Dangling tea bags hang from the hat of a rally participant during the Tax Day protest held at the Liberty Bell on Truxtun Avenue on April 15.

Tea Party protest brings cheers, jeers

By Matt M. Medes

In front of the Liberty Bell on the corner of Truxtun and Charter Avenue at 6 p.m. on April 15, members of the Tea Party held a rally to express their dissatisfaction with the current political state of the country. Protesters gathered in front of the statue, listening to speakers.(p. 8)

According to Ray Scott, chairman of the Greater Bakersfield Tea Party, people turned out to express their views on the government and what they believed needed to be changed. Participants held signs and chanted slogans, including “We the People.”

The rally attracted supporters and detractors of the Tea Party, with some expressing their opinions on the gathering.

As the rally continued, people were seen setting up tables and chairs in preparation for the event.

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Citizens gather for Great American Cleanup and Bakersfield Green Expo

By Brian S. Willhite

Reporters

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BC Foundation hosts Red & White festival

By Kelly Ardis

Bakersfield College’s third annual Red & White Wine & Food Festival is held in the huddle outside of BC’s Memorial Stadium on April 16.

Mission

The Renegade Pantry is committed to serving the student body by providing food for students in need.

About the Pantry

In 2009, with massive budget cuts to California Community College special-needs programs, the Student Government Association at Bakersfield College saw a growing need among students on campus. To quote a student, “If you’re worried about what you’re gonna eat for dinner, then you can’t think about the math test you’re gonna take the next day.” SGA determined that a food bank was needed to serve the needs of the students. Over the winter break, SGA organized The Renegade Pantry. The Pantry’s main goal is to help maintain the health and well-being of Bakersfield College students through organized college and community sponsorships and donations of non-perishable food items.

What is provided?

Students have a choice of canned vegetables, fruits, soup, Pasta, rice, and cereal. In addition, other items will be provided as they become available such as: macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, canned tuna, pre-packaged meals, and hygiene products. Food offerings depend on budget restrictions and availability of products.

How does it work?

Students are asked to come to the Student Activities Office (Campus Center 4) with their Bakersfield College ID’s to sign up for services. At that time students will choose from a list of available goods and be given a designated pick up date.

What is the procedure for getting the food?

Students in need must come to the Student Government Office, located in Campus Center 4, to sign up prior to any of the distribution dates. This ensures that the student receives the appropriate amount of self-selected food. Family size will be taken into consideration.

Vision

Eliminating Hunger One Student at a Time.

Food donations can be made at Campus Center 4.

2010 Distribution Dates

The following dates are for pick-up only: April 22, May 6 & 27, June 10 & 24. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SGA summer hours are subject to change and will be posted on the Bakersfield College SGA Facebook page and SGA website by May 14, 2010. Please feel free to contact The Renegade Pantry Director for more information on how you can contribute to The Renegade Pantry’s mission.

What is the procedure for connecting with the Renegade Pantry?

You can connect with the Renegade Pantry on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/BakersfieldCollege or in the SGA Office, located in Campus Center 4.

What can you do to help...

Business Partnerships: Organizations that can provide regular needed donations can help improve our services to the students a great deal. We will accept non-perishable food items, personal care items, along with monetary donations. The Renegade Pantry is a Non-Profit Organization. All monetary donations are tax-deductible. Checks should be made payable to the Renegade Pantry and mailed or dropped off at: "The Renegade Pantry" at Bakersfield College Student Activities Office, 1801 Panorama Drive, Bakersfield CA 93305. Individuals can donate using the above described procedures.

Who is eligible?

Any currently registered student in need of food. No student will be turned away.
Minter Field Fly-in showcases aircraft

By Katie Ayers

An estimated 2,500 to 3,000 people, and over 80 aircraft, gathered at Bakersfield’s Minter Field on April 17 for the Minter Field Fly-In, also known as the Southern California Salute to Flying.

According to Minter Field’s Air Museum website, the 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. show is the only free show of aircraft from all over and that is how our diner gets the attention," said David said. They also mentioned that this diner a great place for all to enjoy. They want and anyone can take that they will most likely be back.

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Above: High school debate students from around California wait for their next debate to begin in a hallway of the Science Extension Building April 16. The BC communication department hosted the California High School Speech Association’s annual state tournament in an effort to raise awareness about the speech and debate community.

Below: Students play a game of Hackett Sack between debate rounds April 16.

Employers to attend BC Career Day

By Michael Wafford

Reporter

On April 28, students will have an opportunity to meet with career representatives during Career Day. Career Day will be held in the campus cafeteria.

According to Antonio Allan of Job Placement, there will be various representatives present. The employer will be from various fields including industrial technology, nursing, and construction.

Employers in attendance are from the 100 to 130 student groups on campus. Allan said this is a result of the current economic climate.

Basketball teams shoot for championship

By Vincent Perez

News Editor

At the El Capitan Baptist Senior Center on April 13, both of the Bakersfield College men’s and women’s basketball teams participated in a fundraising competition called 100 Miles that involved basketball teams from Centro Coso and Porterville College. The event raised $415 for the Boys Basketball Teams and $300 for the Girls Basketball Teams.

By Jeffrey Tolsma

Staff Writer

Basketball Coaches Announce Change in BC vs. Fresno City College Schedule

Bakersfield College’s Kellie Christensen announced on Tuesday April 13 that the BC men’s basketball team was moving its game with the Fresno City College into the BC gymnasium May 13. The BC women’s basketball team had already announced its game with the Fresno City College into the BC gymnasium May 13.

By Brian V. Williford

Editor

On April 12, the Bakersfield College women’s basketball team played against Fresno City College. Despite being down at halftime, the Bakersfield College women’s basketball team defeated Fresno City College 46 to 37.

By Michael Wafford

Reporter

Anandagopal Das diScuss the Relevance of Yoga

Greg Chamberlain, professor of Art and Director of the Art Center, talked with Anandagopal Das about his Biographical Exhibition at the Bakersfield College Art Center. Das is an Indian accountant and cumsums that he is a spiritual person who is interested in Kriya Yoga.

By Sabrina Anderson

Staff Writer

Students Gain Insight into the Art World

Students gather at the Willy and Marie Louis Jones Gallery in the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library to view art created by Bakersfield College art students.

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