Victor Valley College Bond Measure JJ is a plan with four major components and a price tag of $297,500,000. Measure JJ will create a Workforce Development Center, build a Public Safety Center, provide funds for needed campus improvements and retire past Certificate of Participation borrowing spent on completed campus improvements.

The Workforce Development Center is by far the largest of the four components. VVC has a student population of approximately 14,000 with a maximum projected build-out for the campus of 20,000. The Board of Trustees has decided that these numbers, along with steadily increasing traffic congestion along Bear Valley Road, have created a need for an additional campus location to handle future expansion. Currently under consideration is a 47-acre site southeast of the intersection of Hwy 395 and Main Street/Phelan Road.

Development of the new center is planned to take place in three phases. VVC has been consulting with the southern California firm, GKK Works, known for providing integrated project delivery, to estimate and coordinate both costs and building plans.

Phase 1 (2009 – 2013) has a projected budget of $51,100,000 to fund a 48,000 gross square footage (GSF) building and needed infrastructure improvements. This phase will focus on providing the necessary classes to attract 500 full time equivalent (FTE) students.

Phase 2 (2013 – 2017), costing $41,200,000, will construct a 48,000 GSF building and provide additional infrastructure improvements. This phase will include a Business Academy, which will expand and develop new course offerings in response to new businesses and industries locating in the High Desert.

Phase 3 (2014 – 2018), budgeted at $68,000,000, will provide a 80,000 GSF building and complete needed infrastructure improvements. This phase will support a Health Sciences Academy and an expanded Hospitality program.

The entire cost of the Workforce Development Center is $160,500,000. This cost includes property purchase, building construction, parking providing 730 spaces and infrastructure improvements such as roads and signalization. To help bolster the High Desert economy, a percentage of the project will be required to be done by local contractors using local labor and material.

According to Ginger Ontiveros, Executive Director, VVC District Foundation, the intent is to make the Workforce Development Center a “stand alone location.” It will provide on-site administration and staff to handle registration, counseling, and campus police.

In addition, it will “create a relationship with the Work-
Letter from the Editor

In your hands, you’re holding the third issue of the Victor Valley College RamPage. This is the first time we’ve ever had 24 pages, the first time in at least 15 years we’ve had a cartoon strip, and one of the rare occasions this publication can afford color. Hopefully by November we’ll have fully functional newstands so you—the faculty or student reading this—can easily access this paper better.

This publication and staff has taken on a huge undertaking with this issue (and semester) by trying to give to the students a commemorative and memorable newspaper for the college; by expanding the reach to not only our students, but the community.

By any measure, we could not have completed the articles (like Peace-Jam or Bus Stop) gather some of the pictures (honestly, like on the front page) or complete the issue without the help of faculty and staff. So as we put this issue to bed with complex issues like Bond Measure JJ, fun topics like Knotts Scary Farm, and our hard-hitting sports coverage we hope to continue having an interesting semester.

Thank you for reading.

Brandon R. Chiz
Editor-in-Chief

Parking Woes Persist

Story and Photos By
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RamPage Reporter

Parking on the upper campus of Victor Valley College has been difficult to find this year, and the situation doesn’t seem to be improving.

Students and faculty members have found themselves parking farther and farther away from their classes. The administration has formed a committee to address the problem but stresses that funds are scarce.

VVC Public Information Officer, Bill Greulich, said income from parking is "not even close to enough to support parking more lots.”

“Instead of competing for parking on upper campus, (students should) park in lot 16 across from the gym and take the elevator," said VVC Director of Operations and Maintenance, Christopher Hylton.

Parking on the lower campus or in the dirt next to lot 12 is something VVC students may have to get used to for awhile. A $3 million parking allotment proposed on the November ballot could positively aid parking if passed.

According to Greulich, parking tickets are a better source of funds for the college than parking permits. No matter where people decide to park at VVC, they should be sure to display their parking permit clearly to avoid a ticket from campus police.

For any additional information, concerns questions, contact the Campus police at (760) 245-4271 ext. 2555.

Education Center Bonds Campus to Community

Story By
Kristen Johnson
RamPage Reporter

The new Education Center opening soon in Victorville provides Victor Valley College the opportunity to grow and help people in the community reach their goal of succeeding in college.

“The purpose of this center is to bring the classroom experience to the neighborhood,” said Public Information Officer Bill Greulich.

The need for a center that prepares people for college presented a challenge that VVC stepped up to answer.

An additional need was for Hispanics to have a place to learn English as a second language was also focus of the center.

The Basic Skills and English Departments will be key to running the center. Courses to be offered include English as a Second Language, citizenship, basic study skills and college prep classes.

Fees for the center will be about $20 per unit. According to Greulich, this will provide an inexpensive way for people to see education as a valuable asset. Greulich added, “People are afraid to come onto our campus because of the size of the student population and the number of buildings. This center offers something more.”

The center is located on the southwest corner of Seventh and A Street in Victorville.

VVC professors will be working at the center, only daytime classes will be offered.

Lorena Ochoa is one of VVC staff member helping at the education center. Ochoa has been a counselor for Hispanic students for a year. Her job at the education center will be to counsel students learning English and offer them alternative options for education.

Ochoa said her goal is to make herself known to 85 percent of the classes that have English learning students on the roster. “People see me and know who I am,” said Ochoa. “It gives the students a sense of belonging and community.”

Ochoa says that she sees the center as vital to improving High Desert neighborhoods and help students develop basic skills.

“Anything that helps community and education is beneficial,” said Ochoa.

The center will be open in October. Greulich said, “There is always the possibility of expansion and opportunity for...
Students React to Bus Service Changes

Story and Photos By Michael Moore
RamPage Reporter

More buses have been added to serve the increased rider-ship on the three most important routes for Victor Valley College students. In addition, the Victor Valley Transit Authority introduced two bus routes to serve new housing developments in Hesperia, Victorville and Adelanto.

The effect of these new routes for students will be limited, as neither connects directly to the college.

VVC students benefit from the new 30 minute frequency on route 43 from Apple Valley, route 53 from the mall and route 45 from Victorville. All three routes meet at the college, VVTA's key transfer location. The 30-minute schedule is effective during the busiest hours, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. "This makes it more convenient," said Marie, who takes the bus almost daily.

Britany takes classes at VVC Mondays and Wednesdays. Although she could be using her car, she prefers the bus. "It's just more cost efficient to take the bus," she said, although that decision makes her day start early. To be at VVC at 8:30 a.m., she needs to take a bus at 7:45 a.m., with one connection. Britany puts it positively. The early start provides her with the advantage of catching a bus that is "not too busy or too loud". These conditions allow her to catch up with some reading.

The upcoming route 54 will cover west Victorville. The new route will provide much needed service to residences on either side of Palmdale Road and Bear Valley Road. This area experienced tremendous growth in recent years.

In the past, students pointed out the lack of a bus route in this area. The new route seeks to satisfy the growing demand for public transportation.

The student body at VVC has reacted positively to the

Puente Program Offers Helping Hand

Story and Photo By Anthony Resendez
RamPage Reporter

The combined efforts of Johnson and English instructor Judy Solis will help bring achievement to students who desire to become leaders and mentors.

Currently, the program has 15 students enrolled in English 50 and Guidance 50. The initial program requirements. Necessary second semester courses are English 101 and Guidance 101.

"Students are only required to participate in classes for one year. Once they complete the classes, they are still connected to Puente," said Johnson. "As the counselor, I still see them individually. If they need letters of recommendation for college, myself and Judy Solis will write those for them," said Johnson.

Johnson, an emigrant from Jamaica, migrated to America. where she started first grade. She knows firsthand the difficulties associated with cultural differences.

Individual, cultural and family differences are collectively understood and intermingled throughout this well-coordinated program.

Johnson’s resources will help pave the way for opportunities in education, communication and mentoring.

The next events scheduled are "Make a Difference Day" and Puente Student Motivational Conference. For more information on the Puente Program, call (760) 245-4271 Ext. 2629.
Hopes Alive for ASB Haunted House

“ASB officers have shared an interest in making a haunted house on campus for Halloween.”

Story By
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Every semester, holidays and special occasions are celebrated with gatherings and activities put together by Victor Valley College clubs; this Halloween is no different. The Associated Student Body is making plans to open a haunted house on campus.

“ASB officers have shared an interest in making a haunted house on campus for Halloween” said ASB President Christina Zambrano.

ASB is very busy in the months of August through December, which leaves them unsure if everything will come together in time for Halloween. However, ASB Arts and Music Senator, Greg Harbor, said, “We like to follow through (with our ideas).” Harbor says they have been dedicating all of their spare time to making the haunted house come to life. Their biggest priority is finding a location. Harbor has emailed professors who teach in the Performing Arts Center and asked for permission to use the stage for the haunted house, but if one professor declines then the PAC is off limits.

“If it doesn’t go through the PAC, then it’ll be somewhere on the lower campus,” said Harbor. He continued with, “It will be a success.”

The goal is to open the haunted house Oct. 24-26, the weekend before Halloween. Most of the decorations will come from the PAC’s stage props. According to Harbor, the cast of the haunted house will most likely be students who volunteer to dress up in costume, and the inside of the house will be completely dark and frightening.

“I’m hoping it’ll be great,” Harbor said.

‘King’s New Clothes’ Also Suits Kids

Story By
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This fall English professor and drama teacher Claudia Basha is back to direct the upcoming comedy, The King’s New Clothes.

Based on the tale by Hans Christian Anderson, the play is about a king who loves new clothes. When two swindlers get wind of the king’s obsession, they pose as tailors and tell the king they will sew him a magical suit. In the end the king is tricked, and there is no suit at all, leaving a moral that states even though things appear to be true, they are not always.

According to Basha, the play was chosen because of its involvement with the Free Children’s Theater, which takes place at Victor Valley College.

This program allows elementary and middle-school kids to come and preview the play for free every morning before the play is performed that night. Full of comedy and laughter, “this play will be a hit among the kids,” said Basha.

Auditions for the play took place Sept. 25 at VVC. It is not known who will be performing, including the narrator, king, queen and soldiers. Basha said, “many people have expressed interest in participating in the play and I expect a good turnout at the auditions. You never know who will show up.”

The play will take place in the Performing Arts Center on Nov. 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 23 at 2:30 p.m. The price for general admission is $10 with seniors and for children $7. ASB card holders can attend one play per semester for free.

On Thursday, Nov. 20 admission will only be $1 per person, and canned food donations for the Red Cross will be accepted.

For more information on this event, call Claudia Basha at 760-245-4271 extension 2342.
The year is 1955, and when the weather causes road closures the lives of eight bus riders collide. The individuals find themselves stuck at a diner 30 miles west of Kansas City for the night. When the bus finally pulls away, they find their lives changed.

Elizabeth Dennison plays Grace, the diner owner. When asked why she auditioned, she said “Ed is an awesome director, so just about anything he does I like to do, because I know it’s gonna be an awesome play.” Dennison describes herself as “naturally very strong”, so playing the “scrappy” restaurant owner was not a very far reach.

Also working at the diner is Elma Duckworth, played by Brooke Bishop. Elma is described by Brooke as being “probably one of the most intuitive characters.” In the play she has an eye opening experience when the ex college professor with a fondness for younger women comes on to her while intoxicated.

The professor, played by Nicolas Dye, is unsuccessful but Dye enjoyed playing the character because of “his arrogance, fragility, and the delicate balance” between the two.

The three remaining characters have an interesting dynamic. Cheri, a chanteuse played by Amber Crankshaw, is “innocent, ditsy, and clueless” says Crankshaw. Cheri has been dragged onto the bus by Bo Decker, played by Charles Feuerstine who describes Bo as a “rowdy, lovestruck cowboy.” Accompanied by a ranch hand named Virgil, played by Jeffery Hume, who has practically raised Bo, the cowboy ends the play “realizing the difference between right and wrong,” said Feuerstine. Though resistant throughout the play, Cheri leaves the diner with Bo, optimistic about their life together.

The new black box theatre seats about 140, but for Bus Stop the seating was condensed down to about 72. When asked why he chose the black box theatre, director Ed Heaberlin said “…it is more intimate and involves the audience in the play.”

Though the plot was interesting and the actors well committed, many may have left Bus Stop thinking: What happened to Virgil?
Hispanic Heritage month is from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, and Victor Valley College has nothing on its calendar to commemorate it.

Now this may come as a surprise to some folks, but Hispanic Heritage month is not just a time to break piñatas and eat tacos. According to the US Census Bureau, it was September of 1968, when Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week, it was later expanded to a whole month of recognition.

Five Latin-American countries celebrate their Independence on September 15th. Mexico and Chile celebrate their Independence on Sept. 16 and 18, respectively. There is a minimum of 25 percent of VVC students and Hispanic students attending VVC, yet currently there is no Hispanic oriented club.

VVC is no stranger to celebrating cultural events. Along with its very first Pow Wow, the campus has seen many diverse festivities for occasions such as Martin Luther King day and Dia De Los Muertos, which is a traditional Mexican holiday. Even so, one might wonder why a college with a large amount of Hispanics is without any club that represent them.

ESL counselor Lorena Ochoa, is actively involved with the Hispanic community on campus. When speaking about the responsibility of beginning a Hispanic club she said, “Ultimately, it is the students who need to take initiative and find a staff member to support the club goal, foster relationships, and promote activities.”

Hispanic Heritage month is a time to unify the subcultures among the culture. It is a time to reflect upon the history of its people. “It is important to acknowledge the different contributions that Hispanic cultures have made to society and acknowledge their successes,” said Ochoa. “There needs to be a student interest (in starting a Hispanics club),” she said. Along with her intense enthusiasm for the Hispanic community, Ochoa is assured that for its size, VVC is doing a great job recognizing its cultural diversity.

Hispanic Heritage month is here to stay. Although there are no activities on campus to celebrate it, feel encouraged, strong, and find something to do that is meaningful and significant to your Hispanic culture, even if that is just sitting down with family; enjoying their company, and maybe even eating tacos.
Knott’s Berry Farm’s annual horror fest, Knott’s Scary Farm, continues with even more fearsome attractions that will keep everyone on edge. With new attractions like The Slaughter House, The Labyrinth, Quarantine, Alien Annihilation, Corn Stalkers and Club blood, guests will enjoy a horrifically scary day. KSF will also be bringing back the previous mazes, such as The Doll Factory, Lost Vegas in 3D, Killer Clown Kollege, The Asylum, Pyromaniax, 13 Axe Murder Manor and Black Widows Cavern. All of these terrifying attractions are not recommended for children under 13. For the younger ones, KBF has created the Camp Snoopy theme park. This six-acre fun-filled attraction is not available during the time of KSF, although is perfect for children with rides like GhostRider, Timber Mountain Log Ride, Butterfield Stagecoach and many more.

Knott’s Berry Farm created its first scare tactic Oct. 31, 1973 with ‘Halloween Haunt’. Through the years it has transformed into what is now known as Knott’s Scary Farm.

Knott’s Scary Farm is the first and largest Halloween amusement park to this day. Annual Halloween Haunt; KSF is extending the gruesome days to a first time ever 28 days. Now people can enjoy an even longer delightful or perhaps frightful day. Also joining the horrifying fun will be Pediatric Adolescent Diabetes Research Education also known as the PADRE foundation. The foundation will be bringing teen-agers with diabetes to Knott’s Scary Farm, “About 45 teens will be going to Knott’s Scary Farm,” said Brittany Rausch an employee of the PADRE foundation. According to Rausch, team coordinator Ryan Marks is the one who put this whole thing together, “We have regular team events each year,” although according to Rausch the KSF trip will just be once a year, “The kids will be going this weekend,” which will be Oct. 11. KSF 28 days of gruesome fun started Sept. 25 and is set to continue through Oct. ending on Nov. 1. The pre-sale tickets are about 49.99 and the day of the event will be about 52.99. Tickets can be ordered online through Ticketmaster.com or over the phone at (714) 220-5000.

Knott’s Scary Farm is the first and largest Halloween amusement park to this day.
VVC Students Blood Donation Sets Record

Story and Photo By
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Victor Valley College students reached an all time high in donations, as LifeStream held their fall blood drive at the college on Wednesday Oct. 6, 2008. LifeStream collects blood for hospitals across southern California from San Diego County to San Bernardino County. During the VVC blood drive, three mobile donation centers were available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Each bus is equipped and staffed to perform a small physical exam on all volunteers and draw blood from up to four donors at the same time.

John Traubert, area representative for LifeStream, was hoping to collect between 150 and 200 units of blood at VVC. The organization needs to collect 500 units daily "to keep our hospitals supplied," said Traubert. By the end of the day, LifeStream had sent 263 units on their way to the organization's lab in San Bernardino. "It is the most successful Blood Drive at VVC to date," said Kristy Heisser, the area representative for the High Desert and Mountain areas for LifeStream.

Jonée Braedock gave blood for the first time. As a phlebotomist and nursing major, she knows about the importance of blood drives. She had to wait for an hour from registration until she entered in the bus. "It is worth it" she said, as her pint of blood was flowing through the tube. A 16 oz. bag is filled in five to ten minutes. "Think of giving blood as possibly saving one life", is her advice to people reluctant to give blood.

For Jay Steward giving blood is out of the question. "I really do not like needles" he said. Most students who decide not to give blood, share the fear of needles. Just like the 324 students that attempted to donate blood, Gilbert Ancheta believes in the good that giving blood does. "I wear this with pride" he said, pointing at the bandage on his arm. Due to the students' effort, "More units were collected in one day, than we have ever done cumulatively in a school year!" said Kristy Heisser, calling the blood drive "extremely successful."

About a month ago, the former Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties changed its name to "LifeStream". The name change has become necessary, because the old name did no longer represent the operational area. This area has constantly been growing over the last years. "The new name represents the continuously flowing stream of blood supplies" said John Traubert. This flow is no longer limited to two counties. LifeStream collects blood and supplies hospitals throughout southern California. The organization's operational area covers San Bernardino County, Riverside County, L.A. County, Orange County and San Diego County.

Mall Phase I Gets Mixed Reviews

Story by
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The Mall of the Victor Valley has been a major focal point for the high desert since its opening in 1986. Development around the mall has been emphasized by its central role as the major economic force for the Victor Valley. Macerich Co., a major shopping center management entity, oversees our mall. Last semester The RamPage featured the mall renovations, and introduced some of the faces behind the mall. Macerich is the force behind those very renovations.

Now renovations are done at the mall. We talked to students, mall employees and in particular, Mr. Vito Bello, the Marketing Director for the mall, to hear how the responses have been.

So far, students seem to have a mixed position on the first phase of renovations. "I think the entrances should have been improved, like the handicap doors near my store are always broken, and I miss the piano player" said Joshua Winn, VVC student and clerk at Lens-Crafters in the mall.

Val Molinar, a mall custodian and VVC student, finds that the updates are also sometimes misplaced or poor. Molinar cited the new trash cans as being faulty and the floors harder to clean. As a student, Molinar feels that the mall’s update offers no further appeal. "It’s just the place I work at," Molinar said.

On the other side Damon Ebeling, a first-semester VVC student, liked the updates. The talking trashcans, candy stores and comfy chairs in the play place all ranked high on his list. "I love candy, it’s expensive, but it’s delicious."

Vito Bello is more optimistic. By utilizing a more open feel to the mall, the shoppers have responded with overwhelming positivity and increased traffic. The positive response has spurred the direction of the mall in its choices of stores, as well. Second phase of renovations will begin and end in 2009. Those renovations will be extensive, to include the exterior, new shops such as Tilly’s and Nestle’s Tollhouse.

A new gift card plan carried through American Express has also been charted. The new cards will be vast improvements on past cards. American Express’ experience as the leader in gift card services is adding numerous features to past cards. Most basically these cards will be more widely accepted and utilized by the shops of the mall.

With these additional improvements coinciding with the exterior renovations, the mall is moving to new grounds. Increasing market population has moved Macerich Co. to seriously address the changing face of the high desert and its growing population. Macerich Co. is facing this change with a positive direction: having residents in mind.
Authors and Artists Called to Compete

Story By
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The Victor Valley College English Department is currently planning the 22nd annual writing contest for this upcoming spring and is currently accepting submissions. The contest is exclusive to VVC students. The winners of the contest are printed in the annual VVC English Department Writing Contest magazine.

The deadline for submissions is typically in mid-March, though a specific deadline has not been set at this time. Further announcements with a specific deadline are to come in future announcements. Students can submit essays, personal narratives, short fiction, short-short fiction and visual artwork.

Winners of the contest receive monetary prizes. The prizes for each writing category are $75 for first place, $50 for second place and $25 for third place. While writers who receive an honorable mention are not awarded a monetary prize, their work is published alongside the winners.

Similarly, $50 is awarded to the artist who is published on the front cover and $35 for the artist published on the back cover. Artists published inside the magazine do not receive monetary prizes.

Content of the submissions is fairly open, but there are restrictions. “There are no subject limitations for any submissions aside from porn. Submitted pieces can’t be pornographic,” said Tim Adell, the contest’s coordinator and a VVC English teacher, regarding content of submitted pieces. The contest magazine is currently printed in black and white, so any submitted artwork must look good in black and white.

“Submitting writing to publishers is an important part of being a writer—there’s a risk being taken,” said Tim Adell, an English teacher and the coordinator of the writing contest in a Sept. 30, 2008 interview. Two-time contest winner Cynthia Brassfield says that the contest gave her a lot of confidence. “The contest has really inspired me to take some writing classes,” Brassfield said in an October 2nd interview. Submissions are judged by a rotating staff of judges, and an author’s name is not tied to a submission during the judging process. English teacher Claudia Basha was a judge for the contest last year. “Cover pages are removed (when we judge submissions),” Basha said in an October 2nd interview.

Submissions can be sent by email or given directly to Adell. All submitted material must include a cover sheet with the author’s name, address, student ID number, and category for submission. Inclusion of an email address is optional but encouraged. Submissions are limited to five pieces from any of the categories per person.

The past three years of the contest have seen the addition of a teacher’s annex wherein teachers can submit writing to have their work printed alongside students’ work. Teachers are not eligible for the prizes and do not compete with each other to be printed.

The magazine from last year’s contest is now available for purchase in the bookstore and can be bought directly from Adell, as well.

“The contest has really inspired me to take some writing classes,” -Cynthia Brassfield

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On a Thursday morning, Sept. 11, 2008, the seventh anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Centers in New York, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and several other Nobel Peace Prize Laureates would gather at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles to undertake possibly the most aggressive challenge never entirely accomplished but always aspired. Six Laureates will attempt to legitimately end war, violence and promote Peace by creating a global call to action. Members of the Associated Student Body along with other members of the Victor Valley College would attend the event ultimately feeling enlightened, happy, and generally more productive.

PeaceJam was held at LMU where just three days prior LMU students were on MSNBC for aggressive partying, the coolest oxymoron of all time. LMU is a private Catholic school, with absurd yet productive frats, questionable yet poised sororities, highly successful college students, and an incredibly gorgeous campus: basically a typical private university. Peace has already been achieved, here. It’s still a little much to take in. PeaceJam will address disease, human rights, racism, and equal access to natural resources, environmental degradation, and weapons proliferation, all within one conference. However, Dawn Engle and Ivan Survanjieff, founders of PeaceJam, do not waver. And, they are completely serious.

“Anything can become normal, in life,” Ivan Survanjieff said “That’s what my parents told me, in high school, and even after high school. To create long-lasting peace, a call to action isn’t just the police’s responsibility, or our parent’s, or politician’s responsibility, it’s all of our responsibility; which is why this is a global call to action.”

Dawn Engle and Ivan Survanjieff is a quiet, passionate, pair. When talking about war, they speak in past tense, and when they talk about peace they speak with a convictional present tense. Again, what needs to be known about Engle and Survanjieff is they do not waver. This is a group who started the idea with less then 20 dollars in their bank account. PeaceJam was created in the summer of 1994 when Survanjieff was talking with some gang members from his neighborhood in North Denver when he discovered that these youth, who supposedly were carrying guns, didn’t care about the election, other people, or peace; they only really cared about there “turf”. But they did know who Archbishop Desmond Tutu was, and they appreciated his nonviolent efforts toward social change. Apparently, the
most worldly-aware gang members live in North Denver.

Engle had met the Dalai Lama during her years of work for the U.S. Congress, where she lobbied on behalf of the Tibetan cause. Engle and Survanjieff were then granted an audience with His Holiness The Dalai Lama, who liked the idea. Years later, The Dalai Lama then turned to a series of other Noble Laureates, and the annual meeting grew making PeaceJam the only foundation in the world to have such a large number of Nobel Peace Laureates working together continuously on a central goal. With confidence, however not arrogance, Dawn Engle isn’t surprised by the goals. Engle is just as passionate and un-wavering on such topics, however she speaks more earthly than her male partner as she’s measured her speech to gently conversation, even she speaks with her own calculated conviction.

"PeaceJam has seen first-hand the power and drive of young people to act in the interest of the world we all share," said Dawn Engle, PeaceJam co-founder. "The Global Call to Action is a natural extension of PeaceJam's commitment to action and to bringing young people together with the wisdom and experience of Nobel Laureates.”

As Engle and Survanjieff introduced the laureates each one told a story of each part of the world yet unsaved. Betty Williams is a fiery, winner, Ireland born Peace Prize winner for her 1976 work as a cofounder of Community of Peace People, an organization dedicated to promoting a peaceful resolution to The Troubles in North Ireland. Williams starts her speech by pointing to her tongue, “This is my weapon of mass destruction.” Betty Williams said, “We’ll never change the world just by complaining about it… so, we’re going to be demanding a change of the world’s weapons budget that take lives and make that same budget go towards the 48 million children who are orphaned in Africa.” However, perhaps her most startling statement came in the second day in a filled auditorium when she had made claim that “In New York on 9/11 3,030 people were murdered in the name of Allah. And on that same day 35,615 children died from conditions of starvation and nobody said a word.” Rightfully saddened, the audience turned to Adolfo Perez Esquivel.

Perez-Esquivel is an advocate for human rights, including social and economic. He created an organization called Servicio Paz y Justicia meaning the Peace and Justice Service. He spent 14 months in prison, as a government captive, where he was brutally tortured. It has been said that when Adolfo was released, people tried to celebrate in his honor and feed him in festivals, and generally help him live more freely. However, he denied all of these things. When his friends and relatives asked why he had not jumped for joy, ate better or lived more freely, he said in jail, nothing changed. They possessed his body but not his mind. He said he could still think anything he wanted, change that disgusting slop into a seven-course meal, and turn that ten by ten cell into paradise. They possessed his body, but not his mind. This man quite literally turned a hell out of heaven and heaven out of hell. The day after being released, Perez-Esquivel stood next to his fellow citizens and took the frontlines in the fight against his government. Despite the opposition he has had, Perez-Esquivel insists that the struggle must only be waged non-violently. This is exactly who Bono wants to be.

At first looks, he could easily win a Spanish-Einstein look-alike contest, however, the man stood before us has far more quiet Zen-like quality, and for him, it worked. Perez-Esquivel has a Castilian Spanish that gently commands attention and focus. He spoke distinctly. Every word and syllable had a purpose and a place. However, LMU’s budget helps when Perez-Esquivel speaks. LMU’s study halls are the most awesome generic room anyone could
Some Dare to Touch the Funnest iPod

Story and Photo by
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Apple released its newest version of the iPod touch on Wednesday, Sept. 17. Advertised as “The Funnest iPod ever;” the newest iPod touch is a second generation rejuvenated and refreshed version of the original.

The iPod touch has its original features along with new hardware improvements including a new sleek stainless steel design that is thinner than the original version. It also includes intergraded volume control buttons on the left hand side. Easy access to volume control is convenient for the consumer. The iPod touch now comes with a built-in speaker which is ideal for casual listening.

In addition to hardware improvements the iPod touch now has new improved features such as the creation of the Genius playlist. This feature finds songs from its library that are musically similar. A playlist can instantly be created based upon the consumer’s choice of song or artist. With up to 36 hours of audio and six hours of video battery life consumers are now able to enjoy their iPods for longer extended period of time.

Brent Mathews, an Apple representative with The Apple Store in Victoria Gardens, Rancho Cucamonga says, “It gives you freedom to do anything, check the weather, stock, music, email and movies.” Mathews added, “Everyone is interested in it. A man who was born in 1921 came in the store a couple days ago to purchase the new iPod touch.”

Marcella Mendieta, a 12 year old girl browsing in The Apple Store said, “The iPod touch is awesome. It’s so modern. Apple thinks of such good things. I’m asking my dad to buy me one because I really want it.”

Second generation touch iPods can be purchased at any Apple Store or at almost any electronic store and ranges from $229 to $399.

“The new iPods are pricey and are too complicated. I personally wouldn’t invest my money in them,” said 21 year old Melanie Huerta.

Some consumers believe its “The Funnest iPod ever” and others believe it simply isn’t worth the investment.

Food Options Beyond the Menu

Story and Photo By
Robin Madrid-Pence
Photo Editor

If you have ever wondered why your order of fries looks so ordinary compared to those of the guy sitting next to you at your favorite fast-food eatery, it just may be that he knows a secret you don’t. Many local restaurants offer items not found on their menu. At In-n-out burger, the Animal Style Fries are topped with cheese, pickles, spread and grilled onions. It is a meal in itself. The cost for those locally is $3.33. The Animal Style burgers are loaded with extra topping and costs vary depending on the burger. You can order a Protein Style burger which omits the bun and instead, comes wrapped in a fresh lettuce leaf. For the non-meat eaters, a grilled cheese is also available.

At Del Taco, you can still order the Bun Taco. It was removed from the menu years ago, but can still be ordered today. It is basically taco filling on a bun instead of a tortilla. The price for the Bun Taco is about 2 dollars.

If you need an extra pick-me-up at anytime, a “Red eye” from Starbucks might do the trick. It is a shot of espresso added to your coffee. For chai drinkers, who need the extra caffeine, a “Dirty Chai” is a shot of espresso added to chai tea.

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Gossip Girl Gets Controversial

Story By
Valerie Brackens
RamPage Reporter

A devious-sounding narrator concludes every episode of Gossip Girl with five small words: “You know you love me.” It’s such a simple phrase, but one may wonder: does America love Gossip Girl? Although the show’s target audience is female teens and young women from 18 to 24, industry executives and the public are realizing that their target audience may not be the only ones watching the racy show. The show, airing on KTLA Monday nights at 8 p.m., has also reached the “tween” audience (ages 9-12), quickly getting parents up in arms.

“I have a 10 year old and a 12 year old, and I think that the show is too adult for kids that age…I think that more people under 18 watch the show be-cause in today’s day and age, younger kids are eager to grow up and watch older kids’ television shows. If they were around 17 or 18, then maybe it would be okay for them to watch it,” said Ashley Simmons, mother of two.

Everything about the show exudes mature and racy appeal. The show’s advertising features sensual screenshots of the cast, such as the shows’ diabolical Chuck Bass (Ed Westwick) looking dreamily at a woman while placing a cherry on her tongue, with the acronym “OMFG” spread across the bottom. Other advertisements feature phrases like “Every Parent’s Nightmare.”

“Although the show’s advertising is sexual in nature, and borderline inappropriate, I do not think that the show needs to be on a different network. Other shows on basic cable are about the same, almost worse. I think it is up to the parents to monitor the shows their children watch,” said Simmons.

Based on a series of books written by Cecily Von Ziegesar, the series follows the lives of six privileged students living in New York’s Upper East Side. The show exposes their glamorous lifestyle, including champagne lunches at New York’s most prestigious hotels, high-profile fashion shows and parties and, of course, hot, steamy romances. In contrast to Gossip Girl? Although the show’s advertising is sexual in nature, and borderline inappropriate, I do not think that the show needs to be on a different network.

Gossip Girl is new to our college paper and will probably be one of the most controversial items this semester. Nonetheless, we here at the RamPage feel the topic of human sexuality is just as important as any other topic.

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And while it can be fun to explore, it can also be dangerous. The purpose of this column is to inform students about the many aspects of human sexuality in a way that college students can relate to…from one peer to another. I am NOT an advice columnist nor am I certified in any area of psychology.

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Obama Outfits Just Politics

Story and Photo by
Scott Stephens
RamPage Reporter

Barack Obama shirts have become a serious fashion item on the Victor Valley College campus in the last few months, and his high approval among many young college students may be the reason why. Ever since the Democratic presidential nominee entered the national spotlight last year, numerous teenagers and young adults have shown their support by wearing his likeness.

“It was word of mouth,” said Urban Outfitters employee Angela Garcia by telephone from Victoria Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga, on how the Obama shirt trend began. (No contacted local businesses were willing to discuss the subject.) “You got high school kids, college students and even some older people buying them,” said Garcia. Despite having multiple Obama shirt suppliers, Urban Outfitters has been struggling to keep up with the demand said Garcia. “They sell out pretty quickly….we got men’s and women’s.”

“You can wear Obama shirts for different reasons. I’m sure it started out with people who really cared,” said Victor Valley College student Jason Hutson. People have debated over the true reasons for Obama’s popularity with college students, with some saying it’s a cultural fad, and others saying it’s a sign of youth finally becoming involved in the political process.

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So send your questions to laylalovejoy@gmail.com. But remember, not all emails will make it to the column. Only serious emails/topics will be selected. No subject is taboo; so don’t be afraid to ask. Hope to hear from you soon!
Top Ten Song Singles

1. T.I. “Whatever You Like”
2. Pink “So What”
3. Kanye West “Love Lockdown”
4. Rihanna “Disturbia”
5. M.I.A “Paper Planes”
6. Katy Perry “Hot and Cold”
7. T-Pain Featuring Lil Wayne “Can’t Believe It”
8. Ne-Yo “Closer”
9. Taylor Swift “Love Story”
10. Estelle Featuring Kanye West “American Boy”

Top Five Albums

1. Metallica – Death Magnetic
2. Demi Lovato – Don’t Forget
3. Ne-Yo - Year Of The Gentleman
4. The Pussycat Dolls – Doll Domination
5. Kings Of Leon – Only By The Night

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Word Search Puzzle: Marilyn Monroe

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Let's Make Love  Love Happy  Right Cross
Love Nest  Some Like It Hot
Misfits  We're Not Married
Monkey Business

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The printing of Dial M for Ninja marks the first time in at least 15 years that an ongoing comic strip has been used as a regular feature in the VVC RamPage. The strip is projected to appear in the next four issues of the RamPage.

Dial M for Ninja was created by RamPage Editor-in-Chief Brandon Chiz and reporter Evan Spears. Spears will write and illustrate Dial M for Ninja. The strip is an absurdist look at college life seen through the filter of superhero and fantasy comic books and will follow the exploits of a VVC student who happens to be a ninja.

Evan Spears is a transfer student and a fourth-year studio art major from University of California Riverside. Send an email to sweatshopcomix@gmail.com to contact the artist.
Opinion

Strange Bird Gets Around

Story By
Nancy Sexton
Special Projects Editor

My hubby and I went to Hesperia Lake one Saturday. We watched the different groups of fishermen throwing out their fishing lines hoping to see them pull in some fish. Then we saw one young man go over to his fish stringer and lift it up; there were several large fish on his stringer. We couldn’t tell what kind of fish they were but they were very active, jumping and definitely alive. Which made the bird look somewhat out of balance.

I watched those birds do their laughable antics; it brightened my day by giving me a good laugh.

While we were watching the fishermen a strange looking bird came along. It was black with a very strange looking tail. The tail was approximately 6” long, nearly as long as the rest of the birds body.

Then the wind began to blow; it caught the bird’s tail, the tail began to act like the sail on a boat, it moved that bird around in the strangest and funniest ways.

One part of the tail touched the ground and dragged behind the bird like an anchor! My hubby and I had a good chuckle while watching that bird try to stay in one place and eat while the wind blew its body around.

The next week I came to Victor Valley College to attend one of my classes and as I rode my scooter around the college lake I noticed those crazy black bird’s were on the campus also.

I stopped my scooter and watched those birds do their laughable antics; it brightened my day by giving me a good laugh. I still don’t know the name of these loveable and funny birds. I guess we humans aren’t God’s only creations that can look really silly sometimes!

Heard Around the Lake

Interviews and Photos by Melissa Gomez, Features Editor

“Besides, McCain or Obama, who would you elect for President?”

"Oprah, she is involved in politics a lot, and she would know what to do with the right people behind her." -Kenny Landrum

"Obama because I don't know any famous person that could be a president." -Roger Bavon

"Princess Diana, because she was light-hearted, nice and a friendly woman, she was ready to help at anytime and (she) dedicated her life to people."

-Nataliya Hyrych

"I would choose Obama, Obama is the right person we are ready for a change."

-Louis Raniez

"Oprah! is totally who I would pick, she's great because she's a strong powerful woman and she believes in the same things I believe in, she's bomb."

-Elizabeth Jeffers

"Shakira because she is a very humble person, she would do anything to help us and that's what we need."

-Zayra Olvera
**Character Key to Late Rams’ Rally**

**Story by**
Bill Buttler
**Managing Editor**

After looking like a frustrated fighter down and out of punches, Victor Valley College stood up and delivered late knockout blows to Golden West College to earn a heart-stopping overtime football win.

The 34-31 home victory, played Oct. 4, improved the Rams' season record to 2-3 and kept them undefeated in conference play.

Following 56 minutes of play, it appeared the Rams would be undone by their own worst enemy--themselves. Their afternoon's effort had been inconsistent. Turnovers were costly, scoring drive opportunities fizzled, and now the game clock was working against them, as well. Despite amassing more than 560 yards in offense, VVC found itself on the short end.

The visiting Rustlers had just scored again to increase their advantage to 31-18.

Rams head coach Dave Hoover said "We shot ourselves in the foot 15 times in this game," addressing his team's troubles. "We're in a tough league. We have to keep showing up every week."

Down by two scores in the closing minutes, the Rams needed to reach down within themselves for the fight to claim victory. They would need that resolve from both sides of the ball, and they had to have it in a hurry.

Job one was to take the ensuing kickoff and get back into the game. The Rams made quick work of a drive from their own 41, and ended that series with Mel Carmichael's two-yard run. The Rams missed their fourth point-after-touchdown try of the afternoon, leaving the score 31-24.

After kicking the ball back to Golden West, VVC's defense stiffened and made the stop of the game to that point. The Rustlers were forced to give up possession in four downs. With 2:29 remaining on the fourth-quarter clock, the Rams began anew, first down at their own 25.

VVC quarterback O'Ryan Bradley, who finished with 15 of 32 for 292 yards in the air, completed clutch passes on that drive, lastly a 7-yard scoring toss to Kenyatta Smith with only 12 seconds left in regulation. This time Kelsey Davis nailed the conversion kick to tie the score at 31.

In overtime, the Rams converted their possession with a 22-yard field goal by Davis. Once more the VVC defense was called upon to

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**Lady Rams Net Volleyball Triumph**

**Story By**
Aaron Banuelos
**Sports Editor**

Victor Valley Rams win on Friday Oct. 3 against their heated rivals San Bernardino Valley in a 3 and out match that seems to have boosted some confidence in the Rams volleyball team. The intensity was thick in the air as SBV fought hard to stay in the game. The Rams won the first game 25-18, giving the Rams breathing room. Both coaches where up on there feet giving out orders and telling there players to tighten up the defense.

Second game was close as the SBV girls rally but where unable to keep the score even after a sequence of good serves from rams offensive unit. Even after a good offensive stride from SBV they came up short in the second game losing it 25-18. VVC didn’t loosen up at all with the knowledge that they just had to win this third game in order to come out with a victory. SBV was showing signs of a comeback when they began the third game with a lead of 5-2. SBV coach Patricia Rossman was trying to engage her players to keep their heads up and to keep hustling to the play. After VVC scored 12 straight un answered points it seems that nothing else would go right for the SBV girls. They finally lost a hard fought out third game to VVC with a score of 25-16.

After the game, when asked, about the teams overall performance, Coach Crista White said, “A win is a win, is a win, is a win. What I want to seen is more intensity in my players because it seemed like the other team wanted it more. A win is a win but I want to see a prettier one.”

Out side hitter #2, Morgan Stansell said,” we could have played a lot better, with a lot more energy.” Setter #4 Emily Wade added, “this wasn’t our best game overall and we need to step it up a bit.”

Coach White reminded the girls after the game that they missed 9 serves and that those kind of mistakes need to be corrected if they want to get better as a team.

Assistant Coach TJ Salanoa of SBV said, “ VVC is a very good team and we seen them before, it seems we have to practice and prepare ourselves extra hard in practice to be ready to face these girls. They have really good outside hitters and they beat us all night.”

VVC will face Chaffey College on Oct.8 at 5:00 pm at home. The lady rams are looking to improve their record after a slow start for a chance to compete in conference championship.
Women’s Soccer Effort Falls Short

Story by
Bill Buttler
Managing Editor

When Victor Valley College and San Bernardino Valley College spent quality time together recently on the soccer field, it was anything but a love relationship. Anyone who witnessed their Sept. 30 meeting on VVC’s home field saw a tense physical battle that resulted in the visiting Wolverines wrestling away a 5-1 Foothill Conference win.

The two teams are passionate interleague rivals, and The Lady Rams remember the sting of last year's 1-0 second-round defeat by SBVC that knocked VVC out of the playoffs.

Soccer by its nature is a contact sport, and emotions can play a large role in competition. VVC coach Michael Bradbury summed up the afternoon's match, saying "Physically they beat us up today. We got killed on the outside wings."

Bradbury made no excuses for the loss but felt some unfortunate penalties didn't help the Lady Rams' cause. The coach said he was pleased with his squad's flashes of fire but wished they had kept momentum alive and "finished" when opportunities arose.

At times the Lady Rams made some good defensive stops and drove the ball into enemy territory with good passing, but ultimately they were unable to convert possessions into difference-making goals.

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VVC Director of Athletics Jaye Tashima explained, "We're in a highly competitive conference, and every match is really a hard-fought encounter."

Competing on a hot day, at times both VVC and SBVC players appeared winded, and the cramped muscles slowed participants down here and there. The bumps, bruises and cuts one might expect were earned by hard play.

VVC's Brittany Johanson scored the Lady Ram's lone point in the second half. Working with teammates in heavy traffic near SBVC's goal, Johansson found an opening and fired into the net just beyond the defender's lung to stop it. VVC appeared to feed off the goal and played with some renewed spirit until the Wolverines scored once more.

Both teams took numerous scoring shots and the respective goal keepers responded with some clutch saves. Momentum belonged to the Wolverines in the second half, and as their score increased, so did their confidence.

Wolverine coach Kristin Hauge said, "I was proud of the way our girls fought, for the most part. They put on a good effort."

Ambitious Soccer Squad Chases League Crown

Story By
Shaun Grant
Rampage Reporter

First-year men's soccer head coach Michael Bradbury was very enthusiastic when asked about the progress of the team on Sept. 29, 2008.

"There has been marked improvement by everyone on the team this year," Bradbury said. "Considering we have 11 freshmen on the team it has been great. The recruiting this year was amazing. We have the Mokave River League player of the year and the Desert Sky League player of the year on our team this year" he said.

The team moving to a 3-6-1 record as they beat Cypress College 3 goals to 1 in an away game Friday Sept. 26, 2008. This week was "Fitness Week" for the team. Practices consisted of mostly fitness drills as they ran sprints did push-ups and other workouts while the coaches joined the drills to push their body's physical limits.

The team's chemistry is amazing this year. All of the team members where working hard, supporting one another and there were jokes and laughter between all of the coaches and players. They looked like a family more than just a team. Players were constantly yelling things such as "no pain no gain" and the team's motto "if you're not first you're last" for motivation.

Freshman Team Captains Paul Mog, Jeremy Mirales and Jacob Deleon are very determined to make their time at Victor Valley College one for the ages.

"Everyone is equal, we all get the same level of respect from each other" said Mirales when he was asked what made this team different from previous he had been on.

"We're gaining momentum, growing as a team each game. We got all the talent in place, we're ready to make our mark" Mog said.

"The Conference Championship is our goal. Anything less than that is a failure to us," Deleon said.

The second half of the season should be an entertaining one. Expect the Rams to make a push for the title and put the VVC’s men’s team on the radar of competitors for good. You can catch their next home games on Oct. 10, 17 and 24 all at 4 pm at the soccer field on the lower campus.
Stuff You Don’t Want To Miss

Thursday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. there will be a workshop in the SAC room B, for students interested in Medical, Dental, Pharmacy or Veterinary careers. This workshop will give an overview of the requirements needed.

Wednesday, October 8, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hometown Buffet at 14689 Valley Center Drive will donate 10, 15 or 20% of your purchase to The Phoenix Foundation. Flyers are available from Eric Pearson in the Performing Arts Center.

Sunday, October 12, Applebee's located at 19201 Bear Valley Road, will donate 15% of your purchase to The Phoenix Foundation for "Raising Hope". Flyers are available from Eric Pearson in the Performing Arts Center.

Hesperia High School District is recruiting tutors for students in grades 9 through 12 in a variety of subjects. Tutors will be paid for their service. Call Gretchen Castaneda at (760) 244-4411 if interested.

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Hello everyone:  Election day is coming soon.  There are a few important dates and related information associated with this upcoming election that everyone should know,

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**MEASURE JJ**

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force Development Board to help students find work.”

Also included in Measure JJ is $54,000,000 to repay Certificates of Participation monies received in 1997. These funds were spent on the Learning Resource Center, Central Plant, Science Lab Building, Student Activities Center, Main Gymnasium, Construction Technology Building, the Tower Elevator and other campus upgrades. Retiring this existing loan will make at least an additional $3 million available for the operating budget annually.

**NEW BUS STOPS**

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changes and new routes. Many students still see the need for improvement.

Although the introduction of the West Victorville route sounds promising, it will not directly connect to the college nor to the mall. For students like Jeff, this is not the route they wanted. “Walking an hour to the bus stop and switching buses twice? This would take longer than the class time,” he said after parking his car.

Over the last few years, the cost of transportation has become the focus of many students. For students like Brittany, a $40 monthly bus ticket could be an alternative to filling up their own car.

This only works if the routes are available and convenient. The VVTA sees a special value in providing a convenient transit alternative for Victor Valley residents. “We believe utilization of public transit benefits all Valley residents as it plays a vital role in improving the environment”, said Laurie Hunter from the office of Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt.

Residents of Hesperia benefit from new route 48, which started on Sept. 2. This route will serve the communities around Main Street, including the Post Office on its east end and the new Super Target on its west end. This route also does not directly connect to the college.

**Gossip Girl**

*From Page*

are obviously fictional and that teenagers know this when watching the show,” said junior high student Ashley Ferguson.

So much drama crammed into an hour-long cable network episode may seem overboard or inappropriate, but some disagree. “I think the show is in the time slot it needs to be in. With other shows having a less risqué storyline, I think that Gossip Girl provides a great transition from daytime to nighttime television,” said Victor Valley College student Jessica Rios.

The allure of Gossip Girl is currently expected to continue, especially as the ratings for its premiere episode came in at 3.4 million viewers up from last seasons debut that raked in 3.5 million viewers according to the New York Post.

**Football**

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made a leaping interception that ended the Rustlers’ bid and sealed victory for the Rams.

At game’s end Hoover was clearly pleased with the result. “We played with incredible heart and never gave up. Early we played well but then turned it over. We couldn’t get it going consistently.”

Of Ram’s kicker Kelsey Davis, whose field goal was the difference, he said, “Do you know how long he’s been kicking? Only two weeks! He’s a converted line-backer.” VVC’s Deandre Glasper led all rushers’ with 113 yards, and Carmichael gained 105. Kenyatta Smith was Bradley’s primary receiver, making 6 receptions for 111 yards

**Peace Jam**

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ever be in. PeaceJam Coordinator’s knew what they were doing by having a conference of this size here. The gray carpet flooring make even the most “Crate and Barrel” designer glee, and the fluorescent lights hanging above magnifying only the best of details for the man that was about to speak, making him appear even more delightful. LMU’s budget definitely knows how important lighting is. Seconds later, the silence was broken, all stood upon their feet and applauded heavily. And when Adolfo Perez-Esquível speaks, people listen. However, perhaps his best quality is that he does not fret. During his speech a high school student in South Central LA emotionally protested asking Perez-Esquível, concerned about the strategy we fight non-violently against countries, like China, and how do we protest there products and affect there economy if the very shirts that were given to all of the guest of PeaceJam were from China, as well.

See the conclusion of PeaceJam on Myspace.com/vvcrampage

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