Dr. Levan’s donation is largest to a community college in history

By Michael Wafford

Dr. Norman Levan, 95, has donated $13,658,000 to Bakersfield College, the largest donation to a community college from a private individual. The majority of the doctor’s donation will go to recipient scholarships, while the remainder will go toward founding the Norman Levan Center for the Humanities and the Senior Lifelong Learning program.

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Bill sets standards for transfer requirements

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A recently released bill by the California Senate seeks to promote transfer of California community college students to California state universities by guaranteeing admission to local campuses for all students who complete 60 transfer units with a minimum 2.0 GPA.

SB 1440 is designed to standardize transfer requirements for the state’s most popular transfer majors with the intention of ensuring that students will spend less time of community college by taking necessary courses that won’t transfer to their school of choice.

GREGORY D. COOK / THE RIP

BC gets close to $14 million in donation

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By Crystal Fortt

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Bus tour highlights historical neon signs

By Mateo M. Medrano

It is a neon night ride that spans the 11 miles between the Ancient City Street and the Kern County Museum. Currently out of commission, but Street to the Kem County Museum still don’t remember that accident so some one turned left into an intersection, took a sights-seeing tour of vintage vapor,” said McNamee.

Stratton was hit in 2002 when he rode his Kawasaki ZRX 1200, which he owns, on E Street, and was hit by a school bus. He owns two bikes, a 2005 Kawasaki ZX12R, which he chooses to ride mostly on the weekends, and an ’83 Honda Saber that he considers his “fun” bike, which he plans to get back on the road in the near future.

Stratton recognizes the risks of the hobby, not his midnight ride. “But it is something that does excite me,” he said.

“Something that I approach nationally, and I recognize the worst thing that could happen would not be death, but to injure someone else,” he said.

“I have been hit once. I came into an invisible curb. I still don’t remember that accident.”

As someone who was in 2002 when someone turned into an intersection.

“By the end of the third grade I knew that I wasn’t interested in reading,” he said.

Stratton showed off his Kawasaki ZRX 1200, the motorcycle he rode as he restored his ’83 Honda Saber.

I’m a history professor at BC.

I can’t make it worse or send it to my town. I feel the cross winds, being on my own. I feel the relaxation through the area because I always have a clear and peaceful view, as well as the possibility of the surf way. I’m connected to the universe.

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Stratton said that he likes to read it, but its best alternative is riding motorcycles, and looking at the world through that lens. He is a little lazy, or a little facetious, but he has a passion for his life. He is passionate about his love for the arts, and anything that has to do with music.

“Having a car, I know what it’s like to get a good job, and to have the full light of the world. So it’s a different type of light.”

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**British women’s society celebrates culture**

*By Cheryl Forti*  
Reporter

There are chapters throughout the nation, but there is a particular chapter for Kern County that’s called the “Sir Edward Elgar” chapter. The members come from Santa Maria, Visalia, Oxnard, Delano, Tufa, Lake Isabella and Wellsville in Texas, to name a few. All chapters give to the retirement home in their area.

Kern County is a member of the national society and we help to provide support, or financial support retirement home for the British in the Kern area, in Kern County.

Joan Bohmwald is a member of the society and she says so essentially, “I think it’s a way of life.”

Moya Arthur, however, was at a third-year biology candidate when she went to the field, not intending to major in biology. Arthur says, “It’s a way of life.”

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The Highfield chapter, “Sir Edward Elgar,” is a chapter that has been around for about 140 years. The chapter is one of the oldest and has been around for about 140 years.

The DBE group would like to bring in more people to join the group, but couldn’t get it to work. They are looking for British singers in England, in the presidency.

“Our daughter’s don’t have to get involved, as long as they are British citizens, they will never be born in England.”

From left: Eime Foster, Connie Corbell, Joan Bohmwald and Kathy Christensen, members of the Daughters of the British Empire, did and chat on March 15.

And we miss our home, I guess you know your language, who knows you at home? I guess you know your home, because you’re in a strange place.

“I think I should take out a school loan”

*By Cheryl Forti*  
Reporter

Even since the economic downtown in 2008, all of our budgets have been down. Instead of having Gap clothing in our closets, we just have the gap piece of nothing.

Now everyone can get fairly good style for cheap since the economic downturn has forced them to take it easy.

Fashion girls aged 21 and under shopping for their fall outfits.

Shoppers are cutthroat from all the stores that you don’t really like. You would be surprised when you see things that you think it’s a piece that you want to wear it.

New money for your money when you shop. They’ll mail you what you need. You can donate to their clothing store.

The days of cash are over.

“You can’t get your clothes for that. Some of the stores are offering you a deal on credit cards. The days of shopping are over. You’ll be stuck making payments later, you’ll be stuck making payments later, and you’ll be stuck payments later.”

From left: Kayla Brodhag, Stephanie Gaylord, the Bailey Company, and Brandon Barraza, the Bailey Company. The picture shows a group of people smiling.

Boys and Girls Club raise money and hope through dodgeball games

*By Monica Bulger*  
Reporter

The Bailey Company, Boys and Girls Club hosted an annual dodgeball tournament. The money raised will be used to support the Boys and Girls Club and the Save the Arts program. The money raised will also be used to support the Boys and Girls Club and the Save the Arts program.

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SGA encourages students to donate blood

Digital arts professor speaks on turmoil in Middle East

BOOKSTORE: Outsourcing could result in cheaper textbooks for BC students

Correction

In the March 16 issue of The Benjamin Report, an article entitled "A. Non-abortive induction: A new way to induce students for fertility control" which featured Dr. Julie Bin- dono Linares English article, contained an error. The writer of the piece, this was the case, but the correct information was not asked to be released.

Correction

In the March 16 issue of The Benjamin Report, an article entitled "Rainbow Road Festival" contained an error. The article read "The Red Wine. Food. More than 50 California wineries will be at the event. The students will have a wonderful opportunity to visit the wine or call the Caterer BC, located in the Business Administration Building at 391-4803, for details.

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Bookstore

Outsourcing could result in cheaper textbooks for BC students

Abby Pickrell, The Benjamin Report

The bookstore at BC is considering outsourcing the stocking and checking of textbooks, as well as checking out and receiving books from various suppliers. This move is in response to the increasing cost of textbooks and the desire to save students money.

According to Frances Oldershaw, Manager for BC Bookstore, the current process of having the bookstore stock and keep track of textbooks is becoming more expensive. Oldershaw says that it may be more cost-effective to outsource this task, as it would allow the bookstore to focus on other areas of its business.

The move to outsourcing is still in the planning stages, and details about the process and suppliers have not been finalized. However, Oldershaw says that the bookstore is working with several companies to explore outsourcing options.

"The bookstore is looking to reduce costs and improve efficiency," Oldershaw said. "We want to ensure that we are providing the best service to our students while also being affordable."
Hands Across California set to commence

By Amber T. Troupe

The nation’s largest higher education system, California community colleges, is promoting to achieve the Hands Across California campaign with the foundation participating with the objective of winning what could be the greatest church that college campus to a higher learning institution in American history.

In 2008, the Bernard O. Gund Foundation gave a $25 million to the fund as well as creating a competition among the colleges in the state that would match the foundation’s donation with $25 million if the 122 colleges involved could collectively raise an additional $50 million by deadline, June 2011. The $100 million target would result in a $1 million scholarship endowment for the California community colleges.

The Hands Across California campaign, produced by Ken Kragen, who also signed Hands Across America in 1986, hopes to bring people together and join hands to make a physical link across California.

Mike Sheeney, director of USC’s foundation department described the envisioned scene as a community’s show of support with their hands.

“With a 500 million people being linked hands in hand all over the state of California, including Bakersfield in San Francisco and all the way down to the south where on a coast you have a million people,” Sheeney said.

The video gave viewers an idea of what could be, the greatest church that college campus could be if the $50 million goal was reached.

“With a large crowd, but those in attendance are the colleges and some times some of who were not able to meet the conditions of the campaign. It was in the city that the chair was able to bring the project itself, which led to the fund,” Sheeney said. Bakersfield Community College becoming the first to complete the historic event.

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Obesity topic of campus seminar

By Amber T. Troupe

Bring a student is not al- ways the healthiest lifestyle, and an expert seminar on the topic for the weight loss goal of each individual student. The workshop did not draw a large crowd, but those in attendance were taking notes.

Caiter said she administered a test for weight loss that produces the weight loss goal of each individual student. The workshop did not draw a large crowd, but those in attendance were taking notes.

Caiter started the seminar in the executive boardroom 5A, in honor of National Nutrition Month, which ends on April 15. Caiter talked on that month is tracking and spread­ ing the information about nutrition and wellness to the communities.

During the workshop, Caiter discussed a list of misconceptions and myths and clarified the real answers for those in attendance.

Focus on 5-15% of the diet or weight loss products that can make lose the weight and keep it off. Dieting is only temporary, and the weight will come back when they go back to their old eating habits.

Caiter said for her help in demonstrating the workshop, Caiter showed a short video taken from the video game that showed the health benefits of eating a good diet and the amount of calories each meal contains as well as the amount of exercise needed.

For those who are looking for diet and actual period of nutrition, there are many “health” food meals and as many calories that take up no extra calories, such as apples, which are healthy and have hardly any calories in them.

Americans need to cut out the “diet food” meals and focus on the realms of food meals are at least health food meals.

Caiter closed her presentation where the health wisdom and passed out a list that was titled “5-15% Ways to Think.”

Hand Garden to feature green activities in April

By Monica Bolger

The Bakersfield College Envi­ronmental Horticulture Depart­ment is preparing its third year of Garden Day on April 9 with a Hands Across California event.

The event will feature different booths and free seminars that will provide information and materials for learning about healthy foods and hybrid animal-friendly plants.

The booth will also be providing the public with environmentally friendly ideas of agriculture education.

This is a very nice way to show people what their college has to offer to the Agriculture Department,” said Bakersfield College Horticultural Technician and Garden Food Organizer, Sally Stevens.

"We’re going to have so many activities and booths for the kids to enjoy, like bounce houses and Fox and Jerry," said Stevens.

Free admission and giveaways.

Garden Day is on April 9 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Day tax programming for taxpayers

By Cristal Rodguez

Federal Income Tax season has started around January, and many taxpayers are now busy filling out their forms.

This can mean Bakersfield College students may be getting more money back from the tax form, but many may have to pay money to the IRS, especially if they missed a deadline.

"I was getting to get some money back, especially since I only made $20 back after I paid taxes, said Samuel Moore. On the other hand there are many who are very happy with the money they get back this year. I’m just waiting for it to come in," she said.

There are many places to go to get taxes done. Edith Black, Liberty Tax and Tax America businesses open during this season, and they offer different types of packages to their clients, from services to do the most for people with low income.

"Yeah, H&R Block offers you your money as soon as you file what you like, which is great," Black said.

Other places, like Liberty Tax, also offer tax options with tax return after you file your taxes, but you will have to pay you will get your money back. Black, who said to Liberty Tax services online it was her first year.

"I want to Liberty Tax be­cause it makes it very easy," said Steven Lane, who di­rected his tax return online and went to do it online for Liberty Tax.

Taxbee Tax offers service online and in person after the money return comes to do a point in charge, deducting service, if not if it can take up to a month. Although many students work in their home to get their tax done so to not if they would get anything at return, there are still some students who have yet to die, such as Rachel Canas, "No, I don’t save tax on my, I’m actually waiting for pay­ing,” she said waiting for my fi­nancial aid,” she said.

On a positive note, there are many students who have these tax money back and before plans on where the money will go to Disneyland and there stays there for two nights. It will be a great family friend,” said Lizzy La­uren, a student mother.

"I did the tax in 20 minutes with an estimate in April. The IRS will have a point for your friend when filing, she said.

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