College Regains Full Accreditation

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The dark cloud of accreditation warning that hovered above Victor Valley College is gone. In 18 months the school has made a 180-degree positive change.

The first day Dr. Robert Silverman became VVC president he received notice the college was in danger of losing its accreditation standing. This Feb. 5 Silverman was informed by the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges that the school had “addressed fully the Commission’s concerns and the team recommendations that led to warning status,” according to official documentation from ACCJC.

The significance of the decision is the college has regained status granted to an educational institution that has been found to meet or exceed stated criteria of educational quality. Accreditation ensures transferability of courses, student access to federal financial aid, institutional quality, improvement and accountability.

Included in praise from ACCJC Visiting Team Chairperson Jan Kehoe, recognizing VVC had met all ‘warning’ recommendations within 18 months (6 months faster than required) was “the college has shown evidence of a dramatic shift…. the leadership of the institution has led a productive transformation and reorganization…. VVC held the college to a higher standard than was required.”

The seven issues of concern that were met included organization, institutional effectiveness, finance, staffing, campus climate, student equity, leadership and established systems for sustaining these improvements.

Dr. Christopher O’Hearn first visited Victor Valley College in 2005 as chair of the visiting team for accreditation. O’Hearn was, then, very aware of VVC’s shortcomings.

He and Dr. Silverman knew each other through their educational positions and because O’Hearn was aware of the issues, he was in a position to help eliminate the pitfalls of accreditation in a timely manner. He was hired by Silverman in August 2008 as the deputy superintendent/executive vice president of instruction to help remedy VVC’s status.

His insight was key to turning things around. O’Hearn said, “I am pleased with the Commission’s ruling, but I also realize this is an ongoing process.”

Silverman indicated the outcome was extremely satisfying. He said, “This shows morale is high and people are feeling better about the college.”

The school now returns to a normal evaluation cycle. The next review will occur in 2011.

According to Executive Director of the Victor Valley College Foundation Ginger Ontiveros, “Perhaps the most significant project addressed by the college in its quest to regain stature was the revision of curriculum for every one of its 1,400 catalogued classes, each scrutinized to include student learning outcomes, measuring the knowledge gained by students in individual courses and programs.”

Dr. O’Hearn said, “I think that it needs to be made clear that a significant reason that this college is becoming so successful is because of dedicated staff and faculty that have devoted their careers to serving students. Strengths in the institution are in the people that are here to serve the students.”

Relieved were prospective students Mark Miller and Brenda Werscher, who were concerned that accreditation issues might have killed the November ballot measure that passed for the college.

ENROLLMENT UP

Spring 2009 enrollment is up 12 percent with full time equivalent students and the head count is up 17 percent. The goal is to reach a total of 10,001 full time students to put VVC at the next level for state revenue. The advantage would be to maintain the current status of classes offered even with budget cuts because the college could balance out the loss.
New Face On Campus

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There are many new faces around the Victor Valley College campus, and it is hard to get to know everyone in a single semester. Fusako Yokotobi is vice president of human resources. She came to the high desert the end of August 2008 from Sacramento and loves the fact that she works so close to home. That is a new experience for her.

“I feel very lucky and proud to be a part of VVC. It is a wonderful place to be. With the approval of accreditation, the JJ bond measure and the solid administrative team we now have in place, this will be a great school year,” Yokotobi said.

She plans to strengthen her relationships with groups, staff and students, do a review of the operations of the human resources department and make improvements where needed. She said, “I want to keep on doing what we do good, better.”

When asked about the educational cuts planned by the state, Yokotobi said, “The governor, taxpayers and members of the legislature understand the importance of education and the crucial role that California community colleges play in retaining our workforce. She does not foresee a problem and doesn’t think the college has anything to worry about.

Yokotobi is in charge of recruitment and of ensuring fair and equitable employment. VVC is an equal opportunity employer, and Yokotobi makes sure it remains that way. She checks qualifications of potential employees to determine that the minimum requirements have been met and does the hiring. She also handles operations and compliance.

VVC has three unions; Yokotobi handles all of the contract negotiations. Part-time faculty belongs to the American Federal Teachers Union, classified employees belong to the California Scholars Employee Association and full-time employees are members of the Community College Association/California Teachers Association. “All of the unions have a chain of command and there is much to remember and to do,” said Yokotobi.

One of the goals Yokotobi has for this school year is VVC signage improvement. “We have a wonderful campus, and we need to make people more aware of what we have to offer,” said Yokotobi. “Signage says so much.”

Yokotobi was California’s Vice Chancellor of Human Resources before coming to VVC. She was awarded the California Performance Review by the governor. She had to oversee more than 100,000 employees of the state and find ways to mainstream the efficiency of the Human Resources department. Her award states “Good Government, Good People.” She said it was a lot of fun doing the research and coming up with ways to make things run smoother.

VVC’s President Pleased

By Kathleen Allen
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In a telephone interview Victor Valley College President Dr. Robert Silverman said, “I want to welcome all new students and continuing students. I encourage you to take advantage of all the services we have to offer. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to voice them, as we are here to see you become successful.”

The facilities team is working on plans to alleviate the parking problems at VVC. The economic problems causing such a high loss of jobs throughout the state and community residents coming back to school for training is happening all at one time.

Spring enrollment is very high, classes are full and the parking lots are packed. Winter intersession classes were cut back to maintain a balance on the budget. “All of this is happening at the worst possible time. Upper colleges are turning students away because there are not enough sections to support a higher enrollment. We are hoping we do not have to follow suit,” said Silverman.

Implementation of Measure JJ is moving right along and on schedule. “The foundation is being laid and development procedures that have to be done are moving in a positive direction. When we sell the bonds that will be a big deal in the process. Our plan is to break ground on the East side center in the middle of the summer. It can be disconcerting because there is not a lot to see yet. We are still working with consultants for both construction and design,” said Silverman.

The administrative team at Victor Valley College carries more than 84 years of senior level management, based on experience and judgment, in the top four positions. “We are doing our best to provide quality education to as many students as we can. With the cuts in state budgets we all need to maintain patience. Your suggestions are always welcome. The success of VVC’s accreditation process is based on the students,” said Silverman.

There is so much happening right now. Plans are moving ahead with training in environmental sustainability and green technologies. “I would hope a one-stop center for enrollment and the congestion of the parking facilities remain high priorities as discussions continue,” said Silverman.

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How Not To Become A Victim

By Bill Buttler  
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The information herein is based upon collective internet tips offered to the public as preventive, practical strategy to help protect one's safety. I make no claim of being an expert on these matters, nor am I a professional advocate. If any of this information prevents a tragedy it will have served its purpose.

Through a Rapist's Eyes

This is important information for people of all ages. A group of rapists in prison were interviewed, revealing what they look for in a potential victim. Here are some interesting facts:

1) The first thing men look for in a potential victim is hairstyle. They are most likely to go after a woman with a ponytail, bun, braid or other hairstyle that can easily be grabbed. They are less likely to go after a woman with short hair.

2) The second thing men look for is clothing that is easy to remove quickly. Many of them carry scissors around specifically to cut clothing.

3) They look for women using cell phones, searching through handbags, or doing other activities that may distract them enough to make them easy targets to be overpowered.

4) Men are most likely to attack & rape in the early morning, between 5 and 8:30 a.m.

5) The number one place women are abducted from or attacked is parking lots/garages. Next are public restrooms.

6) They are looking to grab a woman and quickly move her to another location where they don't have to worry about getting caught.

7) Two percent said they carried weapons because rape carries a 3-5 year sentence but rape with a weapon is 15-20 years.

8) If a woman puts up any kind of a fight, they will likely get discouraged. It only takes a minute or two for them to realize that going after you isn't worth it because it will be time-consuming.

9) They would not pick on women who have umbrellas or other similar objects that can be used from a distance in their hands. Keys are not a deterrent because you have to get really close to the attacker to use them as a weapon. The idea is to convince these guys you're not worth it.

10) Self-defense strategies can be helpful. If someone is following you or with you in an elevator or stairwell, look them in the face and make conversation. Now you've seen their face and could identify them in a line-up; you lose appeal as a target.

11) If someone is coming toward you, hold your hands in front of you and yell STOP! or STAY BACK! Never cry 'RAPE!' FIRE works great to get attention. Most rapists said they'd leave a woman alone if she yelled or showed that she would not be afraid to fight back. Again, they are looking for an easy target.

12) If you carry pepper spray, tell 'I HAVE PEPPER SPRAY!' and hold it out in front of you.

13) If someone grabs you, outsmart them. If you are grabbed around the waist behind, pinch the attacker either under the arm (between the elbow and armpit) or in the upper inner thigh very hard. One woman used the underarm pinch on a guy who was trying to rape her and she was so upset she broke through the skin and tore out muscle strands - the guy needed stitches. Try pinching yourself in those places as hard as you can stand — it hurts!

14) After the initial hit, go for the groin. If you slap a guy's parts it is extremely painful. You might think that you'll anger the guy, but the rapists said that women who will not cause a lot of trouble. Start causing trouble and he's out of there.

15) When the guy puts his hands up to you, grab his first two fingers and bend them back with as much pressure pushing down on them as possible.

16) Of course the things we always hear still apply. Always be aware of your surroundings, take someone with you if you can and if you see any odd behavior, don't dismiss it, go with your instincts!

17) Never let them take you to a second location. Nothing good will come of that!

Tip from Tae Kwon Do:

1. The elbow is the strongest point on your body. Use it!

2. If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse; toss it away from you, chances are that he is more interested in them than you. When he goes for the item, run quickly in the other direction.

3. If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you, but everybody else will. This has saved lives.

4. Women have a tendency to get into their cars, sit working on their checkbook, or making a list. DON'T DO THIS! The predator will be watching you and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head and tell you where to go. AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE. If someone is in the car with a gun to your head DO NOT DRIVE OFF. Gun the engine and speed into anything, wrecking the car. Your air bag will save you. If the person is in the back seat, he will get the worst of it. As soon as the car crashes, bail out and run.

5. Be aware: look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor and in the back seat.

6. If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars.

7. Look at the cars parked on both sides of your vehicle. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to go back and get a guard/policeman to walk you back out.

8. Always take the elevator instead of the stairs. (Stairwells are horrible places to be alone, and the perfect crime spot. This is especially true at night).

9. If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, ALWAYS RUN! The predator will only hit you 4 in 100 times, usually missing vital organs. RUN, preferably in a zigzag pattern!

10. Women frequently tend to be sympathetic: STOP! It may get you raped or killed. Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well-educated man, who always played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women. He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked for help into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next victim.

11. Another safety point: It has been reported that serial killers have used recordings of babies crying to lure victims out of their homes. Do not open your door to anyone you do not know.

12. If you are unaware of utility personnel working in your area, call to verify before allowing them to enter your home. If you are alone and someone needs to use the phone, get a number and offer to make the call for them.

This advice is not for women only, guys are attacked as well. Pass this information on to everyone you care about.
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VVC Basketball In Playoffs After 20-Year Drought

After a long season, Victor Valley College’s basketball team stacked up enough quality wins to participate in the Southern California Regional Basketball Playoffs. On Feb. 25 the Rams made history by playing their first playoff game in almost 20 years. VVC hosted a quarterfinal round game against No.18 ranked Long Beach Community College, that had a regular season record of 15-14. In a gym full of supportive screaming fans, the No.15 ranked Rams rallied from behind as much as 16 points in getting the 87-83 victory.

Point guard De’anard Crouch had 31 points and was almost perfect at the free-throw line. Crouch’s leadership, along with Dwight Gordon’s skillful play was enough to get the win over a Long Beach team that was hot the whole night, hitting almost every three-pointer they attempted.

VVC sophomore Tim Sanders registered 16 points that night, most of them from three-point country, as if to say ‘we can match anything they bring.’

Most of the LBCC attack came from front top scorer Reggie Patterson, who poured in 20 points. VVC fans were heard screaming, “Just cover Reggie; all you got to do is cover Reggie!”

With just minutes and seconds left before the game ended and the Rams up a couple of points, the crowd had its mind set for a win and was ready to rush the court when the final second ticked off. Coaches, players and fans alike were jumping up and down with joy after witnessing an almost impossible come-from-behind win, sending VVC to the semifinal round against second-rated Citrus.

After the game, when asked what was the biggest challenge of the night, Dwight Gordon said, “We knew they were big coming in and our defense had to step it up. At the half we knew that we had to step up our defense and continue to play hard.” He also said, “After coming from behind like that I now know that anything is possible, and we’ll be ready to play against our next opponents.”

Cordell Wilson said, “It was our leadership and their ability to run the team. We knew we had to continue to play hard and our defense really held on for us at the last quarter.”

Coach Tom Dudgeon said, “It was our teams’ character that won this game. The leadership from my sophomore players and our defense which held them to less than 29 points in the second half really helped us out at the end.”

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Ensemble & College Band.

**Apr. 24 - 7:30pm**
**Bands** - Symphonic Band,
Brass Ensemble & Studio Band.

**Apr. 25 - 7:30pm**
**Choirs** - Master Arts
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Strings & College Orchestra.

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Ensemble & College Band.

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**LIBRA**  Sept. 24 - Oct. 3  
Cooking, growing things and music will keep you happily busy this Sunday. You may encourage a young person to enjoy their hobby or teach them a science experiment this evening. Monday may be the day that you bare the expense of moving your household goods and family to another city in search of a job—positive things are happening. Family, home, relatives, and real estate play a bigger part in your life Tuesday evening. A keen interest in what makes things tick and who (or what) pulls the strings is the hallmark of the mental cycle that now begins in your life. The sight of some well-needed rain puts you in a good mood this Wednesday night and you volunteer to cook. On Thursday, you feel great support from those around you, or circumstances could dictate your taking action—you feel healthy and natural. A big surprise is coming to you in the mail this Friday—perhaps a check is larger than you expected. A clear-minded insight into your own plans is available and if you review them with your boss, you may just find that a willingness to help you. Saturday evening you may feel that you are in touch and in harmony with others; the lines of communication are open. There is an opportunity to relax with your loved ones this evening.

**TAROT**  
Oct. 24—Nov. 22  
You could find yourself on top of the roof preparing for the upcoming weather season this Sunday. Monday may be the time you set aside to get organized with regard to a coming meeting. Because of the time element, life in the work world could be a bit stressful this Tuesday. This Tuesday evening, a love relationship appears almost magical. Home is the happiest place to be this evening. A get-together after work Wednesday allows you to relax and relate to co-workers and higher-ups in a more relaxed way. Thursday is an exciting time—you are unusually motivated. You may be traveling to visit friends or family that live a long distance away from you this week. You are a “happy camper” this Friday as your company will allow you some creative freedom. You listen and make reports. There is a desire to control a negative situation with kids this Saturday morning, but you back off and see how the “play” unfolds. With a listening and patient attitude a satisfactory agreement can be met. You can be a positive influence on others. You are cheerful and helpful this evening as everyone tends to home chores and personal itinerary.

**NOX**  
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
A charitable organization is brought to your attention this Sunday morning, perhaps through an announcement in your Church Bulletin or through some other form of information. You seem to be involved with the care of children most of this day. Monday is a great time to work and be with others. An authority figure may seek you out as just the person for a particular job. Tuesday is a day to plan for the future and look at the big picture. As you think on important issues, try to avoid being insensitive to others. There is optimism and faith at the deepest emotional levels. If you are retired and wondering how to fill your hours, there are some ideas through the Junior Colleges in your area that would be helpful to put experience such as yours to good use. Wednesday brings opportunities to share your knowledge with someone. There could be an opportunity (in the work place) to rise above your own limitations this Thursday. An animal that is fun and mischievous becomes a new pet. A relaxed evening with music this Friday can provide opportunities for you to balance out your energies. If you are working this Saturday, much progress is realized.

**DWE**  
Dec 22 - Jan. 20  
You may find yourself teaching a class within your religious organization this Sunday morning. Others value you for your ability to make some difficult topics easy to understand. Perhaps you could take some time out for a two-person bicycle ride in the park. Radical and inventive ideas hold the key to realizing your ambitions and advancing your status Monday. Good luck surrounds you. You may be able to encourage a friend to join you in a humanitarian effort this Tuesday. These efforts can affect your work and life-path. Wednesday you encourage “common-sense” thinking. Some sort of “task force” can be put together to do some detective work in the afternoon. Thursday may be a tough day to solve problems or to look for insights and solutions. You may feel that your independence is stifled or just not available to you for now. A positive change in financial status is possible very soon. You make a good impression on everyone this Friday. If you have your own business, you will have many customers knocking at your door! In-depth discussions can find you at your mental best. There is a chance to understand those around you and to have a special time with someone you love this Saturday. General good feelings of support and harmony make this a happy time.

**PISCES**  
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You are in the mood for some fun and adventure this Sunday but it may mean cleaning up after a night before party before you will be free to go. You are upbeat and ready for interaction with others as well as plenty of conversations. An important relationship, perhaps an older person or someone in authority, may come into focus on Monday. There could be some tension or sense of opposition requiring compromise. Mark on your “to-do” list for Tuesday to allow time for you! Make the most of your options this Tuesday (don’t forget that meeting). You can be very productive, particularly when you realize that you can redesign your future. Big rewards are in store for you. Wednesday is a great time to be with others and to work together. This is also a time when you could expect a little boost, some sort of extra support or recognition from those around you. This Thursday is a time for deep thought, review of self, a new chance. This is a time when you may marry or take on a new role in the community. Your psychic and intuitive nature are very strong on Friday. You feel and sense things that others do not. A pronounced curiosity about taboos and mysteries plays a greater part in your life on Saturday. You are also determined to become more organized and informed.

**PI**  
Feb. 20 - Mar. 20  
Phone calls, news broadcasted from the radio and taken from the newspaper plus visits with friends in your religious circle all seem to pass your check point this Sunday. Reports are that everything is doing fine in your world today. Concerning family and Friends—everything may be pouring in at once, and it’s all good news. Monday afternoon you use the time to catch up on letters, make phone calls, read and hug a child. This Tuesday, you do a lot of research and communicate with a lot of people, including companies in order to keep up-to-date and informed. You may experience some very high energy days as you begin a new heart healthy regimen on Wednesday. You will also find that energies balance out quite nicely as time moves along. Your attitude about your work is commendable this Thursday. If there is a job, you can do it. As a hard worker, you pour yourself into any task with absolute determination. You are responsible to the extreme and take on obligations as though you just cannot get enough. Friday is the best time to buckle down and tend to the business at hand. Your organizational abilities and sense of responsibility will be what guides you and proves successful. This Saturday is a good time to mend fences (so-to-speak) or to secure a relationship.
Mar. 21- April 19
You are most persuasive with others this Sunday, and a communication attempt with a difficult person is successful today. You will find successful end results from your probing questions this Monday. You may successfully be able to complete a project that others had begun way too long ago. You encourage others to follow your lead this Tuesday. Events can never get any stranger than they are now. You could easily feel confused and misdirected this Wednesday. Avoid the tendency to be delayed by taking things more slowly--avoid the temptation to rush. Your intuition is sharpened and may lead you to new insights. You know exactly what you are doing and where you are going this Thursday. Elements of timing and luck ride with you. Correct choices (the best path for you) may be clear at that time. Friday is the time to act, because it does not get easier if you let the moment slip away. A business social is where you can "network" this Friday. Rejoice in the wealth of your relationships this Saturday. Your support system (family, home, those who give you nourishment) is more secure. You encourage better support. Friends may find you less self-centered than usual.

Apr. 21– May 21
This Sunday morning you are ready, willing and able to be the speaker in a religious meeting. You are charming, witty and know just what to say when it comes to the question and answer period. You are not really the one to cook when it comes to a party get-together in the work place this Monday. Things may seem magical in the way they work out in your favor now. It's up to you to make sure you wind up with a profit on Tuesday. You could be in real-estate and help others with a sale that is difficult only to find that you are without a commission. If you are spending a lot of time working, you should get paid. After making it a point to relax, you may enjoy an early dinner out in a restaurant with the family or friends. You are full of energy this Wednesday and enjoy having a busy life. Parental advice (no matter how old you are) is valid. Listen to the voice of experience and avoid making costly mistakes. Challenging authority will not play in your favor this Thursday--easy does it. Be prepared for some unexpected surprises in the evening. A Virgo friend has plenty to say. In-depth discussions find you at your mental best Friday evening. Stress relief comes from a power walk. This Saturday afternoon you encourage neighbors and friends to take used books to the city library.

May 22-June 21
You are a good friend and you enjoy being with your friends in an inspiring environment this Sunday morning. Music is an important aspect of this day as well. You are interested in the telecommunications industry. Detailed descriptions of the public switched network, data communications including local area networks, current and future products and services may become available to you this Tuesday. Make a difference in how you live your future by playing today! You can have your way in your professional life on Wednesday. Don't be shy, just ask for what you want. Unexpected news tips the scales in your favor. You are an action person who gains the attention of others and seems to get things moving. The circumstances of your life suggest occasional extroversion. Self-discipline is the important issue on Thursday. You may be helping a young person with homework in the evening. Any plans made this Friday that include ways in which you could increase your income will be productive. This could include teaching, consultation or part-time work. An auction gives you the opportunity to add to a hobby collection this Saturday. The day brings a lot of fun activities. If you are with friends, be sure to take pictures. This is the time you make memories. You enjoy a beautiful sunset, with a friend this evening.

June 22-July 22
Exchanging information is an important activity this Sunday. Being more involved with neighbors or sibling(s) this afternoon is an important move. This Monday is a good time to concentrate on your career goals. Writing things down will force you to slow up and think before acting. A news article has your full attention Tuesday afternoon. You may be in the mood for deep and penetrating conversations or thoughts with a loved one in the evening. Environmental contaminants connected with your work can be a problem and you may find yourself successfully convincing higher ups of needed changes this Wednesday. Give very little energy to the "hot head" in your office or the short tempered driver on Thursday. Any negatives can distract you from your goals and keep you out of focus just now. Working hard is smart, but working smart is better. You develop a knack for organizing things and people, as a sense of ambition takes hold Friday. When faced with a problem Friday evening, you are able to make a positive difference. Taking the time to think through big decisions on Saturday is a positive move. You make your way through ideas and concepts. With a calm attitude you can express your thoughts to others quite well.

July 23-Aug 22
You could find yourself at a bazaar, selling your special recipe or helping at some booth in an art show on Sunday. If not, it is certainly a time for garage sales and cleaning out closets. You communicate with others and consummate skill, and it is stimulating just being with you. Many alumni from your school have gone on to receive notoriety in their particular expertise. This Monday you decide that you will improve your own job or take the leap and create your own business. Tuesday, you have a yearning to move toward the more challenging issues in the work place. Law, politics, education, travel and religion are some of the areas where you naturally seem to take the lead. Wednesday is a good day--most any task will move along quite well. You will enjoy the noon hour with a few of your co-workers as you help to pull off some kind of a celebration for your boss or a co-worker. Thursday is a beneficial time that will accommodate your efforts to achieve a balance between the physical and the emotional parts of your life. On Friday, an increased confidence and a more outgoing manner may be the key that opens many a new door in your career. Divvy up the chores this Saturday, so that no one person has too many things to do before a party or holiday occurs. There are some pleasant surprises this evening.

Aug.23-Sept.23
Instant gratification is one of the temptations to which you are subject to this Sunday. Slow down, dive into some busy activity and think things through--look at the long-term results. You consider working in a more technical business and plan to update your resume this Monday evening. Tuesday is an excellent time to sway others to your way of thinking. Slow your pace a bit and you will find you will have accomplished much more than you thought possible by day's end. Besting others in the heat of competition and taking on a leadership role means more to you this Wednesday than in the past: second best is not good enough! You may feel your independence is blocked this Thursday. Take the initiative--work cooperatively to reach mutual goals. Every good idea or insight has a risk so give this person time to come to terms with the answer. An increased confidence and a more outgoing manner may be the key that opens many a new door in your career this Friday. An appreciation for ideas and thoughts that are quite other-worldly is upon you. A social occasion Saturday evening will find you in a comical mood. Romance, the arts and other of life's pleasures take center stage this Saturday evening.