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Controversy over banned books heats up

Challenged books provide valuable lessons for life

Rachel Crispe
Opinion Editor

For generations, many different kinds of books have been banned by various organizations and government agencies. Even in America, where the First Amendment guarantees freedom of expression and the right to publish and distribute books, the pressure to ban books remains strong. The American Library Association (ALA) maintains a list of books that have been banned or challenged in various locations. It is called the "Challenged Books List." The list includes books that are deemed to be offensive or controversial for various reasons, including sexual content, violence, or political views.

But who cares about the books on the ALA's list? They are just books, right? Well, they are, but they are also a reflection of society's values and beliefs. When books are banned, it is a way of controlling what people read and think. It is also a way of suppressing ideas and viewpoints that are considered too challenging or too threatening to the status quo.

The ALA's list includes books that have been banned or challenged in various locations, including "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe. The book was published in 1852 and has been a controversial book ever since. It tells the story of a black slave named Uncle Tom who is sold to different masters in order to pay off debts. The book was widely read and discussed in the 19th century, and it helped to raise awareness about the issue of slavery.

However, not everyone was happy with the book. In 1854, the book was banned in New York City, and in 1855, it was banned in France. In 1856, it was banned in England, and in 1857, it was banned in the United States. The book was also banned in Germany in 1859, and in 1860, it was banned in Russia.

Today, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is considered a classic of American literature, but it was not always that way. The book was banned because it was considered too controversial. It was banned because it challenged the status quo and raised questions about the institution of slavery.

But what can we learn from this? We can learn that books are powerful tools for change. They can challenge our beliefs and values, and they can help us to understand the world in new ways. They can also be used as a tool for censorship and suppression.

So, what can we do about it? We can fight back. We can stand up for the right to read and to think. We can demand that our schools and libraries remain open, and we can support organizations that are working to ensure that our children have access to books.

In the end, books are not just for entertainment. They are for education and for inspiration. They are for us to learn and grow. We should be proud of the books that we read, and we should be proud of the books that we write. We should be proud of the writers who have given us these treasures, and we should be proud of the libraries that keep them safe.

We may not always agree with the books that are on the ALA's list, but we should still read them. We should still think about them. We should still learn from them. Because books are more than just a collection of words on a page. They are a reflection of who we are and who we can become.
SPARKING their INTEREST

BC students learn job skills, variety of welding techniques, as part of certificate program.

The Bakersfield College welding program has been around for about 45 years. About 150 students in the program learn welding techniques that are currently in demand locally and all over the country.

Welding programs can be classified into two categories: shielded metal arc welding and gas welding and oxy-fuel welding. These have various types of certification welding, which will help students get paid and get the job.

There are different certificate programs, depending on what course they are taken. It is possible to receive an associate's degree in welding or a certificate in welding at an accredited college.

After finishing the program, students can compete for white-collar jobs, which are up with local companies. Students work for the companies while they're still taking the welding courses, which gives them the best training and helps them earn while they learn.

While some students choose a different job, others stay in the welding field and get jobs. And other students take one or two courses at a time just to upgrade their skills to move higher pay.

Photos and story by
Joe Pimentel / The Rip

Will BC mash Griffins in Spud Bowl?

By LEANNE CAVE

The BC football team, the Renegades, will play the Ventura College Pirates in the Spud Bowl on Saturday, December 14, at 11:15 a.m. at the Spud Bowl Stadium in Ventura, California.

The Renegades are expected to get a lot of attention with the possible return of quarterback, Dave Batenfield.

The game is being held at the Spud Bowl, which is a stadium located in Ventura, California. The stadium was built in 1959 and has been the home of the Ventura College Pirates football team since then.

The stadium can hold up to 8,000 fans and has a seating capacity of 4,500. It is located at the corner of Spadra Street and Westlake Boulevard in Ventura.

The game is a part of the annual Spud Bowl, which is a tradition that has been going on for over 60 years. It is a friendly rivalry between the two community colleges located in Ventura and Bakersfield, California.

The Renegades are the defending champions of the Spud Bowl and are looking to make it two in a row.

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ASL holds Christmas bash today

The Associated Students Language Department at Bakersfield College will host a special Christmas party today from 7 p.m. in the BC cafeteria. The event will include holiday performances by dual students from Excelsior Elementary School, and the BC Sign Choir will present portions of "Silent Night" in sign language.

Santa will hand out candy canes as children decore a Christmas tree and craft projects. In addition, participants can expect door prizes and plenty of cookies and punch.

The cost is $2 for children ages 3-12. Children 2 and under get in free.

For more information, call 395-4718.

BC professor announces book signing

Donna Lohrlein, BC professor of communication, will sign copies of her new book, "The Great Flood of California," at Food's Books in the Marketplace in southwest Bakersfield on Dec. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The book was published this year. It combines elements of documentation, fantasy and personal discovery. The main character, Tom, views the flood not as an act of destruction, but as a purifying force. Much of the novel is set in the area of Capay, Cambria and Morro Bay. Lohrlein spends much of her time in those communities, and that drove her passion to write a book that focused on those locales.

Lohrlein worked at BC for about 23 years before she retired in 1991. Since that time she was written five books, including three fiction works and two books on speed reading.

Food donors can reduce library fines

The Bakersfield College Library will forgive $5 of any overdue fine for each food item donated in the part of the building dedicated to Food Drive.

Students wishing to take advantage of this offer should doff donated food items in the library through Dec. 15. Items will be collected and donated to needy Bakersfield residents.

New play presented by BC Theater

The Bakersfield College Theater Department presents "The Honeymoon," this weekend in the BC Indoor Theater. The play is about an American university professor, Ted, who brings his new wife, Ruth, to North Idaho to meet his professional family. Unfortunately for Ted, his wife appears to fit right in.

Ticket prices are $5 for students and senior citizens. For information, call the BC Ticket Office at 661-395-4336.

--- Compiled by Vanessa Brownell and TishaUamuno

Elaine roof writes

Golf cart used in BC break-in

At approximately 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 19, as amateur basketball coach reported to campus police that someone had gained entry into the stranded basket in the baseball field. The suspect had stolen a golf cart to back the roll-up door several times.

The door to the storage building was forcibly opened. The scratch plate on the week was loose. The coach said the door was damaged before the incident.

The door will cost approximately $3,000 to replace.

Fake repairman rips off computer

At approximately 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 14 a student noticed a man repass the computer he was in the computer commons. The man entered a little store. The student said that he was able to remove the
dian what he was doing with the computer. The suspect replied he was repairing it. He was wearing a Chicago Bulls jacket and a black hat. The student said the man was a "charming" computer repairman.

A teaching assistant asked the man what he was doing. He replied he was from the University Technology Service and came to repair the computer. The student called L.S.U. and discovered that one of the men was a "charming" computer repairman. The suspect had a little store. The student said that he was able to remove the computers from the machine.

--- Compiled by Vanessa Brownell

Rip staff writer

MISS ADVENTURE and Choir will present "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Adventure" for a donation of $1 to the BC's Scholarship Fund.

Junior Laura (who is also a member of the Choir) shows that the Castles have meaning in life.

All ends well for the students as they race into Whoville.

The Grinch (Jim Carrey) and his dog Max masquerade as Santa and Rudolph as they race into Whoville.

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Cameras filmed students without their consent

**BY MICHAEL O. GRIM**
Online Editor

Although recent films like "Training Day" have painted grim pictures of the government crowding the police's privacy with hidden cameras, few would expect the issue to arise in their own backyard.

But hidden cameras can be found in many locations, including the Bakerfield College men's locker room.

The cameras were installed in 1994 during a period of locker room break-ins, and the cameras were turned off when the team discovered they were recording without their knowledge or consent. Currently, they are turned on and off as needed, and the team has learned that many valuable and large amounts of cash were taken from lockers. Said one student, but without more information, "It was done for the benefits of the students," he said.

The men's athletic department decided that the best way to catch the perpetrators of theft is having cameras system. By costing roughly $1,000, then was installed in the men's locker room to document individuals entering and leaving the locker room area. Wittenberg said that the cameras were used in about three years, said Bowser.

"It timed them so as we could check who was in there before," he said.

The tapes were rarely collected by campus police and when used the effects are not.

"I basically held 90 percent of them," he said. "I didn't have any evidence, but staff handling them." Wittenberg added. "They never said that the cameras were installed in locations only to catch individuals entering and leaving the locker room. And it was a toss up whether sensory material was captured on film. He also said that cameras were only installed in the men's locker room and not the women's.

"We didn't have any thefts in the women's locker room," he said.

Briefly after the video system was installed, another theft took place. Bowser collected the tape and turned it over to the campus police. He said.

**THE RENEGADE RIP**

**Students share different views on abortion pill**

**BY BEVERLY SAUNDERS**
Campus Editor

In 1993, President Clinton promised Abortion pill RU-486, would be available for consumers soon. In October, more than 7 million abortions later, the Food and Drug Administration approved the sale of RU-486, making Clinton's promise come true.

"Visually any drug or device can now be spoo­ne by the public in the wrong way, provided by or has some surgical back up arrangement. If it fails or end the pregnancy of any of if is side effects, temporal Issue in time is.

It's legal. It is available. But women will need counseling whether or their pregnant.

"No I would never use it," said Tracy Bowser, BCS senior. "I would use it because I would use it. The airlines have their own abortion detailed. If you are a woman, you have to be with a abortion pill." Government. In fact, the abortion pill is quite effective. But not all BC students expressed a profi­cal-like stance. As a matter of fact, for the past seven years absence of pro-choice at the rate of two weekly reports, reported the Asian Organi­zation Institute, a private organization that studies reproductive health issues, and considers abortion an acceptable option.

"I know that I would not have got to the clinic and put up with all the crap from all of the provider, and I didn't had an abortion because I don't want my boyfriend out there putting a positive test on me," she said. 

"I'd take it."

Time magazine exposes Texas Gov. George

"I fear that making this abortion pill widespread will make abortions more safe and common rather than rare and more rare."

"Taking an abortion pill is something we would do."

But now, taking every precaution possible not to get pregnant," she said. "I don't want to be and I don't choose to. If it would come true, I just would. Right now I just put on for real. And I feel that I couldn't give a child a good life. [And] people would say just have it and give it up for adoption, but I just couldn't do that because my whole life I knew that I had a child out there and how I 've been care taking of properly?"

**RUSTY SULLIVAN**

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Empower the People

Electoral process falters, new system for voting needed.

By Brian Samah

Editor in Chief

The current process to elect presidential candidates has caused much debate and controversy. In the election of 2016, the system failed to accurately reflect the popular vote, with Donald Trump winning the electoral college vote but losing the popular vote to Hillary Clinton.

It is crucial for the electoral process to be reformed in order to ensure that the presidential candidate who receives the most votes is elected. This would help to prevent future US presidents from being elected without the majority of the popular vote.

The current electoral college system was adopted in the United States in 1789, but it is now widely considered to be outdated and ineffective. Many people argue that the system is biased and does not accurately reflect the will of the American people.

The electoral college system is a unique and complex process that determines who the US president will be. It is composed of 538 electors, one for each member of the House of Representatives and Senate.

The process begins with primary elections where candidates campaign across the country to win the support of voters. If a candidate wins a majority of the popular vote in a state, they receive all of that state’s electoral votes. If no candidate wins a majority, the election goes to the House of Representatives.

This system has been criticized for being undemocratic and has led to many debates over whether it should be abolished or reformed. Despite these arguments, the electoral college system has remained in place since its creation.

It is time for the US to consider a new electoral system that better reflects the will of the American people. A system that prioritizes the popular vote would help to ensure that the president is elected by the person who receives the most votes. This would be a significant step towards a more democratic and fair electoral process.

Letters to the Editor

Carmel Quachhavong

To the editor: I am a student at California Polytechnic State University and have been following the debates closely. I believe that the current electoral college system is outdated and needs to be reformulated.

The system is undemocratic and can lead to a situation where the president is not elected by the majority of the American people. This is a problem that needs to be addressed.

I support the idea of a national vote to determine the president, which would ensure that the person with the most votes becomes the president. This would be a fair and democratic way to elect the president.

I urge Congress to consider a reform of the electoral college system in order to ensure that the president is elected by the majority of the American people. 

RIP: The Rip’s top 5 local events this week

Each week The Rip lists the top five events in our community.

1. The Festival Orchestra and The Rip’s School of Music will be performing in the University Center.

2. The California Polytechnic State University’s student government will be holding elections for new leaders.

3. The local community will be celebrating “Notha” Day, a day to support local businesses.

4. The San Luis Obispo Symphony will be performing a holiday concert.

5. The San Luis Obispo Museum of Art will be hosting an exhibition of local artists.

Parental negligence may lead to gun violence among children

As a parent, it is crucial to be aware of the potential risks that your children may face. One of the most serious risks is gun violence, which can have a devastating impact on families and communities.

It is important for parents to be proactive in protecting their children from gun violence. This can be done by taking steps such as locking firearms securely, keeping ammunition separate from guns, and teaching children about the dangers of guns.

The government should also take action to address the issue of gun violence. This can be done by enacting stricter gun control laws and providing funding for research on gun violence prevention.

Disguised Republican decides to change party affiliation to election controversy

As a lifelong Republican, I recently decided to change my party affiliation to Democrat, in order to vote for the Democratic nominee in the upcoming presidential election.

I was appalled by the behavior of the Republican Party and its nominee, who has been accused of using dirty tactics and engage in negative campaigning.

I believe that it is important for candidates to focus on issues and policy, rather than engaging in personal attacks. As a Democrat, I am confident that the Democratic nominee will put the interests of the American people first.

Writer urges students to donate canned goods for homelessness

Dear San Luis Obispo,

I write to urge you to donate canned goods for the homeless. It is a simple and effective way to help those in need.

The San Luis Obispo Homeless Coalition is hosting a canned food drive this weekend, and I encourage you to participate.

Your donation will help to provide food for those who are living on the streets and need assistance. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

Thank you for your generosity and for your support of the homeless.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Editor in Chief
**Gades compete for state title**

After Potato Bowl victory, BC heads to Visalia Saturday to tackle No. 1 team in the nation.

BY LEANNE GAYE
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College Renegades will search for its first appearance in the playoffs since the 1998 season.

The BC football team will play its final regular-season game on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Southwestern College Stadium in Los Angeles. The BC Renegades are currently 10-1 and lead the Western State Conference, which includes nine teams.

BC has a chance to win the Western State Conference, two games ahead of the Bakersfield City College Griffins, and lead the conference in the county.

**He (Montana) never quit practicing. He kept doing the little things. When his opportunity came, those little things came through.**

—Randy Bollom football legend

**For Shriners, it’s a game for the kids**

Potato Bowl proceeds will provide free medical treatment for children across the nation.

BY HENRY FRANCO
Sports writer

Nearly 100,000 kids have been a part of the Shriners Hospitals for Children, which recently announced that it has treated over 1 million children.

“Every year we have a Potato Bowl game,” said Shriners Hospital representative, Mike Dumas.

**It’s a labor of love. We work here to support the crippled.”**

—Terri Dyce, executive assistant to the emeritus chairman of the Bakersfield College Foundation

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Turner, Cocker electrify crowd at the Garden

Rock heroes bring down the house during Turner's farewell tour.

BY RACHEL GIBB
Assistant Editor

If you've never seen Tina Turner in concert before, you're in for a treat. Turner and Joe Cocker rocked the Paramount Theater in Bakersfield last week, and they left the crowd breathless.

Even Turner's husband, Erwin Bach, was impressed by the performance. "I'm usually not a big fan of live music," he said, "but Tina really brought it home for me."

Opening for Tina Turner, Joe Cocker electrified the audience with his powerful vocals and dynamic stage presence. "He's definitely one of the best performers I've ever seen," said one concertgoer. "His energy was off the charts!"

Tina Turner interacts with the crowd as part of her Bakersfield concert. During the show, she was carried on a platform over the audience.

College band students march past BC

By Beverly Sanders Campus Editor

Kern County residents line up for BC opportunity.

As a part of the Kern County School District, BC offers a wide variety of courses and programs to prepare students for college and careers. On the first day of school, BC students can take advantage of the opportunity to explore new classes and programs.

The BC campus is located at 19th and Avenues in Bakersfield. For more information, call 526-4100.

Climbing to The Top

Mountain biking club encourages fun, fitness and safety.

Said one BC student, "I love the thrill of the ride. It's a great way to stay active and have fun at the same time."

BC's mountain biking club is open to all students interested in the sport. Members meet weekly to discuss training and compete in local events.

For more information, contact the club advisor at 330-7400.
### Police Escort Passenger Off Bus

As approximately 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 9, a Bakersfield Transit dispatcher advised that a drunk passenger was disturbing other passengers on the passenger-to-passenger bus. The suspect was off campus and was able to walk home.

### Cafeteria Reports Counterfeit $5 Bill

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 18, cafeteria supervisor noticed a counterfeit $5 bill. A food service department attendant said police that the bill was collected on the south side of the Humanities Building between 4:15 p.m. and 12:15 p.m. The bill was turned over to campus police.

### Golf Cart Damages BC Building

At approximately 12:20 p.m. on Nov. 28, campus police were called to the Fine Arts Building when an electrical golf cart had hit the west wall and damaged it. A portable cover was also moved eight inches. The driver of the cart from Fine Arts services, an employee, caused minimal damages to door. Estimated damages to the Fine Arts Building is $500.

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### Mathematical Instruction Sharon Edelen

At Bakersfield College for 25 years. She teaches Math A and Math B.

Q: Why are people afraid of math?

A: "That's a really good question. I think there are a lot of different reasons. One reason is that people are exposed to math concepts when they are young and they aren't understood. For example, if you try to teach algebra to people that are 10 to 11 years old, they don't understand it so matter how hard you try to get them in to it, they just say 'I don't see it. I don't find it useful. I don't find it developpmentally ready, and they can have the idea of 'stupid' with them into the future."

Q: "How do you help your students to overcome their math anxiety?"

A: "I think I use the mathematics instead of just lecturing. I like to think that when students are more at ease, they can talk very well about it. I try to help them to realize that I try to say everything out loud that I write on the board and try to use in every little step.

Q: "Why should people care about math?" A: "Well, I know of a few students who say that, and it's a real good point. "I tell people that math develops their ability to think logically, and it's the relationships between things that they might look at... in the world."

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