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"I still believe that if your aim is to change the world, journalism is a more immediate short-term weapon."

-Tom Stoppard

Meet the President

*By: Elizabeth Taylor and
Tiffany Verduzco*

Victor Valley College is excited to announce the arrival of its new Superintendent and President, Roger W. Wagner. It's his enthusiasm for motorcycles and the enticing landscape of the desert that drew Wagner's attention to this area. Over the years he has slowly made his way from the harsh climate of Missouri, to the big boulders of Joshua Tree and to the ever-growing traffic jams on Bear Valley Road. When he is not working he tries to find some down time to be with his wife and family. He enjoys riding motorcycles, paint balling and flying planes. Wagner's strategy is to: make our campus a better place; work together with all departments; and, be a very active and visible member of this community. Students may see him in class, at practice, or even at the games. Showing support of students and faculty is a key component for campus happiness. Wagner is willing to do what it takes for the betterment of the students. If you do see him around, don't forget to say hello



President Roger W. Wagner
Photo provided by President's Office



Photo courtesy of Staff

Headed for Change

By Lillian Welch

On September 18, five candidates contending for three Victor Valley College Board of Trustees seats, participated in a forum at the VVC Performing Arts Center. Joining incumbents, Lorrie Denson, Dennis Henderson and Brandon Wood, were challengers Adele Turner-McClain and Marianne Tortorici. All candidates supported creating and implementing policy to remove the college from the current probation status and attaining full accreditation from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. All candidates offered solutions in regard to: the budget; improved enrollment; management; and, retention of students. All candidates promised to do everything within their ability to make VVC a place where individuals want to come and learn. Yes, most students also desire change. But in order for change to occur, we students must inform ourselves and do what is within our grasp to promote improvement. Let's not let this day pass by without advocating on our own behalf. The election is November 4.

We Will Not Forget 911

By Shayne Hughes

September 11, 2014 marked the thirteenth anniversary of 911. Recently, the country has placed less emphasis on the events of that day, putting more focus on the natural resilience of the U.S. when faced with tragedy. Volunteering has also increased since the attack. More Americans now participate in community service as a way of commemorating the lives lost on September 11, 2001. In 2013, construction workers finally placed the last few pieces atop New York City's newest skyscraper creating the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere.

As always, the anniversary of 911 in New York City was marked at Ground Zero with four moments of silence to observe the times when planes hit and the towers fell.

Climate for Change

By Erik Collado

More than 400,000 people were present at the *People's Climate March* in New York City on September 21, 2014. However, it was not broadcast by many news stations. They didn't take the time to report this mass protest, the largest environmental march in history. Everyone from students, workers, doctors and celebrities attended this massive all-out march. It turned into a sit-in dubbed, "Flood Wall Street." One man said a group called *Indigenous Activists* took a stand for his people. They blamed, "Big Oil Companies that are coming through our territories and trying to take our ancestral lands and destroy them."

This all-out Climate March has gotten a lot of attention, from many well known people including Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo, Al Gore and even President Barack Obama. However, the very well known English musician Gordon Mathew Thomas, better known by his stage name Sting, says Obama is not doing enough.

In a recent report on *Democracy Now!* Sting was asked, "There's a UN Climate Summit on Tuesday, your thoughts about that?" Sting said, "There's concern about the level of corporate involvement. A lot of corporations will pretend they're trying to save the planet and they are doing the opposite. I have no patience for that kind of whitewash, we've got to be careful." There is more the young people of this generation can do to stop the mass pollution by corporate elite groups that keep destroying our earth to make a profit. This generation has to do something. They can join efforts at many colleges and universities. They can help save the earth instead of destroying it. Information about this movement can be found at 350.org

Rams Improve to 4-0 After ... Narrow Victory

By Austin Gehrke



The Victor Valley College Rams had one goal in mind when they entered their match-up with Southwestern College - to win. The Rams accomplished their goal on Saturday night, September 27, beating Southwestern on a 29-yard game winning field goal by Jason Liker. The final score of the game was 34-31. Thanks to Liker, the Rams improved their overall record to (4-0) and (1-0) in the American Mountain Conference. The next home game for the Rams will be on October 18th against San Bernardino



FORMER STUDENT LIGHTS UP ANTIGONE

Article and Photo By Shawna Dutra

Matthew Bauman is a former Victor Valley College student. He designed the lighting for *Antigone*, a Greek tragedy written by Sophocles nearly twenty-five centuries ago. The fall production is being performed by the Theatre Arts Department in the Black Box Experimental Theatre. Matthew's lighting helps set the atmosphere of the play. He works by hand and with a computer program. The lighting in this modern version lets the audience experience the dramatic relevance of the original story.

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NEWS HOUND

President Obama Authorizes Airstrikes in Syria

By Shayne Hughes

President Obama has authorized U.S. airstrikes in Syria against militant group Islamic State. On national television, Obama vowed to hunt down Islamic militants "wherever they are." President Obama also declared he is sending 475 more U.S. military troops to Iraq. With the additional troops, there will be a total of 1,600 servicemen and women in Iraq. Obama also called for congressional support to arm and train the Syrian opposition. President Obama gave a speech on national television, on September 10, 2014, declaring that America would lead a broad coalition to roll back this terrorist threat. Obama said airstrikes against these terrorists will be conducted because the terrorists threaten our country. In his speech, President Obama would go on to conclude that there is no safe haven for terrorists.

Blood Splattered Denzel In THE EQUALIZER

By Elizabeth Taylor

In *The Equalizer*, Denzel Washington plays a quiet man who can't sleep and has a secret past. After witnessing too many good people being wronged, his secret past comes back. That's when Denzel gets dirty. There's nothing better than a blood-splattered Denzel killing bad guys with all sorts of great objects from around the house, or any local home improvement store. Besides the slow start, and Denzel never taking his shirt off, overall, it's a good flick. It's full of violence, great camera angles, and some of the best, fake tattoo work to be seen. If bad guys being slain with a butter knife, wine bottle opener, a shot glass and barbed wire is the kind of movie a person would enjoy, than this flick may be something to see.

The Equalizer is now playing at local movie theaters.



Hidden Gem: The Hang Out Café

By Elizabeth Taylor



"If I could fit any more in mouth I would!" is what one local customer had to say about the food at The Hangout Café. Head Chef and High De-

sert native, Brad Keasler, strives to make the best food possible and to have everything house made. It can be a lengthy process with the responsibility of brining and smoking the meats, and making all the sauces from scratch. Keasler feels lucky. He takes pride in being a part of this hidden gem. From the insatiable Rockstrami Sandwich to their custom Crush Burgers, this place has sent taste buds into overload. Make a trip, between 7:00 am - 2:00 pm, out to the Apple Valley Airport, located 21600 Corwin Road. Let your taste buds be blown away by mouth-watering delicious goodness.

Run The Maze

By Tiffany Verduzco



If you've been searching for a thrill, the *The Maze Runner*, directed by Wes Ball is the movie for you. Get ready to enjoy an action-packed sandwich filled with mystery and excitement. It's about a young man named Thomas played by Dylan O'Brien. He finds himself without any memories of who he is or why he has been put in a community of boys trapped in a giant maze. Their goal is to beat the maze, discover a way out and find themselves once again. It is a movie you'll want to watch over and over. Fellow Victor Valley College student Janet Avila says "It was full of suspense and action. Dylan O'Brien's performance was flawless!" It was a good end of summer movie. So, if you haven't already seen it, run over to the nearest theater

Veggie Goodies

By Van Vu



The food at *Souplantation* always appears to be fresh and healthful. With over 45 feet of fresh salad ingredients and ten house-made dressings, you can build your own salad masterpiece. Their homemade soups, especially the Creamy Cauliflower and Cheese, are the best. Besides soup and salad, they also offer other dishes which may suit your taste, including hot pastas. They even have a bakery, which completely satisfies

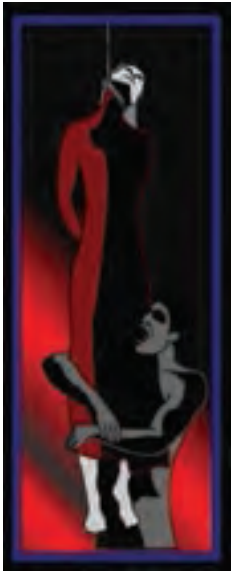
people who love sweet treats as I do. A host of goodies such as muffins, brownies, and their tiny ice cream will definitely make you grab one. The restaurant chain has locations all over the state. The one I visited is quite well-organized and spacious. It has a friendly atmosphere for families and friends, but does have long lines on the weekend. Prices are reasonable since all their food is fresh and homemade. I would recommend *Souplantation* to anyone who either loves salads or has a sweet tooth. I know I'll certainly be returning soon.

Medical Cannabis

By Emanuel Torres

For decades now, many Americans have been thinking of cannabis as a type of bad drug. However, proponents of medical cannabis argue that no deaths have ever been recorded from its use. They cite scientific studies which purport to show its benefits. These studies explore its many medicinal uses, claiming it is much safer than most over-the-counter or prescribed medicines. This research asserts that cannabis has been used as a pain treatment for thousands of years, and is an anti-inflammatory. Some studies advocate the use of cannabis oil as a treatment for symptoms of insomnia, nausea, arthritis, anxiety, Alzheimer's and migraines. There are researchers who maintain that the use of medical cannabis reduced the size of tumors and even cured cancer. See medicalmarijuana.com, Medical Uses, for additional information.





Sophocles'
Antigone

Directed by Ed Heaberlin
Translated by Ian Johnston

*Antigone, sister of the fallen Polyneices,
defies King Creon, newly crowned
King of Thebes.*

*This play by Sophocles carries all the
markers of a classic Greek tragedy...
war, love, prophecy and fate set in
a post-apocalyptic time period.*

October 3rd & 4th at 7:00 p.m.

October 5th at 2:00 p.m.

October 10th & 11th at 7:00 p.m.

October 12th at 2:00 p.m.

THIS PRODUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE BLACK BOX

\$10 General Admission/\$7 Seniors
Not appropriate for Children
VVC ASB Cardholders are free*

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Fall Music

October 16, Thursday, 7:30pm – Thursday Night Jazz!

The VVC Guitar Ensemble, Studio Band, & Jazz-Rock Combo perform jazz and popular standards with a touch of “classical” for good measure. Dave Graham and Rich Sumner conduct.

October 17, Friday, 7:30pm – Strike up the Bands!!

The VVC Symphonic Band, College Band, Flute Choir, Brass Choir and Tuba Force present music by Shostakovich, Whitacre, Holst, Berlin and much more. Craig Pridmore conducts.

October 18, Saturday, 7:30pm – In a Classic Mood

The College Singers, Women’s Choir, Master Arts Chorale & Sinfonia and guest soloists in an evening of music by the Classic era’s duo of Mozart & Haydn, including *Ave Verum Corpus*, *Veni Sancti Spiritus*, *Te Deum*, and *Lord Nelson Mass*. Patty Yancey and Dr. Thomas Miller conduct.

October 19, Sunday, 2:30pm – Classical Strings

The College Orchestra, Preludium, and String Choir performing Beethoven’s 2nd Symphony, the Hummel Trumpet Concerto, with soloist Brian Forbes and Mozart’s Symphony No. 25. Barbara Sternfeld conducts.

Adults \$10 / Seniors \$7 / Children \$5
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