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“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” Malcolm X

Victor Valley College Elects Three New Board Members

The Elected Hope to Make Positive Changes

The votes have been tallied, and the High Desert has elected Michael Krause, Lorrie Denson, and Dennis Henderson to the Victor Valley College Board of Trustees. The three open seats on the Board went to two teachers, Krause and Denson, and a retired sheriff, Henderson. The campaign ended with three clear winners. Krause was the front-runner the entire time. Krause ended up with 18.36 percent of the votes and not far behind was Henderson with 16.40 percent of the votes, according to the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters website.

“I’m glad the public had confidence in me,” said Krause about winning the election. “I’m very excited and very glad to have the support of the campus.”

The runner up in the polls Denson said “I wanted to do this for the students; I want to be an advocate for education. I’m excited about what I can do.”

Henderson is already currently a Board member and has now been re-elected. “I think it’s great. It’s always exhilarating to get elected,” said Henderson. “I think I got elected because I’m a proven board member”.

All of the new Board members seem to have different priorities, but similar goals.

“I want the college to be more visible, I want the high schools to know they have that option,” said Denson. “I plan on coming in and working hard,” said Denson.

For Krause, finding a permanent superintendent/president takes the top spot on his to-do list.

“The number one priority is finding a president and making sure we have a good president in there,” said Krause.

Along with finding the college a permanent superintendent/president, Krause says making sure classes are accredited is another one of his priorities.

“In the past we’ve been on watch,” said Krause of the college’s accreditation.

“(It’s important to make) sure we have the classes we need,” said Krause.

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Voter Results for State Election

Story by
Adreana Young
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Dennis Henderson. Photo courtesy of Justin Gatewood.

Lorrie Denson. Photo courtesy of Lorrie Denson.

Michael Krause. Photo courtesy of Michael Krause.
SAP Workshops Help Students Avoid Academic Dismissal

**Story By Rebecca Rodriguez**

Victor Valley College is getting students to learn more about Academic Dismissal with the Satisfactory Academic Progress Workshops.

Jim Murray, a financial aid Specialist, helped host the SAP workshops. These workshops are held two times every month. Last September the Financial Aids Office had ten workshops because so many students needed to attend. The Financial Aids Office checks to see how students are doing.

“We usually view your academic progress at the end of spring,” said Murray. When students sign up for classes, they have to at least pass 67 percent of those classes to keep your financial aid. However, many things can happen to students in their lives.

“I had a student whose father had cancer, because of that, the student had to leave all their classes to attend to their father,” said Murray. Students who just leave their classes and fail them, lose their financial aid.

The financial aid office is letting the students know that they can get it back through sending an appeal or petitioning for an incomplete with Admissions and Records.

The SAP workshops show the students how to appeal their case. Veronica Manriquez, a Financial Aid Specialist, helped out with setting up the workshop.

“We think it’s good,” said Manriquez. Rosalie Olguin, an Administration Secretary, helped as well.

“Students do not understand the process, it is on the website,” said Olguin. The work helped many students in many ways. It opened the eyes of student Stephanie Moore.

“It gave me a hello, that I have to improve my grades,” said Moore. However, not all the students felt this way. Student Michelle James was not too happy by the end of the workshop.

“It is frustrating when I know I could have done this two weeks ago,” said James. In the end she understood that it is her responsibly to take care of what she has to do.

The workshop turned out to be successful as always. Many students arrived and were helped with their questions.

Donate Coats of all Sizes to Warm Members of the Community

**Story By Juan Munguia**

Southwest Gas will be having its 12th annual Coat Drive on Nov. 13, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., or until they run out of coats at their offices at 13471 Mariposa Rd. Victorville. Anyone in need of a coat is welcome.

Donation boxes for clean new or slightly used coats are located in the Victor Valley College Auxiliary services room located in the Student Activities Center building and in many businesses and organizations in the High Desert area, including The Victor Elementary School District schools; Albertsons 13650 Bear Valley Road Victorville; Albertsons 20261 Highway 18, Apple Valley; Desert Community Bank locations; Alaska Federal Credit Union locations; Starbucks 14136 Highway 395 Adelanto; Starbucks 14848 Bear Valley Road Victorville; Starbucks 13166 Main St, Hesperia; Seattle’s Best Coffee 14120 Bear Valley Road No. 102 Victorville; One of Life’s Perks Coffee House, 18375 Highway 18 No. 3, Apple Valley; World Gym, 12284 Industrial Blvd., No. 4B Victorville; and Anytime Fitness, 12044 Dunia Road, Victorville.

“We expect a great response with the economy and people in need. It’s great that people can come and get a nice winter coat for kids and for themselves,” said Southwest Gas Administrative Assistant Nancy Keller.

“Employees volunteer to help with the drive, including those involved with the Building Life Up Everywhere program, or BLUE,” said Keller.

“We appreciate all help and donations,” said BLUE Chairperson and Southwest Gas Engineer Irma Bustamante.

“We send out flyers and public service announcements by radio and newspaper to get the word out,” said Bustamante.

“It’s an honor to be able to work with good people for a good cause,” said VVC Director of Auxiliary Services Robert Sewell.

“I think it’s a fabulous idea to donate and give back to the community, especially since so many people have coats that they have only worn one season and someone else would appreciate having that,” said Manager of Anytime Fitness Veronica Cortes.
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### Fist Fights Occur in the Student Activities Center

**Story by Rebecca Rodriguez**

**Reporter**

Two fights in two weeks, there is no reason to panic for seeing a trend.

The fight that happened on Monday Oct. 25 caused quite a stir with Victor Valley College students and staff. Eric Jones, a cook for S and B Foods, witnessed the fight with the two girls.

“One of the girls came in, we gave her some ice for her eye. That is when I found out she was pregnant,” Jones said.

The campus police who came to break it up had to call for help.

Johnathan Craig Dumcik, a student, witnessed how the fight started.

“A girl just walked up to a group of girls who were laughing, and asked what they were laughing at. One of the other girls from the group got up and yelled at her to get out of her sisters face,” Dumcik said.

The fight soon followed afterward.

In the past, there have not been a lot of fights. This semester there were two fights in the past two weeks.

“No a lot, just this semester, where it happened twice in couple weeks,” said Leonard Knight, Chief of Police.

Campus police have know been put on their toes to make sure it will not happen again.

The police suggest that students come to them to discuss any problems, including problems with other students. If students just need to talk to someone, the police will help with giving students resources to counselors in or out if school.

The campus police try to keep VVC a safe place for its students. Leonard Knight, Police Chief, has provided ways for students to feel safe at school whether it is walking to your car when it is dark, or dealing with someone who is threatening.

Students can call the campus police and they will surely help. Their extension is 2555.

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### K16 Bridge Program Helping Students Achieve Success

**Story by Micah Raimo**

**Opinion Editor**

Using a vertical alignment strategy, Victor Valley College senior Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Chris Piercy created a non-profit organization called the K16Bridge Program held a conference on Oct. 15, 2010.

This program helps students get into college and reduces drop out rates: the career center reinforces relevance, the education process establishes relationships and academic support provides teachings that will carry them beyond the college level. Six years ago, The Bridge Program, started at three schools: VVC, Silverado High, The Lewis Center and the Academy for Academic Excellence. Silverado itself was the test site for the program.

In 2008 the K16Bridge Program won the Campaign for College Opportunity’s Practice with Promise Award and the California Community College’s 2008 Chancellor’s Student Success Award.

“Students need a strong foundation and need an opportunity to express their skills. We are looking at strategies that help teachers with students, and the Bridge Program can help,” said San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Doctor Gary Thomas. “When we talked to dropouts, they said that ‘they didn’t have some-

VVC students can help the police with keeping the campus safe. If students know of any fights before they occur, they should let the police know immediately.

If a student has a problem with another student, the students can talk to the police and they will show you a way to handle it in a peaceful manner.

The police do what they can so students can pursue their goals, however students can help the police. Students should not let anger get to them. Fights can get students kicked out of the college. Make the wise choice, police will keep students anonymous if the so choose.

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Clothing Line Stylee and Butter puts on college tours

Victor Valley College student Diamond Esemuede and his friend Terrence Brock are bringing clothing line “Stylee & Butter” to college campus throughout Southern California.

Esemuede and Brock got the idea for the line after consistently having their style recognized. Both guys always had an interest in fashion and had the idea to do this for a while. They started the process of getting everything ready in August, but the line didn’t launch until Nov. 1, 2010.

“We expanded on one idea and made it happen. We took two ideas that were similar but different, and made something that is eccentric. It’s not all about just one style, it’s about multiple styles put together to make something outside of the box,” said Esemuede.

“Stylee & Butter’s line is as unique as their name,” said VVC student and one of the clothing lines models, Telsa Gilmer.

Esemuede and Brock work with Ernie Alvarez at Triple A Graphics in Victorville to make customized clothes for college students.

The line is geared towards men, but there are styles for women as well. The line includes customized shoes, cardigans, hats, t-shirts, crew-neck sweaters, tote bags and handmade jewelry.

“Stylee & Butter give me the idea of what they want and I digitalize the artwork for them and make it ready to be printed,” said Alvarez.

“Clothing can be customized to anyone’s ideas. Everything is designed by us,” said Esemuede.

“Everything is printed on thermal print which is a higher end quality of printing.

Prices range from $15-20 dollars for t-shirts, hats, bags, shoes and sweaters, depending on what you want.

Jewelry ranges in price from $5-20.

Stylee & Butter are working towards putting together college tours to promote their line and make them known as designers wanting to make a change for the future. So far in the works is a tour planned for Cal State San Bernardino on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

“We will be selling T-shirts and hats and playing music at these tours. We want to keep it simple,” said Esemuede. Other merchandise can be purchased on the website, www.styleenbutter.com which is still under construction. Interested buyers can contact Esemuede or Brock via email styleenbutter@gmail.com or on their Face book and Twitter pages at styleenbutter.

“There are lots of plans for the future. We want to include watches, and we are looking forward to getting involved with lots of colleges. A future goal would be to have a mobile van that we can take with us on these college tours. We don’t just want to have our stuff in a store, we want to be social with the people wearing our clothes,” said Esemuede.

Campus Crusade For Christ Puts on Unmasked Outreach Event

On Oct. 25, 2010, Campus Crusade for Christ Outreach hosted “Unmasked” at the Student Activities Center at Victor Valley College.

The president is Alexander Rico, vice-president is Wadmar Miguel, secretaries are Erin Bryan and Jasmine Nelson, treasurer is Karyssa Dennison, adviser is Paul Tonning, worship leaders are Josiah Torres and Carrie Light and ICC representatives are David Smith and Chrissy Daugherty.

“The organization was founded in 2004 by Christopher Davis,” said Alexander Rico. CCC is located at other universities as well.

“Our mission is to spread the word of Jesus Christ. We want people to know that he is our savior. We don’t have to live our lives in sin, but can give our lives to Jesus Christ so that we can have eternal life in heaven. CCC provides a place for anyone who hurts or needs a friend. The doors are open to anyone. The Lord welcomes anyone who chooses to come,” said Miguel.

“Although many people have their own denominations and religious beliefs, all are welcome to come,” said Bryan.

“I think this is a really good idea because campus is a good place to reach a large number of people. I think CCC should be geared toward getting college students’ attention to by appealing to their senses through Christian plays, drama, pop and rap songs,” said VVC student Raquel Aguirre.

If anyone is interested in leadership positions just show up at the next bible study meeting and talk to Rico or Miguel and fill out an application.

“I plan to be here to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ as long as I can,” said Rico.
Athletes of the Issue

Victor Valley College RamPage has awarded Phil Peralta the Athlete of the Issue. He plays for VVC's men's soccer team. His most recent goal was against San Bernardino Valley College on Tuesday Oct. 19, 2010. It is his second year playing for VVC and he's been playing for his schools since the 6th grade. He practices everyday and even though he is one of the shortest players in the team, he goes out to the field with passion and determination.

He has been playing since he was 3, adding up to 16 years now. "Phil is just an amazing man inside and outside the pitch, he never stops and never quits. He’s a great consistent player, and he never disappoints," said team player Jesus Jacobo.

What keeps Peralta motivated is the hope to one day become pro. He trains hard during practices to prepare himself for the games and is never late or absent. His goal is to receive a full ride scholarship after VVC to a division one or division two school.

"It feels good to be recognized as a player playing at a jr. college because there's a lot of competition and being chosen is an honor," said the athlete Phil Peralta. "Phil has unlimited supply of skill and energy and has been a leader for the men's team all year," said Coach Bradbury.

His family quote that's been brought down generation to generation and now applies to Phil is "You have to hate to lose, to love to win."

VVC RamPage also awarded Kellci Tessendorf as Athlete of the Issue. She plays for VVC's women's soccer team. She has scored eight goals in nine games this season. She has been playing for 14 years now, and continues to play for her schools' team.

At the beginning of conference she told herself, the coaches, and her team, that she planned on making at least one goal in every game. Her plans after VVC are to get her bachelors in nursing by transferring to Cal State San Bernardino. Until then, she enjoys playing soccer and is always there when her team needs her. Even though she doesn't plan on continuing on with soccer as a career, she admits to loving the sport and having passion for it.

"Kellci is amazing; she's very hard working and an overall talented player. I look up to her as a captain. She's always positive and very inspiring to watch because she's so passionate about the game," said team player Sammy Lavoie.

Her best friend Brooke Drodge who is also on the team is what keeps her motivated. "Kellci has stepped into the role as a goal scorer, something she has never had to do but as a captain of this team, she understood her responsibility and is a leading goal scorer for the conference," said Coach Bradbury. "I'm not playing because I love the game and I always have" said Tessendorf.

Her favorite quote is "Knowledge is power," said by Sir Francis Bacon.
Kicker Keeps Ram Football Undefeated in Conference

Although the offense struggled throughout the afternoon, outstanding defensive and special teams play carried the Rams to a hard-fought victory.

On Saturday, October 23, the Rams defeated a winless San Diego Mesa school 6-0 on a pair of field goals by freshman kicker Brandon Romano.

The Ram defense is playing its best football of the season, having allowed only one score in the last two games. Against San Diego Mesa, the Ram defense forced a season-high five turnovers including an interception on the final play of the game by freshman lineman Tushane Williams.

“Was not the prettiest game in the world,” said spectator Sharice Jackson. “But a win is a win.”

While the Ram offense had a difficult time gaining yards, freshman running back Cameron Abeene was the lone bright spot. He rushed for 97 yards on 24 carries which helped put the offense in good field position.

The Rams benefited from several San Diego Mesa mistakes, the most crucial taking place early in the third quarter. The Rams were leading 3-0 when San Diego botched a 22-yard field goal that would have tied the game.

“That was a big play in the game,” said San Diego Mesa supporter Justin Harper. “Victor Valley caught a break.”

After a slow start to the season, the Rams have picked up their play. They have won their first two conference games and have a chance to improve their league record to 3-0 with a win versus East Los Angeles College on October 30.

“Honestly, I thought the season was done when we lost the first five or six games,” said spectator Turon Lewis. “But hopefully we can keep this streak going.”

VVC Volleyball Continues Hot Streak With No Intention Of Slowing Down

Victor Valley College women’s volleyball team remains undefeated after beating San Bernardino Valley College 3-0 on Oct. 29, 2010.

Despite their victory, Coach White felt the girls could have done better.

“I’m glad they won, but the game shouldn’t have been that close,” said White.

The girls blew San Bernardino away in the first two matches with the scores 25-14 and 25-9. Unfortunately in the beginning of the third match of the game, the girls were down by at least ten points, but they came back with a vengeance getting the victory with a score of 26-24.

“They came back to win all games after being down,” said Coach White proudly.

“They were on fire the first two matches, I don’t know what happened in the last one but I’m glad they pulled through with another win,” said student Alfredo Ocegueda.

“We definitely didn’t play our best game, but when it mattered, we were able to get the job done. The last game we put up a great fight even though we were down and we got the win. It was good to know we can come together at a crucial moment like that,” said player Brittany Westplat.

The team has quite a few more games until State Championships where they hope to gain more wins. At this rate, they are sure to be Foothill Conference Champions.
Lady Rams' Soccer Ties Second Game Against Rio Hondo

Story by
Alyshia Kelly
Reporter

After losing to Rio Hondo Community College in the first week of October, Victor Valley College’s women’s soccer team fought back tying their second game against them on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010 with a score of 1-1.

“I thought we had a good chance at beating Rio,” said Coach Bradbury. His girls definitely made him proud.

“I really love their attitude and approach to every match, this is exactly where I thought we would be,” said Coach Bradbury.

“I feel I did well. I enjoy the position I play very much as well as playing with all my girls. We flowed really well and the communication, I thought, was better than usual, which helped us play better as a team. So I think we did great,” said player Sammy Lavoie.

“The hardest part was having Rio score first, we usually score first in our matches.”

Even though Rio scored the first goal in the match, the girls persisted without getting discouraged and they ultimately tied the game.

“It was a pretty intense game, I’ve never seen girls play soccer that well,” said avid Rams’ Soccer fan Brian Moon.

The girls plan to keep up their good work and do their best to win their last few games of the season.

VVC Defeats Rio Hondo For a Second Time

Story and photo by
Yessenia Carillo
Reporter

Victor Valley College men's soccer team won the game against Rio Hondo on Tuesday Oct. 26, 2010. The game ended with a score of 2-1 after much practice and dedication.

The team had played Rio Hondo back on Oct.1, 2010 and won the game 2-0.

The team admits to practicing every day and keeping their head straight with dedication.

"All of us have different rituals, we all shut the world out before a game and we all pump each other up," said team player Jesus Jacobo.

Jacobo admits that Rio Hondo was their toughest competition, so beating them is finally a weight off their shoulders.

After Rio Hondo made the first goal, the team had to step it up and managed to get an extra goal in to tie with this year’s team,” said coach Bradbury. He admits that the team could have started last week's game out better, but was overall content with the results of the game.

The team is doing really well this year and they encourage each other often to do better. They are really committed to the game and are determined to make it farther than previous years.

"We're one team, one mind," said team player Chris Rogone.

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Issuu.com/vvcrampage
VVC Student Organizes Fashion Show at Eclipse Art Gallery

Victor Valley College students displayed clothing and make up designs in a morbid themed fashion show at the Eclipse Art Gallery on Oct. 22. Zombies, vampires, mermaids and other ghoulish creatures walked around the gallery and socialized with almost thirty guests in attendance.

When it was time to walk the runway, models came out one at time to much applause from the audience. Once the brief showcase was over, some attendees called for an encore, which the models and designers gladly participated in.

The director of the gallery Joan Sowinski and VVC student intern Jorden Darr who organized the event.

Darr came to Sowinski with the Halloween inspired idea, which she supported as long as it incorporated themes from the Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration.

“We came up with the morbid fashion show as a fun event to dress up. Where else can you wear green makeup and hang out with people with one eye?” Sowinski said.

“It’s the Halloween season, and I really enjoy getting dressed up. Halloween is the day to be whoever you want to be. It also ties in with Dia De Los Muertos. (The event) was a lot of hard work,” said Darr, an art major.

Designers such as Danielle Diendorf and Angela Sawyer had a great time at the event. Together, Diendorf and Sawyer designed a mermaid dress, a zombie tuxedo and did make-up for their models. Sawyer dressed as the mermaid with shockingly blue makeup when the original model dropped out at the last minute.

“We started at six last night,” said Diendorf, a cosmetology major at VVC. “There was a lot of thrift store shopping and going to the 99 cent store. It was a lot to get done in a limited amount of time and everything turned out perfectly.”

“I feel sticky and fun. I’m definitely glad to be involved,” said zombie model Chrys Perez, who was covered in fake blood and latex wounds.

“Thanks for all the people who made it possible, especially Joan,” said Darr regarding the successful event.

Story by
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Reporter
Photos by
Wanda Nowell
Reporter
Restaurant Management helping students who are passionate for the food industry

Story by Wyketta Wilfong
Reporter

Restaurant Management, a much involved program, teaches students how to prepare, cook and manage food. For those students who desire a career in the food industry, there is the Victor Valley College’s Restaurant Management program.

“All serversafe procedures are followed and therefore items prepared have seven days to be used or thrown away,” said Debbie Peterson, Senior Instructional Assistant.

Foods such as beef stew, captain’s platter and their well-known French Market Soup are among their most popular food items. The economy’s hardship plays a role in the food selections.

Henderson also stated that accreditation is a main priority.

“We’re always worried about accreditation,” said Henderson. The newest members elected to the Board are set to take office in December of 2010.

All the winners of the election expressed their gratitude to the public and to the people who supported them.

“I’m really humbled by their support,” said Henderson.

“I’m looking forward to working with everybody,” said Krause. “I’m not going to be just a name they see, I want to be a person they see,” said Krause.

“I’d like to thank the Victor Valley community; I plan to make them proud,” said Denson.

Therefore, the students are cautious of the food they prepare and serve. Even with extreme budget cuts that affect our school, the Ram Rock Café has still managed to add smoothies and a strawberry yogurt parfait to its menu.

One of the Desert Rock Café’s daily menu changes, shark will be served the week of Oct. 18. Students will get practice in skinning and filleting the shark along with other skills of preparing the fish. The hands on experience are a great success with the students.

“I enjoy working in the Desert Rock Café, it’s fun and exciting,” said Tyequiece Denson. Students are really enjoying this program.

“I love taking orders and serving my customers. The Desert Rock Café gives us a chance to see what it’s really like to work in the food business,” Rejeane Ross said.

“The department put together an expansion plan last year in anticipation of the move to the Hesperia Site through the bond measure. Unfortunately due to the economy no one knows when the next set of bonds can be sold and that project moved back. We are in a limbo status at this time” said Peterson.

Anyone interested in the program is encouraged to join. Information about this program is located on the college’s website, www.vvc.edu.

New Creative Writing Classes to be added in the Spring 2011

Story by Zenin Murawski
Reporter

Victor Valley College is offering several new creative writing courses starting in the fast approaching spring 2011 semester. There will be a total of five Literature and Creative Writing courses to choose from.

Students now have two options for the Creative Writing course, English 109. In addition to the Poetry/Short fiction focused class we now offer a non-fiction focused English 109. This new course allows students to write at higher levels while developing a more personal and stylistic way of writing.

“The new courses offer a wide selection of opportunities for creative writers,” says Tim Adell,

English 225 focuses on analyzing the traditions and methods that poetry has has used throughout the years, with the intention of students looking at poetry in a different light. English 225 will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 – 3:45 by Karen Tomlin.

English 211 will be held Thursday from 6:00-9:10 by Patricia Wagner and dives deeper into poetry writing. The course will focus more on the intricate details of poetry writing and will help develop your skills as a poet, according to a flyer given by Tim Adell.

“I think that the creative writing classes are fun and they definitely help to improve your writing,” says Priscilla Solis, a current creative writing student.

Check the Spring 2011 catalog for more information.

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Trunk or Treat a Great Alternative for Halloween

Story and Photo by Jennifer Tizzard
Reporter

A fun time was had by all at the fifth annual Trunk-or-Treat and classic car show held Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010 in Civic Center Park at City Hall in Victorville. It benefits the Victor Valley College Foundation, which helps the college and its students in many ways.

“Giving opportunities to people with dreams” is the Foundation’s motto, according to its web site www.vvcfoundation.com.

Their mission statement is: “We raise money, facilitate donations of goods, manage scholarships, build partnerships and serve as an extension of college public relations efforts.”

The event was put on by El Dorado Broadcasting and sponsored by The Auto Park at Valley Center, High Desert Primary Care Medical Group, Napa Auto Parts and the city of Victorville.

According to Kim Jennings of El Dorado Broadcasting, each year 100 percent of the proceeds from the classic car show part of the Trunk-or-Treat is given to charity.

“El Dorado Broadcasting and the Victor Valley College Foundation have had a good relationship for years. They were the perfect choice this year,” said Jennings.

Ginger Ontiveros, executive director of the foundation, agrees with Jennings.

“El Dorado Broadcasting and its stations are great friends to the college, and they care very much about our students,” said Ontiveros.

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Nov. 5, 2010
Experienced and Energetic Cast Brings Crimes of the Heart to Life

Victor Valley College

Story By
Reyna Arvizu
Reporter

Crimes of the Heart was a shining star amongst a fall night. With a cast of experienced and energetic actors the premiere was a huge success. The play will take you on a journey back to the fall of 1974 in a small Mississippi town where three sisters found themselves dealing with their chaotic lives.

The youngest sister Babe, played by Joellen Rissland was in a mess of trouble after shooting her husband. Not only did she not want to talk about the night it happened, but she was hiding a few skeletons in her closet, that she would have done anything to keep hidden.

The middle sister Meg, played by Kailey Lombardi was eccentric, flirtatious and looked for love in perhaps the wrong places.

Then there was the oldest sister Lenny, played by Marie Rogers. Lenny was mother hen of the group that always tried to keep everything in control even when the lives of the Magrath sisters were anything but controllable.

The play was directed superbly and the cast knew when to evoke the right emotions.

"I got a little emotional when the sisters were remembering their parents and family memories, it was very compelling I absolutely loved the play," said audience member Jackie Marine.

The drama would not have been complete without the two Southern Gentlemen. Doc Porter, played by Michael Zabala and Barnett Lloyd, played by Robert Rust. Both men fulfilled their roles and added southern charm and at times, steamy romance.

"I thought Doc was hilarious and very fun to watch," said audience member Susan Wright.

The play would not have been the same without some family feuding and a nosy relative the sisters try but fail to avoid.

Chick Boyle, the sisters first cousin, played by Kristiana Pensinger added humor and open mouthed honesty to the drama. When the play ended, the actress who played Meg Magrath described her feelings.

"I’m not sure if it’s the cake or what but I feel exhilarated. It’s a rush!" said Kailey Lombardi.

It’s no doubt the six cast members worked hard and pulled off a great performance. Filled with laughter, heartache and a few shots of bourbon, Crimes of the Heart will take you back in time to a place where life was a lot simpler and family ties were not easily broken. A genuine tale of a family once separated, coming together for one another finding the answers to life’s difficult questions while at the same time finding one’s inner self.
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“I want to give a big thank you to the ASB students and the fire tech students for making our booth a lot more fun. They represented VVC very well.”

The foundation’s booth had the VVC ram and one of the school’s fire engines. Parents were able to have their children’s picture taken with the VVC ram or on the fire truck.

There were plenty of photo opportunities for everyone at the Trunk-or-Treat. There were disc jockeys from Y102, Kat Country, various mascots from various local and some cool classic cars and motorcycles.

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Multiple Clubs Gather to Throw a Party for the Students

Story by Brittany Harter
Reporter

Students attended the first ever Associate Student Body sponsored Student Halloween Mix event in the Student Activities Center on Oct. 29, 2010.

The Communications Club organized the evening, and it was a successful event with almost 80 people in attendance.

Students arrived in costume and danced to music provided by a Karma nightclub DJ. Pizza and Halloween themed sweets were available to all guests, and booths provided by club participants lined the walls.

The Biology Club had a “Pin the Nucleus on the Molecule” game which the club members made themselves, and the Communications Club had a booth filled with freaky foods. Participants would put their hand into a mystery bag filled with imitation eyeballs, intestines or brains and have to guess what food the items were made from.

“It was tons of fun,” said Chelsea Durheim, a guest in attendance. “I thought the decorations were cool and I loved the DJ and dancing. It was just fun to dress up and decompress with friends,” said Durheim.

“We are very pleased with the outcome of the event,” said Communications Club president Autumn Huffine. “I say this with a lot of pride; our club has surpassed all of my expectations in the area of team work and dedication.”

Chrissy Lenze and Elijah Covarrubio were one of the two couples who won the highly anticipated costume contest and $20 cash prize with their Spartan outfits.

“What, we really got money?,” said Lenze, a former VVC student who was thrilled with the contest’s outcome.

“The Communications Club feels) that by giving students opportunities to come and communicate with one another, their overall experience at VVC will not only be more enjoyable but it will help to make a more positive place and create a sense of community,” said...

Student Activities Center Turns into Halloween Getaway for the Kids

Story by Micah Raimo
Opinion Editor

A lot of little goblins and ghouls came out and played on Oct. 29, 2010 when Victor Valley College along with Casey Dean hosted the Halloween Kids Festival in the Student Activities Center.

Dean, a VVC Student dressed in a gown, was inspired to do the Children’s Event realizing that VVC is a central hub for the High Desert.

“There are a lot of families coming to VVC. Roughly every five people in a class have children. It seemed logical for an event to take place on campus. Plus, I wanted to dance,” said Dean.

Between 75 and 80 children showed up to this event. This figure did not include the parents and participating club members. In total, over 100 bodies floated around the SAC to receive treats and smiles from VVC representatives.

“I wanted a huge Halloween costume ball and dance. However, due to the budget we have, I decided to go with the children’s event. This was a nonprofit event. I felt that it was positively redonkulous to charge people with low income,” said Dean.

Crazy costumes of fruit products and super heroes appeared at the SAC. Director of Auxiliary Services Robert Sewell was dressed as Rammy the VVC Ram, and was swarmed by children. Joseph Robleto, VVC ASB Student Advocate, painted his face green to embody the Dreamworks character, Shrek.

“I knew (dressing as Shrek) would get the ultimate response from our targeted audience: the Child Development Center. The looks on their faces were priceless,” said Robleto.

“It is one of the more gratifying things that you could do for other people,” said Sewell.

ASB provided several items, such as a ballpit and an alphabet rug. Food 4 Less and Brittany Harter were kind enough to donate small pumpkins to the Communications Club so the children could paint them.

About 25 students from the Avid Program at Columbia Middle School came to help the younger children paint balloons. Darcie Wasinger led them on a small tour of the campus and made their time a bit more educational.

All of clubs came up with their own kid friendly games, such as recognize colors, shapes and a good throwing pitch. The Off Broadway Performing Arts Club created carnival games, The Guild of Creative Writers provided Popcorn and candy and Ellos Club provided the Poke the Balloon game.

“I want to call this a success because not only did the kids have fun, but the parents had fun too. It was a team event. If it wasn’t for my friends and those that participated, things wouldn’t have gone as smoothly,” said Dean.

“It was a great deal of satisfaction to see the students pull together for an event,” said Sewell.

Ellos Member Jeremiah Brosowske dressed as a doctor and was all smiles while he manned the Poke-a-Balloons Game.

“It was fantastic and uplifting. It made me feel good changing the campus’ attitude with positive acts and events. Seeing the children laugh made me smile,” said Brosowske.

“My dad has a saying: Many people refuse to grow old but I refuse to grow up,” said Dean.
New Installment of DJ Hero A Blast to Play

Review by
Zenin Murawski
Reporter

When I first heard that DJ Hero 2 was in development I was both relieved and nervous. That meant that the game sold well enough to merit a sequel in Activision's eyes, but it also meant they were choosing to go the way of the Guitar Hero franchise and do annual sequels. This game had a lot to prove and I felt it delivered.

The first time I loaded up the game I noticed just how slick the menus are. They have a minimalist feel to them and operate in 3D space in a way that just moves nicely. It seems something Freestyle-Games seemed to focus on and it paid off very well. No Games seemed to focus on the loading screen told me I was some upstart DJ trying to “make it” and that's pretty much all the story you get for the game. And honestly that's all you need.

The game-play itself is vastly improved. They still have the regular cross-fades, scratches and rewinds from the first one, but they incorporate other plenty of other new and fun moves like full 360 degree scratches, button holds and a bevvy of freestyle sections which I never could grasp.

Even after going through all the tutorials and practicing the sections multiple times I could never make them sound “good,” which was pretty discouraging. The one time I felt I did well on that section I did get an A rank, which leads me to believe there's some trick to it, but whatever it is, it isn't obvious.

Vocals are now added in the game, but they don't work well at all. They're a poorly implemented mess not unlike the guitar sections from the original DJ Hero. They're simply not fun and a part of me can't shake the idea that the presence in the game is only there to use the line “Two turn tables and a microphone,” which they do more than one occasion. With some practice I imagine you could learn all the songs and do a better job, but I can't imagine anyone wanting to.

Another questionable aspect of the game was the addition of DJ battles. While playing through Empire mode you square off against popular mix artists like David Guetta, Deadmau5 and even The RZA. The first time you face off against one it’s a novel idea, but it quickly wears thin after the fourth or fifth battle, so much that I found myself not wanting to play anymore. It was by far the most game-y thing about it and wasn’t more of a test of skill so much as it was learning how the AI was programmed and performing slightly better than it.

With DJ Hero 2 boasting some 85+ mixes I was pleasantly surprised to see so many quality mixes in the game. Dance and electronica are featured more heavily alongside the hip hop and rap tracks they have. 50 Cent's “In Da Club” mixed with Lil Jon's “Get Low,” along with Deadmau5’s “I Remember” are just two of the fun songs that I found myself coming back to frequently.

However even with knockouts like that, you still run across the occasional train wreck that is Soulja Boy mixed with Chamillionaire.

Even with its flaws, DJ Hero 2 is still a complete blast to play. With better game-play, clean, distinct visuals and a vastly improved soundtrack, there are plenty of reasons for both newcomers fans of the original game to come and get in on the mix.

Reasons to Fire Through New Vegas in Fallout

Review by
Jonathan Brown
Features Editor

Bethesda releases Fallout New Vegas the video game to the anticipated fans that once fell out for Fallout 3. Should they continue to fall down for this next installment to the fallout series, or start standing until the next one?

The background behind New Vegas is a little different from that of Fallout 3. In the previous one, you grew up from being a baby to a late teenager to eventually leaving the vault in search of your father. In New Vegas, you have to deliver a package that was intercepted by a mysterious man who ultimately shoots you, leaving you for dead.

You wake up after being saved and nursed back to health you are sent on your way to find out what you were carrying and why you were shot for it. The graphics have significantly improved since Fallout 3. Characters have a lot more facial expressions and the voice acting has been improved.

The textures in the game are smoother as well as realistic even in third person view. More creatures have entered the roster of enemies to kill off or to be killed by.

New ammunition can be provided as well as made on a reloading bench. New guns are a new addition of Fallout and if you are familiar with the video game Call of Duty, you will feel right at home blasting your enemies away. The game play has been redefined as far as how you shoot your weapons. Like Call of Duty, you can now aim down the sights on most of the weapons in your arsenal. Karma, which was a big deal in the previous game, is second to the different factions in the wasteland. The factions have their own view on your actions no matter what your karma is in the game. If you wrong a certain group of people, they will dislike you and can soon hate you for your actions. If you do right by a group of people, however, they will learn to idolize you.

Fallout New Vegas flows with great new game play and dialogue that makes you want to talk to everyone you run into. With all the fresh ideas put into the game, they don't call this Vegas “new” for nothing.
Due Date Does Not Deliver to Expectations

Review by Joseph Ciulla
Managing Editor

★★★★★

After the comedic smash hit The Hangover, director Todd Phillips looks to duplicate the same success with his new comedy Due Date. Phillips provides what you would expect from his comedies, but falls short of his other works.

The story is this: Architect Peter Highman (Robert Downey Jr.) is trying to find his way home to his wife, Sarah (Michelle Monaghan), and to make it to the birth of his first born child. After a run-in and mix-up at the airport with hopeful actor, and unbelievably annoying, Ethan Tremblay (Zach Galifianakis), Highman is stuck on a road trip to Las Angeles that he will not soon forget.

Downey Jr. has seen great success in the last couple of years, and is widely popular after his role as Tony Stark in the Iron Man series. He brings the same type of attitude to this role, but it should have been more like his role in his 2005 comedy Kiss Kiss Bang Bang. Downey Jr. should stick to his sarcastic roots in action films and stray away from comedic roles.

Galifianakas has basically stepped into the same character from his role in The Hangover as the idiotic companion that is impossible to get along with. The main reason Galifianakas’ style of comedy was funny in The Hangover was because it was new and there was a whole ensemble of a cast to back him up. When he is the main character and he is on screen in most of the scenes, it just gets old.

Most of what happens in this road trip is far fetched and highly unlikely. With such a wide open story and the whole continental United States as a setting, I was hoping for a better written story. Although there are some funny parts, the bad outweighs the good in this film.

After a good background of comedies from Old School to The Hangover, it seems as if Phillips rushed into producing a new comedy because the jokes in this movie are very forgettable and honestly not that funny. The only hope that comes out of this movie is that on the horizon we can look forward to the sequel of The Hangover.

Kid Cudi Shoots For The Moon, But Hits the Stars with his New Album

Review by Joseph Ciulla
Managing Editor

★★★★★

Last year the hip hop world was introduced to a brand new artist and his genre-busting style. Scott Mescudi, better known as alias Kid Cudi, exploded on the hip-hop scene with the release of his debut album Man on the Moon: The End of Day. The album had huge commercial and critical success because it was so different and new. This left fans wanting more, so Man on the Moon II: The Legend of Mr. Rager, the highly anticipated follow up to Cudi’s debut effort, is finally here and ready to make a big splash.

The album is broken up into five acts just like his first, but instead of exploring the realm of Cudi’s dreams and nightmares, he gives us a look into his reality. The album is filled with both the good and bad of his life and starts with Act I: The World I am Ruling, which includes a collaboration with ex Gnarls Barkley front man Cee-Lo Green.

The second act, A Stronger Trip, takes us on a trip ourselves as we journey through the drug problems that Cudi has faced. In “Don’t Play This Song” Cudi brings in the accompaniment of R&B leg-
Opinion by Megahn Kennedy
Contributing Writer

What do Pythagoras, Joan of Arc, Agatha Christie and Florence Griffith Joyner have in common? They all had epilepsy. Epilepsy does not discriminate. It affects people of any age, race, gender or socioeconomic status—even pets! This November, we celebrate Epilepsy Awareness Month in honor of the millions worldwide with epilepsy.

One in 100 people have epilepsy and one in 10 will have a seizure in their lifetime, but having a seizure does not mean you have epilepsy. Epilepsy is a neurological disorder when a person has recurring seizures. During a seizure, the normal brain function is simply interrupted with sudden intense bursts of electrical energy affecting all or parts of the body. Tests such as an EEG or MRI are ordered to determine not only if an individual has epilepsy, but to eliminate other causes.

A tonic-clonic seizure where an individual will stiffen up, fall down and have jerking movements is the most commonly known seizure, but over 20 types of seizures exist. Another common seizure is a complex partial seizure where an individual might wander around, pick at their clothes, mumble or make weird hand gestures. Some individuals with epilepsy experience an aura—a warning sign—allowing them time to get to a safe place or inform those around them for assistance.

How can you help? Remain calm, stay with the person, time the seizure and document as much as you can for them to inform their doctor. For a tonic-clonic seizure, turn them on their side and protect their head. For a complex partial, keep them out of danger. Stay with the individual after the seizure until they are coherent. Most importantly, do NOT put anything in their mouths, not even medications or liquids. And, epilepsy is not contagious. It is simply a disorder, not a disease.

Should you call 911? In most cases, medical assistance is not necessary. Seizures typically last from a few seconds to a few minutes. If they don’t have a history of seizures, are pregnant or are otherwise injured, call 911. If the seizure lasts more than 5 minutes or they have repetitive seizures, call 911.

What can you do now? Learn a little more about epilepsy. Ask someone about their experience. Check out books and articles at your library. Go to websites such as www.epilepsy.org, www.talkaboutit.org or www.akefus.org for more information. Encourage others to do the same. The more people who know about epilepsy, the more people will be prepared when someone has a seizure.

Romeo and Juliet is Coming Soon to VVC Performing Arts

Story and Photo by Tina Mora
Contributing Writer

The rehearsal and performance studio class, Theater Arts 109, will be putting on the play, Romeo and Juliet in the Performing Arts Center. The show will play on Nov. 11-21 at the Experimental Theater.

Romeo and Juliet, by William Shakespeare, is about two young lovers who want to get married, but belong to rival families. Both eventually commit suicide.

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“You might be knocked down round for round. You're feeling like you're shot down on the ground. When will the fantasy end? When will the heaven begin,” sings Cudi in his title track “Mr. Rager.” This lyrical outcry continues in the final Act; Act V: You Live, and You Learn.

“Gotta get it through my thick head, I was so close to bein' dead. Life, live it, nobody sell tips. Man, I'm just walkin' without bein' led,” Cudi raps in his song “Ghost,” that seems to put the whole album in retrospect.

The album as a whole is just like his first, which is a good thing. Fans were worried that Cudi would veer away from his roots in alternative hip-hop and try going mainstream. But from the looks of things Kid Cudi is slowly making a name for himself in the Hip-Hop community and I know we have not seen the end of Scott Mescudi.

The timing of the play is set in 15th century Verona Italy. Within the dark walls of the Blackbox Theater (also called the Experimental Theater), the actors and actresses expressed themselves with their natural talents during rehearsal, displaying their characters with emotions, energies and enthusiasms. Their performances were coming along well.

The audition for the play started the second week of school, on Sep. 9, 2010.

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Blackboard Can Now Sync to Your Mobile Device

Story by Brenda Requena
Reporter

Thanks to Victor Valley Colleges efforts of bringing its students the latest in technology, blackboard will now be accessible from smart cell phones.

This new program, will allow students to keep track of their grades, take classes online and take advantage of some other useful applications that blackboard offers.

"Word version you can cut and paste to meet your needs - include information on your institution’s Web pages, in newsletters, and email it directly to faculty and students," these are some of the benefits according to The Blackboard Mobile Learn Team.

Students who are able to go online from their cell phones can start using Blackboard mobile at anytime.

The difference is that now faculty and staff will be trained to help students get the best use out of it.

“We are now going to be able to help students with any problem regarding blackboard mobile,” said Help Desk employee Esperanza Aragon.

Smart phones from Sprint will have this new application for no additional fee, where as for other companies extra charges may apply depending on the plan.

Technology is taking over daily life activities and these kind of programs are helping the VVC community to keep updated with the most recent tools needed to succeed as a college student.

“A lot of things are done through phones now days. It will be easy access to blackboard without needing a computer, which makes it more efficient and less of a hassle,” said Raymond Palacios a VVC student.

On Nov. 11, 2010 an educational meeting will take place in the Student Activity Center (SAC) for all students from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Further information is available at blackboard.com/mobilekit or by calling (760) 245-4271 ext. 2740

Smithsonian Calls VVC for East Timor Discovery

Story by Andre Osborn
Reporter

Today some of the world’s most famous research facilities such as the Smithsonian are calling upon one of Victor Valleys Colleges own for information regarding some of the most recent advances in biological research.

Political science seems more of a fitting description for the research and diplomatic undertaking of Dr Hinrich Kaiser, is involved in a scientific project in the small country of Timor.

The Timor project is the brain child of Kaiser who has so far organized three expeditions that has involved students from both countries, but the major benefits in biological research is in the United States.

Within the span of these three excursions Kaiser and the students have been able to secure 16 verified new species of animals and have at least 12 awaiting confirmation.

Caitlin Sanchez a biology student here at VVC whom has been on every trip so far. “This is so exhilarating, to know our research is so important it has really solidified my choice in pursuing a career in biology. “said Sanchez.

Kaiser seems to also have a flair for discovering various opportunities in his projects.

He has become directly involved in restructuring new policies by sitting on the International Advisory Board for Post Conflict Development which is affiliated with the United Nations and also with the President of Timor.

His artistic talent is also prominent in his collaboration with Mark O’Shea on the design of Timor’s new postal stamps that highlight these recently discovered animals.

Kaiser was very pleased with the progress in research and also commended the Timor people for the assistants he has received.

Kaiser said “It’s good when you can Email the President or his staff and they will respond quickly.”

The students seem quite enthusiastic about the next trip which is scheduled for January.

First timer Stanley Cammock said “I’m excited about the chance to discover new things but it does have me a little anxious.”
Heard Around the Lake
Do you participate in Black Friday? If so where do you go, what do you like to buy?

"I go every time. I usually get stuff that pertains to my son like clothes and educational toys. It's great because I can get all my birthday and Christmas shopping out of the way." - Yvonne Thurston

"Yes I do, last year I bought a camera and Playstation 3. It's worth the lines and waiting everything is dirt cheap. I go to Aeropostale, Abercrombie & Fitch and Walmart." - Rayshaun Hereford

"I have done it in the past, I don't anymore it's to crazy I don't like the crowds." - Jaime Chivas

—Reyna Arvizu

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Lights of Love 2010

Twas many weeks before the holidays, when all through the college
All staff was bustling with new acquired knowledge;
That the "Lights of Love" were all hung with care,
In Auxiliary Services next to the stairs.

The names of the children for all to see,
Were brightly written out for you and me;
Just pick a light from the window display
The one you want and you’re on your way.

Just purchase a gift approximate $10
Wrap it nicely, bring it back and then
We’ll log it in and you’ve done your part
The child will smile and warm your heart.

So don’t say, "no time, no money, no way!"
Share what you’ve gotten; make a child’s day
On the "Lights of Love" 193 wait there
For a kind giving soul to remember they’re here.

So thank you for taking the time to read,
And we hope we have planted a generous seed,
So just remember before you leave,
That it’s better to give than to receive!

M. Kagy 2002 revised 2010

Toy Drive to sponsor 193 children of VVC students

Children’s names (along with age & gender) will be displayed on the Auxiliary Services Office window (second floor Student Activities Center)

Choose a child’s name & remove tag from the window. Log in your choice with Auxiliary Services.

Purchase an age appropriate gift approximately $10.

SECURELY tape name tag to your wrapped gift.

Gifts must be returned by December 3rd

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