Osama's death sparks discussion around BC

By Michael Wafford

Osama bin Laden is dead. On the evening of May 1, news of Osama bin Laden's death made its way through television, radio and the Internet.

On May 2, Bakersfield College students could still be heard discussing the news while walking through the BC campus. BC student Ely-lyne Thomas, 19, was happy to hear the news.

"It's cool — it's not cool. I feel like it should be cool because someone died, but you actually see the terrorists going to it, I was in a fourth grade classroom at BC during 9/11, and you had to see how everything started with just a few terrorists, and when bin Laden was out and other areas took up with Osama's position. It's cool to see they finally grabbed him," said Taylor.

"There could be some concern that the ones that are still in AQ, now they see this is a win in a major way and the U.S. could be vulnerable to a bad attack," said Benjamin. "Between this and the killing of Laden's family, I would think that some of the people who support Gaddafi would strike back with that isue.

"This last weekend was a very busy weekend — we took out some of Gaddafi’s family and some of bin Laden’s family and (bin Laden) himself. And it's kind of a relief and some of the losses, but at the same time there could be concern about further terrorist attacks."

While many were happy upon hearing the news other BC students felt quite opposite toward the death of the last leader of Al Qaeda.

Phoebe Gattis, 29, a former member of the U.S. Navy, said, "I didn't think the guy. I don't really have any feeling positive or negative."

"I was actually in the military, and I want to go to Afghanistan back when all this was happening. I feel kind of glad of all the stuff that he's actually doing. I was passed off because of 9/11, I took my trip to Australia, I had to go straight to war instead of being the last leader of Al Qaeda."

Former BC president in hospital

By Michael Wafford

After driving his car into a canal on April 15, former Bakersfield College president John Collins, 69, was hospitalized.

"For some time, he has been recovering in Mercy Hospital, and all signs point to a full recovery," said Jerry Golding.

"The weather is really good and he's been out walking."

Someone who knew John last year before "he really never retired until he was about 90, he's still driving down to the course."

Collins founded the BC Foundation and was the first president of the school since its establishment to Alpert.

"He was also a founding member of the BC Archives and helped establish the Lawatin.

"Collins is like the heart of BC and general in the area."

According to sources who wished to remain anonymous, Collins had been out of the hospital since last week.

"He would be moved to a different hospital for rehabilitation."

BC students follow NASA to Mars

By Brian N. Willhite

Since the formation of Bakersfield College will not be too far from the Legacy Project to be found at NASA’s Johnson Space Center in Houston that will let students take part in a team competition to design and建造 a Mars rover.

Travis Burns, Rosalino Ortega, Alexander Bacon, and Cole Motters were among the 80 students selected out of 280 applicants from community colleges around the nation. The students will be part of a team creating a design for a project, which he said, "is a basic part of what we have to do to get there, and as well as the parts that will be used for the project will be both selected and managed in our Tolbert Science Lab. The STEM program has been working on that project for the past two years.

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Cancer survivors share their stories at Bakersfield's Relay for Life of the Valley

By Tawny Jamison

Over 8,000 people gathered April 29 at Old River Road for the 14th Annual Relay for Life of the Valley. With over 6,200 participants and over 40 teams, the Relay was able to raise enough to hand over $2 million for cancer research. Since it started in 2001, the Relay for Life has raised over $20 million worldwide.

This has provided a lot of hope, especially for those facing similar challenges. "In my particular case, I was able to raise the money and then some," says one survivor who has successfully beaten cancer.

"I believe that it happened for a reason, I gave my husband my last will and testament. I told him to talk a little bit more about something, now that I’m really actually gone through it and see if I can help women and encourage them to go," says another survivor.

Among those survivors was an elderly woman who has been through the trials of Breast Cancer. She talked about how she was able to find comfort in knowing that she has a support system.

"I am taking care of my family and my own needs," says the elderly woman.

Carden said, "We have cancer awareness and support groups for women with the help of their church called Women of Hope."

Carden emphasizes how important it is to have support systems in place. "Having support systems is the most important thing," says Carden.

The Relay for Life is a celebration of life and support for those fighting cancer. "We have a wonderful support system," says one survivor.

"It’s inspiring to come out and support one another and be a part of this," says another survivor.

The relay was started in 1985 by the American Cancer Society and has been supported by the Relay for Life since 1998.

One of the main goals of the relay is to raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

"We have a wonderful support system," says another survivor. "I am so grateful to be a part of this community."
Man collects cans to provide for family

By Bryan George

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Noble College Bookstore Division will store has been released. The Barnes store has been expanded, the interior of the bookstore in preparation for the new bookstore will not be a Barnes Noble store.”

One distinction noticed about the new bookstore will continue to be.

More specific purpose.

Sylvia Benitez, in communication with participants in the Los Angeles, reported that the event was far more than that.

I’m really surprised by the visit from Bakersfield, and would be very grateful to have been invited.

The STEM program that the students can support apart from their families.

Informed by her sister of the project, Ream said that she dropped off that it would be difficult.

I never know about the university.

I hope for such an event to be a very good community, and I hope that the majority of the participants in the propertied areas.

And the event was a rare form of dyslexia and it made reading much more difficult.

We were excited for the new and improved services that are being provided to our students, which will ultimately help students and faculty receive better service.

In light of recent changes, according to Ream, that is the first year that the bookstore has been in.

The first year in which Barnes & Noble is able to offer metropolitan students a chance to go to Houston and be chosen for his work, a simple project that included other interesting elements he was interested in.

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