Layoffs leave custodians buried in garbage

By ALICIA LYNN ANGAL
Special to The Rip

You are driving in -- or car when the front end begins to sink into the road, plummeting into a sinkhole that seconds before wasn't there.

Two women ran from their vehicle while another was trapped inside it at a 13-foot wide, 14-foot deep and 65-yard long sinkhole took from Thursday at 2:15 p.m. between the Corrales and 190 streets, according to Sgt. Scott McDonald of the Bakersfield Police Department.

"Driving down the road, you never know what is going to happen," said McDonald.

Rosaleena Taylor, 41, of Arvin, and her passenger, June Valdez, 75, of Bakersfield were driving west on Taylor's 2003 Jeep Cherokee on 190th from Oak Street when they slowed down due to water in the road. That's when the front of the vehicle began to sink.

The woman immediately exited the vehicle and began jumping down the street to try to save the vehicle by lifting it and their vehicle fell into an approximately 15-foot deep hole, according to the Bakersfield Police Department's news release.

An animal, 80, an employee at Jim Burke Ford, was coming back from lunch break making a delivery in the Jim Burke Ford parking lot when she drove directly into a large crane.

Savage was trapped inside her vehicle but was able, with the assistance of firefighters, to safety. She suffered no injuries. Savage told fellow employees she wanted to stay and watch her 1996 Ford Thunderbird pulled from the hole but was taken to a physician as a precautionary measure.

Along with the Jeep Cherokee and Thunderbird, two brand new Ford F-350 and F-250 trucks also fell into the hole. All the vehicles had to be lifted from the hole with a large crane.

The trucks were lifted from the sinkhole.

ALICIA LYNN ANGAL SPECIAL TO THE RIP

BIG GULP
City sinkhole swallows vehicles as drivers escape injury

Program expands trains for work in rural communities

By JESSICA REED
Staff writer

Bakersfield College has begun a new distance education nursing program for the Central City Board of Education.

BC will train nursing students to alternate the nursing shortage, according to Cindy Cook, BC director of nursing.

The program is being funded by Kern Family Health Care, which gave $30,000. San Joaquin Valley Counties, which donated $20,000 and San Lucas View College, which donated $20,000, in addition to the Central City Board of Education, for a total of $115,000, she said.

The combined instructional-service course will be taught by the same instructors from the Central City Board of Education and West Hills College Lemoore.

A busy schedule will be able to talk back and forth with each other and interact.

Each class is taught by different instructors from the Central City Board of Education. Three classes will be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the same class, according to Cindy Cook, BC director of nursing.

For some colleges, there may be a delay because of the computer technology.

For freshmen and transfer, there will be e-mail or fax for the classes and then mailed to the head nurse.

The program was created to train nurses in the rural communities.

The classes will be offered on a one-year plan.

The new plan requires 30 students will be enrolled, with no more than 10 from each school, according to BC's news release.

Cook explained why the program is important.

"We are old," Cook said.

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Perilous journey

The United States should focus on aiding immigrants, not sending billions on wars

BY VICTOR GARCIA

The United States government needs to stop sending billions of dollars to support dictators who are not interested in helping their citizens. This money could be used to remodel and build schools, hospitals and homes for the desperately poor in Central America, which would be an excellent investment in the United States.

I have been in Honduras for the past two weeks. I have lived here for over 10 years and have seen firsthand the desperate need for help in Central America. People are living in third-world conditions and have no access to the most basic necessities of life. This is unacceptable.

I have been invited to speak at the University of California, Berkeley, and I have been asked to share my experiences with the students. I have been invited to speak on the issues of Central America and the importance of helping the people of Central America.

I have been visiting schools and hospitals and have seen the desperate need for help. I have seen children and adults who are suffering from malnutrition and disease. I have seen families who areliving in makeshift shelters and have no access to clean water or electricity.

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I hope my presence and the issues I have been speaking about will encourage others to take action and help the people of Central America.

Richard Howard,aja

AGONY AGAINST ALL ODDS

A first-person account of a student's experience with the American Dream

BY JENNIFFER MILLER

Editor Jennifer Miller, assistant editor

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Riposte wins 33 awards

The Renegade Rip, the student newspaper of Bakersfield College, has won 33 awards at the National Association of Community College Editors of California Regional Conference at College of the Redwoods in Eureka. The newspaper, which serves students, faculty and staff of Bakersfield College, has received awards in every category at the conference.

Sports

Covey still going strong after 41 years of coaching

By Seth Indekeu

Bob Covey has been a part of Bakersfield Community College for most of his life, as both a student and a coach. He has been the head coach of baseball at Bakersfield College for 41 years, and during that time he has built a winning program that has produced many All-Americans and successful players.

The Renegade Rip

Renegades win again

Bakersfield College football defeats Los Angeles Pierce in game full of penalties

By Victor Garcia

Managing Editor

The Renegade Rip in Los Angeles Pierce is a football game that the Renegades played against Los Angeles Pierce. The game was full of penalties, and the Renegades won with a score of 34-14. The game was held on November 15 at 2 p.m. at Bakersfield College.

Features

Fire Up the Grill

Student restaurant offers fresh cuisine and serves as training ground for young chefs preparing to face the realities of kitchen life

By Joanne Cadini

Riposte

The sound of metal pans clanging together rings out with the sound of dishes and utensils clacking on the stainless steel countertops. The restaurant's kitchen is in full swing, with a team of chefs and staff working to prepare a variety of delicious dishes. The restaurant, located on the Bakersfield College campus, is not just a place to eat; it's also a training ground for young chefs.

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Three Days! Covey's BC track team may have ended the season on Nov. 15, but its quality and quantity have never been higher. The team is made up of athletes from various divisions, ranging from high school to college. Covey has been the head coach of the BC track team for 41 years, and during that time he has built a winning program that has produced many All-Americans and successful players.

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'SHOWTIME'

Big-time NBA action takes center court when Lakers hit the hardwood at Centennial Garden

On one of Bakersfield's final balmy Sundays, Centennial Garden transformed into a sea of purple and gold known as "Lakersfield." Anxious Los Angeles Lakers fans arrived as early as noon for a show that didn't open its doors until 5 p.m. Fans arrived with hopes of seeing the likes of Gary "The Glove" Payton, Karl "The Mailman" Malone and Shaquille "Shaq Diesel" O'Neal during the preseason game on Oct. 19. Others came to see what all the hoopla surrounding the newest member of the Cleveland Cavaliers, 18-year-old LeBron James, was about. James made the jump from high school basketball to become the first pick in the 2003 NBA draft and signed a shoe contract worth $90 million before he ever graced the NBA's hardwood floors.

Still others wanted to see if Kobe Bryant's offseason surgeries and off-the-court issues would prevent him from slipping on a uniform for this event. Although Bryant didn't make an appearance, O'Neal satisfied Laker fans' thirst to see their favorite players. Not only was he in town, but he played, big-time and foul-shooting issues in tow.

Despite his ailments, O'Neal led his team, as a leader should, to 20 points and six rebounds in what would ultimately become the Ricky Davis show. Cleveland's Davis scored 27 points in the game, ruffling Payton's feathers after a few sizzling drives to the basket and some obligatory trash-talking. Finally, to the delight of just about every basketball fan in the house, it was announced that due to the sellout of 9,772 seats, Centennial Garden will host another preseason game for the Lakers next season.

Photos and story by Lee Maxwell / The Rip

Basketball fans come out to see what all the fuss was over LeBron James, the Cleveland Cavaliers' rookie guard.

Top: Cameraman Darin Brown helps Eric Norwood prepare for a live shot. Norwood was chosen out of hundreds of local contestants and thousands of applicants nationwide to anchor for Bright House/Nickelodeon networks.

Middle: Gary Payton, aka "The Glove," sounds off at a referee during one of the many shouting sprees he went on.

Bottom: The Lakers' starting five get together just before tip-off.

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Middle: Los Angeles native Gilbert Guadalupe came to Centennial Garden all "Lakered" up to watch the game.

Left: Phil Jackson, head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, contemplates the next move for his team.

BRAINS Compiled by Darren Amos / The Rip

What presidents are on Mount Rushmore?

- Lincoln, Jackson, Roosevelt and Washington
- Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Roosevelt
- Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Franklin
- Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Lincoln

Kathy Hoyan, biology: "Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Lincoln."

Vince Parcell, political science: "Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt."
Gay student still searching for niche in Bakersfield

By COUNBBA TAMBOURO

Cuts generate staffing chaos

As positions are cut, new classes missing, students left feeling
derived and uncertain, many are concerned about the future.

When you're looking for a job, you often feel frustrated, and there's
cut: you're looking for a job.

"There's not enough diversity in the field, they stay in the closet,"
"I think that's probably the most important thing," she said.

"We have a lot of gay people who are not in the closet, but they don't
want to be. I think they want to be out of the closet, but they don't
want to be."
FEATURES

ZZ Top kicks ‘Tush’ at Garden

By Off-Stage Features Writer

Three days of bawdy, bawdy, barnstorming fun with ZZ Top at the Candlelight Music Hall, 1910 Main St., - a classic rock and roll party for the entertainment of the common man.

BC’s ‘Laramie Project’ cast recreates real-life drama

By ERIN KLAUSHER RC Staff writer

The cast in 1996. In the move of Laramie, WY, Matthew Shepard, a young homosexual man was murdered. Shepard was beaten and left to die on the streets of Laramie. The BC Theatre Department played the role of Shepard in a play about the murder and its aftermath.

CONCERT REVIEW

A night of great music with great friends at the Candlelight Music Hall.

Student defends union position in supermarket strike

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Program assistant sees Rip as ‘something special’

I would like to congratulate the Rip staff on their most recent achievement. The Rip staff has put together a fantastic program assistant who is very impressive. They are providing great service to the students and the community.

Editor thankful for BC journalism workshop

I am so thankful for the BC journalism workshop. They have been amazing at helping me improve my skills.

Grocery strike not justified in these tough economic times

The grocery strike is not justified in these tough economic times.

Opinion

Openly gay bishop divides Episcopalians

By CETTO MUSOLI

This week, the Episcopal Church, the largest of the world’s 150 million Anglicans, announced that it is accepting the ordination of openly gay bishops.

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Blood drive draws few donors
By JEANETTE ALVAREZ

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Do you know what time it is? Don't count on campus clocks for an answer
By RUSSELL "PADDY" THOMAS

You've been at Bakersfield College for some time, and you've noticed that some of the clocks on campus are always running late. But, do you really know what time it is now? This is an important question that you should be able to answer. Most people know the time in their own community, but it's not as easy to figure out the time in the city. To help you out, we've created a list of some of the campus clocks that are currently running late. We hope this information is helpful.

MEDLOCK: Student remains hopeful of breakthrough in gay civil rights
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Sports
Disabled students find warm welcome in adaptive PE
Individual attention and an upbeat attitude give disabled students a chance to shine in adaptive PE

When Katie Smith gets up early, she runs in her neighborhood, a few blocks from her house. She enjoys the activity and plans to start a running club in the future. "I love it," said Smith. "I'm not the only one who likes to run."

Smith is a senior at Bakersfield High School and an athlete on the school's cross-country team. She was born with a congenital condition that affects her ability to run. Smith's doctor recommended she try adaptive PE, which is a program designed for students with disabilities.

 Adaptive PE teacher Kathy Meany, right, taught with Smith in the program for three years.

"It's important to have support and guidance to do the best you can," said Meany. "We want everyone to be included in class, and that means offering the right kind of support."
Sports

No Hope in Overtime

Raiders continue losing streak in loss to New York Jets in close match

Oakland

The Raiders and the New York Jets met again for the first time since last year's playoff game in which the Oakland prevailed 30-10. This time the team wasn't so lucky.

The two teams, both 2-7, met on the field of Network Associates Coliseum Nov. 9 hoping to turn their seasons around and stay in the playoff race.

With the score tied at 24-24 at the end of the fourth quarter, the clock ran down, sending the game into overtime.

The game ended with a field goal by Jets kicker Doug Brien, dealing the Raiders their fifth loss in a row.

Photos and story by Roger Hornback / The Rip