EYES OF THE RIP

Sights of Northern California

Barn and raised in the Central Valley, Kelly Arko. Rip Opinio editor, shares her photographs during her travels to Northern California over spring break.

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Softball in toughest season since 1995  
by VICKY STAR

A season filled with injuries has taken its toll on the Bakersfield College softball team. The Renegade Rip is currently 13-6 on April 18 for their frustrating season, but the team continues to support each other and stay positive.
Eclectic BC art exhibit

By KATHERINE J. WHITE

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Thompson will play with teammate Lundquist. "They just happen to be a role model for anyone else.

"I've always been around other players, so I'm used to that experience," Thompson said. "But I think it's important to see how it feels to be a role model for them."

With Thompson's guidance, the BC women's tennis team has had a successful season. The team has won several matches and made its way to the Western State Conference playoffs.

"I'm really proud of my team," Thompson said. "They've worked hard and given their best in every match."

The BC women's tennis team will continue its quest for a Western State Conference championship this weekend. The team will face off against a tough opponent, and Thompson is ready to lead the way.

"I'm excited to see how we perform," Thompson said. "I think we have a good chance to win and take home the championship."

On the other hand, the BC men's tennis team has struggled this season. After a promising start, the team has faced some tough losses in recent matches.

"It's been a challenging season for us," Thompson said. "But I believe we can turn things around and make a run in the conference tournament."

The BC men's tennis team will face off against a tough opponent this weekend as well. The team will have to work hard to succeed and make a statement in the conference.

"I'm determined to make the most of this opportunity," Thompson said. "I want to give it my all and see where it takes us."

The BC tennis team is ready to face the challenges ahead. With Thompson's guidance and determination, the team is set to make their mark in the Western State Conference.
**FEATURES**

**Islamic minister speaks in town**

By VYRN MAROPO

Sixty Muslims are expected to attend a June 15 event at the Bakersfield Islamic Center, which will be the first-time the group has held a meeting in the city. The center is located at 2710 W. 7th St.

Shibleh Yousif, former director of the Islamic Center of Bakersfield, said he hopes the event will help build bridges between the Muslim community and the community at large.

**Zumba dance classes offer a fun way to get into shape through Latin movements**

By BRITTANY ALYSON

The popular dance fitness program Zumba has gained popularity in recent years, and Bakersfield is no exception. Many people are turning to Zumba as a fun and effective way to stay fit and healthy.

Shibleh Yousif dances to the Zumba music at the Islamic Center.

**Basque is great**

By JENNIFER MOORE

The Basque country is known for its unique cuisine and culture, and Bakersfield has its own Basque restaurant: J.B. Maitia.

During the week, the restaurant offers a variety of Basque dishes, including beef and lamb dishes, as well as seafood. The food is prepared fresh, and all meals are made from scratch.

J.B. Maitia is a great place to try some traditional Basque cuisine in Bakersfield.

**Meat eaters take on a week with no meat**

By BRITTANY ALYSON

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OPINION

Staff Editorial

Luxurious lives not fit for recession

As the effects of the recession take hold on the American population, comfort is to be found in simplifying one's life.

With the March 2009 national unemployment rate at 8.3 percent, there is plenty of evidence that the downturn has had its impact. If we look back on past years, we must see the changes that have taken place in the way we live our lives.

In the spring of 2009, the government has been faced with the consequences of the recession. People are travelling less, shopping less, and even having less to spend. A number of people are feeling the pinch, and some are already being forced to make sacrifices.

It is clear that the government must take action to help the people. It is important to remember that the recession has affected a number of people, and the government must work hard to ensure that everyone is protected.

It is also important to remember that the recession has affected the economy as a whole. The government must work hard to ensure that the economy is strengthened, so that people can have better opportunities.

Rising prices try to get smokers to quit

With tobacco using soaring and non-smokers trying to get people to quit, a staff member M. Black, finds a stand.

Celebrity scandals put before real world issues in time of turmoil

Celebrity news isn't something new to everyone, as the past few months have shown. The world is faced with issues that are real and important, yet the media focuses on celebrity news.

'Gabe Feedback

How did you do your taxes?
Annual Scottish Games held at BC

The Scottish Games held at Bakersfield College this weekend brought Scottish culture to the fore, with traditional games, music, and food. The event was held on Saturday and Sunday, featuring highland dancing, tug-of-war, and other traditional Scottish activities.

The games were attended by students, faculty, and staff, who came together to celebrate the rich history and heritage of Scotland. The event included traditional Scottish music, with live performances by local bands.

The Scottish Games are an annual event at Bakersfield College, and it is a chance for the college community to come together and enjoy the culture and traditions of Scotland. The event also provided an opportunity for students to learn about the Scottish culture and heritage and to connect with others who share their interest in Scottish traditions.

The Scottish Games are just one of the many cultural events held at Bakersfield College throughout the year, providing a diverse range of activities for students, faculty, and staff to enjoy. Whether it's music, dance, food, or other cultural activities, Bakersfield College offers a variety of opportunities for everyone to learn and celebrate.

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