SPORTS

Track teams run wild at BC

By Taylor M. Gonzales
Editor in chief

photo by John Ornelas / The Rip

As BC's track medlal and Salena Corinna lead the pack in a race at the Bakerfield College Invitational. Left: BC's Cesar Mireles goes the distance. Above: Sprinters line up and prepare for a race.

Hitting, pitching lead BC

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Sports editor

The Bakerfield College baseball team has won six of its last 10 games with its head pitching on the mound.

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Basketball: BC goes down in the Final Four, loses to Fullerton

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BC reaches the Final Four of the California Men's Basketball Championship.

The Renegade"s stats leaders for the season include Pierce, who is batting .411, sophomore third baseman Jeff Burleson, who is batting .442, and senior outfielder Trevor Brown, who is batting .411.

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Breaking the brackets

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Faulty clocks around campus being fixed

By Kathleen J. White
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The BC guard Andrew Rhodes prepares a shot against City College of San Francisco on March 12.
The Plug

off the lights

Depleted resources leads to research for alternative energy

By NICHOLAS SPARLING

Growing concern over the depletion of finite energy sources has forced Americans to look into other energy options. Bakersfield's air quality problems have led to increased awareness of the effects of nitrogen oxides on human health, as well as the reduction of tapped and oil and gas exploration. According to Natalie Barlow, a geology and earth sciences professor at Bakersfield College, "It would be wonderful if we had some requirements for new buildings that would promote systems in place, but there is no such requirement. If the community wants it and wants to stop emissions, but there are no incentives. If we continue using the same amount of energy, it will be beneficial to make a move towards reducing the coal and natural gas generated electricity we currently have. The California Energy Commission is pushing renewable energy. They have begun a recent project to start construction on the largest wind transmission project in the United States. When completed, the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project will create the single largest power source of energy in the United States," said Nicholas Barlow, a geology and earth sciences professor at Bakersfield College.

The Kern County Planning Commission recently voted 3-2 to support plans to place between 100 and 300 wind turbines on roughly 4,000 acres over 15 square miles west of Bakersfield. Projections for the project are that it could produce enough energy to power up to 10,000 homes. The plan would also include a deposit on all coal and oil exploration. The Kern County Planning Commission is also looking for ways to allocate funds to the California Public Utilities Commission.

"Everyone can do his or her part to take the step toward alternative energy, which will lead to a better, cleaner, and safer environment," said Nicholas Barlow. "The alternative energy is also more predictable. It's not necessary to have a risk of a surge of prices. If we do it right, it's practically free; just take a couple of extra seconds of your time to turn it off."

Bill encourages solar growth

By QUINN SCHULTZEL

Solar energy and Kern County have shared great heat in recent years with the opening of the 30MW Calais Solar Farm project. The farm was completed in June 2004, and has received a 10 year government grant from the federal government to open the market. The project is helping to increase efficiency in the community, as well as boost the solar industry in Kern County.

The Kern County Community College campus in June 2004, finished drywall and painted, is currently being tested in California.

Possible future

By KYLIE BEALL

Driven by the need for cleaner energy, the move towards renewable energy has been in effect for some time. With the rise in oil prices, many people are looking for ways to alter the current energy consumption of their home. The Kern County Community College campus in June 2004, finished drywall and painted, is currently being tested in California.

BMW 750 hydrogen powered car is BMW's first hybrid and is currently being tested in California.

Features

Spring brings aesthetic pleasures

While wildflowers bloom for the spring, people attend the 5th Annual Cinemine for a Wish car show at the Kern County Fairgrounds.

Monies raised through artistic expression

The Tank for a Cure Convention featured many events, including a walk to raise funds for breast cancer research.

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Above: Fiddlenicks bloom near the Kern County Fairgrounds. March 26, 2008

Below: Buster Rogers and his wife, Bob Rogers, inside a Chevrolet Bel Air during Cinemine for a Wish.

Motorcycles are displayed during the 5th annual Cinemine for a Wish at the fairgrounds on March 22.

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BC to remain without
gasoline vouchers

BY PINOCHE C. BARMER

Decision draws closer for president

Commuters deal with high cost

Power outage disrupts campus

CLOCKS: Power outages and theft

DIVERSITY: Andrews said that BC chooses to hire the most qualified applicants

BC CCA reviewing adjunct rehiring policies

NEWS

Irish at the Noriega

Mobile market coming to BC

Power point could be a 2-year program

Print problems plague BC

Tutor wanted

BY JAMES D. WRIGHT

BY KATHERINE J. WHITMORE

Mock college classes provided by Whiskey Gala during the fifth annual St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Kirkpatrick Building.

Research assistant and Brockton Research Chair Professor Alfonso called the lack of electricity "a little funny" and said that it made it difficult for people to communicate. He said that he and his colleagues had to rely on cell phones and other electronic devices to stay connected. The lack of electricity also made it difficult for people to access information, as many websites and online systems were down. Despite the challenges, he said that the event was still enjoyable and a fun way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

BY DARWIN M. MILLER

The BC CCA is reviewing its policies on how it hires and rehires adjunct professors. According to the College, it has been years since it last reviewed its policy on adjunct rehiring. The College said that it needed to update its policy to reflect changes in the educational landscape, including the increased use of online and distance learning.

BY MARCI HERNANDEZ

Some BC students expressed concerns over the lack of updated policies. "The policy on rehiring adjuncts is outdated and doesn't reflect the current state of education," said one student. "It's time for BC to update its policy to better support its adjunct professors and improve the quality of education for students." The College said that it would release its new policy soon, and that it would be available for public comment.
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**WOMAN'S HISTORY NORTH AT BC**

**BC lecture discusses archaic contraception**

By MARKCIA COIL

The month of March is marked by women's history month, where the campus invites a number of speakers and discussions centered on the importance of women's rights and contributions to society. This year, the theme for the month was "Women's History Month at BC".

Doug Wagner, a member of the Historical and Modeling Society, spoke about the importance of understanding and appreciating women's contributions to society.

"We need to acknowledge the contributions of women throughout history," Wagner said. "Women have been integral to many of the advancements we see today, but their contributions have often been overlooked or understated."

Wagner discussed the role of women in the development of contraception, highlighting the work of pioneers such as Margaret Sanger, who founded the birth control movement. He also talked about the challenges women faced in accessing contraception and the impact of anti-abortion movements.

"Understanding the history of contraception is important in recognizing the struggles women have faced," Wagner said. "It's a story of resistance and perseverance, and a reminder of how far we've come in terms of reproductive rights."
Not exactly his brightest moment

Scandal was a private matter

By JOEL R. PANTANO
Assistant arts editor

It's not often you hear the words "Achille's heel" and "otherwise unimpeachable" used in the same sentence. But when they're attached to the name of a man who suddenly found himself under media microscope, those were the words Ofelia Slaughter used when describing then New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

This week, Spitzer resigned his position amid reports that he had been paying for sex - reports that, while not completely newsworthy, did, at the least, add another dimension to a man who has made a career out of using that very same dimension to fight for social causes.

There were whispers about Spitzer's private life even before he had a political career. He's lived a public life that's sometimes been as colorful as his colorful words like "hot" and "crazy." Spitzer's managed to make those words, and even his personal life, tolerate the attention of the media. Such a media presence is only possible when the public is fully aware of the person's private life.

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Wright is just plain wrong

By KAREL PARSONS
American-Statesman correspondent

Wright is just plain wrong. That's the opinion of the American-Statesman's columnist, who has written about Rev. Jeremiah Wright and his controversial remarks.

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‘Carnival Brazil’ better than the past

By JOEL R. PARAMO

Bakersfield College’s Campus Center was full of music while the right wing winds of the huge Brazilian-themed folk dancing swept across the campus.

Students and staff members of the college’s Student Government Association officials gathered in the center to celebrate the official opening of the Spring Fling on March 12.

According to Omar Ramírez, the official event coordinator, the students were making sure the events were going according to plan. Hundreds of students stood in line for their free hamburger on the last day of the college’s annual Spring Fling. The event started at 11 a.m. and went on until 1 p.m.

“Carnival Brazil” was the theme of this year’s Spring Fling, and it was expected to be a huge success.

“We were excited for the Brazilian theme because it was something different and new,” said Ruthie Kresha, the president of the Student Government Association.

Despite complications, the SGA did a wonderful job of putting this event together. It’s a building block in this college’s history and it was great to see the giving out of free T-shirts that read, “Carnival Brazil.”

“The SGA was well organized, and they received a massive response from the students,” said Carpinteria student, Leticia Guadalupe. “We couldn’t get them to agree to what we needed in time. The theme was the giving out of free T-shirts that read, ‘Carnival Brazil.’

Left: Mike Vitali performs in the Free Speech Area on March 15 during Spring Fling. He advertises his new album called "Idiosyncrasies.'

Above: Natalya Faber, 13, climbs the rock wall during Spring Fling. She is the youngest student on Campus.

Right: Bakersfield College student Natalya Faber, 13, covers herself as she plays laser tag during Spring Fling on March 13.

CALM celebrates spring

By OMAR RAMIREZ

The California Living Museum hosted the third annual Earth Day Fair at the CALM Spring Fling on March 17.

This annual event is held to offer a fun and educational experience of the many different types of wildlife in the world while still being fun and enjoyable.

Throughout the weekend, children were able to observe various animals such as birds, reptiles, and insects.

The CALM Spring Fling began on March 15, and it concluded on March 17.

The event was organized by Omar Ramírez, the President of CALM. The goal was to show children the beauty of nature and how to care for it.

The exhibit consisted of a large petting zoo where children could interact with a variety of animals such as goats, chickens, and rabbits.

Another popular exhibit was the back of the zoo, which included a large statue of a dinosaur as well as a variety of other animal sculptures. A live petting zoo was also available where children could pet and feed the animals.

Above: Daylin Silva, right, and Jill Herrera, left, start out on the trail of the poker ride on March 12, near the Kern River.

Right: Dain Zaffino participates in the downhill race on March 15, in the annual Keysville Mountain Bike Race.

Below: The March Meet, hosted by the Auto Club Famoso Raceway, was remembered by John Shoemaker’s family, who died on the track at 200 mph.