March of Dimes History
By Jenny Asendorf

March of Dimes is an organization that cares. This nonprofit organization which focuses on children’s health was founded by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938. President Roosevelt created this organization by asking children all over the United States to donate a dime to the cause of finding a cure for polio. With the help of millions of children’s dimes, President Roosevelt raised enough funds for researchers to find a cure. March of Dimes has come a long way since the 1930s. It is the only human association to achieve its initial goal of finding a cure for polio. Today, the March of Dimes takes its mission further by continuing to increase awareness and improve conditions for premature babies. This organization works to better hospital conditions for babies with birth defects. March of Dimes also provides information to expectant mothers to help reduce their likelihood of having a baby with birth defects.

March For Babies Walk
By Ivonne Mateos

The March of Dimes will be hosting a walk, The March for Babies, on Saturday April 12th at Victor Valley College located off of Bear Valley Rd. It begins at 9:00 AM. with check-in at 8:00 AM. The March for Babies is a walk dedicated to the babies born too soon and to the moms who carry these little ones. The money raised during the march is used to support research not only for premature babies but also for babies yet to be born. Ultimately, without babies being born we have no future as a human race. Premature babies do not just affect one particular group, but every group in the world. Here in the high desert alone, 11% of babies are born premature, according to statistics from the March of Dimes website.
www.marchofdimes.com

Holding a Heart
By Jon Anderson

Imagine a tiny heart in your hand. Beating, soft, consistent, and full of life and opportunity. This delicate heartbeat could be the beat of a newborn baby that you’ve helped. How, you may ask? March for Babies. This organization lives as a heroic, symbolic hand that holds that delicate, heart-beating life force.

Photos courtesy of March of Dimes

Save a Life Preserve a future
By Brielle Betts

You can make an impact in our world and for our future. On April 12, 2014, March of Dimes is holding their 38th annual March for Babies here on our beautiful campus of Victor Valley College. Come with loved ones and join in on our one, three or six mile walk. Be part of a movement, and help raise funds and awareness and save a child's life. March of Dimes has a goal to raise $75,000. All the proceeds will be put toward the care of children and mothers in the Victor Valley. March of Dimes research addresses many of the health issues affecting America’s children. We need your help so we can lower the percentage of premature babies born. The research may even save your child one day. On April 12 join the march on our VVC campus and show your support.
Voting: Why Should I Care?
By Evelyn Blanco

Voter Apathy is the perceived lack of caring among voters during an election. According to Infoplease.com, during our 2012 presidential election year, 53.6% of those registered to vote actually voted.

Numbers drop significantly when it comes to the youngest of the voting population, aged 18-29.

There are many reasons beyond financial resources that increase voter apathy among young voters. Other reasons include a distrust of politicians as well as a lack of knowledge about the issues.

Most popular issues directly affect young (18-29) voters in this nation. During the 2012 election year, the Cable News Network (CNN) did a poll of readers. The top four issues were: Economy, Health Care, National Debt, and Education.

“Although it is true, youth voters are going to be handling issues such as the economy and national debt for the rest of their lives. When they do not vote, they allow others to set the agenda,” – Donovan Rinker-Morris, Political Science Prof.

Student Self-Efficacy

Balaila Hassan gave information for your consideration.

From the website: The National College Access Network (NCAN) focuses on student life.

Student self-efficacy is an individual’s belief in his/her own ability in relation to tasks and goals.

Academic self-efficacy stands as a significant dynamic in the college student’s success.

“The Role of Social Supports and Self-Efficacy in College Success,” (Research to Practice Brief, Fall 2010) http://www.collegeaccess.org/

The Joys of Diversity
By Brian Lollock

American Sign Language is a dialect of English. It is part of a culture within a diverse society, which many don’t experience for themselves. What makes it more unique and diverse than most, is the nature of the language deaf people use to communicate.

Communication in the hearing world is verbal and non-verbal. Because we pay more attention to non-verbal cues when conversing with others, we can misinterpret what is being said.

Everything deaf people say to each other involves facial expression, which enhances their quality of communicating.

Being aware of the deaf community and acknowledging that it exists, would be beneficial to all. The hearing world needs to know more about the non-hearing world.

For more information: American Sign Language University, http://www.lifeprint.com/

Enter the Internet
By Elia Fuimaono

Social media networking has engulfed the leisure time of the middle class. The RamPage should be included.

This publication could be a channel for the voice of students - those who would put their careers on the line to inform the public and become a stronger community. The RamPage has that potential.

If the right pieces fall into place, if journalists from Victor Valley College want to practice real journalism; if technology and pen and pad can fuse, it is possible for the RamPage to experience a rebirth.

For more information: Victor Valley College RamPage, http://www.vvc.edu/offices/rampage/
### VVC Students Debate Exploitation

**By: Amanda Monroy**

On Wednesday March 12th, Victor Valley College students hosted a debate in the Performing Arts Center, room 54-211. Facilitator of the Communications Program, Gregory Jones, assigned his students to debate the question, “Are child performers exploited?” Students presented both sides of the issue hoping to make their side the most convincing to their audience.

Both sides presented valid arguments and provided examples and sources to their audience. Toward the end of the debate the audience voted on which side was most convincing. The vote was that child performers are not exploited. They are given opportunities to discover their talents that will carry on with them as they grow older, promoting personal growth and a way to generate funds to be used for their future. VVC student Ashley Pugliese said, “There are laws to protect Children from child exploitation. Just by changing one person’s perspective can help because they can change another.”

### Child Performers: Exploring Talents, or Being Exploited?

**By: Zakia Simmons**

The Prosecution believes that parents are exploiting their children by allowing children to perform while being put on display through television shows, such as reality TV, while the Defense asserts that parents are helping their children to explore their talents.

I believe that with proper care and adequate supervision, child performers may not be any more exploited than the young children are who participate in recreational activities against their will, all because of a parent’s hope that their child will become a professional athlete.

If children are forced or persuaded, I do think it’s exploitation. Some parents live vicariously through their children due to their own unfulfilled goals or missed opportunities. It is very important for parents to ask themselves, “Is this my goal or is it my child’s goal?”

### Do You Agree With the Defense?

**By: Abel Perez**

If your child were performers would you exploit them for your own personal gain?

“Pennsylvania implemented a new law to help protect child performers. Under the new law, children younger than 16 on a film set must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. They can work no more than 8 hours a day or 48 hours a week. All minors must finish before 10 p.m. on school nights.”

(The new Pennsylvania law affects child actors).

Children beginning to perform demonstrate talent and determination as they start to find a sense of pride. Children need to be informed of all the things demanded of them before entering into a contract. Parents and family members need to know their role and their limitations. Are child performers exploited against their will, or are striving to grow and discover themselves as human beings?

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**News Hound**

Rebecca Parra submitted this article from the L.A. Times for your consideration:

Gov. Jerry Brown and his new campaign strategy

In his latest campaign, Gov. Jerry Brown isn't chasing the spotlight. Instead, he is continuing to run California more or less on an improvisational basis.

http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-jerry-brown-20140324,0,4427500.story#ixzz2y3PlHTfJ
Arthur Miller’s
ALL MY SONS

Directed by: Dr. John Rude

What starts out as a relaxed image of American life as neighbors congregate in Joe Keller’s backyard on a summer’s evening, soon begins to develop tensions. Set in post-World War II, Arthur Miller’s landmark drama examines the relationships between fathers and sons and the price of living the American Dream. An explosive secret threatens to tear the family apart in this powerful play about the conflict between business ethics and taking responsibility for one’s actions.

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