Students attempting to transfer or graduate are concerned about Victor Valley College’s counseling office, but few realize that a successful college experience is a group effort.

When universities change a requirement, VVC is updated by an email that goes to the transferring center and articulation officer Pamela James.

“A community college is exciting because you get to work with students from the ground up,” said James. She has been working for VVC since 1997 and is responsible for the transfer curriculum and general education requirements.

She communicates with all ten University of California schools and all 23 California State Universities. If any policies change, she emails all of the counselors an update.

“We in counseling can only be consistent if the student is consistently seeing us,” James said.

Students need to have steady appointments with their counselors if they plan on transferring. If they received information from a counseling appointment two years ago, it might not be concurrent with newer policies she says.

Counselors try their best (students) need to have some sense of what they want to do,” said counselor and coordinator of the Puente Program Eartha Johnson. “They need to know their strengths and limitations.”

Johnson has been offering academic advice to undergraduate students for five years. Often, students forget to ask important questions, and so they leave their appointments feeling dissatisfied.

Coming to a counseling appointment prepared with transcripts, educational plans and information on specific schools makes the process much smoother she says.

“My counselors are so hard to get a hold of,” said Ivonne Mateos, a communications and psychology major in her second year at VVC.

There is a staggering ratio of eight counselors to more than 13,000 students. That’s 1,625 students per counselor. The best way to meet with them is to make an appointment in advance.

Walk-in students are not always accommodated, but it’s essential to make the proper preparations.

“Students must be assertive,” said James. “We’re teaching (students) to plan ahead. See counselors by November, because (Spring) registration starts in December.”

Counseling appointments can be made in Building 55 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Once scheduled, meetings are held until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, call (760) 245-4271 ext 2296 or 2531.
The Social Network Review

“You Don’t Get To 500 Million Friends Without Making A Few Enemies”

Review By
Joseph Ciulla
Managing Editor

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“The Social Network” is a fast-paced witty drama that is more than the story about the rise of an empire, but the look inside the mind of the youngest billionaire in the history of the world.

The film places itself among the best of the year list and has generated tons of Oscar buzz. It is all well deserved though. Once the movie is underway you can tell that it has the makings to become a classic.

This time Fincher has recruited Aaron Sorkin to adapt a screenplay from the book “The Accidental Billionaires” by Ben Mezrich, which is sure to be acknowledged as best adapted screenplay.

David Fincher, the director of classics such as Fight Club and Se7en, has his way with movies; they are always dark and suspenseful.

It also helps that The Social Network has Trent Reznor, the genius behind the band Nine Inch Nails, and Atticus Ross creating the original score. The score creates an atmosphere like no other; sometimes it can be very subtle and other times the music hits you with its intensity.

The movie starts off in a bar setting on a fall night, where we see our lead character for the first time, Mark Zuckerberg (Jesse Eisenberg). He is sitting with his girlfriend, Erica Albright (Rooney Mara), discussing the possibilities of joining clubs, and the benefit of them. Almost immediately you can tell it is a Sorkin screenplay. The dialogue comes at lightning speed and is very intellectual. Although it is hard to grasp all that is being said, it all comes together perfectly.

Zuckerberg turns the conversation into a one-sided affair and this gets him into trouble, not just in this situation, but throughout the movie. After Albright breaks up with him, Zuckerberg storms back to his dorm room and quickly goes online to blog about it. While at the computer he puts together a website in a matter of minutes that ends up crashing Harvard’s server and earning him academic suspension and the recognition of the entire campus.

The movie then jumps back and forth between the creation of Facebook and the two lawsuits Zuckerberg faced after the fact. One was with his best friend Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield), who put up all the funds for Facebook to get its start; and the other was with Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss (both played by Armie Hammer) who claim Zuckerberg stole their idea.

During the proceedings Zuckerberg sits there barely paying attention to anything anyone is saying while he doodles on his notepad. Eisenberg was born to play this role. His portrayal of Zuckerberg is spot on perfect. Zuckerberg’s attitude is very narrow-minded, he can tune anything out that does not deal with what he wants to talk or think about.

As the movie progresses we slowly see Zuckerberg and Saverin’s relationship start to fade, as they both want to go different directions with the company. Fincher has a way with making the audience feel the animosity between the characters. The plot really starts to thicken as we meet Napster creator Sean Parker (Justin Timberlake) who thinks the idea of facebook is very intriguing.

Parker starts to become really close with Zuckerberg, and it seems as if Zuckerberg is star-struck by Parker. Saverin sees this from the get go and tries to warn Zuckerberg that Parker’s intentions are not the way to go. This is where Saverin and Zuckerberg stop seeing eye to eye.

The Social Network is easily one of the best movies of the year. It provides everything anyone wants in a movie and it defines a whole generation. The only reason not to see this movie would be because you’re holding out to see the movie about Myspace, which I hope will never be made, but knowing Hollywood its in the works as I speak.
Fun and Games at 2010 Penny Arcade Expo

Story by
Zenin Murawski
Reporter

In Seattle, Washington the Penny Arcade Expo (PAX) gaming convention took place over the course of Labor day weekend. The doors for the event opened at 10 a.m. on Friday and from that point on more than 67,000 fans of tabletop, console and PC gaming went into the Washington State Convention Center.

The first PAX was held in 2004 with roughly 3,000 people in attendance. Over the next six years the size and number of attendees increased seemingly exponentially as the hype surrounding the event increased.

Of all the people there students were very clearly the vast majority. People from colleges all over the country came to PAX for reasons all over the spectrum. As a Journalism Major from Santa Rosa College, Ben Pack was there to meet up with his “fellow members of the Joystiq Podcast Appreciation group.”

Flavio Rostami came all the way from Florida to get to PAX.

“I'm going to med school, but this is the perfect place for me to meet up with my friends who moved away. We all went to separate colleges, and being able to meet up at a place like this is just great,” said Rostami.

Russ Walsh, a high school student in Washington, went to PAX in order to get some information first hand on game development.

“I plan on going into development myself, and it's great to actually find out what I can do to help me get my foot in the door,” said Walsh.

No matter how many people were asked what their favorite part of the event was, the answer was almost always the same.

“It's the people,” said Pack.

“I mean, the chance to play games before everyone else is great, but it's the people that really stick out here,” said Rostami.

That's not to say the games don't shine here.

“There's just so much to see and do that there's no way I can get to it all,” said Pack.

“The chance to talk with actual developers face to face is something I wouldn't ever have a chance to do,” said Walsh.

Three Women with One Message of Community Service

Story by
Amber Schwartz
Entertainment Editor

To stand up and fix a problem in one's community can be a difficult task, but the people behind the production of “As One I Can” on Saturday Oct. 25 encouraged courage.

In the Performing Arts Center on Victor Valley College’s campus, three women were asked to speak about what they are doing to benefit the High Desert, but first a presentation of the award-winning documentary, “A Powerful Noise” was shown.

The movie featured three poor women in foreign lands who helped out their community in more ways than one. The women were left to deal with a “heap” of a problem resulting from different states of catastrophe, which ultimately pushed them to make a difference in everyone's lives. The three women who were chosen to speak that night were there to show how changes are being made here, oceans away from the three foreign do-gooders.

Valerie Smith and Julie Norton were two of the three women who have helped out the High Desert. They were chosen because they were honored as most inspiring women of 2010 in the Daily Press.
The Peanuts Gang Delivers on Stage, Too

Story By
Lili Berni
Features Editor

The fun and heart-warming musical “You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown” was produced this past September 24, 25 and 26 through the Creative Arts Theater by first time director Robert Blomker. The loveable Peanuts Gang we grew up with in the morning papers had been adapted for the stage by Clark Gesner and is synonymous with being an ideal production for one’s first show.

With several fast paced songs and delightful skits woven in, the incredibly talented cast unfolded their story and discovered what happiness truly is.

“Everything went by so quick! It’s was kind of overwhelming, but we’ve got some of the best talent in the Inland Empire in this cast,” said Blomker. Because of the casts’ energy and impeccable timing, the show was that much more fun. Particularly outstanding was Shane Cottrell’s performance as Snoopy. The range in his songs and delivery of his lines were perfect, and were admired by each audience member.

Beautiful Sounds Fill the VVC Performing Arts Center

Story and Photo By
Juan Munguia
Reporter

Victor Valley College’s Beginning String Orchestra, Preludium String Ensemble and College Orchestra put on their annual “Classics Concert” in the Performing Arts Center this past Sunday Oct. 3, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

The show opened up with the Preludium String Ensemble, conducted by Barbara Sternfeld, playing The Star Spangled Banner, Concerto No. 1 in A Minor and ‘Polka’ from Schwanda the Bagpiper, with Anjelina Lopez-Rosende as Violin Soloist. “I feel we did pretty good,” said Lopez-Rosende. She’s been playing the violin for over nine years and also plays the oboe and the trombone.

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The Beginning String Ensemble, conducted by Susan Peloza, then performed Finlandia, Viva Vilvaldi, Intermezzo from String Quartet No. 2, Op. 13 and Fright Night.

“I think we did a pretty good job,” Peloza said about the performance. “I choose what I think the students will enjoy,” Peloza said.

“It’s gone pretty smoothly; we did pretty darn good,” Therese Moore, who plays Cello in the Beginning String Ensemble, said about the performance.

The College Orchestra, also conducted by Barbara Sternfeld, was the last group to perform with The Liberty Bell, Symphony No. 2 in D and Battle Hymn of the Republic as their songs for the night.

According to Barbara Sternfeld, the performers only had about three weeks to study and practice their songs because the concert was scheduled earlier than in previous years, when before performers had on average about eight weeks to prepare.

“I think the performance is going very well, especially since this concert was scheduled earlier than we normally have, so we only had three rehearsals to put it together,” Sternfeld said.

“I thought tonight’s performance was excellent; I plan to come to the next one,” said audience member Francis Smith, who had four grandsons performing.

“The performance was beautiful, I think it’s good that everyone can come and have a wonderful afternoon and enjoy beautiful music,” said audience member Camila Rosende-Lopez, grandmother of Anjelina Lopez-Rosende.
Respiratory Therapy is an attractive career choice for people in the High Desert and like most healthcare fields, it is continuing to grow.

Allied Health of Victor Valley College offers an outstanding Respiratory Therapy program. Information on the program such as Associate Degree and certificate requirements, prerequisites, application require-ments and career opportunities can be found in the department’s pamphlet.

Other than the prerequisites listed in the pamphlet, Traci Marin, Respiratory Therapy Program Director, strongly suggests applicants take Human Anatomy, Human Physiology and General Microbiology.

According to Marin, the most important part of the application process is the interview. She is looking for people with great personalities who are ready to work at the bed-side, have an outstanding work ethic, are self responsible and are of high moral character.

None of the RT classes are online. Marin has good reasons for this. She wants to see how her students understand the material by their body language and by their facial expressions. The classes are mostly hands-on as well.

“I wanted to show people that you do not need money to do something. So many times we think that we have to have money to change things, but these women were poor and they made a difference,” said Mertens.

There is nothing written on a person’s mind that says they have to act when they see a problem, but Norton remains hopeful that something could happen. “Somebody’s going to listen,” Norton said.

Only 15 people showed up to the premiere of “A Powerful Noise” in theatres according to Mertens, but more than 30 people were at the event on Saturday. Perhaps a powerful noise was made.

The classes have vent machines for the students to practice with and students work directly with clinical instructors. They rotate through eight different area hospitals and second-year students have the opportunity to tutor the first-year students.

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College Fair Fall 2010 Gets a Breath of Fresh Air

Weather conditions allowed the Victor Valley College Transfer Center to hold their annual College Fair in front of the VVC Performing Arts Center on Thursday Sept. 30.

The change of venue from inside the Student Activities Center was done to raise student awareness to the event.

“This was one of the best organized college fairs that I have participated in,” said Associate Director of Admissions for The University of La Verne, Donald Parker. “The move to an outdoor location improved the visibility for the participating schools and the most thoughtful students went from booth to booth gathering information,” Parker said.

A combination of 24 colleges and universities provided general information to students; schools that attended were Academy of Art University, Art Institute of California, Azusa Pacific University, Brandman University, California Army National Guard, California Baptist University, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, California State University San Bernardino, Cambridge College, DeVry University, Columbia College Hollywood, Concordia University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, La Sierra University, National University, Pacifica College, San Diego Christian College, Sierra Nevada College, The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, United States Navy, University of California Riverside, the University of La Verne and the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

“I really enjoyed the diverse collection of schools at this college fair. The wealth of information that was provided was extremely helpful and priceless,” said VVC student Eric Allen.

“The Fall 2010 College Fair was a huge success due to collaboration among a few departments at VVC, excellent student volunteers and pleasant weather. We had a greater number of students attend the event since we were able to hold it outside this year,” said VVC Transfer Counselor Lorena Dorn.

Nicole Campbell from Brandman University provides informations to interested students.

‘A Day at the Library’ Concludes

In conjunction with Libraries throughout California, the Victor Valley College Library participated in the week-long event “Snapshot: One Day in the Life of California Libraries,” on Oct. 6.

The event was sponsored by the American Library Association and California Library Association to draw awareness to the importance of Libraries and the resources they provide. A survey was developed and provided for students to take and this will allow the information provided to be compiled by the ALA and CLA to the present results for Federal Grant proposals to support Library resources and services.

“It’s clear the student’s need resources, need computers and need a quiet place to study,” VVC Reference Librarian Meghan Kennedy said.

A quiet place to study, and surfing the web were neck and neck in the category for why students visited the library. Members of the Ellos club assisted in the facilitation of the student survey.

“I love doing good things, especially for Ellos club and VVC. I’m here all day and the library has been so great when I got to get away; it’s all inclusive,” said Joe Robleto President of Ellos club.

VVC students did not seem to mind sharing their study time in the library by being disturbed on the day of the survey.

Statistics on Snapshot:

- 3 interlibrary loans were requested
- 8 other classes were held
- 41 people participated in our library instruction classes
- 52 books were checked out
- 93 people used the group study rooms
- 100 reference questions were answered
- 102 people used laptops in the library
- 260 course reserve items were used
- 280 people used the library computers
- 1623 people visited the library
- 2057 users/searches of the library databases
ASB Council Prepares for Leadership Conference in New Orleans

Story by
Reina Arvizu
Reporter

This year the American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC) has decided to host their Student Leadership Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Normally the conference is held in Washington D.C.

“This year it is in a new location due to accessibility,” said Robert Sewell, Associated Student Body Counselor Advisor.

The conference includes representatives and students from community colleges around the nation as well as government representatives.

“We attend weekly advocacy meetings to prepare ourselves, we fundraise to pay for our fees, and our leadership team spends their Sundays in meetings. Lots of time is given to preparation,” said Victor Valley College Associated Student Body Vice-President Kaily Kirby.

The trip to New Orleans will be on November 10 through the 14 and will include ten or more students.

Every year, Victor Valley College gives a leadership presentation at the conference. Since 2004 VVC has been awarded college of the year twice. The location is just one of numerous changes going on at this year’s Student Leadership Conference.

“This year it is more about community service,” ASB Business Senator Eddie Stacy said.

According to Stacy, one of the important aspects of the ASACC Student Leadership Conference is to lobby for Pell Grant funds as well as address any concerns individuals may have involving their community colleges.

Along with attending the conference the students from VVC and others from around the nation will be planning community service projects in New Orleans. Replanting trees that have been devastated by the oil spill and feeding the homeless.

VVC is raising funds for the cost of this trip by doing car washes, raffles and events around campus.

“The goal is $3,800 for this trip and the students are well on their way to obtaining it. Contributions have also been made from community members as well.” said Sewell.

“A lot of hard work and planning goes into this event,” said Stacy, “this is not a vacation; it is a community envisioning experience for students.”

Student clubs are aware of these activities and events for the ASACC Student Leadership Conference by flyers and word of mouth.

“Victor Valley College is a nationally known community college in the country and it’s important anywhere we go to strive to work together as students from across the nation,” said Sewell.

“The ASACC Student Leadership Conference gives me tools to use back at my campus and my community. It’s a great thing and I’m excited to attend,” said Stacy.
VVC Cross Country Chases Another Championship

Head Coach Kevin Vidana-Barda has passionately dedicated these last 13 years to coach for the Victor Valley College Cross Country Team. After long hours of training and putting things together throughout the years, the team keeps in mind the challenges and has been able to overcome the hard times.

“The athletes have to give a lot to make Cross Country their sport. It is a sport that you must do 24/7/365 days a year if you want to excel. There are zero short cuts in distance running,” said Head Coach Barda.

Having won two Foothill Conference Championships in 2001 and 2009, the team also won the individual title at the Foothill Conference Cross Country Championship Invitational on Oct. 9, the Santa Barbara Invitational on Oct. 15 and the Foothill Conference Championships on Oct. 27, are some of the upcoming events the Cross Country team is getting ready for.

“It is pure, no rules, no equipment, no timeouts. It all comes down to you as an individual and how you perform determines how the team does. It is all about work,” said Coach Barda describing what the sport means to him and what makes the sport so unique.

“My whole family runs, and being the youngest one in my family you learn to like running” said Maria Magallanes Team Captain of the girl’s team.

“I just enjoy running, it helps me in class, it makes me more disciplined and it is always a good example anywhere I go,” said John McCreadie Team Captain for the Boy’s team.

“I think winning is great, but really I take satisfaction from seeing some of my former athletes become coaches at high schools,” said Barda. Anyone who is willing to commit to the work is welcome to be part of the team. With help of team Captain John McCreddie on the boy’s team, and Maria Magallanes on the girls, they are all committed to perform their best and bring with them many titles.

Rams Cross Country team ready for the run towards another new title.

VVC Rams Pin West Hills Wrestling Team

Rams wrestling team followed up their prior week’s defeat to last year’s defending champion with a partial sweep of West Hills College. Usually the coaches mop the mats before the matches begin to establish a clean environment for the wrestlers. But at Fridays meet, Coach Scott Seely’s Rams’ took it upon themselves to repeatedly mop the mats with the backs’ of West Hills’ wrestlers. Walking away with one of the nine performed scheduled matches.

Wrestler Timothy Quigg sent cherry bomb sounding echoes through Victor Valley’s gym charging spectators when he repeatedly dropped his opponent at every attempt to stand against Coach Seely’s philosophy.

The Rams sure-footed ascent to victory over West Hills was not without its share of slippery turf. Early on in match six a facial injury threatened to end the match for Rams’ wrestler Jose Chacon but immediately VVC’s Athletics Director Jaye Tashima implemented a Twist Tape and Go procedure which allowed Chacon to continue and secure one of the Ram’s six wins. Turf problems arose again in match eight when a highly disputed clock discrepancy cost heavy weight Cheyne Cook the match.

Nevertheless, this train continues to build up steam in their bid to secure a slot in the state championship which will be hosted right here at VVC on Dec. 10, 2010.

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Yet Coach Seely declines to take any of the credit for the success of his team but, is animated in praise of his two Assistant Coaches Mike Labrosse and former veteran Rams’ wrestler and graduate Kevin Chilton along with the intensity and dedication of his wrestlers.

"These kids’ are already the best when they get here. It’s great that I just get to sit back and watch them get better," said Seely.

"It’s all offence you attack, you overwhelm mentally and physically, and these are the guys that will do it," said Seely.

The Rams have one non-conference game remaining before they begin league play against Compton College on October 16. It will be imperative that the Rams learn from their mistakes and capitalize on their opportunities.

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This year, the photography club has been revived by a group of students who are determined to make the club a success. The club had their first meeting last month in the Student Activities Center, where the club’s six officers and ten members adjourned. However, the club is seeking more members to join.

“Our goal would probably be 50,” said club President Anthony Resendez. “Photography is supposed to be fun,” said Vice President Michelle Collazos.

On Oct. 10, 2010 the club is doing a “395 Run,” in which they will be driving on Highway 395 and stopping to take photos whenever someone wants to. Another potential trip is going to Big Bear in the winter to take action shots of snowboarders.

The club needs to raise money for these trips. Ideas for fund-raising include packaging photo materials and selling them to the photography class students or selling raffle tickets during the annual art show to give away pieces of art.

Diversity is present in the club, in both the member’s personality and technique. Members’ ages range in generations, from teens to adults.

“The younger generation has style. The older generation has experience,” said Resendez. Some photographers like to take photos of landscapes, and others prefer portraits, glamour or action shots.

“We all interact,” said Inter Club Council Senator Natalie Patterson, despite the differences. The club is in good hands with President Resendez having previous experience as president of other clubs. And while other officers may be new to the leadership position, all are excited to get the club up off the ground and to make it last more than the previous years.

“The board having nice people is going to make a difference,” said Resendez, “the biggest thing for us would be to make anyone in the club a better photographer.”

The photography club meets every second Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Student Activities Center with smaller meet ups off campus twice a month. They encourage attending at least one meeting if possible.

Additionally, they are also looking for models for several photo-shoots in November, where participating models will receive an 8x10 copy of their shot. For more information about the club or photo-shoot, email Anthony Resendez at tonyres@gmail.com or call 760) 927-5138.
“The students will take a tour of Congress, meet with the Ambassador of Lebanon and also participate as delegates in the NMUN conference,” said Dino Bozonelos, Director of the International Studies program, of this year’s conference.

“This year we will be representing the Republic of Lebanon,” said Robert Lazak, current MUN officer. “The students definitely leave with a sense of what to expect both in world politics and in the real world. First, students need to learn about their country, their region and the topics on the committees. Second, students learn how to give speeches, work in small groups and produce high quality papers under pressure,” said Bozonelos.

Every student taking part in the program takes it very seriously, spending a lot of time preparing for the national conferences. "In order to prepare for national conferences, MUN students must fully research the political, economic, security, and social aspects of their assigned country, with particular emphasis on foreign and diplomatic policy,” said the President of MUN, Shandan Lussenden.

The students participating in the NMUN have consistently won awards since the program's inception. Since 2005, the students have excelled at the national conferences, winning awards for outstanding delegations and outstanding position papers while representing various world countries.

This year, 8 students from VVC are going to our nation's capital for the conference. Monica Attia, Brooke Bishop, Joy Hmura, Richard Lara, Robert Lazak, Shandan Lussenden, Alexander Rudolph and Michael Sweatt will accompany Dino Bozonelos to the winter 2010 conference.

“We have a great team this year and I think we are poised to continue the tradition of excellence that has been established within the NMUN program,” said Lussenden.

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“The Rams need to fix the quarterback situation and maybe then can they turn their season around,” said spectator Eddie Dickerson.

The season is still fresh, but the Rams must solve their issues on the field sooner rather than later.

**Health from page 5**

Marin is plans offer a new certificate program only to respiratory therapy students and licensed Allied Health professionals called ECHO (Echocardiography) technician / echo cardiographer.

Marin would change one thing about Allied Health. “I would add a class, Interpreting Scientific Literature as it Relates to Health,” said Marin. The class would be about learning new things scientifically, then translating them to be use at the bedside.

The job placement rate for RT students who have gotten their license is high because of the program’s reputation, at the area hospitals with which it works.

Two RT students shared some information about the program. “It’s challenging, but exciting. We learn new things every day. We help tutor the first-years. It helps us review what we learned and motivates them,” said Second-year student Jillian Veezer. She believes the clinical classes are the best part. She joined the RT program because she was influenced by in a different RT program.

“You know you are going somewhere in life. You will make a difference. I always knew I wanted to be in the medical field. I was drawn to it. My grandma’s respiratory therapists were awesome,” said Lauren Johnson another second-year RT student.

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**News In Brief**

Oct. 12 Cal State Application workshop in Transfer Center. Counselors will show you tips and tricks to keep you from being denied from Cal State universities 55 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Oct. 12 Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in Bldg. 10. Please attend.

Oct. 12 Brandman University will be in the Transfer Center in Bldg. 55 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Oct. 12 Cambridge University will be in the ATC Bldg.21 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Oct. 13 University of Laverne in Transfer Center will be in Bldg. 55 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The foster care home will be called “Sheri’s Hope” and it will be located in Hesperia. She is applying for a license for the foster care home. Funding will be provided by the State of California. She will work in the home as the administrator. Schmoll will have to complete the qualification process, which takes about two months. This includes attending a three-hour training program, fingerprinting, criminal background check, certified CPR training and income qualification.

Each foster care child receives a monthly income. There are special grants for the foster care child when they attend school. The home has six bedrooms and four bathrooms. There will be five workers employed there, covering 24 hours a day. The workers will be college students majoring in psychology and counseling. The workers will be screened for the qualification process, which includes most of the same requirements that the foster care administrator completes.

The home will house foster care female youths. Girls ages 16 through 22 years old will be admitted, but she will also accept girls that are unwed and/or pregnant. The home will house 12 girls.

“Helping people has always been a passion for my mom. I’m excited for her to have the opportunity to affect lives in this capacity,” said VVC ASB President Judy Schmoll.

Schmoll will meet and interview each of the girls before they are accepted in the home.

“We will interview why they want to stay with us, because they want somewhere to settle and work on their education. There will not be any partying really going on for girls who really want to be on task and accomplish something,” said Schmoll.

She says she would like to help the girls stay in school and complete their education. Schmoll says she would like to provide foster care for the female youth who have made the transition out of the foster care system. These are individuals that the San Bernardino County foster care system just does not have enough room for.

The goal for “Sheri’s Hope” is to provide the necessities that a normal teenage girl would have.
The Spice of Life Festival that was on Civic Drive in Victorville turned out to be a great success.  
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Ninth Annual Spice of Life Festival Entertains Attendees

Civic Center Drive Comes to Life

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Preview of the November Ticket at Candidates Forum

The city council candidate forums were held last Wednesday Sept. 29 and Thursday Sept. 30 in Victor Valley College’s Performing Arts Center.

Candidates for upcoming City Council elections from Apple Valley, Victorville, Hesperia and Adelanto were given the opportunity to answer questions concerning their respective cities future development and state their positions on certain issues.

Victor Valley Daily Press sponsored and moderated the forum. Each candidate was given 30 seconds to answer each question. Candidates also answered questions submitted by audience members in attendance.

Question topics ranged from candidate stance on expanding economic growth and balancing the growth, public safety, tax increases, recreation for youth and plans for the future of the city’s development.

Over 300 residents attended the forum over the two nights to hear each candidate’s viewpoint on local concerns.

One question presented to the Victorville candidates was regarding the city investment in the Dr. Pepper/Snapple plant. Candidate Stanford Cramer affirmed his strong opposition to this investment.

Cramer who declared his membership in the 12 Visions political party is part of his plight in giving rule back to the citizens. "Government is here to serve the public, not the opposite," said Cramer during the forum after all candidates agreed to sign a tax payer protection pledge.

Victorville candidate Angela Valles, who received some applause from audience members, stated her political party as a Republican, while also declaring: "But I am a voice of all citizens," said Valles.

The candidate’s answers to the questions were similar, only varying slightly in some respects.

All candidates declared their promise of not raising taxes and most say the answer to economic problems means bringing jobs to increase revenue making the city a business friendly area.

Audience members were given the opportunity to meet with candidates after each forum to further address or elaborate on their concerns.

The forums were an overall success providing residents and attendees with a vast amount of information before heading to the polls.
Hispanic Heritage is the Highlight of the Day

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On Hispanic Heritage Day Victor Valley College students sat amongst various clubs to hear guest speaker Simón Silva.

Oct. 5, 2010, Hispanic Heritage Day observances took place on the second floor of the Student Activities Center. All of the partitions were slid aside to convert Meeting rooms A, B, C, and D into one board room. There, various clubs celebrated heroes who have made major contributions to the Hispanic Culture and how their acts have influenced society.

“Sept. 15 was chosen as a kickoff because it marks the independence date for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile celebrate their own independence Sept. 16 and 18, respectively,” according to Hispanicbusiness.com news page. Starting Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, Hispanic Heritage Month has been trimmed down to a day.

Various clubs presented booths. Off Broadway Performing Arts Club gave out free Chiclets gum pieces and spoons filled with tamarindo, while the Guild of Creative Writers Club exhibited books from Hispanic and Latin authors from the VVC Library.

Writer and illustrator of the book “Small Town Brownie,” Simón Silva, spoke of his home life, his influences and the necessity of the arts in society.

“I’m not an artist. I’m a creative problem solver,” said Silva, referring to the different perspective that artists possess.

Magdalen Chavez and Patricia Bejarano-Vera, members of the Event Planning Committee, brought up Silva’s name to the committee and when it was decided to contact him.

“I didn’t call myself until I had something to say,” said Silva. His work expresses similar textures to the late famed artist Diego Rivera. The lights and darks aid the subconscious familiarity we all have with both family and friendship along with the placid environments the pieces illustrate.

Students are also invited to be part of the event planning committee where plans are being discussed to prolong the on-campus celebration to the full month. VVC hosts a variety of students from all races and the college wants nothing more than to celebrate each and every one. “It’s important for us to respect each other and be aware of the multiculturalism, bringing the campus closer,” said Bejarano-Vera.

“As a committee, our goal is to have a celebration of Hispanic art dance and culture each week. As of next week we are looking for sponsors for the following celebration,” said Chavez.

Hispanic Heritage Day is a celebration of a culture not just for Mexicans, Cubans, Puerto Ricans, Chicanos, or Latinos but for everyone.

“Left-brained people think logically where right-brained people think creatively. We need to stop being right or left brained people and start being whole brained people. We need to get back to what made this country great,” said Silva.
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