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BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

By Samantha Garrett
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The sixth annual Bakersfield Pride Festival, "Step Out!," opened with the boom of drums outside Oct. 22 at 1 p.m., and it continued well into the evening.

Entertainers and musicians performed near in front of the stage while those attending shuffled between the tables in front, the food stands and the vendor booths.

Groups like Spotlight Theater, Rainbow Flies of Bakersfield and Rainbow Voices, as well as local institutions such as Michelle Renegades performed throughout the event, and between each performance one of the two masters of ceremonies would provide commentary and point out various objects of interest at the festival.

Despite being good friends throughout the first half of the event, Hilfe Joe Fox ended his service as master of ceremonies with a few spirited comments on the current state of politics.

Fox said that the festival was held in the hopes of being "the world's first step toward a better future." He added that it was all he could find his own time. He said that he found the idea of noDemocracy the only thing that would win other day — to express the acceptance of individuality within the community.

"I just want to stress," said Fox, "that there are usually the eight most conservative people in the United States that aren't doing anything with you.

Located in the group were student members from various organizations representing large corporations and smaller social activist groups, and those coming from other camps from those of America to the NOH in the state. The event was all they could do.

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Democrats share in victories with supporters

By Michael Wafford
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While Democrats across the nation were saddened by the loss of their party’s majority in the House of Representatives, in Kern County Democrats were celebrating on Oct. 22.

Upon seeing the polls, which showed him far ahead of his competitive California Senate race, Michael Rubio spoke to his sup-porter's.

"At the end of the day, we’re always fundamentally believers that together, working as one, Republican, Democratic or Independents, we are first and foremost Americans, and we’re going to get this valley moving forward," said Rubio.

The Central Valley is the poorest region not only in the state of California but the entire state of America. It has the greatest challenge when it comes to young people getting education, the ability to see a doctor or finding work and family support to get for their families.

"There are places we need to make better in Sacramento — that’s what we were doing when we get to Sacramento, and it is joining together and working as one in which we’re going to get things," said Rubio.

While taking time to thank his family, friends and supporters, Rubio also acknowledged the contribution of voters to his campaign.

"It’s nice to be balancing the scale when — which we did, that we did a really good job of raising money and we’re not doing what we can do for the campaign. And we did well because we showed up across party lines and got stuff done," said Rubio.

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Local Republicans turn out and support their candidates at event

By Brian N. Willhite
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As voters headed to the polls this election Tuesday, they held California’s future in their hands. One filled in bubble on a ballot or check on a screen decided the outcome of billions of dollars that were spent to encourage those elections.

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Planetaryarium brings astronomy to BC

By Samantha Garrett

Despite the highly specialized equipment within the Hauenstein College planetarium doesn't have a very striking image when viewed from outside. It is just another part of the Math and Sciences building. However, stepping inside reveals a 36-foot dome ceiling, where the images of stars sprawling the Earth can be seen from any time of the year and any position on the planet.

In the fall of 2000, BC erected an astronomical observatory, after using the same one for the years, and the current technology used is very updated and very pricey. The SciDome projector, which is used to give viewers a tour of the solar system, astronomy, and beyond, cost $195,000. This very huge is a part of astronomy Professor Nick Strobel, who is responsible for working the planetarium.

"I think maybe it's another thing BC will have to do some long-term planning for," he said. "Five years from now, we'll probably have to replace it.

"I'm not sure if my highschool's are aware. I told my department chair, I'm sure if they are planning. Some of this equipment, like the SciDome, has a limited lifetime."

When that time comes, it will cost the school approximately $20,000.

But, since the SciDome is what historically pointed projected Milky Way imagery for the "space is good for a good chance the school will want to make that investment.

The second projector within the planetarium, the Chronos, which is used for showing a view of the night sky, cost over twice as much as the SciDome projector, but Strobel expects that it will last much longer.

"As long as we keep up the preventive maintenance, that should last decades," he said. The Chronos, "I expect it to be here when I retire, and my successor won't have to worry until the mid-late of his or her career!"

Before the transition to the new projectors, kids would have had to work with a very outdated projector and the large dome was comprised of a 24-foot-dome with covering about 1,500 square feet of sky, which is used for showing the audience a short ballad and the audience would be able to see the stars. These televisions attempted to do the job with the current SciDome projector.

"It was still good," said Strobel. "School kids and teachers liked it, Shadom's liked it. But it was limited.

The current system provides a service for both the community and the campus, and the computer is set up in three astronomy courses that he teaches on campus.

"When it's not being used strictly for the students, most of the time is occupied by the community that's interested in visiting the planetarium for an evening or weekend."

The community holds a variety of events throughout the year, and one of those is the Family Night, which is open to anyone who wants to come and learn about the night sky.

"It's very rewarding to the public in general, and I think it's a great opportunity to see the cosmos and grade school students can attend. Shows provided for the community - there are three each year - will stick up quickly and regularly. During Tuesdays and Thursdays, grade school students can attend, and their show only has to be $350 charge. People can even "rent" the program for one evening, for an evening program is screened for $50.

Despite the amount of money the planetarium brings in, Strobel spoke on why astronomy, and therefore the planetarium, is important. "Well, the more we learn about other things out there, it helps us on Earth, it helps us get in touch with beauty, it helps us in touch with what's in the room. We'll sit on a part of the sky, but we can't have this. He paused to chuckle, and then added, "That's most of a funny thing."

"Remember the more practical issues, he explained that only through communication such as comparing the Earth to worlds, could people only understand big things actually work.

Day of the dead celebrates life

By Brendonique Rodriguez

After displays of dead relatives and friends were set up for the public to view at the Montgomery World Plaza from Oct. 26 to Nov. 4, to celebrate Dia de los Muertos, also known as the Day of the Dead.

Dia de los Angelenos is celebrated as is the same day as Dia de los Muertos but is focused on the honoring of the children who have died coming to the City.

The Dolores Huerta Foundation sponsors the event every year in 18 years in cooperation with the Mexican American Cultural Center.

In addition to many latitos, Dia de los Muertos is a day to celebrate and remember the life of a dead loved one.

The altar is altered for those that their dead loved one enjoyed or enjoyed in their life. It is displayed alongside a picture of them, and is surrounded with cempazuchitl, flowers with artistry from sugar and flowers called Flo de Muelos, also called Dia de los Muertos, which means day of the dead.

The Altar displays of dead relatives and friends are often used in the Catholic Church.

The Dolores Huerta is a legend who has been given permission to do Altar, blessed the altar with cempazuchitl. Copal is a main attribute of a tree that is often seen in the Catholic Church.

"The Dolores Huerta is a privilege to be celebrated in Mess."
Charity event pays in more ways than one

The Little Foot's Repeat event made a difference.

By Breanna Gray

The Little Foot's Repeat event was filled with joy for everyone involved. The event, which took place on Oct. 21, was a fundraiser for Little Feet's Repeat, a local charity that provides clothing and goods to children in need. The event included a charity sale, raffles, and a charity dinner, all of which helped to raise money for the cause.

The Little Feet's Repeat event was able to provide the community with a fun and engaging way to give back. The event was attended by many people, including local businesses, schools, and individuals who wanted to support the cause.

One of the highlights of the event was the charity sale, which featured a variety of items donated by local businesses and individuals. The sale was a great way for people to give back while also supporting local businesses.

The event also included raffles, with many local business owners donating prizes to the cause. The raffles were a great way to give back while also providing an opportunity for people to win great prizes.

The Little Foot's Repeat event was also able to provide a valuable lesson to the community about the importance of supporting local charities. The event reminded everyone that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.

In addition to raising money for the cause, the event was also a great way to unite the community. The event brought together people from all walks of life, all of whom shared a common goal of helping others.

Overall, the Little Foot's Repeat event was a huge success. The event raised money for a great cause, and it also brought the community together in a fun and engaging way. We hope that the community will continue to support this event in the future.

FUTURE

By Ryan George

Vendetta Pro Wrestling brought another charity event to the Bakersfield Dome on Oct. 24, with all proceeds benefiting the Bakersfield Recovery Services (BRS).

The event held several matches in various venues. The highlight event included a Steal the Team match, with "Nightmare" Nathan Graves teaming with Suja against "Big Country" and the Kool Kids with the Bully Brothers.

Also, there were two matches featuring former WWE Superstar Scotty Hott and Serena Cash, former member of the Straight Edge Society.

Scotty Hott and Serena both look at the opportunity to show off their skills and entertain the fans.

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Coffee spill in SGA conference room sparks argument

By James Licea

An incident that started with a coffee spill escalated when a group of students along with instructor Karen Shah from a business communication class attended the Student Government Association meeting on Oct. 22.

The class was assigned to use the Executive Board room in the Campus Center as their classroom twice a week. The room also serves as the SGA conference room.

After a supposed spill of coffee left a stain, a sign was posted that read, “No food or beverages except water.”

Longer notes were printed on colorful paper and posted in the room after the original notes were taken down. These notes explained that during conferences and meetings held by SGA there are no food or drinks allowed. It also stated that if anyone wished to pose concerns that they could attend the SGA meeting Oct. 22.

The class feels they are being singled out because of the post of these signs. They also shared they never spilled coffee during their class time. A former student, Sholly’s Connie Browne stated, “It’s starting to affect my education now, and that’s my concern.”

SGA President Lisa English explained that the sign-posted was posted only because the first signs were taken down. She said, “If the coffee stain would have been cleaned up right away, I don’t think that this would have become the problem that it arose to be.”

The panel of students left the two-hour meeting even more aggravated than when they came. The students were mentioned indirectly by SGA by not being allowed to speak. Brenda Downes stated, “This could have been addressed in 10 minutes, and they made us walk through an hour and a half of the meeting.”

During the meeting, SGA members and students were eating and drinking various stocks and beverages.

Vice President, Brian Rathfelder explained SGA is responsible for hiring people to maintain the cleanliness of the room. Because of this, he said, “Of course it’s going to allow us opportunities that aren’t going to be affordable in classes that are making spills and not cleaning up after themselves.”

Rathfelder expressed confusion over the conflict.

“You can go to a lot of other classrooms around campus and it says ‘No food or drink’,” he said. “I’m not understanding that an hour during the day is an inconvenience so much that it’s disrupting their educational experience.”

Rathfelder also apologized for the amount of foodark during the meeting to address the communication class. He explained that they had an especially packed schedule that day and that it could have been added to. If the students had contacted them prior to the meeting.

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