College Bond Gets Voter’s Approval
Story by Brandon Chiz
Editor-in-Chief
Victor Valley College’s $297,500,000 bond measure was passed with an almost 60 percent of approval from voters.
“We’re extremely excited,” stated ASB President, Christina Zambrano, “We had great support from the community, the faculty and staff; with their help we were able to put a face to the bond.”
Victor Valley residents can expect a new work-force development center in Hesperia and a public safety training facility in Apple Valley that will act as satellite campuses to VVC. “I just hope the community has recognized the value of the college and what the future holds for us,” VVC President Robert Silverman.

With campaigning for the bond now a bygone, the college will now move forward on implementing the facilities for future students. “We believe this will secure the future of prospective college students,” said Director Auxiliary Robert Sewell. “And, eventually this will provide opportunity in supporting the college’s needs and fulfilling the goals for the community.”
Development will begin soon, with a completion date of 2018.

Winter Intersession Modified
Story and Photos By Michael Moore
RamPage Reporter
With the release of the schedule for the Winter 2009 semester, Victor Valley College puts an end to speculations about the cancellation of the upcoming intersession.
Priority registration will begin as early as Nov. 13, and the schedule offers a reduced number of classes. Interested students are advised to take a close look soon. Winter classes will be held from Jan. 5 to Feb. 14, 2009.
Earlier this year there have been rumors among students and teachers that the Winter intersession might be cancelled completely. Most of those rumors stated financial issues as reasons for the anticipated cancellation.
In his almost 20 years at Victor Valley College, Public Relations Officer Bill Greulich has learned that rumors are a part of the daily job. "It will be a somewhat diminished session," said Greulich, stressing that VVC "will offer the core classes."
In the case of the mathematic department, this means that only 13 classes made it into the schedule, compared to the 34

New Emergency Alert System on Campus
Story By Kristyn Johnson
RamPage Reporter
Alert-U is a new system proliferating college campuses nationwide, offering to keep students in-the-know about any threat that may be happening at their school.
After the college shootings that left people in a state of shock and despair, Victor Valley College has invested in the new system to provide some safety and security in a time when that seems so scarce.
"I think it is a vital part of our emergency/disaster preparedness plan," Victor Valley College President Dr. Robert Silverman said. "We must be able to communicate instantaneously in an emergency."
The way that the Alert-U system works is that an immediate alert is sent to cell phones of students and staff, telling them what is happening, what they need to do, and where they may need to go.
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Not only does the system send out alerts but it is capable of keeping reports of sent alerts that were responded to and were stored in the system. Alert-U also allows for two-
Letter from the Editor

This is probably our more “wordy” of issues in comparison to the others from this semester. Again, not unlike last issue, our paper has taken on a more mechanical approach. The topics in this issue, quite simply, couldn’t be cut. Not even a paragraph. We have the (great) skills of our reporting staff to thank for that.

So, as the editorial staff pieces this issue together we had to sacrifice pictures, visuals, and the other fancy stuff to ensure that we covered our topics thoroughly. Now, this doesn’t mean that we don’t have any fancy stuff, because we do have pictures here and there. However, topics like the police chief, Rebecca Talley, Ready Rams, and the canned food drive needed to be covered with more substance.

Also, we have some big news. Measure JJ passed which means big changes, perhaps not for us, but for future generations here at the college. As journalism staff members, we’re very excited to see it’s development and see the Measure JJ story continue.

We also have to apologize because our sports coverage is less than usual in this issue. We just happened to publish this issue on an awkward date. Unfortunately, the sports that we would have covered happen either the same day we hand our paper to the print shop or the day after.

However, we don’t take this as bad news, as we’re looking forward to a very expansive sports section in the next issue, including a new section called “Athlete of the Issue”, a celebration of our campus athletes. Again, thank you for reading, and we hope you enjoy this issue.

Brandon Chiz
Editor-in-Chief

News

Stuff You Don’t Want To Miss

Nov. 7 The Free Music Recital will be held in the PAC on Dec. 7.

Nov. 14 is the last day to apply for the EOPS program.

Nov. 17 – 22 is Phi Theta-Kappa week and the chapter at VVC is Alpha Phi Gamma. To help reduce toxic waste they are sponsoring a Cell Phone Recycling program. Drop off your old cell phones in the SAC, Bookstore, Science Building (31), in the Gym or at the ASB office. For more information call 245-4272 extension 2475.

March 7 is the Deaf Bus Trip to Stateline Casino. Deadline for reservations is Feb. 7. For more information contact Susan Longoria at 760-247-7361.

Ready Rams still needs volunteers to work in the kitchen for the mission when they do the holiday meals. If interested, please contact Cathy Cosgrove president of Ready Rams at 760-694-7559.

Ready Rams is sponsoring an Apple Opportunity Drawing to take place on Nov. 24 in the SAC. Prizes include an 8 GB iTouch, 8 GB iPod nano and a 1 GB iPod shuffle. Tickets are $1 each or 6 tickets for $5. Call Cathy Cosgrove at 760-694-7559 or Jessica Vera at 760-508-6150.
New Campus Police Chief Implements Changes

Story and Picture By
Kathleen Allen
Online Editor

We have seen more bicycle and foot patrols on campus, just one of the changes implemented by Craig Baumbusch, the interim police chief at Victor Valley College. “The cost of operating one police car is more than having 50 officers on foot or bicycle”, said Baumbusch, addressing a major concern of efficiency that he cares about. Having officers among students is a great way to promote interaction. Officers on bicycles are a most efficient method of promoting this interaction, according to Baumbusch. He was a bicycle patrol officer on campus before becoming the chief.

Baumbusch would like students to know that communication is an important key to life. “Student participation in district decision-making processes is an excellent way for students to help officers,” said Baumbusch.

Maintaining a safe environment is another major concern that Baumbusch has. When students interact as much as possible with officers on campus, safety issues steadily decline.

VVC is one of the many California community colleges that have their own police department. The campus police department has 15 officers and two support personnel. Baumbusch has been the interim police chief since July 1. After spending four years in the Marine Corp and 16 years in the U.S. Army, he retired from the military. He earned a degree from UC Irvine before coming to VVC.

Baumbusch attended board meetings and participates in the campus Environmental Health and Safety Committee, Risk Management Committee, Shared Governance Committee and the Parking Committee, because of their importance on campus. He said, “I have met some very nice and very interesting people”.

“Police officers are all trained to the same standard. Gender is not a consideration in any type of crime. Both males and females become emotional when they are traumatized, and the police are trained and capable of responding to any emergency. It is the responsibility of the public to report crimes as soon as possible to apprehend those who commit the crimes, small or large”, said Baumbusch.

Baumbusch loves quotes and has friends that send them to him regularly. Woodrow Wilson said, “If you want to make enemies, try to change something.” Albert Einstein said, “Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.” “These two quotes have a lot of wisdom in a few words. I try to maintain humor in a world that isn’t always funny. I have an uncanny understanding of people. I have been married over 35 years, have two children and can relate to families. I was a part of the Associated Student Body when I was at Saddleback College and have been in leadership positions throughout my military career,” said Baumbusch.

Officers on campus are very concerned about their anonymity in pictures and in print, for their safety and their families earned about their authority being taken away due to political agendas and feel as though all of a sudden they no longer know how to do their jobs.

One officer said, “The students and staff on campus will be so ticked off when they find out what is truly happening. If we’re so bad, why have we been in print and received so many commendations?”

These officers have worked with Baumbusch almost a full year. They were aware of Baumbusch being a bicycle patrolman on campus as a reserve officer before becoming chief. One of the officers said, “The chief is doing a good job, but he is being hamstrunged by the bureaucracy”.

One officer said, “Every officer has a philosophy and that is to protect and service our students and staff. We maintain 98 percent security guard and only two percent being cops, providing a safe learning environment for the students. We each had to pass the PC832.3 code (penal code) giving peace officers all powers when on duty only and the campus police course to obtain eligibility to become officers on campus.”

Both officers said they have friends in both the students and staff. They seem to feel there is good rapport between themselves and almost everyone on campus. “One student said, ‘I get more information from you than I get from my parents,’” said one officer.

The officers interviewed seem to feel that VVC now wants them to attend the police
Awards are always a nice thing to receive but some people feel as though it shouldn’t go to them. Rebecca Talley, MPH, MA, is one of those people. Talley is the Director of the Foster and Kinship Care Education/Independent Living Program (FKCE/ILP) and was honored for her work on behalf of foster youth by the Foundation for California Community Colleges. Victor Valley College Public Information Officer Bill Greulich said, “This award is presented to individuals who excel and exemplify dedicated service to foster youth who participated in the Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success California (YESS-CA).”

Talley says they partner with other programs in the county that work with foster youth, including Camarillo, a community service program offering soft skills. They attend advisory meetings to focus on working together to make the entire system ensure they help foster students need to be successful. Their work is funded by the Foundation for Community Colleges. They receive informational resources at conferences to utilize, both for themselves and the students in their programs and are required to perform normal grant funded reporting with quarterly reports. These reports identify how many people are in the program, how many hours students attend and what areas of education are covered.

Information from these conferences is organized and filed for access according to subject material, whatever the subject the student needs are, is easily accessed and can be used in a group setting or on an individual basis. Talley said, “There isn’t always time and resources to cover everything offered at conferences, but the information is here and available. This is one area where I am proud of my employees. They have done a terrific job getting it organized.”

Currently they have 12 students per session aged 17-19 attending a minimum of 20 hours each. Students have for the spring semester, is sponsored by Desert Community Bank and students will gain knowledge on budgeting skills and opening bank accounts. This program will include preventive maintenance of credit pitfalls.

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“Personal fulfillment is why we do this. Our students understand the focus required to be involved in successful youth programs. She has a total of six people helping her including one fulltime employee, one student worker and both paid and volunteer instructors. Associated Student Body Vice President, Leif Kofford used to work in the foster youth program with Talley and said, “She has a really big heart for foster youth and it shows in her dedication to implement community service programs.”

When asked what fulfillment this program gives, Talley said, “Personal fulfillment is why we do this. Our students see that someone cares. This isn’t just a lecture or material thing. Someone actually gives of their heart and makes their success worth it. That’s what is important to me. There is no formal follow-up program at this time, but we see these students through other programs and know they are continuing to succeed.”

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Ready Rams Expands Community Outreach

Story By
Kristyn Johnson
RamPage Reporter

The Ready Rams Club has been known for their constant involvement with the student body at Victor Valley College, and now their leadership values are drawing them to reach out to others in the community.

Cathy Cosgrove has been involved with Ready Rams for two years and was formerly an Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) member. “We like to get out there for the community and dedicate ourselves to the community,” Cosgrove said. “Community is our main focus.”

Manuel Gaytan, faculty advisor at VVC, parallels Cosgrove, saying that the members of Ready Rams are given opportunities to be leaders. “I can say that the growth in terms of effectiveness and popularity on campus has grown because our club is very active in our community,” Gaytan said.

Ready Rams Club lives up to its name and is always willing to help. The club has grown in the programs they are involved with. The club participates in volunteering to go to the Victorville Rescue Mission to pass out Thanksgiving meals. They are involved in making sure that children have toys for Christmas.

This Christmas the Ready Rams Club will be doing a fundraiser as an opportunity drawing to raise money to get toys for children, whose families are unable to purchase gifts for them.

The club is asking for everyone’s involvement. All people have to do is buy a ticket for the drawing and show up on November 24 at 2 p.m. in the SAC. The prices for the tickets are a dollar for one ticket or six tickets for $5. iPods will be the prizes for the first, second, and third place. Most importantly the happiness of a child will be guaranteed.

The money will go towards the children of Care and Cal Works students. Anything that anyone is willing to contribute to this cause will be greatly appreciated.

For more information about the Ready Rams Club, there is a new website available for everyone to get any information they would like. Go to the VVC website, click on associated student body, and then look for the Ready Rams Club link.

The Ready Rams Club is excited for what the rest of this year will bring and is eager to see where else they can make a difference for the community.

ASB Challenges Lady Rams In Exhibition Game

Story by
Vicky Reyna
RamPage Reporter

ASB is doing its part in supporting Victor Valley College sports by holding a friendly softball game between ASB and the Lady Rams softball team to help them with their practice. “Each semester, a council member must host an event on campus,” said Roderick Gray. Recreation softball is engaging and fun. That is exactly what council members A.J. Johnson and Roderick Gray had in mind when coming up with this event. The council also desires to “support the Rams and Lady Rams, bringing awareness to the programs which are just about to start their season,” Gray said.

Although Johnson and Gray will be representing the ASB members on the team, they will be joined by a few staff members, baseball players and coaches. This softball game is something that students should come out to support. It will be a great event that can be enjoyed while stealing time away from busy schedules. So bring folding chairs, sandwiches, chips and blankets, and are to have a good time.

Head coach Donell Thomas is excited about the game and warmly welcomes the ASB challenge. “Bring it on.”

There will not be pies thrown in the faces of the losers, and ASB is not sure if there will be good eats for sale, however winners will have bragging rights for the remainder of the year. The game is free and open to all. It’s a positive event that can be enjoyed while stealing time away from busy schedules. So bring folding chairs, sandwiches, chips and blankets, and are to have a good time.

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Food Drive Helps Less Fortunate

Story By
Rebecca Rubio
RamPage Reporter

As the holidays draw near, there grows a greater time of receiving gifts. But it takes people who are willing to give in order to receive. Victor Valley College nursing students Gail LaPlante and Lyuba Kebets are two of those people.

LaPlante and Kebets were given an assignment in their nursing class that required them to do a leadership project that benefits the community. They chose to collect non perishable food items and grocery gift cards and donate them to the Victor Valley Rescue Mission. They chose this rescue because it is the only local one that does a food bank.

Although this is the rescue mission that was attacked by the city of Victorville earlier this year, the ladies feel that under new leadership this rescue has become stronger and better. LaPlante said, “I do feel that under the leadership of Ron Wilson that they are helping many families and I hope to help them in any way I can.”

According to the rescue, the rescue and the city have worked things out and the rescue is currently in the process of getting a permit without limitations and that the city is no longer pressuring them to move.

When asked why they chose to do the food drive, LaPlante said, “I chose the food drive because I grew up very poor. We depended on the kindness of others to help meet our needs. I know what it is like to go hungry. I didn’t want other people to experience that, especially children.”

Because of her past experience, she said, “My goal is to fill their pantry to the brim. We get graded on the effort, not the result, but I still want to have so much food that they don’t know where to put it.”

Not only are these two nursing students collecting food items, but they will be “teaching on nutrition and how to eat a balance diet on a limited income” to families that got to the rescue mission said Kebets. They will also be teaching on how to shop and get good deals at grocery stores. This is part of the assignment they were given.

Donations for the rescue mission can be dropped off from now till Nov. 21st in the blue trash cans that are located in the foyer of the nurse’s office in the Allied Health Building, the entrance of the Library and the rear entrance of the Technology Building. There are signs on the trash cans indicating their purpose.

Grocery gift cards are also a great need and can be donated, but “for security reasons donors should turn those in to the secretaries at the nursing office in the Allied Health Building. They have a special envelope for those,” said LaPlante.

LaPlante and Kebets encourage college students to donate because as LaPlante said “If everybody just brought a can or two we could make a real difference for these people. Who knows, maybe next week or next month, these people will need help from the food bank. You never know what can happen. Circumstances and lives can change in a heartbeat.”

EOPS Provides Vital Student Services

Story By
Nancy Sexton
Special Projects Editor

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Heard Around the Lake

Interviews and Photos by Evan Spears, RamPage Reporter

“With classes in full swing, how do you find time to have fun?”

- “Well, there’s always time to have fun, right? If you can’t find time to enjoy life, then you’ve got a problem.”
  - Jonathan Sinclair

- “Weekends.”
  - Kevin Greene and Autumn

- “I’m here two days a week, so I figure I can push classes those days and have fun the rest of the week.”
  - Daniel Oversby

- “It’s hard, but there’s always a way.”
  - Marina Hernandez

- “Normally just the weekends. I have classes Tuesday and Thursday so I take my off-days to study.”
  - Ryan Johnson

- “I don’t! I work!”
  - Kristi Williams

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Ram It Out!

Bye-Bye Birdie!
“I hate these birds! Get rid of them. The big white bird tried to eat me. I’m boycotting the birds!!”
- Kierra, 18

Dude Dress Dilemma
“The style of today has become quite stupid, especially guys who wear tight, extra-small clothing. Wearing tight jeans that don’t fit and extra small shorts like females is not hot. Wise up guys and get a clue to the styles you are representing.”
- Chief, 21

Food Freebies, Please!
“Every day I go into the bookstore wanting something new, but like always it never changes. I think with as much money as I spend in there every day I should at least receive a free bag of chips!”
- Give me something FREE-19

Grins and Gripes
Column By
Nancy Sexton
Special Projects Editor

“With classes in full swing, how do you find time to have fun?”

We saw democracy in action on Tuesday Nov. 4, 2008, or did we? Some say we saw a historic event when Barack Obama was elected president of the United States of America. We will have to wait and see if it was a positive historic event or one of our bigger mistakes, which we seem to be making with a much greater frequency.

It would seem that with so much media coverage citizens would be given more truthful and correct information. They would thereby be able to make a more educated decision when they vote. The only problem with that scenario is the tremendous amount of bias in the liberal media who have their own reasons for wanting certain parties elected. How nice it would be if everyone just told the truth!

Yes, if we could see the faults of all the candidates, maybe we would get more information about the actual important issues without the name calling. The two-party system would really exist and work effectively, with our country and democracy being the beneficiary. Wouldn’t it be nice to be able to trust our public officials and the media circles that recommend them instead of finding out after they get into office what they are really like?

How nice it would be to feel comfortable about going into the voting booth and casting our ballots, thinking we are doing something positive to help our country. Instead we are wondering if we are doing the right thing because of the way things are written and the confusion in our minds, because of the mixed messages the different media groups send.

Nancy’s grins available at
www.myspace.com/vvcRamPage
Wood Grill Buffet Sizzles In Debut

Story and Picture By
Rebecca Mendez
RamPage Reporter

Deciding where to eat with friends or family can sometimes be a difficult task because the High Desert is filled with a variety of different restaurants. The newly opened Wood Grill Buffet on Main and Topaz in Hesperia has made that task even harder.

The Wood Grill Buffet offers diners a choice of eating a variety of southern food such as fried chicken, mashed potatoes, prime rib, hot wings, fried fish, baked bread, macaroni and cheese, and pot roast. You can even order baked potato that the waitress brings to your table.

The Wood Grill offers a variety of pies, brownies, cookies, cakes, cheese cakes, pudding, ice cream and a variety of different candy to add on.

Among the food items to choose from the roast beef is definitely one of the tastiest items. It has the perfect amount of seasoning and is juicy. The fried chicken is also one item that all customers must try out at least once. It has just the right amount of crunch and seasoning which provides for the perfect flavor.

The fruit bar has to be a favorite for many people. With one bite it is apparent that the fruit is fresh and juicy. Unlike any other restaurant the fruit served is fresh and chilled to the perfect temperature.

Surprisingly the food bar and seating area is not as big as one would think. Due to its limited seating capacity, the restaurant does get full rather quickly. Waiting for a table to open and to be seated can be bothersome. General price for adults is $12.99.

Once inside, the waitresses are quick to serve drinks and clean up plates. The inside of the restaurant has welcoming neutral colors with frames hung all around. It’s a place to eat with family or friends because the atmosphere is very casual. It’s ideal for eating a healthy meal or filling up on tasty carbs and protein.

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Zack And Miri Deliver More Than A Porno

Review By
Brett Diaz
RamPage Reporter

Zack and Miri Make a Porno is a movie about two life-long friends that are facing very hard times, and so they do the only thing they can to change their situation: they make a porno.

Zack and Miri was written and directed by Kevin Smith. This movie is Smith’s first major outing since the phenomenal Clerks 2 (2006). The comedy of Zack and Miri is almost a pointless, dorky rough ride.

In other words, this movie is classic Smith. Thankfully though, while Smith’s style may tend toward almost pointlessness, the romantic comedy story in Zack and Miri Make a Porno makes sense.

The charge of being clichéd could be lowered at the material, such as neither of them wanting to admit to loving each other and getting into a fight, then splitting only to come back together.

Or, for example, the reason Zack and Miri must make a porno is due to their utilities being turned off en masse. In a twist on a funny cliché, when Zack and Miri, played by Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks respectively, go to their high school reunion, Miri goes to get revenge for her high school crush making fun of her. But, in the funny twist, turns out he’s gay! Through this however, they meet his boyfriend, Brandon St. Clair, a gay porn actor and distributor. This revelation is the plot device that gives Zack the idea to do a porno.

Yet the story is extremely well done. Through story mechanics, the audience makes connections to the characters and their hardships. Even at the end, the laughs remain.

In the reunion scene, with emotions charged and confessing his feelings through the door, Zack, played by Seth Rogen, comes face to face with Lester, played by Jason Mewes better known as Jay from Jay and Silent Bob.

The combination of Smith’s sharp, silly comedy Rogen’s dry delivery and the extremity that is Lester “the Molester” created an incredibly funny movie. To sum it up, Zack and Miri Make a Porno delivers.

Lester uses the moment to impart wisdom of a sexual and loving kind. After instructing Zack on a Dutch Rudder, he remarks on the fact Miri moved into Zack’s room because she missed his smell, ending with, “That probably means she loves you.”

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VVVVV Zack and Miri Make a Porno
Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks

Desreen Pena
Entertainment Editor

I love that we live in a world where fashion never ceases to prevail. November 4 election night left some voters in bliss and others in disarray. But it wasn't because of who would take the next presidency. No, it was over a dress.

She has previously been compared to the iconic Jackie O. Jackie, the right hand woman to late President Kennedy was always praised for her fashion sense and created a generation of Jackie O look-alikes. However, this outfit alone has left the public screaming Jackie No!

Upon clicking on Yahoo’s home page I found that the feature story was not a heart wrenching story about John McCain nor was it a victorious piece about President-Elect Barack Obama. Rather, it was an article on Michelle Obama's red and black Narciso Rodriguez flock. This story had received 31290 comments and 823549 poll results in less than 24 hours! This, I’m sorry, is completely mind boggling. Have politics actually turned trendy? Will Michelle and Barack be bigger than Brangelina and the late Bennifer? Dare I title… Michack?

Even in such a crucial and important moment in our history we will never miss a chance to create a best and worst dressed list. I can see future headlines now, “Michelle Obama; First Lady, but not of fashion.” Personally, I could care less about the lack of style or not so fashionista qualities Michelle Obama possesses; even if her get-up was a little red-robin-ish. Oh America, no need to worry about the economy, or health care, soldiers overseas or home foreclosures; no, we have bigger dresses to fry.
Top Ten Song Singles

1. T.I. Feat. Rihanna “Live Your Life”
2. T.I. “Whatever you Like”
3. Pink “So What”
4. Katy Perry “Hot and Cold”
5. Beyonce “If I Were A Boy”
6. Britney Spears “Womanizer”
8. Ne-Yo “Miss Independent”
9. Akon “Right Now (Na Na Na)”
10. Jason Mraz “I’m Yours”

Top Five Albums

1. AC/DC – Black Ice
2. Pink – Funhouse
3. High School Musical 3: Senior Year – Soundtrack
4. John Legend – Evolver
5. Toby Keith – That Don’t Make Me A Bad Guy

Top Five Movies

1. High School Musical 3: Senior Year
2. Zack and Miri Make a Porno
3. Saw V
4. Changeling
5. The Haunting of Molly Hartley

Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 – April 19
An obstacle frustrates you on the 11th. Approach it as a welcome challenge and watch it melt away before your very eyes! On the 16th, shop at a flea market or on eBay.

Taurus
April 20 – May 20
When you want something on the 10th don’t rush out and buy it. Restrain! On the 15th, old feelings you've been bottling up need to be let out.

Gemini
May 21 – June 21
On the 7th and 8th, your creativity is strong. Spend the evening at home on the 11th. Don’t overstrain yourself! The 20th is a detail day. That means you have to tend to the little things, even if they annoy you.

Cancer
June 22 – July 22
Be cool on the 9th when tempers flare. On the 13th, don’t let a well meaning but clueless coworker misinterpret you. Make a plan on the 20th. All your plans are propitious now!

Leo
July 23 – August 22
Don’t indulge on the 12th. Be disciplined right now. On the 14th, you impress somebody who isn't easily impressed. Could it be yourself?

Virgo
August 23 – Sept. 22
On the 9th tell a coworker you're upset with what's going on. On the 15th, you're back at the helm when it comes to family affairs.

Libra
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22
On the 11th, all your activities should involve a crowd. On the 14th, you're ready for new experiences. By the 18th, people will come to you with all kinds of problems. Do your best!

Sagittarius
Oct. 23 – Nov. 22
A conflict on the 10th could turn ugly fast. On the 15th, try not to turn into co-worker-zilla. You’re not a monster! Tap into your charming side to get what you want.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19
On the 8th, art and music will awaken your imagination. Go to a museum, concert, the ballet or an opera. By the 14th, you’re itching for a workout. On the 19th, be on your toes when it comes to work.

Aquarius
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18
Embrace eccentricities on the 12th. They’ll point you in an important new direction. If in a struggle on the 18th, make sure you come out on top.

Pisces
Feb. 19 – March 20
On the 8th, you’ll see some exciting developments in the works. On the 12th, a love letter really perks up your day. Do you love them back? Sit yourself down on the 18th and have a serious talk about your health.

Horoscopes courtesy of shine.yahoo.com
Word Search Puzzle: Past Presidents

Find the names that have been hidden in the grid, then use the remaining letters to create a quotation by Richard Nixon.

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Rams Basketball

2008-2009 Schedule

Men's

November 2008

- VVC vs. Glendale College
  Friday/Saturday 7th & 8th at TBA
  Glendale

- VVC vs. Los Angeles Southwest College
  Tuesday 11th at 7:00 pm
  Victorville

- VVC vs. Fullerton College
  Tuesday-Sunday 18th-21st at TBA
  Fullerton

- VVC vs. Citrus College
  Friday-Sunday 28th-30th at TBA
  Glendora

Women's

November 2008

- VVC vs. East Los Angeles College
  Wednesday 12th at 5:30 pm
  East Los Angeles

- VVC vs. Citrus College
  Saturday 15th at 6:00 pm
  Glendora

- VVC vs. Los Angeles Valley College
  Wednesday 19th at 5:00 pm
  Victorville

- VVC vs. L.A. Pierce Crossgrove
  Friday-Saturday 21st-22nd at TBA
  Los Angeles

December 2008

- VVC vs. Santa Barbara College
  Thursday-Saturday 11th-13th at TBA
  Santa Barbara

- VVC vs. Los Angeles City College
  Friday-Sunday 19th-21st at TBA
  Los Angeles

- VVC vs. San Diego Mesa College
  Sunday-Tuesday 28th-30th at TBA
  San Diego

- VVC vs. Imperial Valley College
  Saturday 6th at 3:00 pm
  Victorville
classes that were offered in winter 2008. This is a notably diminished schedule.

Administration points to lack of funding as the reason for the cut-backs. In the fall semester, the student body has grown by almost 14 percent (RamPage reported). The funding by the state only allows for a maximum growth of 1.6 percent. All growth beyond that margin is not funded by the state. For VVC, this means that in the fall semester about one out of ten students received an education that was not funded by the state, but had to be subsidized by the college itself.

Student William Cisneros is not too concerned about not finding his favorite class in the winter schedule. “It would bother me, but nothing more,” said Cisneros, who is an art major. Some of his peers have a different take on the issue.

“I heard it from counselors and other teachers, we are doing a tremendous disservice to the students by not offering these classes,” said Tracy Davis, assistant professor for history at VVC. Students who are on track and try to graduate might not be able to finish their education on time.

At this point, the VVC budget is balanced. In the future, the college needs to stay on budget by “managing the growth,” said Greulich. The adjustments in class offerings for the winter reflect a lack of funding and not only students are affected, but also teachers. Many part-time instructors are facing an involuntary winter off. Across campus even some full-time instructors, lacking seniority, have to fight for their classes.

The state recently increased the level of funding for ‘under funded colleges’ like VVC to 90 percent of the average funding of community colleges. For the vast growing area of Victor Valley and the structural changes that this growth brings to VVC, this amount still leaves VVC under-funded. At the state level, discussions have already begun, that, if followed through, would lead to even more problems for VVC.

“We are not done being hit,” said Greulich. The recent savings measures are not only aiming at the current and past semesters, they are also a precaution to prepare for the future.

### AlertU From Front Page
way messaging, which gives people the ability to respond to an emergency and to track more information from any crisis.

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Providing foster care requires attending mandated hours of education for licensing. If the level of care is provided. Some foster parents attend more hours than required because of their interest in different subjects. These classes are one-time, on-going and held in a variety of locations. English and Spanish are among subjects that are covered.

With so many people making such positive comments, it would seem Rebecca Talley really did deserve the award she received. For more information contact Isela Gonzalez, FKCE/ILP Bilingual Trainer, or Rebecca Talley at (760)245-4271 extension 2721.

### Chief From Page 3

training academy, making them traverse the Cajon Pass on a daily basis, to be effective on campus. “California has 28 classifications for peace officers under four categories. PC830.1 (penal code) is a full time peace officer such as sheriff’s deputies and municipal police officers. They have the powers of a peace officer both on and off duty. PC832 is minimum law enforcement training giving peace officers the powers of arrest only and all officers are required to have this training.

The second category is campus law enforcement, a course supplement to 832 required by all peace officers working on a kindergarten through twelve school and all community colleges. The third category is for reserve officers and the fourth is for investigators,” said Fields.

When the training requirements changed in 1999, all new hires were required to attend the academy and have full basic training. Current campus officers were grandfathered in. “The only thing our officers are missing is the training to handle domestic violence and child abuse. All they really need are certain blocks of training requiring eight hours for each block. That training would bring them equivalent to 1999 standards, be less expensive than full basic training and still maintain full officer standards,” said Fields.

Throughout the United States, there is a proliferation of crime. Gangs use this campus as a drop zone. There are parolees and registered sex offenders on the VVC campus. Restraining orders and a growth in domestic violence is rampant. With the recent violence on campuses around the world, the police department on campus is a source of security to students and staff.
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