The Victor Valley College, fall semester enrollment has increased by almost 14 percent compared to last year. More than a month after the census, student numbers are still going up. The office of admission and records reported an enrollment of 13,133 students at the semester’s census. “This semester's census date was Sept. 08, 2008,” said Greta Moon, director of admission and records at VVC. At last year's fall census, the college reported an overall enrollment of 11,528 students. These numbers do not show students taking part in community education service workshops like food handler or notary public. For these classes, registration deadlines vary and some classes even allow for walk-ins. This is why enrollment in these classes can only be counted retroactively.

The fate of Victor Valley College’s $297,500,000 Bond Measure JJ will be decided by the voters on Nov. 4. If passed, the bond will provide $160.5 million for a Workforce Development Center, $25 million for a Public Safety Center, $54 million to retire existing loans and $58 million for college improvements.

The Public Safety Center will be developed in conjunction with the Apple Valley Fire Protection District (AVFPD) on donated land in northern Apple Valley. The AVFPD will be constructing Fire Station 338, an equipment warehouse, fleet maintenance shop and private air ambulance quarters and helipad on the site. VVC will provide classroom space, administration and fitness buildings, along with both 4-bay and 2-bay buildings for fire engines and ambulances.

VVC plans to offer Fire Technology, Administration of Justice and Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) programs on site. An extensive array of training props, includ-
Letter from the Editor

We're in the middle of election time, so we decided as a team to substitute aesthetics for mechanics and strengthen the integrity of true unbiased investigative journalism. It isn't to say that we haven't had "unbiased" coverage before, or will this issue be uneventful and/or monotonous. However, in this issue we have the Proposition 8 forum (a controversial forum that discusses same-sex marriage) and the City and Township Candidate Forum. Thus, our paper strives to be professional news paper and we have not changed our voice or compromised our values; we have simply strived to give you a newspaper built and created with quality journalism. You might say, "Well that's what we should be doing... with each paper." And you, the reader, would be right. We have simply chosen to emphasize this particular style specifically for the weighted topics covered in this issue. However, we've still maintained our new content, like Horoscopes and Sudoku, created a new section called a Ram-it-Out (a section dedicated to help students vent and complain), as a team we've utilized new content such as new Halloween Treats. Our columns from this point on will remain consistent and entertaining as we've seen positive feedback about "Dez Says..." and "Layla Love Joy" and seeing how the columns will continue to evolve should be an interesting treat. Well, thank you for reading and we hope we can continue to provide a quality filled, College Newspaper.

Brandon Chiz
Editor-in-Chief
Controversy Escalates Over Prop. 8

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It has been called the Civil Rights Movement of this generation and is one of the most controversial subject matters of our day, Proposition 8. On Tuesday, Oct. 14 Jackie Trost, Victor Valley College Counselor and advisor of the Christian Club sponsored the Proposition 8 Forum. The forum was a chance to educate and inform the community on reasons why Prop. 8 should or shouldn't pass.

Mediator and political science professor David Dupree welcomed the audience to something that would go "beyond bumper stickers and poster boards." The issue, Prop. 8 states that only marriage between a man and a woman shall be valid or recognized in California. Whether it passes or not is in the hands of California voters.

Reverend Bob Wicherts, of Hesperia United Methodist Church challenges the idea that marriage is meant to be between one man and one woman, "What marriage are we talking about?" he said. Citing the variety of marriages mentioned in the Bible, Wicherts noted that the Bible talks not only about man and woman, but of man and many women (polygamy). Also, what are the parameters of marriage as variously defined? John Wehrle supported this by pointing out differences in representation between Deuteronomy and Paul. In Deuteronomy marriage is a property agreement while for Paul marriage is about love and mutual respect.

The religious aspect has always been heavily involved in this controversial subject. Wicherts believes the idea that this country was founded on Christianity is a fallacy. He goes on to explain that "One nation under God" was not made a part of the Pledge of Allegiance until 1954. 1954 was the same year "In God we trust" was first imprinted on our currency. He continues by explaining that this was the first time in the history of our nation that the Christian populace was the majority of the population.

Many fear that if Prop. 8 fails, religious adoption agencies and ministers preaching against homosexuality could be sued. Pastor Dane Davis, of the First Christian Church, explains, "Catholic Charities in Massachusetts was forced to close its doors in 2006 because it refused to adopt children to gay couples."

He continued, "Opponents of Prop. 8 claim that religious liberties will not be violated if gay marriage is upheld in California but it's just not true. Pastors in both Sweden and Canada have already been arrested for teaching what the Bible says about homosexuality. An artificial insemination specialist in San Diego was prosecuted this summer for refusing to perform a procedure on a lesbian couple," said Davis.

Shawnie Goldman, a student at VVC felt that both sides were well represented. Goldman says she is still voting no when the time comes.

Many feel that those voting yes on Prop. 8 "hate" or discriminate against homosexuals. "It is my constitutional right to vote based on my moral convictions, as is my right to practice those convictions without being accused of discrimination," said VVC student Chere' Smith.

Wicherts feels that regardless of gender, race or sexual orientation we are all human and should be treated equally. Wicherts said, "We need to start respecting each other and the basic commandment to love one another, without regards to how one looks, where one's from and one's sexual orientation to be part of God's creation." Like Wicherts, many others believe the world is changing and as a society, culture and people need to be open to new things and new people. Wicherts said it is a very difficult issue. There are no simple answers, so he resists any clergy or any church that has a simple answer for a very compound, difficult subject.

"This proposition is not ‘anti-gay’. It is ‘pro marriage’. I have no animosity to individuals

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wenty-eight universities and military recruiting booths were set up in the campus food court from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16 for VVC’s annual college fair.

The goal of the college fair was to help students decide their major, career path and to which four-year university they might transfer.

California State University Los Angeles Assistant Director Jacquelyn Chin said, “I talked with over 20 students about their interest in transferring to a four-year university.” She also said, “I graduated from Apple Valley High School and I want to make sure people from the High Desert know to check us out.”

Recruiters had their tables decorated with information pamphlets and giveaways such as college pens, bumper stickers and instant hand sanitizer. Students walked around, gathered information from the tables and talked to representatives from the colleges they were interested in. The representatives answered many of the students questions about campus life at universities and questions about the transferring process.

VVC student Lauren Wolf said “It’s nice to have a few more (college) representatives here than (the few) at the transfer building. I think it’s cool.”

University of California Riverside Undergrad Recruiter Melissa Monge graduated from VVC in 2007 and returned to the campus to help students better understand what is needed to apply to UCR. Monge said, “I want to help VVC students transfer to a four-year university just like my counselor at VVC helped me.”

California State University Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, UC Davis, Devry University, University of Redlands, Bellevue University, Cal Poly Pomona, Azusa Pacific University, San Diego Christian College, University of La Verne, Hope International University, FIDM, National University, Cal Baptist University, Loma Linda University, Southern California University of Health Sciences, Fresno Pacific University, Humboldt State University, Cambridge College, La Sierra University, UC Santa Cruz, Irvine and Riverside were those in attendance.
Features

Fairgrounds Feature Fright Delight

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This Halloween a new haunted house maze, Pumpkin Massacre, has been brought to scare the High Desert for the first time ever. Previous creators of a haunted hotel in downtown Los Angeles, Robert Mummert and Brett Scott have now brought their new creation to the San Bernardino fairgrounds.

Mummert and Scott have been making haunted houses for years. They designed and put together the whole layout of Pumpkin Massacre themselves, including the frightening effects such as animations that pop out and different lightings that enhance the disturbing settings.

“Halloween is all year long for us,” Mummert said. “We see things throughout the year that give us new ideas.” Alexandria Hotel, their last Halloween maze was visited by 5,000 people, they said. Mummert and Scott are interested to see how many people will attend the haunted house locally; it opened Oct. 3.

“Everyone seems very satisfied, but some people chicken out and can’t take any more of it,” Scott said. Some of the reactions of the people have been boyfriends hiding behind their girlfriends, men screaming louder than women, the actors being assaulted, one person losing her shoe and being too scared to return for it, and one person peeing his/her pants.

There have yet to be any real complaints about the haunted house, only complaints that visitors got really scared and that they wanted their money back.

Mummert says he tells them, “That’s what you paid me to do!”

Pumpkin Massacre includes 20 different scare zones and different creepy actors such as the door-man, a priest, vampires, executioners, victims, zombies, butchers and crazy hillbilies.

More than 80 people auditioned and in order to choose the best, each was asked a series of questions, asked to make a scary face and scary noises, to do a creepy walk and to act out a scene. “The best part is acting it out, getting into character and getting to be someone I’m not,” said Robert Du Haime, one of the hired actors who plays a role as a butcher.

This Halloween attraction will be opened on Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 1 from 7 p.m. to midnight. The haunted house is less scary for children before 8 p.m, but children under 12 are not recommended to attend later. Tickets are $15 or $13 with a flyer. Visit www.pumpkinmassacre.com for more information and the story behind the haunted house.

Local Festival Celebrates Diversity

Story by
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Photo Editor

The 7th annual Spice of Life Cultural Festival was held in Old Town Victorville on Saturday, October 4th and representatives from Victor Valley College were there to give information to possible future students.

Patricia Bejarano-Vega of Student services and Orientation Coordinator Rebecca Elmore were available to answer questions not only about what is offered at the VVC campus, but also to inform people about services offered at the new VVC Education Center in downtown Victorville. Elmore said “The permit for the new learning center was approved on Thursday,” and Bejarano-Vega said “Many faculty members stopped by to show support including (President)Dr. Silverman and Board of Trustees member Angela Valles.”

Elmore and Bejarano-Vega had a variety of educational information available printed in both Spanish and English. There was information about degrees offered at VVC, different vocational programs, class schedules, EOPS and more.

Executive Dean of Students, Victoria Hindes, was showing the interior of the Education Center facility and explained how having this center in the downtown location will “benefit those people who need the basic understanding of filling out an admissions form online”.

The Spice of Life festival has been held for the past several years to bring the community out to celebrate diversity and culture in the high desert. Each year, people gather on Seventh Avenue in Victorville between Forrest Ave. and D Street to enjoy food, crafts music and a car show. Various organizations, businesses, and individuals had booths set up at the annual event to represent many services available to high-desert residents.

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More than 300 potential voters assembled to hear candidates for local council positions make their opinions and visions known in a two-night forum at Victor Valley College’s Performing Arts Center recently.

The first-ever event, sponsored by the Victorville Daily Press, was conducted Oct. 15 and 16 and featured responses to both pre-planned and live audience questions, followed by post-forum lobby accessibility to the candidates. Adelanto and Hesperia office seekers made their presentations the first night and Apple Valley and Victorville the second.

Questions of how crime, proliferation of gangs and economics would be tackled seemed of paramount concern to those in attendance. Predictably, all candidates pledged undying support for increased law enforcement presence for their respective electorate.

Other questions of major concern included candidates’ positions on the proposed bond to expand VVC’s campus, Measure JJ, population growth in the region, attracting new businesses and maintaining a local rural appeal.

The format chosen permitted candidates a 30-second response to each question in turn, followed finally by each participant offering a final candidacy statement.

Daily Press reporters Ryan Orr, Brooke Edwards and Natasha Lindstrom asked the first series of questions, after which the public audience offered theirs. Orr served as host, introducing the contestants and ensuring response time limits.

Those participants present at the forum for Adelanto City Council seats were “Abe” Abercrombie, Steve Baisden, Edgar Comargo, Charley Glasper and Charles Valvo. Candidates for Hesperia City Council posts attending the event were Russ Blewitt, Paul Bosacki Mark Kirk and Mike Leonard.

The second night’s candidates present seeking Apple Valley Town Council seats were Niles Bughman, Jack Clark, Ginger Coleman, Rick Roelle, Daniel Seagondollar, Jies Smith and Lawrence Warren.

The Victorville City Council hopefuls in attendance included Rudy Cabriales, Gary Douglas, Richard Gleason, Terrie Gossard Flint, Bob Hunter, Ryan McEachron, Michelle Medina and Mike Rothschild.

When pressed for solutions to fight crime, it was the consensus of the candidates that an increase in police and more gang sweeps would result in a reduction of troubles. Some participants advocated the need for youth mentoring and greater parental involvement as effective tools in waging war on gang activities. Clark remarked that “Crime will go down as the economy improves.”

Seagondollar suggested, “Boys and Girls Clubs will help (stem youth crime).” He added, “Communities need to band together to solve regional issues of gangs.”

Asked how they would make themselves available to the public, all contestants pledged open-door attitudes, and Smith said “As representatives of the public, we are obligated to answer to our citizens.”

Victorville candidates were divided on whether a proposed Wal Mart ought to be built near Spring Valley Lake and the college. Some concerns were aired over how resulting traffic conditions, already difficult on Bear Valley Road, might worsen. Also voiced was worry what possible crime problems might result, as has been the case at the older Wal Mart store near I-15 in Victorville.

Another topic of concern raised was the condition of residential roads in Hesperia. Some improvements were recognized, but general agreement was that more needed to be accomplished.

Candidates spoke about ways to ease traffic congestion on main thoroughfares, and some discussion was given to proposed freeway amendments, including additional freeway cross-overs to relieve travel loads on the Bear Valley overpass. Talk about a planned streamline corridor linking I-15 to Apple Valley drew interest.

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Many of us have probably seen the commercials on TV for high fructose corn syrup, letting us know that this synthesized product is “made from corn” and, just like table sugar, it is fine in moderation. The fact of the matter is just because a product is derived from nature does not mean that it is safe. As for moderation, you can pretty much throw that out the window. Unless one grows and makes his or her own food or buys whole organic foods, it is hard to escape this culprit. Take a look around your grocery store and read the ingredients of various types of foods. Almost, if not all of the foods that call for sugar contain, our friend, high fructose corn syrup.

As I began to think of the FDA and how they started, my frustration grows. Thinking of the book The Jungle (written by Upton Sinclair), I am reminded of what the FDA’s purpose actually is: to regulate the food industry in a manner that is beneficial to the health of the people. Numerous studies have been done showing the negative effects of high fructose corn syrup, yet the FDA, along with the AMA, has stated that high fructose corn syrup is safe.

Since the rise of major fast and junk food industries in the late 70’s early 80’s, adult onset diabetes has also increased. So has gout (joint disease), obesity and heart disease, all of which have been linked to the intake of high fructose corn syrup. It’s not like I am just blaming the major corporations or the FDA for what humans eat. It gets more frustrating when one reads about a bill to subsidize corn crops. It should not be big deal if a farmer wants to invest in a corn crop for the production of high fructose corn syrup. When we are told that we will be investing in our own malnutrition, that is a big deal. Now the government wants to use our tax dollars to help fund these cash crops. It’s not like I am just blaming the major corporations or the FDA for what humans eat. It gets more frustrating when one reads about a bill to subsidize corn crops. It should not be big deal if a farmer wants to invest in a corn crop for the production of high fructose corn syrup. When we are told that we will be investing in our own malnutrition, that is a big deal. Now the government wants to use our tax dollars to help fund these cash crops. In turn, guess what we get for funding this operation: even more high fructose corn syrup.

One might say that high fructose corn syrup is as safe as table sugar. Well, who said table sugar is even good for you? It is not a natural occurring substance in nature, and it, too can cause diabetes. The difference is that table sugar is less manipulated than high fructose corn syrup. In a process called isomerization the glucose of corn syrup can be synthesized into fructose (sugar occurring naturally in fruit). Just because fructose comes from fruit does not mean too much of it can’t hurt you. In fact, it is common for child care centers to dilute any juices given to children because of the risk factor for diabetes. This idea was not made up by some paranoid pre-school teacher. It most likely came about because of several reasons, including the increase of adult onset diabetes seen in children.

Sure, HFCS is cheaper to produce than table sugar and browns our loaves of bread better, but are the adverse effects worth the price?
The current decade seems to be the decade of bringing back trends, rather than creating new ones. First, the eighties came back. With off-the-shoulder shirts and television programs like ‘I Love the 80s’ getting everyone reminiscent of the era, some may have hoped the comeback would never end while some may have wondered why it ever came back. Now, America has been bombarded with yet another era’s comeback: the nineties.

The nineties represented an era in fashion that most do not want to relive. Unexpectedly, trends from the decade are slowly coming out from the back of closets and into everyday wear. Celebrities such as Lauren Conrad and Mary-Kate Olsen have been snapped by the paparazzi wearing plaid patterns in both shirts and shirt-dresses, while Tyra Banks has been photographed recently with crimped hair, and Victoria Beckham and Katie Holmes have both been spotted with a bob haircut. One can only hope that corduroys will not be next.

90210 was a television staple after its premiere in 1990. Tori Spelling, Jennie Garth, Brian Austin Green and Jason Priestly starred in the series about a group of rich kids going to school in one of America’s most elite zip codes. A freshly dusted and revamped version of 90210 arrived Sept. 2 to a showing of 4.9 million viewers, the highest rated scripted series premiere on the network since CWTV’s launch in 2006. Although a new cast was introduced, Shannon Doherty and Jennie Garth were brought back from the original cast. Mixing a new cast with some veterans, the highly anticipated show received mixed reviews, with Entertainment Weekly calling it a “debacle.”

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The television world is not the only place nineties trends are showing up. The not-so New Kids on the Block (NKOTB) reunited this year, announcing their international tour this fall. Many girls fell in love with NKOTB when they went big in the late eighties to early nineties, but does that mean the new generation of teens and tweens will take to the group of grown men, aged 35 to 40, the same way? Record executives seem to hope so. In June 2008, NKOTB released their first music video in ten years to accompany the single “Summertime.” The video featured the group in exotic locales, and even in a nightclub with people who seemed to be a lot younger than the men in the group. Were NKOTB’s former target audience (teen girls) even interested?

“I wasn’t interested in them. It’s creepy looking at 40 year old men trying to act like they’re sixteen,” said 19-year-old Victor Valley College student Cherie Wine.

Even though the life of Britney Spears has played out in tabloids, one must remember that Spears is also a product of the nineties. Spears’ first album was released in 1999 and quickly reached number one on Billboard’s charts. Although the singer’s career took a nose-dive around 2005, she seems poised for a comeback with her new single “Womanizer” debuting at #1 on iTunes charts. Her newest album Circus set to release on Spears’ birthday Dec. 2, 2008.

It seems as though the nineties aren’t very welcome in 2008. Are nineties trends making a comeback? “I hope not! The nineties were a time of ugly fashion, bad acting, like Tori Spelling as Donna and ugly guys in boy bands like New Kids on the Block,” said 23-year-old Richard Lopez.
Fishing for the Perfect Sushi

Story and Photos By
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In a sea of complicated, fancy, or gimmicky sushi rolls, my favorite sushi dish is a yellowtail cut-roll. It's pretty simple, but it acts as kind of a benchmark for how I look at sushi restaurants; if a restaurant can't make a good yellowtail roll, they don't tend to get my business again. Soya Sushi, Yoshi Sushi, and Linko Sushi are under my microscope.

The Soya Sushi in the Victorville Town Center has a nice atmosphere. Several framed paintings hang on the walls of the fairly small restaurant and two televisions on the walls play at low volumes.

Food-wise, Soya is pretty good. When a patron is seated, they are brought two bowls—one full of edamame, or boiled soy beans in their pods, and one empty, ready for edamame husks to be deposited.

The servings are large, if a bit heavy on the rice, and most everything on the menu is inexpensive—my yellowtail roll was about 4 dollars. The fish in the roll was cut pretty thin and there is a lot of rice on the roll, but yellowtail is a flavorful, sweet fish, so no flavor is lost in the mounds of rice. The crunch spider roll is also really tasty. No real complaints for Soya are coming from me.

The new Yoshi Sushi on Hesperia Road across the street from Soya Sushi has just opened in the last few weeks. The restaurant is spacious and bright and clean, but is somewhat plain. When I ate there, the very large TV on the far wall was on, but the sound was turned off.

Yoshi Sushi had some of the best and worst dishes I ate. Their rolls were sometimes delicious, but sometimes left much to be desired. Their Ninja roll, made of tempura eel, crab meat, and masago with the seaweed on the outside was especially delicious. It has a warm, subtle flavor, more subtle than I expected—it's stealthy, like a ninja. The aftertaste is really nice, too.

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Halloween is almost here, and that means goodies. But not all Halloween goodies need be store bought or expensive. These treats are satisfying and easy to make at home.

Dr. Frank-N-Furter
Pumpkin Seeds

Ingredients:
- Pumpkin seeds
- Two tablespoons of oil
- Salt or other seasoning

No need to throw out those pumpkin seeds that were the former guts of your new jack-o-lantern. Pumpkin seeds are loaded with protein and fiber. Preparing them is easy.

1. Just rinse the seeds making sure that all of the pumpkin meat is totally off, and pat them dry.
2. Put the seeds in a bowl, add about two tablespoons of oil and stir to coat.
3. Now pour the seeds out of the bowl and spread them evenly on a cookie sheet.
4. Pop that cookie sheet into a 300 degree oven for about an hour, and don’t forget to give them a stir every now and then. When you take them out of the oven sprinkle them with a little salt, or whatever other seasoning you like, before they cool. Once they are totally cooled, put them in a bowl and impress your friends.

Morticia Addam’s
Spiced Cider

Ingredients:
- Apple Cider
- Four cinnamon sticks
- Four to Six Cloves

Hot spiced apple cider is the perfect drink for any fall table and you don't need to make it from a powdered packet when the real thing is this easy.

1. In a saucepan on the stove warm up a bottle of apple cider from the store, any brand is fine.
2. When it first starts to boil turn it off and throw in four cinnamon sticks and four to six whole cloves.
3. Cover the pot while the spices brew, for about five minutes. Once the cider cools off enough to drink just strain out the spices and serve. Add a slice of orange if desired.

Jack Skeleton’s
Caramel Apples

Ingredients:
- Six small apples
- Popsicle sticks
- Milk
- 14 oz bag of caramels

Sweet and tart caramel apples are surprisingly simple.

1. Wash and dry 6 small apples, remove the stems and insert popsicle sticks where the stems were.
2. Unwrap all of the caramels in a 14oz bag, into a microwave safe bowl and add a little splash of milk.
3. Microwave the bowl in 30 second intervals, stirring each time, until the caramel is smooth and melted.
4. Now just dip and roll each apple into the bowl to coat. Place them on waxed paper on a cookie sheet in the fridge until you are ready to do the same. Maybe.

No Tricks, Just Easy, Tasty Treats

FYI, The largest pumpkin ever grown weighed 1,140 pounds. The name pumpkin originated from "pepon" the Greek word for "large melon." After the Norman Conquest of 1066, cider consumption became widespread in England and orchards were established specifically to produce cider apples. The average U.S. consumer eats about 65 apples (or 22 pounds) per person annually. Caramel can come in 'short' textures, implying a caramel that is extra soft and 'long' for a caramel that is wonderfully chewy.
Horror Movie Franchise Ceases to Thrill

Review By Brandon Chiz
Editor-In-Chief

First off, let me say that when I saw the first Saw movie, and I dare-say even Saw II and III, I enjoyed it. Its intricacies, twist, and plot. For the first time in a long time, the horror movie genre had substance, value, and minimal depth (which are saying lot for a modern day horror film). So, what happened?

I don't know. However, the group at "Lionsgate" doesn't know when to stop with the Saw franchise. The Tagline for the fifth-quel was "Today, five people will become one, with the goal of surviving." What the tagline didn't say was they were referring to the audience watching this film. Now, the film isn't like a "Friday 13th" movie, or a classic 80's hack and slash. Saw V like its predecessors uses mind games, plot twist, and desperate situations to tell the story utilizing flashbacks and hyper-dramatic dialogue to communicate the story. Basically, it's like if "Lost" did a bad Halloween special.

This time Jigsaw recruits, trains and uses detective Mark Hoffman (Costas Mandylor) to carry on his work with gory-filled tradition. Now, the reason this might be interesting is because this connects with FBI agent Strahm (Scott Patterson), who evaded Jigsaw in previous game with a Bic pen. And what does Strahm want to do? Discover the truth. However, this plot doesn't matter at all of course, as this movie is nothing more then torture-born with nothing new, lame tricks, and a feeling of nostalgia for a re-vamp of the Franchise. All the other horror films are doing it; maybe they should get on the band wagon. Or, perhaps, they'll get it right with Saw VI. Yeah, there's going to be Saw VI, and it probably is going to involve Mr. Jigsaw's widow (Betsy Russell) who becomes entrusted with a mysterious box that is implied to have terrible things inside it. It probably just has some keepsakes.

Overall, with the close-ups, over-the-top dramatics, gory torture porn, with none of the old flair from the first three Saw films, Saw V makes me feel like I got robbed 10 bucks, and was put through one of Jigsaw's "games". Needless to say I feel like I lost.

Seeing Through the Eyes of Sarah Palin

Story and Photo By Rebecca Mendez
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Sarah Palin, Alaska governor and Republican nominee for vice president, has been receiving a great deal of publicity concerning political issues; however she has also been receiving an enormous amount of hype for her eyewear.

"Shortly after Sarah Palin’s televised acceptance speech for vice presidential nominee, is when people started coming in and asking for her glasses,” said Mindy Hanson, a representative for Advanced Optometric Eye Care located in Victorville.

Palin’s glasses are designed by Kazuo Kawasaki. They are a 704 series in 34 gray. They can start from $375 and run all the way to $800 depending on the type of lenses. These rimless glasses are currently in high demand and have become a fashion accessory for many people. “Society is experiencing a fad with Sarah Palin’s style,” said Professor Albert Saenz, a sociology instructor for Victor Valley College.

Many optometrists in the high desert do not carry the specific glasses designed by Kazuo Kawasaki; however there are similar versions that look almost exactly the same. Hanson said, “People have different options in choosing these three-piece-frames because they can come in different shapes, sizes and colors.” Similar versions compared to Kazuo Kawasaki are similarly priced. According to Kristina Gutierrez from Desert Family Eye Care, Silhouettes are a similar version to Palin’s glasses and they start at $311 for frames alone.

“We receive walk-ins and about two or three phone calls a week from people asking about Sarah Palin’s glasses. Women in their forty’s and fifty’s seem to be the ones interested,” said Hanson.

Although many people are interested in this craze, very few people actually invest their money in these glasses. “A lot of people are interested but I can only recall one customer who actually bought them for that reason,” said Hanson. Only time will tell if this fashion fad will continue after the presidential election is over. Hanson believes people will continue to be interested even after the election.

Love. Life. Lust. with Layla Lovejoy

The last time you read this I mentioned the Mangaia of Polynesia. The culture that thoroughly instructs their adolescents on sexual relations. Well, after further research, the book Human Sexuality: Diversity in Contemporary America authored by Strong, Yarber, Sayad, and DeVault taught me that the Mangaia teach their teenagers more than our parents would ever admit to doing. Females around the age of 13 or 14 are given directions on how to bring themselves to orgasm. They learn how to thrust their hips and move their vulvas in order to have multiple orgasms. The males are taught to focus on pleasing the female; it’s all about her satisfaction. He learns erotic kissing, cummilingus (oral sex), breast fondling and sucking, and other techniques to assist her in her objective of multiple orgasms. If he can’t perform up to her expectations, his reputation could be ruined. You see, in this culture, the female has every right to leave her partner because he cannot bring her to orgasm. All this instruction comes with a test; an older male or female steps in about two weeks after instruction for hands on learning. Then, both the males and females are encouraged to have many sexual experiences prior to marriage. Why prior as opposed to during marriage? It’s because the Mangaia also believe sexual desire declines in adulthood. I don’t know about you, but it would be weird to learn these skills from my mother. I don’t even want to know how well she does in the oral sex area. However, I do think it’s cool that they learn these intimate details from someone they trust, their parents. What do you think? Hit me up at laylalovejoy@gmail.com.
Top Ten Song Singles

1. Britney Spears “Womanizer”
2. T.I. “Whatever you Like”
4. Pink “So What”
5. Katy Perry “Hot and Cold”
6. Rihanna “Disturbia”
8. T-Pain Feat. Lil Wayne “Can’t Believe It”
9. Ne-Yo “Miss Independent”

Top Five Albums

1. T.I. – Paper Trail
2. Metallica – Death Magnetic
3. Rise Against – Appeal To Reason
4. Jennifer Hudson – Jennifer Hudson
5. Oasis – Dig Out Your Soul

Top Five Movies

1. Max Payne
2. Beverly Hills Chihuahua
3. The Secret Life of Bees
4. W.
5. Eagle Eye

Horoscopes

March 21– April 19
Aries
On the 26th, if something goes wrong, keep your cool. And pay close attention to your emotions on the 29th. They are trying to tell you something important.

April 20 - May 20
Taurus
On the 26th, if you're feeling lazy, take a nap. And don't be taken in by something that glitters, but is not gold, on the 30th.

May 21– June 21
Gemini
On the 26th, you may be tempted to start a few projects that you have no intention of finishing. Then, on the 30th, visualize the results you want and you're halfway there.

July 23– Aug. 22
Leo
On the 26th, get ready for romance because romance is ready for you! On the 30th, don't let anything get in the way of a good time.

Aug. 23– Sept. 22
Virgo
On the 26th, a minor setback isn't a major problem, don't treat it like one. On the 30th, your family obligations are competing with your own desires.

Sept. 23– Oct. 22
Libra
Don't be shocked when a gaggle of admirers makes itself known to you! On the 30th, look for balance, both at home and at work.

Oct. 23– Nov. 21
Scorpio
On the 25th, spend the day planning. On the 30th, be careful with a proposition that sounds too good to be true, there's a pretty high likelihood that it is.

Nov. 22– Dec. 21
Sagittarius
Thinking of a way to improve your love life? To plan your future? Don't do it on the 25th. Wait until the 30th, when you'll be in a fantastic position.

Dec. 22– Jan. 19
Capricorn
On the 26th, focus your energy on work. By the 30th, you'll be ready to make leaps and bounds with a couple of career projects.

Jan. 20– Feb. 18
Aquarius
The 27th is a good day to drop the aloof act. On the 30th, you have an expansive day. Organize a group of friends and go out and make magic happen!

Feb. 19– March 20
Pisces
On the 29th, it's time to exercise caution again. If there's any treachery on the horizon, nip it in the bud!
FYI, Every U.S. president with a beard has been a Republican. Jimmy Carter is the first U.S. President to have been born in a hospital. President George W. Bush and Playboy founder Hugh Hefner are ninth cousins! In 1789, the total U.S. federal government debt was $190,000.
Dial M for Ninja by Evan Spears

Did you read the last RamPage?
Yeah.

The comic strip is lame. It doesn't make any sense!

It needs dialogue, too.

Yeah.

I am NINJA!

SNEAKY!

STEALTHY!

Duck

Duck

Duck

Duck
Men’s Soccer Keeps Crown in Sights

Story by
Bill Buttler
Managing Editor

Victor Valley College’s men’s soccer team took another forward step in their march toward a conference championship by blanking visiting San Bernardino Valley College 2-0 Oct. 17. After the victory, Rams coach Michael Bradbury praised his players’ effort and briefly touched on getting them prepared for their final first-round encounter Oct. 24, when they host Rio Hondo College.

Bradbury told his Rams, “I’m proud of you guys. You made necessary adjustments, and you played not only good defense, but offense, too. Great effort in the second half.” The coach called the win “a great total team effort.”

Both teams moved the ball effectively, and the Wolverines made some close assaults on the VVC goal. In the end, though, the Rams were able to turn the ball back up field and repel drives effectively, while capitalizing on their own opportunities. VVC seemed to just want it more than the visitors.

Bradbury called out individual players by name to register his appreciation for their rise to challenges and elevation of their game, including goalkeeper Kevin Ray.

“Congratulations on the shut-out today,” said Bradbury. Cody Vogel scored one of VVC’s goals, with an assist from Nathan Paisley. Miguel Fajardo contributed the other score and benefited by Jeremy Mirales’ assist.

Bradbury assured his team they had a good idea what kind of showing they will need to compete against Rio Hondo.

“Based on our scouting reports, we will get you ready for that game.”

Assistant coach Lucas Kim was also pleased by the Rams’ performance, and he said, “We started a little slow in the first half. We made minor adjustments and definitely picked up our play. Our guys are always ready physically, and in the last half we did better mentally, too.”

The Rams have a scheduled bye Oct. 21, a few days before returning to action on lower campus against Rio Hondo.

Lady Rams Unify for Big Win

Story By
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Rio Hondo College’s women soccer Roadrunners paid a visit to the Lady Rams of Victor Valley College and probably wish they could do it all over again—differently. They were treated to a rude 6-1 first-round defeat Oct. 17 that certainly left a bad taste in their mouths. The stubborn home team really wasn’t serving up generosity. Actually, they only grudgingly gave up the only goal they would all afternoon in the closing minutes of play. By then the outcome was not in question. Other than that, it was, ‘nice to see ya, see ya later.’

Honestly, there was a genuine battle going on, and Rio Hondo did come to play. The day simply belonged to VVC, and the Lady Rams fought harder and claimed the win. In doing so, they closed out their 2008 round-one competition schedule with a record of 7-7-1, placing third in the competition.

Team unity is a major element of VVC’s success, according to star Brittany Johanson. She said, “We have come together on the field, and (importantly) we have a great connection off the field, too.”

Assistant VVC coach Walid Jomaa offered sideline inspiration to the team, and was visibly elated by their response on the playing field. He remarked, “It’s great to see a lot of girls involved in scoring like this. Everyone got playing time.”

Indeed, the offensive output came from five different players, clearly a team statement. Megan Bodiford accounted for two goals, with Johanson, Trish Brookshire, Cynthia Zarate and Alex Warner contributing one apiece. The Lady Rams’ scoring-assist credits were varied as well.

VVC goalkeeper Kaitlyn (SP) Humphrey valiantly protected the net all day, making 11 saves against the Roadrunners. Her teammates offered aggressive defense up the field.

Assistant coach Adrienne Chavez registered approval of the Lady Rams’ domination of their opponent and said, “We really played great as a whole team. This is the kind of effort that you like. They got it done offensively and defensively.”

“We have come together on the field, and (importantly) we have a great connection off the field, too.”

- Brittany Johanson
Failed Expectations

I hate it when comedies are not funny when their purpose is to be funny. You’re all excited to watch that movie, having high expectations for it…and it sucks. Like ‘The Love Guru’, I laughed maybe once. What’s the point of even watching comedies if they’re not going to meet their original standards?!

- Geene, 18

Fed Up!

Something that really annoys me about going to college is the presence of the jerks that also attend VVC. Most girls look forward to checking out the college guys on campus but unlike them I know how stupid and idiotic guys can be. My boyfriend usually walks me from class to class but the day he couldn’t give me a ride I had to drive myself to school and walk to classes alone. Well, on my way to my English class I was reading To Kill A Mockingbird and then these two guys walk by me and one of them decides to lean in and say really loudly in my face,” Baby, grind on me!!”. I was so grossed out! Right there I just pretend someone is calling my cell and I pick to answer and carry on with a "conversation" and I just walk on past them.

-Fedupwiththejerks, 19

New Channel, Please!

The school never changes the channel on the T.V. in the SAC. It’s always on MTVU. Please find a new channel ASAP. Thanks.

-Shadara, 19

Stop, Get a Clue

GameStop’s managers refuse to hire people who actually know what they’re talking about. Countless times I’ve gone there and found out the employees are clueless.

- Rex, 18

Make a Difference— Vote

Anyone unaware of the upcoming 2008 general election has probably been sleeping under a rock. For those who have, you get a pass on Tuesday, Nov. 4. The rest of us have a job to do.

Nothing less than the direction of our community, our nation and our world is at stake.

Regardless of your point of view, political party, or social standing, you have a compelling reason to make your choices known at the polls. What you believe and support will not be recorded if you sit it out and you cannot complain about government actions if you keep silent.

If you are persuaded every vote doesn’t matter, consider the presidential election of 2000. George W. Bush received 271 electoral votes and Al Gore got 266. Just five electoral votes were the difference (Gore actually won the popular vote by 48.38 to 47.87 percent).

The way our public officials deal with economic, social and global issues should matter to every American. Be glad you live in a nation that takes direction from its people, the wealthy and the poorest. Know that the leaders who founded this country had the vision to place that awesome responsibility of determination in the hands of its citizens. Voting is a privilege but also a duty of democracy. Casting your own ballot is what you are called to do. Voting is a personally satisfying thing to do. It’s cheap and non-fattening.

Included on this year’s ballot is the college bond measure. See more at www.myspace.com/vvcrampage

Heard Around the Lake

Interviews and Photos by Desiree Pena, Entertainment Editor

“What do you think and how do you feel about campus police being temporarily unarmed?”

“I think it is a safe environment on campus, so it really doesn’t matter whether they’re armed or not.”

-Jesus Cordero

“I am thoroughly confident that our campus is keeping the students safe and I have been reassured the situation is being rectified.”

-Christina Zambrano

“Honestly, I think we shouldn’t intimidate students with guns. We have kids straight out of high school here. We don’t want another Columbine because a kid got a hold of a cop’s gun. They should just use tasers.”

-Manny Garcia

“They don’t have guns? Oh my God!!”

-Guadalupe Leyva
ing a fire training tower, HazMat flammable liquids tractor trailer and an auto extraction area will be provided. An emergency vehicle operations course (EVOC) is also planned.

The draft financial statement for the center shows a positive profit to the college of over $900,000 by the fifth year of operation.

The $58 million allocated in the bond measure for college improvements will include $8 million for a Visual Performing Arts Lab to replace the current music and arts classrooms, which are not adequate. An $8 million Vocational Technology Building to house construction and automotive classes is also planned. Much needed campus parking lot repair and expansion has been allocated $3.5 million.

Ginger Ontiveros, Executive Director, VVC District Foundation describes Measure JJ as “This is us taking care of us. Job training is important for the economic health of the community.” Ontiveros stated “The college contributes back to the community $6 for every $1 invested – twice the state average.” Money from the state often comes with a requirement for local matching funds. According to Ontiveros, if VVC has matching funds, it will provide “leverage to bring more money.”

Candidate Forum From Page 6

Audience members raised concerns about environmental strategies and alternative energy options for the region, and plans to develop Victorville’s historic Old Town were tabled.

Of interest to Apple Valley residents was whether or not the local golf course ought to be purchased by the township.

With Nov. 4 fast approaching, all local office candidates and RamPage staff urge the public to take time to familiarize themselves with the issues and make their preferences known at the polls.

Women’s Expo From Front Page

ams. Madeline Tatum, an active member and leader in the community since the 1980’s, was expected but could not attend, but her son was on hand and made a few brief but genuine words.

Lily Mamo, went on third and sang the National Anthem. After the welcoming ceremony Girl Talk Presenters took stage.

Nirmala Murthy, M.D., presented “How to Live Stress-Free” strategy, Linda Jacobson who spoke of financial management for women and Lela Niles and Marshall Meyers, who addressed visitors with “Women on Wheels.” Afterwards Curves held a “Strength From Within Fashion Show”

The final presentation and biggest highlight included entertainer Dixie Carter, appearing as a guest motivational speaker.

Victor Valley College Humanities and Social Sciences Senator Caitlyn Gempler said, “The expo was an event that celebrated women; their strengths, their courage and their wisdom. It also gave the community an opportunity to learn about women’s health issues, and discover the numerous vendors that cater to the female community.”

Also making their presence known were various vendor booths in building one and two, featuring The Daily Press, VVC’s promotion of Measure JJ and a free on-site breast cancer screening, courtesy of Victor Valley Community Hospital.

“The ASB Counsel feels that having a booth at the Today’s Women Expo is an excellent way to reach out to the community,” said Associated Student Body President Christina Zambrano.

According to Regina Weatherpoon-Bell, chairperson for the expo, approximately 1800 people attended the expo. “The event went well this year, the vendors were happy and the attendees enjoyed their afternoon,” said Weatherspoon-Bell.

Stuff You Don’t Want To Miss

Friday, Oct. 24 The Planetarium is featuring “Ancient Horizons”. Call (760) 245-4271 x 2324.

Tuesday, Oct. 28 is the Moonlight Madness Sale at the Rams Bookstore from 7 to 9 p.m. Up to 75 percent off on selected items. Enter the pumpkin carving contest for a chance to win an 8GB iPod Nano.

Wednesday & Thursday, Oct. 29 & 30, Nursing students are hosting a health faire upstairs in the SAC from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m. each day. Services include glucose testing, blood pressure checks, BMI, flu vaccinations and cholesterol screening along with a comprehensive cardiovascular risk assessment. To help absorb the costs, nurses are asking for a $20 donation.

Reserve your seat by Oct. 31 for the Children’s Christmas Party Saturday. Nov. 8, 12 noon until 5 p.m. This is a fund raising, full course dinner featuring turkey or ham, mashed potatoes, green beans or corn, cranberries, rolls, gravy, pies and drinks at the Oasis Church 11610 “I” Avenue in Hesperia. The cost is only $10 per adult and $5 for children 3-12. Children under 3 are free.

Call Susan Longoria at (760) 247-7361, or Judy Wagner at (760) 946-5855. Or you can e-mail Esther Churchill at Measter-bunny@aol.com

Monday, Nov. 3 Memory Techniques Workshop 9-10 a.m. Advanced Technology Center (Building 21 Room 170).

Tuesday, Nov. 4 is the day to make your voice heard. Don’t forget to vote.

Friday, Nov. 7 the Planetarium will feature “Light Years from Andromeda. Call (760) 245-4271 x 2324

Friday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. the Performing Arts Center will have a free music recital. Both faculty and students will perform.

Fall 2008 students can apply for EOPS through Nov. 14.

Learn to read, write and improve your spelling skills. Enroll in ACOM 12, a non-credit Victor Valley Literacy Program course, or “volunteer” to help someone who wants to learn. Call (760) 245-4271 x 8725 or (760) 887-1118

June 2009 graduates must apply for graduation by Monday, March 2, 2009.

High Desert Association of the Deaf is sponsoring a deaf bus trip to Stateline Casino, Saturday, March 7, 2009. Limit of 94 seats. First come, first served, no exceptions. The fee is $20 for members or $25 for non-members and includes donut, coffee or water, and buffet lunch. For reservations call Susan (760) 247-7361.

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