Renegades will be home on Sept. 16 as they take on Allan Hancock College at 7 p.m.

Left: BC's Brian Nava (11) challenges West Hill's Salvador Contreras (7) for the ball. Bottom left: BC's Armando Perez (12) works to gain possession of the ball in the match against West Hills. Below: BC's men's soccer coach Vayron Martinez watches his team take on West Hills College. Bottom right: BC's Maynor Alcaraz (4) attempts to slide tackle West Hill's Alex Zarate (19).

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BC's Julio Cruz (6) goes up for the header in the match against West Hills College.



Local skateboarders have mixed feelings

Skateboarding joining 2020 Olympic Games

By Zach Sullivan
Reporter

In August of 2016, the International Olympic Committee voted unanimously to include skateboarding in the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. With this vote, a heated debate about the future of skateboarding has been ignited. Many skaters believe it will change the individuality and creativity of skateboarding by abandoning its roots and the meaning behind it.

While skateboarding has been around for more than 50 years, it has always been somewhat of a subculture, taking place in parks and streets. If you tune into YouTube you can find thousands of videos of street skaters jumping over 16 stairs or even off of rooftops. On the other side of this argument, people believe skateboarding is in fact a sport, and skaters should be recognized for their athleticism and creativity, and reap the financial rewards and fame that come along with winning an Olympic medal. They also believe it will bring skateboarding mainstream, which to them is long overdue.

Cobi Henriquez, a 20 year old Bakersfield skater, says that adding skating to the Olympics is both a good and bad thing. Henriquez claims that adding skating to the Olympics is not selling out in his view. "It's going to create more career opportunities for up and coming young skaters. As long as you use the money on good things, it's cool. Paul Rodriguez is a perfect example. He uses skating to help support his family and his kid. If the opportunity comes to skate in the Olympics he should take it, anyone who is offered should. That's not selling out at all to me," he



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Above: Mike Pullings (left) and Brock Lumpkin look down the steps. Right: Darell Harris attempts to land his jump.

said.

Richie Acevedo, 16, claims that the impact of adding skating to the Olympics will only benefit skateboarding by changing the perception that skaters are just pot smokers flipping around on a board. "Adding skating to the Olympics will bring more respect to skating and help change people's view of skating," said Acevedo.

Artoro Martinez, 15, believes that adding skating to the Olympics is not only good for skating, but the Olympics as a whole. "I think adding it to the Olympics will bring more publicity to the Olympics. People who are interested in skating, but have never watched the Olympics will want to watch. This will create more money for the sport and help build more skate parks," said Martinez.

Not everyone views skateboarding in the Olympics as a positive for the future. Local Bakersfield skater Darrell Harris, 17, has mixed emotions about skateboarding being in the Olympics. "I feel excited that skating is in the Olympics, but at the same time I'm disappointed. We already have big competitions like the X Games and Street League Skateboarding, so adding skating to the Olympics is kind of pointless."

One of the biggest arguments critics of Olympic skating offer is that skateboarding was never meant to be in a venue like the Olympics. Skating was originally something that people would do for fun, and has now turned into an international sport that draws large crowds and lots of attention.

What used to be a counter-culture activity that took place in alleys and backroads has turned into a form of mainstream media entertainment. With several large sponsors from Red Bull to Nike supporting competitions, skateboarding has indeed become a fascination to many. Watching skaters attempt to fly over humungous sets of stairs and onto handrails that would scare the average human is utterly entertaining.

Jordan McCullough, 20, says that skating is a sport that is not meant to be judged like others. "The problem is you have judges saying someone is the best, but some kid in LA can kick his butt."

Paul Gyles, 17, also known as "Planz Rat," says that skateboarding in the Olympics is bad for the sport. "Skating in the Olympics is selling out in a way. You have guys that aren't in it for the love of skating anymore as much as they are in it for the

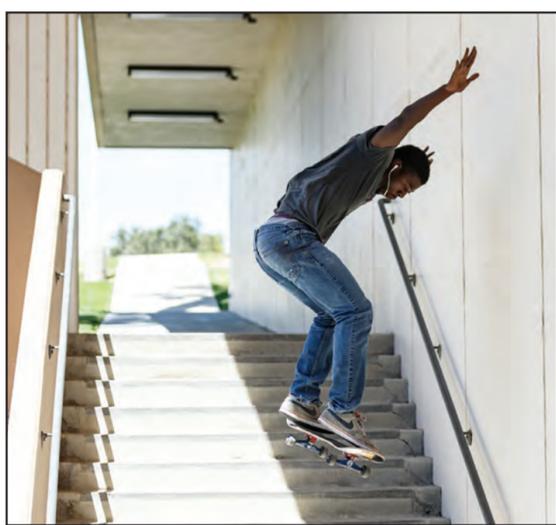
money, and that's wrong in my opinion. Skating is in your heart, and I'm not going to go and sell out and trash my heart."

Greg Wilson, 27, who is sponsored by the local skate brand Active Ride Shop, claimed that until more information is available, he is not too sure what to think. "Yeah man I have no idea; until I know more about what they're going to do I have no comment."

Wilson isn't alone in wondering what adding skateboarding to the Olympics means. A lot of people are questioning what format is going to be used, and how skaters will be judged.

Will it be the traditional street boarding, which has taken the internet by storm, or something else?

The Rip reached out to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) through email for more information regarding the preliminary competitions, how they



will be formatted, and how they will be judged. The Committee directed questions regarding this to the International Roller Sports

Federation (FIRS).

The Rip contacted FIRS by email and received no response as of this publication.

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