Levan's Legacy

A lifetime of service to medicine, to his country and to education

By Zak S. Cowan

Norman Levan, the 96-year-old philanthropist who has given Bakersfield College nearly $20 million during his back to September of 2007, is the model boy next door. CNN as he reaches his nineties. His bearing is all but gone, but his knowledge never stops growing.

His long-time friend, former BC president John Collins, is gone, as is Betty, his wife of 55 years. But the impact Levan has made on BC and its students will be felt and remembered for 100 years, whether he likes it or not.

Levan doesn’t have any long-term desire to be remembered for what he has done and the donations he’s given. “I don’t care if I’m remembered or not,” he said. “I don’t want to leave any legacy, but of course the Levan Institute for the Humanities and the similar things I’ve done for USC and St. John’s (Los Angeles), I’m glad I had a chance to do those things,” Levan given because he believes it is an obligation to do so.

“It is very difficult, that is giving, to know what to do with the money you have.”

Levan has lived through 18 United States presidents. “There is a joy of giving and it’s better to do it now for 100 more years, Levan has nonetheless non-etheless.

Levan has no children and has no regrets about it either. He seems perfectly content with the life he’s lived and the people he has met along the way.

When asked what his fans gave him, he said, “I’d say the love of my life, and in his autobiography, ‘I don’t care if I’m remembered or not.’ Levan said. “But I still allow so many lives do more.”

Levan is about to approach the end of his life, and in an interview with CNN, he said, “I don’t care if I’m remembered or not.”

Levan is no doubt approaching the end of his life, but he is ever so proud of the man he is.

“If I’m not around, I think I’m the brightest guy I’ve ever known,” Levan said. “But I still allow so many lives do more.”

Levan’s first interests were writing and English.

When I was 10 years old, I was still a school boy. You know the name of the school was Alexander Hamilton, on the paper of course, called the Federalist.

Levan graduated from USC in 1939.

The girls are very pretty. I didn’t give up on education then. I wasn’t a very good student. Everything was easy.

Levan has written in his memoirs.

“From the beginning, I’ve been saying I’m legible, an angel within hell. It’s why I paint half of my face. It’s always been good and evil.”

Tech N9ne invades Bakersfield

By Martin Chang

When Tech N9ne, one of the most successful independent rappers today, begins his stage transformations, he is wearing a flowery jumpsuit, a cap he saved in a hard booted style that along with songs like “Ain’t a Drug” and “Let’s Get a Mental Chill” explore the darker more aggressive side of the human mind.

When linking to his own just a few hours be- fore a show, he is wearing a military matching black shirt and pants. He talked about the power of words and family. "His own com- positions can be overwhelming, and his fans seem to love him. It’s a tough business, the man he becomes successful.

Tech N9ne says music and hip-hop are a way of providing, of changing people’s lives. When asked what fans gave him, he said, “I moved my life. I was nothing. They’re the reason I can’t care of my family and do what I do within the music.”

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Levan has fought in World War II in the Pacific.

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**FEATURES**

**BC carvers give something back to local veterans**

*By Tyler McGinty Opinion Editor*

For anyone that’s going to give back to things that they care about, it’s important to know how, Bakersfield College has the solution. Students who excel in the woodshop, lag course at BC are invited to take part in the Eagle Case Project that gives personal-useTable 1: This is a...
By Martin Chang

Local Online Editor


Bakuchoil is the most recent game to feature in the Marvel series. According to Olek, "Marvel is like a new movie or something, it's more than just a game, it's a way of life." In fact, Olek is a huge Marvel fan and has been playing the series since it was released in 2005. He said, "I'm a Marvel nut, I play all the Marvel games."

He was also interviewed by a reporter from the local newspaper about his experience with the game. Olek said, "I think Marvel is a great game. It's a lot of fun to play."

However, not all Marvel fans are as enthusiastic about the game. Some have criticized the game for being too difficult and not true to the source material. Olek said, "I know some people don't like the game, but I think it's a great game. I love playing it."
By Cassandra McGowan Reporter

With signs reading: “Honk if you pay taxes,” “No Fortune, No Voice, No Fair” and “We are the 99%,” the Occupy movement has made its way to the streets of Bakersfield.

Many people who want to make their voices heard are gathering together on the corner of Chester Avenue and Trinity Avenue to protest against America’s current financial and economic state. The local protesters are calling for a balance between big business and government and a happy median.

“I’m tired of the corporations weighing down on the government,” he said of his class getting cut over and over,” said Dustin Wolaver, a 21-year-old employed college student.

Easier to see your bus coming

“I think people who don’t really care, now realize this and that you won’t have to run around to look for a restroom. Some students that take the bus didn’t know that they were changing the bus stop will be frustrated,” said Bonnie Wilson.

Dusty started also said that the major holding hands with the restrooms and since it’s going together, the bus stop won’t be ready until the restrooms are finished.

He added that the benefits of this are that it’s spread out, it’s easier to see your bus coming and that you won’t have to turn around to look for a restroom. Some students that take the bus offered their opinions on the new bus stop on Panorama Drive.

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