



"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new" -Albert Einstein

America Votes Trump

By Christian Celis
Reporter

November 8 2016 marks the end of what seems like one of the most tumultuous election cycles in US history and a surprising turn of events as Donald John Trump has become the 45th President of the United States of America. At 2:31 a.m. ET, Donald Trump amassed 279 electoral votes, after winning the state of Wisconsin, causing one of the largest election upsets since Al Gore's loss to George W. Bush in 2000.

In the weeks leading to Election Day, it became increasingly clear that neither candidate would have an easy road to victory. Both Clinton and Trump were forced to

work harder than ever for votes from states across the United States that were previously so steadily Red or Blue.

In October, a tape of Donald Trump's lewd comments

about women was made public. The seemingly endless string of sexual assault allegations and Trump's less than tactful response created a shift. Trump's poll numbers were

sinking and the Republican Party began to distance themselves from their nominee.

On October 28th, James B. Comey, the director of the FBI, came forward, in a newsletter to Congress, expressing the need to review new Clinton emails that were found while investigating Anthony Weiner. Democrats and Millennial voters were once again reminded of Clinton's lack of transparency, forcing Clinton to campaign in states like Michigan which prior to this election always voted Democrat. Just 11 days before the election and the country had two of the most unpopular candidates in history as their two main options.



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Refugees, Racism, and Rising Local Tensions

By Randy Noxon
Features Editor

Tensions surrounding the 23 Syrian refugees that have been relocated by the federal government to Victorville boiled over as protesters on both sides of the issue clashed while demonstrating on the Bear Valley road overpass on Saturday, October 29, 2016. Equipped with megaphones and signs, about 40 exchanged taunts during the demonstration. One side held signs and posters that

attempted to humiliate 1st District Supervisor Robert Lovingood and the Victorville

Press reports that things became so heated that San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputies were eventually called out to the demonstration.

The relocation of the 23 refugees was brought to the public's attention when



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City Council, while the other side held up signs that welcomed the refugees. The Daily

Lovingood's

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Survival Mindset

By Curtis Taylor
Reporter

Imagine sitting in class and suddenly you hear gunshots fire off. The shots ring loud, and everyone frenzies in a panic. Are you prepared for what could happen next? "Heads down under the tables...Oh God! Kids, just stay down." This was the intercom call of teacher Patty Nielson during the Columbine shooting. The shooting of that magnitude was the first America

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Voices Of VVC

By Lorena Lemos
Reporter

Victor Valley College's Communication Studies Department and the ASB Department are sponsoring a speech contest open to all VVC students. Unlike last spring's contest, students will not have to be recommended to enter the contest by a communications professor. All the student has to do is sign up. The speech topic has already been chosen. The speech topic is to explain what it is about VVC that has impacted the speakers' educational journey the most.



The first place winner of the contest will be awarded a \$150 cash prize. Students had to do is apply in the Communication Center, submit a speaking outline by November 9, 2016, and join a practice with all participants on November 16th 2016.

The actual contest will be held on Thursday, December 1st at 2p.m. Students will need to sound confident in their speaking and show poise. Jacqueline Augustine, communications professor at VVC, mentioned that the judges, "will be looking for a clear message with great delivery to audience." The speech contest will be a chance for students

from all grade levels to gather and tell us how much of an impact VVC has had on them. The speeches are expected to show just how diverse the student body is.

VVC MUN

By Sierra Warwick
Sports Editor

Model United Nations (MUN) is back in season! "The VVC MUN team provides a foundation of knowledge for the workings of international issues and organizations. It provides skills for both academic and political success," says MUN Professor Kevork Kazanjian.

The VVC Model United Nations team is within the top five percent of teams internationally for the past 10 years. MUN is a class, team, and club that studies how the United Nations works and then researches countries. Students then represent countries in competitions to solve real world problems. Some solutions are even used by the real United Nations. The team is half new members and all are doing outstanding jobs at learning the parliamentary procedure of international diplomacy.

There are many competi-

tions at the local and international level; however, VVC is one of the only community colleges that competes in the international competitions. MUN has to fundraise \$30,000 each year because community colleges are not funded by the State.

This year VVC's MUN is going to international competitions against Ivy League schools in Chicago Illinois, Boston Massachusetts, and Denver Colorado. If you are interested in joining or checking out the team, meetings are held every Friday from 1pm-5:20 pm in the Communication Center.

If you would like to help support the VVC MUN team, MUN is holding a Poker Tournament at Spring Valley Lake on November 18, 2016. For more details look them up on Facebook at Victor Valley College Model United Nations.

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opponent for 1st District Supervisor, Angela Valles released a campaign statement on October 20 condemning what she calls the "dumping" of refugees in Victorville. Valles also vowed that if elected, she would sue the federal government and cut off all federal benefits to the relocated refugees. According to Valles, the federal government is required to notify local jurisdictions before placing refugees. Valles, a Latino, ironically cited what is considered a hard-line immigration reform group as the source of her premise. Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) is described as an extremist group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, with leaders who "have ties to white suprema-

cist groups." Valles highly publicized introduction of the information regarding the placement of the refugees has been met by a strong rejection of her racist premise by both county and local officials. County spokesman David Wert was quoted in the Daily Press as saying he was "unaware of any process by which counties or cities are formally advised of refugee arrivals by the federal or state government. Additionally, there is no legal mechanism by which local jurisdictions can affect the immigration of refugees into their backyard."

During a Victorville City Council meeting on October 23, Councilman Ryan McEachron asked City Manager Doug Robertson to address Valles' campaign statement. "It's easy to have your

own opinion, but not your own facts." McEachron said during the Council meeting, "and in this case, it's just a complete distortion of facts. It's lies, and I'd like you to address it." Robertson concluded that city staff found the federal government did not need authority to place refugees, nor were they required to provide notice.

While anti-Syrian protesters who were concerned for the best interest of the city marched up and down the sidewalk Saturday pleading for the attention of those who drove by, pro-refugee rights supporters also spoke out in hopes of conveying their message of love and acceptance to the community.

Community activist, Benjamin Wood, was quoted in *The Daily Press* saying, "There are people in this community not driven by hate who want to welcome these refugees and send their love and support to them. We don't appreciate it when political fig-



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ures use this anti-refugee sentiment ... to advance their political careers. Basically, it's wrong and we're standing against that in morality."

Please Feed Haiti

By: **Linda Perez**
Reporter

Hurricane Matthew began on September 28 and lasted until October 10. It left in its path, wide spread destruction from the Caribbean to Southeast U.S. There is an estimated \$8.26 billion in damages and the loss of life is catastrophic with deaths totaling over 1,600 (more than 1,000 in Haiti alone). This category five hurricane has become the deadliest Atlantic hurricane since Hurricane Stan in 2005.

Humanitarian organizations have already begun mobilizing to provide aid and support to the victims in affected areas. Haiti, however, is continuing to struggle with the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. After nearly three weeks, Haiti is facing a food crisis with 1.4 million in need of food. Although emergency



food has indeed been distributed, it does not currently meet the country's need. Alexis Masciarelli, a World Food Program worker currently in Haiti, told ABC News, "you could just see people eating whatever they could find on the ground." There are cur-

rently many organizations collecting supplies and accepting financial donations for the victims in Haiti. For more information on these organizations and how to help, please visit www.hopeforhaiti.com.

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Native American Heritage

By: **Lexus David**
Reporter

A presentation and workshop was held on November 3rd to inform students about Native American culture. The event was held from 1 - 2pm in room B of the Student Activities Center. It was hosted by Pamela James, the Native American Student Council's Club Advisor. Before the event, James explained that the presentation would overview the culture's many different "tribes, languages, and ceremonies." However, James mentioned that she was "not going to talk about the history."

Immediately after the presentation there was a workshop. It demonstrated the dif-

ferent ways to trace Native American roots, and what websites to go to. James explained that people must

"claim a tribe [in order] to get a tribal ID card." Though the club highlights the Native American culture, James made

it clear that the club is open to everyone- students don't have to be Native American to be a part of it. Additionally, she was excited to share that club members do a lot of activities, such as creating dream catchers and medicine wheels.

Moreover, James was pleased to announce that November is Native American Heritage Month. The club will be honoring the month by hosting an event on the 17th. It will take place on the lower campus during the Victor Valley Farmer's Market. Cahuilla Bird Singers will perform at 11am, and Native Dancers will perform at 12pm. Anyone interested is invited.



The Future is Yours

By Jessica Vaughan
Editor-in-Chief

On the evening of November 7th, a group of students gathered in the Student Activities Center to attend the *Your Life Matters... Find Your Purpose* Workshop led by Psychology Professor Bruce Malcolm. The meaningful workshop consisted of different exercises to help students identify their strengths and assess their pasts to help them discover their purpose in life and put them on a path to finding a career that suits their personalities.

While Malcolm does similar exercises in his classroom, this is the first time the workshop has been held at Victor Valley College. The purpose of the workshop is to help people grow. As Malcolm and

his former student Vince Garcia briefly shared their own stories, it gave the guests a little insight into what finding life's purpose can lead to.

Garcia used the struggles he dealt with in his past to pursue his dreams. He now owns Alpha Omega Fitness and he dedicates his work to helping people through personal training. He explains his purpose by using the metaphor of an elevator and saying that no matter what level he is at with other people, he will always go down to someone else's level to lift them up with the others. With Garcia, no one gets left behind.

One of the outcomes in this workshop is to help students discover their 'why' or their purpose. "My 'why' is to help people grow. That's what gets me up in the morning. It's

what brings me the most joy," Malcolm stated while explaining why he created this workshop. He wants to help people grow. "It's why I'm on this earth."

Malcolm stated that his favorite part of the workshop is "when a student realizes the stuff they went through can be a catalyst of purpose to positively propel them into a career while making an impact in the world."

The next workshop will be held in Room C and D in the Student Activities Center on November 30th from 10am - 12pm. To reserve a spot, RSVP by calling the Foundation office at (760) 245-4271 ext. 2522.



Trump from page 1

In the end, the people voted Donald Trump as the victor. Trump pushed beyond expectation, winning states like Pennsylvania that hadn't voted Republican since 1988. For some, Trump's win is a momentous occasion and a cause for celebration. However, a large percentage of Americans are unhappy with

Trump. This significant number has not gone unnoticed. Thousands of people across the U.S. have begun protesting the results of the election. All the divisiveness, anger, and distrust bred during this election has fractured the fabric of this seemingly unwavering two party country, leaving us a nation divided with one question. What will Donald Trump's vision for America

look like? With the Senate and House of Representatives also in the hands of a Republican majority and Trump's eventual Supreme Court choices, it's safe to say we will be seeing a very different America.

According to President Trump, the only way to rebuild America is together. Despite Clinton loss, in her concession speech she encouraged her supporters to accept

the results of the election, she said, "We have seen that our nation is more deeply divided than we thought. But I still believe in America and I always will. And if you do, then we must accept this result and then look to the future. Donald Trump is going to be our president. We owe him an open mind and the chance to lead."

In Trump acceptance speech he also expressed sentiments of unity, he said, "It is time for us to come together as one united people. It's time. I pledge to every citizen of our land that I will be President to all Americans... For those who have chosen not to support me in the past... I'm reaching out to you for your guidance and your help so that we can work together and unify our great country." For the first time since he announced his run for Presidency we are hearing a Trump that seems willing to reach across the aisle.



Get to Know Your Fellow Rams

By: Lexus David
Reporter

Whether it's playing dress up, or playing in the mud, Victor Valley College's Brianna Mullen isn't afraid to express her interests in fashion and motocross. Mullen states that she can't recall where her "passion for fashion came from," but she's always loved it. At the age of seven, Mullen ambitiously aspired to create a fashion line called *Edan*. The line was going to be named "after [her] great grandmother Edna, whose name spells Edan when rearranged."

Mullen expresses her love for fashion through many outlets. The first is customizing her clothing. Whether it's transforming dresses into crop tops or spicing up old shoes. Additionally, Mullen keeps a sketchbook available for when

she feels inspired.

Though she knows how to dress up, Mullen doesn't mind getting down and dirty. Being "raised with boys," Mullen isn't surprised by her "love for motocross." The exposure sparked Mullen's interest, and she has loved it ever since. She isn't sure when the love began, but she knows that she's "been riding since [she] was really young."

Mullen isn't sure which passion she wants to pursue, so until then, she will continue to take advantage of the resources and relationships that are available at VVC.



By: Lorena Lemos
Reporter

Dah-Ve Alwin is a Victor Valley College student majoring in Liberal Studies. After a 15 year break from school she decided to return to finish her schooling in hopes of becoming an elementary school teacher. Alwin was a stay at home mom when the G.I. Bill was passed. The G.I. Bill gave her the motivation to go back to school to earn her degree. Her Husband who was a Marine passed on the privilege to her and gave her the opportunity to return to school.

Alwin says the adjustment from being a stay at home mom of four kids and returning to school was the most difficult part about her decision. She stated, "Before I didn't have kids, now I have kids." Balancing school, homework, and being a mom has proved to be a difficult

task, but a manageable one. Alwin is almost done with her schooling at VVC and will continue on at either Cal State San Bernardino or Cal State Fullerton. The only thing between her and her transfer is a couple more math classes. Alwin is saving those for last because she finds them the most difficult to pick back up after taking a 15 year break from school.

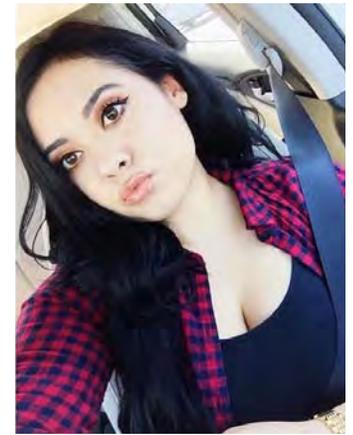
Although she struggles with math, she has found some escape through the Theater Arts programs. She has taken part in a school play and has taken a dance class. When asked which one she enjoyed the most she replied, "Probably the play, it's a lot easier. The dance is harder." Alwin has persevered through the ups and downs of returning to school and is now anxious and ready to begin her teaching career.

By: Mercedes Cannon
Reporter

Stephanie Tullos is one of the thousands of students here on campus. Like many, she has hopes of making a better future for herself through education and hard work. Tullos is an English Major who is focusing more on a communications degree. Tullos has her mind set on transferring to a Los Angeles area school, and is ultimately deciding between Cal State LA and UC Northridge. In her free time,

Tullos likes to hone her makeup skills as she is an aspiring makeup artist. She also finds great joy in piecing to-

gether vintage fashions she finds at local thrift stores. Tullos' end goal is to perhaps work in broadcast television behind the scenes as an editor, makeup artist or costume designer.



By: Curtis Taylor
Reporter

Samantha Mills is a continuing student at Victor Valley College focusing on achieving her Photography certificate. As Thanksgiving gets closer we're reminded not just of the holiday in itself, but what to be thankful for. Thankful to have our health and well-being, along with having family and friends to share the holiday with.

This Thanksgiving, Mills is most thankful to have her family around her, most im-

portantly her father who was a service member serving during the war.

Growing up, Mills' fondest memory of Thanksgiving was looking forward to eating a delicious fruit dessert her mother made. "It was my favorite dish because it tasted better than anything else." Mills is now only left with the memories of that dessert because the family can no longer enjoy the dish due to the family now being diabetic.

Now she feels that holidays aren't the same. "Holidays for me are just another day."

By: Randi Dominguez
Reporter

Saja Ajwad is a VVC student but she has not had the easiest life to get to where is now. Some of us have the privilege of being born in the United States and having a normal childhood as we grow up. As for Saja, she was originally born in Iraq and lived there for 12 years until her and her family came to the United States as refugees. When she got to the U.S, Saja found her-

self finishing high school in Virginia. After high school her and her family moved to California for a better education. Once here, her father started a business here in Victorville.

Saja would like to transfer to UCLA or UCSD after she obtains her AA in Biogenetic Engineering. "DNA genetics is fun and interesting to me plus I love and am good at math and science" Saja cannot wait to get into the DNA field and start changing lives for the better.

The World Needs You

By: Randi Dominguez
Reporter

Suicide is a very serious topic that few talk about. Thoughts about suicide, or the action itself, are equally as important and are very common with college students. According to YourLifeCounts.org, research shows 1 in every 10 college students have had life threatening thoughts or attempted to take their life one or more times. There is no solid evidence on why someone would want to take their life because it varies from person to person. The only evidence that is certain is that suicide is most common from ages 15 to 24; the stages of life when transitioning into an adult. The shock of drastic



change or getting straight A's in high school, but find oneself failing in college might be too great for someone to cope with in such a short amount of time.

The signs of suicide are not obvious. Things to look out for are statements like "The world would be better without me" or "Nobody will miss me if I am gone." If your friend or family member tries to obtain items such as a guns or pills this should alarm you, since it is not normal behavior

and is possibly life threatening. Another sign of suicidal behavior is having someone start saying goodbye to people and hanging out with them as much as possible before they do the ultimate action. People who are suicidal usually do not talk about what they plan on doing, so if you happen to catch signs like these, please talk to them and try and get them help.

Not many people know when someone has suicidal thoughts just like, VVC student Summer Cerna, "I don't know the signs when someone is suicidal and honestly I wouldn't know who to go to if someone came to me thinking

these thoughts." If you happen to have a friend or family member you know that is or even might be suicidal you can call 1-800-273-8255. This is the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Phone Number. It is a 24/7 lifeline that offers services such as someone to talk to, confidence boosters and so much more.

Joanna Meza has personally been affected with suicide by losing a loved one and she stated, "The hardest part for me is the anticipation of thinking they are going to walk through the door again." No one needs to go through this alone and everyone has a special place in this world. Do not ever think nothing will change if you are gone, because the truth is everything will.

VVC Nursing Students Prepare for Disaster

By: James Mortensen
Reporter

On Thursday October 20, VVC nursing staff and students held an earthquake drill and disaster simulation. Some VVC classes were involved early in the morning around 10 a.m.. VVC student Brandon, who had just gotten out of his class to participate in the drill said, "I appreciate the effort that the school puts into trying to teach students, but it is just not that motivating or real." At first some students were saying the same thing, but later they were excused and could stay and participate in the simulation in the science building. Students in the nursing program were acting accordingly if an earthquake had actually occurred. There are a lot of rules, priorities, and obligations that must happen that a lot of people do not know about. According to Nursing

instructor Terry Truelove, "CPR is not obligated if the victim doesn't breathe or move within 5 seconds." It is a sad truth that is needed to ensure the use of limited resources to those in dire need. Along with the nurses taking care of the wounded, students got to witness the Live Birth Simulator. Four to five nurses worked with the simulated mother giving birth; both mother a baby survived.

There were times where the doctor did have to step in and give a few tips, but the nurses were very precise and according the doctor after the simulation, "there were at least two healthy babies born and two mothers saved." After the event Truelove said, "The event went very well. Every



objective was met and the students superseded his expectations." Also, he was pleased with every student and wanted to thank some of the VVC students for coming in as actors and giving the nursing students more and more challenges. "There were performances by the students that I thought were impossible for their level of education, they were amazing and left me and other staff in awe."

Nursing Student, Theresa Alvarez, was acting as a Pub-

lic Information Officer and it was her job to keep the reporters away from the victims to protect their privacy. Alvarez said, "I loved being able to represent our hospital and our critical thinking capabilities to the reporters and the public."

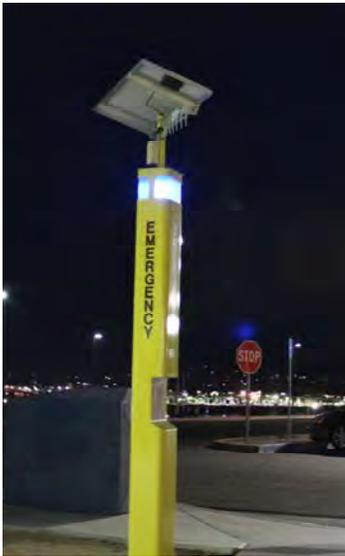
Alvarez would also like to see more real life doctors, EMTs', and firefighters to make it more realistic and a better learning opportunity. After the simulation refreshments were provided and Truelove wanted to thank Olivas Masonry, which is owned by NP3 student Jesse Olivas, for "providing funds for the students to enjoy a nice meal after working so hard."

For the next drill, the students and staff agreed on trying to get more real life doctors and EMTs and hosting it either here on campus or on the east side of town and have more students involved for a group learning process.

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has ever dealt with and sadly it won't be the last. In 2016, America has already been involved in 323 mass shootings with California having over 15 mass shootings, recorded by Gunviolence.org.

As citizens, we can't prevent terror, but we can be prepared for it. In the case of an active shooter incident occurring at school or a large event,



it's everyone's job to be situationally aware because that might mean the difference between staying alive or becoming a victim.

On the 26th of October, Chief of Police, Leonard Knight and his staff prepared a presentation for school staff on how to prepare for an Active Shooter, and conducted an Active Shooter Exercise on the Victor Valley College Campus. The exercise was an effort to prepare for response times in emergency situations on campus.

It's important to be aware of your surroundings whether you are at school or in your leisure. While in public areas such as a cafeteria or library, locate your emergency exits. Libraries tend to be one of the first place active shooter events occur. VVC plans to hold 3-4 yearly active shooter exercises to make everyone prepared in the event a shooting occurs. It's important that every student is registered on www.vvc.edu/studentemail in

order to receive text and email alerts in the event of a crisis. In the next few weeks school maps with rally points will be present in every class for everyone to know which building to go to in an emergency situation.

In the event of an active shooter taking place on campus, stay calm, stay alert and remember these steps to protect yourself and others. If the shooting is occurring nearby and you are in a classroom, quickly turn off all the lights and equipment. Lock and barricade the door, find cover and remained concealed. Leave all belongings and turn your phone off to not tip the shooter to your location. Stay away from windows or anything that exposes your concealment. If you can help others, do so safely but never put yourself at risk. If the shooter is in your area, and you have no way out, you must defend yourself as a last resort, escape if you can. If you have no weapon, use an improvised weapon; such as, a

chair, fire extinguisher or anything else you can get your hands on to prevent oneself from getting shot and escaping harm.

If the shooter's location is unknown on the campus, remain secured and hold in your classroom or place of hiding. If someone is hurt or injured do not treat the individual until the police have cleared your room. In active shooter incidents, it can take the police minutes to get there so stay calm and alert. If a police officer does come to your area of refuge, do not react emotionally because your reaction might throw off the police because their initial job is to stop the threat first. Keep your hands visible, obey all commands. When the threat has been neutralized a notification will be issued on every emergency alert system (RAVE, Alertus and BEC radios). Security is everyone's job at VVC, report anything out of the ordinary and stay conscious of your surroundings.

VVC's Newest Club Addition: Math Club

By Mercedes Cannon
Reporter

For many, math can be a miserable subject, but for some, it can be enjoyable or even considered fun. Math Club is one of VVC's newest clubs on campus and is open to any students interested in math and looking to network with others.

According to Professor Schellhaus, the Club Advisor, "So far this semester we have been preparing for the Student Math League, which is a national competition run by the American Mathematical Association for Two Year Colleges (AMATYC). The test consists of 20 challenging questions that require mostly cleverness and organized thinking to

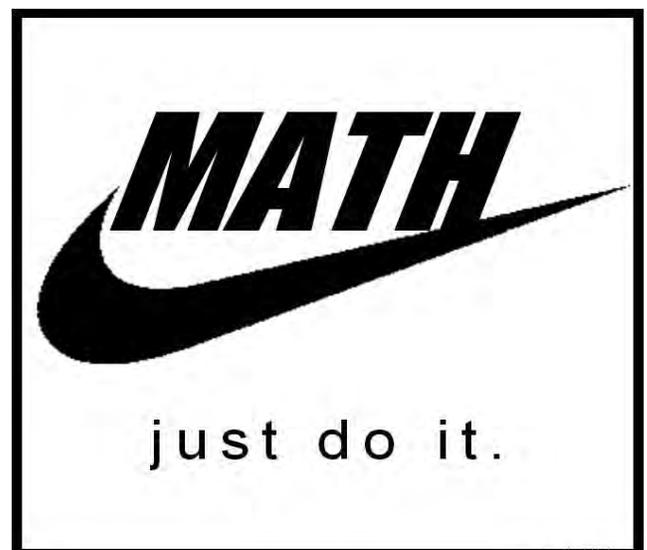
solve, not necessarily high level math knowledge." Though they do not have a set amount of club members, the club does have about 10 to 12 regulars and are open to more people joining, especially those interested in competing.

Aside from competing in national math competitions, the club also has hopes to participate in other activities such as: movie nights, trips, and even local math competitions with prize incentives. Schellhaus is also pursuing the possibility of having a chapter of the National Math Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta) on VVC campus as well.

The Math Club currently meets Thursdays from 2:45-3:45pm in Building 21, room 145, next to the Math Success

Center). If you are looking to compete, make some new friends with like interests, have a passion for math, or

just want to learn more about math and similar subjects, then the Math Club is for you.



(Taken from pinterest.com)

Deepwater Horizon

By **Bertram Taylor III**
Reporter

“Deepwater Horizon” premiered September 30th, it is a thrilling and suspenseful retelling of the United States’ worst oil spill incident in history. April 20, 2010, Deepwater Horizon, a large drilling rig, blew up in the Gulf of Mexico. Following protagonist Mike Williams (Mark Wahlberg), his family, and the crew of Deepwater Horizon, the film



(Taken from nytimes.com)

takes the audience through the terrifying moments when Deepwater Horizon exploded and how most of the crew was able to survive the disaster.

This film reflects the greed within oil companies and how far those companies are willing to push to make the most profits. The antagonists of the film, BP managers Donald Vidrine (John Malkovich) and Robert Kaluza (Brad Leland), push the crew to ignore very serious warning signs because they are behind schedule to drill. These managers essentially talk the crew into proceeding to drill causing the major explosion, taking the lives of 11 people, injuring many others, and killing sea life.

The graphics and visuals of the movie were very strategic and profound. One movie goer stated, “The explosion looked so real. It felt like I was actually seeing the rig blow up in front of me.” The explosion of the drilling rig and the details that lead up to the explosion were very precise, giving the audience a true feel of being in that horrific moment. Director, Peter Berg, took careful steps to give the audience a real inside look to being on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig and the inner workings of big corporations. Overall, the film touched on strong themes of corporate greed as well as the strength and perseverance of the crew.



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Strange Conquers Box Office

By **Diallo Markus Kahin**
Reporter

Doctor Strange follows the story of the renowned neurosurgeon Steven Strange, who after a brutal car accident loses full control of his hands. In his quest for a cure he comes across *The Ancient One*, played by Tilda Swinton. From there she teaches him about the Astral Plane and the

other dimensions of the world. Played excellently by Benedict Cumberbatch, Steven Strange is instantly one of the most memorable characters in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. He's extremely arrogant, often rude, and through much of the movie shows no ability to even fake humility. However, with charisma rivaling that of Robert Downey Jr's Tony Stark, Cumberbatch makes

Strange the most interesting character on screen at all times. That's no slight to the rest of this amazing cast, they all bring strong performances even within the writing let's them down.

While the performances certainly stand out, the best part of *Doctor Strange* is the amazing visuals. Director Scott Derrickson manages to create some of the most visually stunning special effects ever made. Clearly drawing a lot of inspiration from Christopher Nolan's *Inception*, Derrickson takes these effects to an entirely new level. This movie is absolutely beautiful, and it needed to be. The story of Doctor Strange demands a director and cinematographer capable of pulling off shots never before seen in a comic book movie.

Although exciting, and never dull, *Doctor Strange* isn't a perfect movie. While Derrickson excels at getting

the most out of his cast, he and fellow writer Jon Spaihts fail to deliver an interesting villain, and completely underutilize Rachel McAdams character Christine. McAdams is stuck playing the stereotypical love interest once again. It's a role she's sadly all too familiar with, but she does go above and beyond the stilted script in order to make Christine somewhat interesting.

Doctor Strange is the 14th movie in the Marvel Cinematic Universe and it continues Marvel's long reign of supremacy over the superhero genre. While the story is at times predictable, the acting is great, most characters are interesting enough to lead the movie on their own, and visually it's groundbreaking. Simply put, *Doctor Strange* is one of the strongest superhero origin stories ever made. 8.5/10



(Taken from baltana.com)

Strike Up The Bands

By James Mortenson
Reporter

On Friday evening October 21, 2016, Victor Valley College presented its concert called Strike Up the Bands concert. Under the direction of Craig Pridmore, the College band played songs such as, "Star-Spangled Banner" and "Malagueña". While they played the National Anthem, there were a few members in the audience that began to sing with the musical performance. Along with the singers in the crowd, the music gave heartfelt beginning that was followed by the crowds loud applause.

One woman sitting in the crowd said, "Wow they have people my age and my grand babies' age!". All of the performers were in formal attire dressed in all black and they looked professionally as they played. On the fourth song, they played Malagueña, a very fast pace and upbeat song, conducted by Patty Thayer. It started off exhilarating, then slowed to a nice tune before

coming back with an amazing upbeat tone. The next song, Patty stepped down and Craig came back to conducted "Ash Lawn Echoes." The beginning of the song sounded like a relaxing morning and as it progressed it sounded like a background song to a revolutionary war type of movie as they were charging into battle.

They reset the stage for the next performance which was the Flute Choir. Performers began to play "Air on the G String" by J.S. Bach it was very elegant. It was a high-pitched performance that made Elena, a member in the audience, "Feel like I was watching the sky on a chilly fall afternoon and watching the leaves fall as winter came." She also said "It's a lovely tone, but it is the same tone and it got kind of boring."

After a couple more songs by the Flute Choir and the Brass Choir came on. They played "Castilla", "Scherzo", and the very famous "New York New York", Up next was the Tuba Force and they were



hilarious. They came out with their professional clothing with the addition of bunny ears and cute fluffy cottontails on their pants. The best song they played was the "Bunny Hop". They also played "God Bless the USA". The crowd gave a standing ovation to

such a good and patriotic song.

The concert ended with VVC's own Symphonic Band. They played a total of six songs that were just amazing. There was a part where one of the musicians held one soft and beautiful note on the clarinet for about 2-3 minutes! It was very impressive and Craig brought her up and gave her the credit she deserved and told the audience to "Give her just as much applause as they did for him." It was time for the last song and Craig said, "Everybody who has seen the movie Titanic should know what song this is" it's called "An Irish Party in the Third Class." Elena said "If my eyes were closed I could imagine the entire scene."



Coming to a Stage Near You

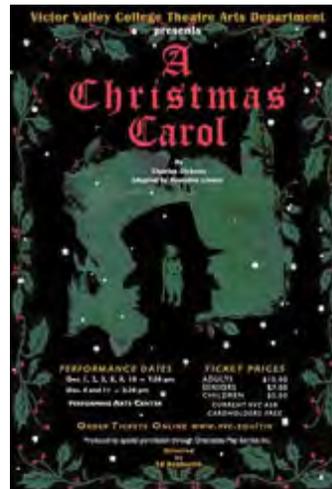
By Curtis Taylor
Reporter

After two years in the making, "A Christmas Carol," has finally found its way to the Victor Valley College Performance Arts Center. The classic Charles Dickens novella begins with the mean Ebenezer Scrooge set in his ways, until he's visited by the three ghost of Christmas. The ghosts reveal his faults in an effort to fix his mean ways. "A Christmas Carol," has been a Christmas staple for nearly two centuries, mostly because it teaches everyone to reflect on themselves and their actions towards people.

A Christmas Carol, adapted by Romulus Linney, headed by Director Ed Heaberlin, will feature VVC's past, present and future with former ESL Professor Robert Laird Eklund playing Ebenezer Scrooge, followed by VVC's Theater student

body and children from the High Desert Community. The performance dates are December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 at 7:30 p.m. and on the 4th and the 11th the play will be performed at 2:30 p.m. You can order tickets online at www.vvc.edu/tix.

For Director/Professor Ed Heaberlin, countless hours have been in place to make the play enjoyable for viewers of all ages. With 42 adults and 10 children working in the play, Heaberlin feels good about the play's direction, "It's going really well, and I'm pleased and happy with it." The most difficult part of any play is finding the right cast members for every role. The hardest character to cast is Ebenezer Scrooge; upon auditions, Heaberlin noticed the familiar face of newly retired professor Eklund auditioning for the role of Scrooge. Soon as Eklund began reading for the part, director Heaberlin was pleasantly shocked, "Oh my gosh,



this is a gift." For Eklund, who has years of acting experience, this play will be his first play at VVC, but he hopes for more roles in the future. When describing his experience while working on the play, Eklund stated, "They're a neat group of people and they're fun to work with and I appreciate the experience."

Directing a play consisting of 60 people is a tough task;

the director has to manage every actor's personality on top of managing the character's portrayal. As Heaberlin states, "It's magic." Working with kids is a unique challenge but the director welcomes that challenge. "I like kids, I like to reward that ability of kids to see anything i.e. here's a rainbow and they see it, but adults shut down that part of their imagination. When I get people to let go of that and open themselves up to the energy and possibility than it's a different world." Heaberlin hopes that everyone views the play in their own way. "It's going to be different to everyone, the thing people walk away with is their present." Bring family and friends to enjoy the tale of the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge as he's plagued by his past in the American Classic, "A Christmas Carol."

Cans For A Cause

By Barbara Tevis
Reporter

On November 4th, Victor Valley College held a concert in the Student Activities Center to raise food and donations for the Victor Valley Rescue Mission. This year, Cans for a Cause collected over 2,600 cans of food for those in need. The event was organized by Evonne Tirado, who has been on the committee for the Cans for a Cause since 2011.

Cans for a Cause came to be in 2011, during a meeting with various committees from VVC brainstorming to raise funds for the holidays; they decided that they would do a concert for the community. Several members were big music buffs, and they would

have cans for admission. The first year, Cans for a Cause received 112 cans. Tirado was discouraged by this because she wanted to give so much more. Robert Sewell, the ASB advisor said, "That's 112 more cans we wouldn't have at all."

The groups playing were students and alumni of VVC that included "The Madison's", "Vic and Evelyn" and the "Overachievers". There was a variety of music played, such as gospel and oldies, with several bands having original songs.

For every five cans, attendees received a raffle ticket to win a gift card from the sponsors. As the winners of the gift cards came up to get their prize Tim asked each

what "community" means to them. Some of the responses that were given had been about the connection everyone shares and showing love for one another.

ASB student John, who won a gift card explained what he thought was the best thing ASB has done for the community saying, "This year we came up with 12 goals that we want our council to achieve. So far we've accomplished four or five so we're about halfway there." He also said, "we help out the community and give back to our students here." Many local businesses contributed to making the event a success, including, Starbucks, Rams Bookstore,

Jimmy John's Subs, Chipotle. And many more.

Cans for a Cause has a Facebook page called 'Concerts for a Cause' with upcoming events and opportunities for scholarships which will be taking place in the spring of 2017. This will be Evonne's last year hosting the event, but in leaving she said, "I have hope that others feel inspired to start something of their own. Be generous, be kind and keep others in mind."



Are The Rams Going To Playoffs?

By **Carmen Mejia**
Reporter

October 21, the VVC women's soccer team battled on their home field on a sunny day against Bakersfield. The Rams lost the game with the score VVC - 0, Bakersfield - 2. The home team was unable to bring home a win, suffering another lost and ending Bakersfield's losing streak.

VVC gave it their all and had a couple of chances to score in the beginning of the game. VVC midfielder, Ashley Herrera, attempted a shot, but was blocked by The Knight's goalie, Alondra Villa. The Rams were visibly upset with The Knights being on possession of the ball. The first goal occurred five

minutes before the first half was over by Bakersfield's Amelia Lopez.

In the second half, Bakersfield's Odalys Espinoza scored the final goal 81 minutes into the game. A few minutes later a penalty was awarded to VVC, but with key players restricted from playing due to injuries, the Rams were unable to score. Adriana Contreras

was taken out of the game after minutes of playing. Contreras suffered a previous concussion, was cleared to play but was taken out due to feeling light headed. Cassandra Vasquez didn't play due to a torn ligament before the game. The loss of these two forwards, along with a few more starters, means that going into this game, VVC was not in the

same pristine condition they stated the season with.

VVC coach Walid Jomaa said, "I try not to stop believing but I'm a realistic person and unless a miracle happens we're not going to be making the playoffs." There are still five games left in the season and the VVC women's soccer team is going to have to win all of them if they want to make playoffs. This team is made out of hard working and dedicated young women who don't give up very easily. Jomaa said about the upcoming games, "We're just going to work hard and try to represent in the last games. That's all I can ask of [the team]."



Cubs Curse Has Ended

By **Diallo Markus Kahin**
Reporter

No longer are The Chicago Cubs the cursed loveable losers of the sports world. On October 28th The Cubs pulled off something that even their die-hard fans were skeptical of. They beat the Cleveland Indians 8-7 and won the World Series.

The game will undoubtedly go down as one of the greatest moments in baseball history. The two franchises had gone a combined 176 years without winning the World Series. The game was as dramatic as it could be possibly be. There were lead changes, heart wrenching runs, and even a rain delay that added to the uneasiness all the fans felt. Cubs outfielder Jason Heyward had a different viewpoint on the rain delay, "I was think-

ing that sometimes rain can be a bad thing. But the way we ended that inning, I felt like we needed that rain."

The Cubs ending their historic drought is what will go down in history. World Series MVP Ben Zobrist said after the game, "You know what? I think we just s--t-canned those

curses." Curses and historic accomplishments aside, The Cleveland Indians blew a 3-1 lead proving they're the complete antithesis of the Cleveland Cavaliers. Overall this series was the best possible scenario for Major League Baseball. In a sport where the majority of the audience is

over 50 and MLB has continuously failed to attract minorities, and young people to the sport, a World Series with two teams with that much history, bad as it may be created an all time ratings high. According to Fox Sports, game 7 of the series was viewed by an average of over 40 million people, making it the most watched baseball game in 25 years.

As for The Cubs and Indians, both teams are set up well for the future and should be in contention next year. The Cubs look to have one of the strongest rosters in all of baseball, and it's not difficult to see this core group turn into a dynasty. However, if history is any indication, The Cubs won't win again until 2124.



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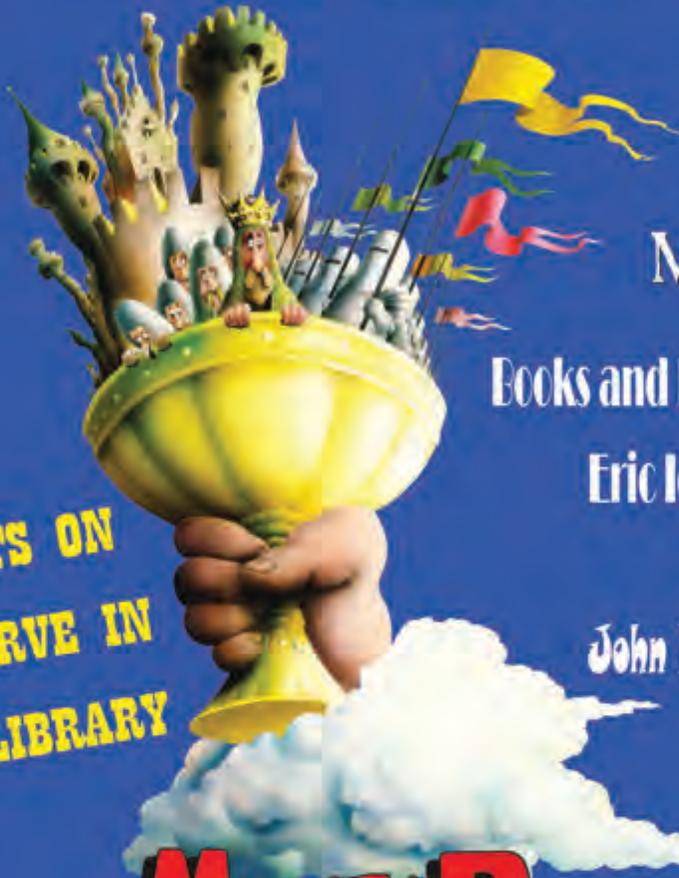
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