



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela

A New Sound to Music

By Morgan Earles
Reporter

Victor Valley College has a new Music Director, Karen Miskell. Miskell is a piano player and vocalist who grew up in Ohio. Miskell moved to Florida to attend the University of Miami to start her college career as a music education major. Miskell has a Master’s in Choral Conducting from Northern University of Arizona and is going to USC for her Doctorate of Musical Arts degree. Her expected graduation date is in spring 2018.

Miskell started out as a choir teacher from 2005 to 2011. She has been part of the VVC family for two years. Last year she assisted, and now she is taking charge. This

role will bring change to the Music Department coming this spring and fall of 2018. Her influence to start the path of music was all thanks to her high school choir teacher and a special thanks to her professor at USC, Dr. Scheibe. He has showed her that there are so many things you can do with music and that it is always some type of collaboration.

Being in the music industry she has traveled all over the world to sing and perform. Miskell says, “There is a connection with music and people



like no other.” Miskell states, “I have a passion for something that can help people or just bring them joy and there is so much that’s not joyful I feel like it’s really important to do that. You learn other things through music that aren’t necessarily about music, there’s so much opportunity there.” Miskell has a very fresh exciting take as the new music director such as major work with all the choirs and the orchestra coming spring 2018. More collaborations next fall will add variety to the concerts. Look forward to the many great things the Music Department has in store!

Grayson

By Cuitlahuac Diaz
Reporter

DC Comics plans to release Grayson: The Superspy Omnibus October 18, 2017. An omnibus is a book containing all issues of a certain storyline or story written by an author previously released separately. This omnibus, written by Tim Seeley and Tom King and art by Mikel Janin, stars Dick Grayson, also known as Nightwing and former apprentice of the Batman. Grayson: The Superspy Omnibus contains 792 pages, is a hardcover book, and collects Grayson #1-20, Secret Origins #8, Grayson Annual #1-3, Grayson: Future’s End #1, Robin War #1-2, and Nightwing Rebirth #1.

Grayson isn’t the usual Batman or Nightwing superhero comic. The writers, Tom King and Tim Seeley, wanted to remain loyal to the character, Dick Grayson, and his personality while also throwing him into a new environment. In an interview at San Diego Comic Con (SDCC) ‘15 with Harper W. Harris, co-writer King states, “The approach was never for us to just write in the spy genre, it was let’s write the best Dick Grayson story we can.” In a different interview with Tony ‘G-Man’ Guerrero from Comic Vine, co-author Seeley says, “We can really change up settings and who’s fighting Dick. It’s totally been a awesome thing to take him away from the usual kind of Dick Grayson story.”

In Grayson: The Superspy Omnibus. Dick Grayson, former Robin and Nightwing, fakes his death to the world and becomes an agent for a top-secret spy ring

Tensions on the Rise

By Tyler Wolfe
Reporter

At the recent U.N meeting, President Trump gave a speech stating that in the case of self-defense of itself or her allies the U.S may have to “Totally destroy” North Korea. These comments expressed shortly after another missile test over Japan. Bringing a call for stricter sanctions against the communist regime to deplete the resources and funding available for their nuclear program. Trump’s

words were taken as a threat by the North Korean government. The minister of

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Hope for the Homeless

By Gabriella Carrazzo
Reporter

Recent numbers taken by San Bernardino County show that the homeless population have decreased since last year by 12%. The decrease is due to the help of the 12 shelters found in Victorville. However, there are some who are stranded in the High Desert. They are unable to contact family or get the help they need to transition back into regular life.

How are these victims supposed to find support without family or the means of transportation to get back to their support groups? As of July 2017, the Victorville Sheriff's Department has added the *Victims Assistance Program*. Deputies Asiah Medawar and Alan Pennington are at the forefront of this new program. Within the program they con-

tact next of kin for the victim, personally, and pay for transportation, but only after they have confirmation that they are willing and able to help. The deputies will pay for

in some cases, a plane ticket. To insure those misplaced by homelessness can get the help they need and reunite with family. According to the Sheriff Department's website

15 victims. Some of those helped include victims of domestic abuse. All are different cases with different stories and different places to go one of which was sent as far as New York to be reunited with their family.

The deputies are not paying out of pocket for these travelers the money all comes from the departments budget for the program. Anyone going through such a crisis and needs the help, the Sheriff's Department's number is (760) 241-2911 and ask for deputy Alan Pennington or Asiah Medawar.



transportation by train, bus, or they have successfully helped

Fall Festival Returns to Victorville

By: Susan Monaghan
Reporter

The largest annual festival in the High Desert, Victorville's 16th Annual Fall Festival, took place on Friday and Saturday at the Victorville Civic Center.

This year's Fall Festival managed to pull off each of its promises and more, in a style befitting the year's theme, "Celebrating Community," in unexpected ways. The first night of the festival was emceed by Coleen Quinn and

Preston Stone, radio personalities from Y102. After Stone lead the crowd in a moment of silence for the victims of the Las Vegas shooting while re-

the night's live entertainment with Excelsior's performance choir. The food vendors located behind the stage audience sold smoked meats, Mexican

two lead vocalists crouched in front of the stage and held their microphones out for the kids to sing.

On day two of the festival, Civic Drive is packed end to end with tents on both sides of the street. The variety of booths present is overwhelming: there's a tent for the Young Democrats of the High Desert, "duct tape gifts," and mortgage advice. At the other end of Civic Drive, giant bulbous slides and obstacle courses were open to all children to use for free. A few of the teenagers shepherding the kids through each game were from the Family Assistance Program, an after-school program that serves in-need young people in the High Desert.



minding us, sincerely, how brave we are for accruing in a public place, Coleen started

a wild rendition of The Aristocats's "Everybody Wants to Be a Cat." Towards the end, the

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Aqueduct Produces Another Fatality

By Tracy Ochoa
Reporter

The lives of four victims have been taken by the California Aqueduct on Main St in Hesperia. Two tragic accidents have occurred this year leaving many wondering how? Earlier this year in March, 31-year-old Christina Eileen Estrada and her three sons, three-year-old Jeremiah and two-year-old Noah crashed into the aqueduct. 10-year-old Elijah was the only survivor.

A few months later, in September, tragedy struck again. Xanthe Linares a 24-year-old cancer survivor and kidney transplant recipient life ended at that same location.

The community is asking why the City of Hesperia hasn't done anything to prevent further acci-

dents. Many people felt that the city should have done something when the first accident occurred and are puzzled that they didn't. Annette Linares, the victim's sister said on an interview conducted in ABC News; "there should be lights, reflectors or just something to prevent further accidents, the city needs to stop being cheap".

The families who loved ones died due to the aqueduct have gathered together to gain

awareness and pleaded to the city to do something about it. Assistant to the City Manager, Rachel Molina, confirmed that they are working with the state officials for options. When asked if they had any dates for when a project will be built she commented "No not yet it really will depend on what the decision will be. It takes quite a bit of coordination with state officials because we can't just build whatever we want on their property. We couldn't set

a date if we don't know what the project is because different projects take different amount of times to construct." She clarified this is a state, not a city project. "The city has to work with State Water Officials and Caltrans this is a state project that runs through our city".

Currently the only thing separating the street from the aqueduct is barbed wire, which obviously isn't enough to save the people from plunging into

fast paced waters. Molina concluded by saying "We are hopeful that we will reach an alternative soon and be able to move forward." The community of the High Desert also hopes action will be taken soon.



California Wild Flowers

By Elizabeth Manzo
Reporter

Throughout the course of thirty years, California wildflowers were photographed in order to bring awareness to California's beauty and climate change. The photographs depicting climate change are portrayed in captivating photographs by Ron Badger and Nita Winter. The traveling exhibit is called "Beauty and the Beast: California Wildflowers and Climate Change," and is currently on display at the San Bernardino County Museum. The exhibited went on display June 4th and will continue through October 1st. California's most notorious geographic locations were photographed, including the high alpine rock gardens to the low

altitude, Death Valley National park. The exhibit displays California's geography into different locations, desert, mountains, coastal regions, the power of fire and renewal. It also gives viewers a behind

overview of all the golden state's regions. The dissimilarities between these geographical locations is displayed by the variations in elevation and weather, such as rainfall or temperature. Climate change

change deniers and climate change believers. The purpose of the Beauty and Beast exhibit is to display a current world matter. "I left this exhibit very inspired to do my part is preserving nature's beauty" said

Briana De Leon, a museum enthusiast. Beyond the beauty of these powerful images portraying California's geography, is the intent to show how climate change affects nature. Badger and winter have had their exhibit featured in museums around the globe in an effort to bring awareness to an issue that affects all mankind, along with the environment. Their next feature will be at the California Museum in Sacramento from October 1st- January 28th.



the scenes look at the photo capturing process, and an

has often been a controversial topic, with their being climate

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Suicide is Never the Answer

By Courtney LeMay
Reporter

September is suicide awareness month. This year Victor Valley College is joining the movement. Multiple facets for suicide awareness and its prevention were implemented at VVC. Suicide TALKS were held Wednesday the 27 and Thursday the 28 of September. These talks were to get students conversing about suicide and had approximately 70 to 100 students in attendance both days.

VVC Alumni and suicide awareness coordinator, Evonne Tirado, had this to say: "The suicide talks went really well and we got great feedback from the students." This was the first step to enable people considering suicide to reach out for help because there is always a different way. The Send Silence Packing Event brought awareness to how many college students are committing suicide. On Wednesday, backpacks were sprawled across the grass in front of buildings 54, 50, and 44. Attached to the backpacks

were the pictures and stories of college students that have committed suicide. VVC Student, Cindy Bliss, said this about Send Silence Packing Event, "This is an important topic that needs to be more publicized. More students need to be aware that they are not alone. Everyone needs to know that there are places on campus to go if they are alone and desperate." Send Silence Packing was to make students realize that this is a real issue and for those considering suicide that they are not alone.

Mental Health Workshops are being held on Monday's from 12-2pm in building 44 in the quiet room starting September 11 through November 13. Every workshop covers a different mental health issues and all are welcome to attend. Finally, Drop in Counseling regarding suicidal identification are being held Mondays for 10-2 and Wednesdays 11-1 throughout the Fall semester November in Building 44, in the Club Room. These events are brought to you through the conjoined effort of the Disabled Students Programs and



Services department as well as Victor Community Support Services. Most of all, VVC wants these events to send a message to all its students to get help and have hope.

first sign of an aggressive offender. The Sexual Assault Policy of VVC is located on the Victor Valley College website, on the Campus Police section.

Catcalling is NOT Innocent

By Megan Dykstra
Reporter

Walking on VVC campus, it is not unusual to hear someone call out something like this; "Haven't I seen you before?" The question seems innocent enough, until the realization hits that the man speaking, is yelling at a woman from several yards away. "I'd like to see you now!" The question immediately seems less innocent. A situation like this is uncomfortable to watch as a spectator; but what about how the woman yelled at was feeling? Catcalling is, unfortunate-

ly, something that is still very common at Victor Valley College (VVC). "We eventually had to tell him we were lesbian." Elizabeth Manzo said, recalling a time she and one of her close friends were catcalled and then followed. "No means no." Manzo said.

"I've heard of the sexual assaults here on campus among other things." Susan Monaghan chimed in. "It's scary when you're alone." Both agreed that someone being aggressive like that makes them fear for their safety and for good reason. According to the online Campus

Crime Log updated by the VVCCD Police Department, the last sexual assault arrest on campus took place on September twentieth of this year. "And it's not a compliment." Manzo said about the catcallers' comments. "I don't know you. We're not comfortable around each other."

"It's not like they're acting friendly." Monaghan added, also speaking of the catcallers. The conversation did not stop there, with both women expressing how catcalling is too often seen as innocent, when it can often lead to illegal acts. Cat-calling can be the

More information is also on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) section of the website. It includes procedures to follow after the occurrence of an act, prevention and awareness strategies, and bystander intervention. It is always a good idea to walk in groups of two or more and seek out self-defense training. Campus police are also there to walk you from one place on campus to another if you feel threatened (Call 760-245-4271). If you fear for your safety, remember to immediately get to a safe place before you do anything else.

Shopping at the Farmer's Market

By Megan Dykstra
Reporter

Victor Valley College (VVC) has a mini event every Thursday morning known as 'The Farmers Market.' It is located in the lower part of the school's campus near the gym and tennis courts and open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Farmers Market is open to all VVC students and the public. Staying local and having something different to eat is a little hard to find sometimes.

The Farmer's Market is a great choice that students could take advantage of. Every tent offers something different, for example Mexican food, coffee or even snacks like pickles and hummus.

Margaret Lukehart, a retired teacher, has been shopping at the market for about two and a half years now. Lukehart shops at the Farmer's Market once every two weeks and recommends "definitely the hummus and ... Tonyan coffee." First time shopper Patricia Perry who is a student at VVC stated, she loves that the food here is so green, "has not been messed with" and "just the freshness" of the produce. Coming to the Farmers Market is not just about delicious food, shoppers get to meet new local people who have a love for Jewelry, Clothing, Essential Oils and homemade soaps. Another nice thing, just like Ex-Wildlife Biologist Grace Smith and her corgi Pip,



shoppers get to enjoy the pet friendly environment the market offers.

It is a great place to get to know your local farmers and

community, whether its food you're looking for or a cool little knick knack, the Farmer's Market is a nice place to go visit.

Speaking for the Win!

By Courtney LeMay
Reporter

The leaves on the trees have begun to mature, which means the Fall 2017 Speech Contest is just around the corner. The competition will be held November 16th from 2p.m. through 4p.m. on the stage in the Student Activities Center. The topic for this fall is, "How will my time at VVC impact my future?"

This speech contest allows Victor Valley College students to show off their public speaking skills and possibly win some cash for their talents. When referring to the Speech Contest, three-time participant, Dakota Brooks said, "It's a fine opportunity for students to go far out of their comfort zone and explore the field of public speaking."

The competition has been an event at VVC since Spring 2015 and occurs every fall and



spring semester. This event is sponsored by the Communication Studies department and the Associated Student body.

Contestants may write and present their speech in any way they wish as long as it follows the topic question.

Jennifer Fowlie, a Communication Studies professor commented, "We don't want to micromanage the students, we want them to show off their skill set."

The speech contest awards cash prizes to the top four con-

testants, including the first-place prize of \$200. Participants will receive a certificate of participation and a consolation prize if they do not place in the top four.

If you are interested in

entering the contest there are several steps needed. For full information visit the Communication Center, Building 54 Room 213. Students that don't participant, are encouraged to come out and support the Fall 2017 Speech Contest.

Getting to Know Your Fellow Rams

By: Tyler Wolfe
Reporter

Alyssa Bryant is a 20 year old student in her second year at Victor Valley College. She is majoring in Business Administration and hopes to transfer to a university like Cal Poly Pomona, or Boise State to continue her degree. Alyssa is pursuing this major in the hopes of opening her own



cafe or bakery. Her favorite aspects of fall are the cooling temperatures, watching the leaves change and of course, pumpkin spice lattes. Alyssa says the lattes are her favorite because when you drink one it feels like “you’re baking Thanksgiving dinner... All warm and fuzzy inside.”

By: Brigitte Chacon
Reporter



Julissa Aguayo is an 18 year old freshman at Victor Valley College. Aguayo is majoring in Kinesiology in the hopes of becoming a fitness trainer. Julissa is an avid reader, with Percy Jackson and the Olympians being one of her favorite book series. Aguayo enjoys being a freelance artist, drawing, painting, dancing and wrestling. She likes fall because she can switch up her fashion, sport a windbreaker and opt for a more casual look.

By: Megan Dykstra
Reporter

Fall is here and there is certainly a lot to be excited for this season. Trisha Dykstra is a Liberal Arts student here at Victor Valley College looking to go into social work. When asked what her favorite thing about fall is, she laughed and replied “the cooler weather I guess.” She went on to say, “And not getting fried by the sun.” Dykstra thought about the question for a little longer before naming some other



things she liked about fall; Thanksgiving, sweaters, and soup being among some of the things listed.

By: Courtney LeMay
Reporter

Keith Fox is a student at Victor Valley College that truly cares about his campus.



After beginning the AA-T in Communication Studies, Fox began to reach out to his fellow students and started getting involved around campus. Fox said, “I wasn’t planning on being involved in anything on campus, but the Communication Studies Department was the entryway for me. Communication really is the key.” Fox is a member of the Associated Student Body, (ASB), on campus and currently serves as the Executive Senator. He plans to transfer to Cal State University, Fullerton after graduating in summer of 2018.

By: Malik Cotton
Reporter



Giselle Medina is an 18 year old who is in her first semester at Victor Valley College. She recently graduated from Hesperia High School in 2017. Her favorite things about fall are her two favorite holidays and the weather. She likes the fall weather because it is cool and cozy, which is perfect for being indoors. Medina’s favorite holidays are Halloween and Thanksgiving because of all the food she can eat and the weather.

By: Morgan Earles
Reporter

Daniel Galvan is a Graphic Design and Marketing Major. He does not like the hot or cold weather. He enjoys all the holidays that come around the fall season, such as Halloween



and Thanksgiving. Galvan loves fall because all of the good shows come back on TV. Galvan stated, “what I really like about the season is spooky things, so when fall comes, all the spooky vibes are in the atmosphere.”

Getting to Know Your Fellow Rams

By: Brayán Torres
Reporter

Rebecca Reynolds, known



as “Becca”, is a full-time student here at Victor Valley College pursuing her dreams of

becoming an English or Drama teacher. One of Becca’s many passions is musical theater and loves to perform, act and roller skate. Her favorite season is fall because she loves to dress up, celebrate Halloween and enjoys the fallen leaves. “The first pumpkin spice latte of the season has to be the best thing, especially when it is cold out.” Every year for Halloween, Becca attends a skating festival where she gets to dress up and do what she loves. “Halloween is my Christmas,” Rebecca states. Becca loves the chilly nights and the warm fall days.

By: Patrick Patton III
Reporter

Seth Johnson, a current freshman, is ready for fall. With his fascination of the changing weather, he enjoys the fall season because of “the simple fact that the heat goes away, so you know, the pants come out and the shorts go into hiding.” Along with the changing weather, Johnson enjoys pumpkin spice, his fall

classes at Victor Valley College and talking to girls around campus. Johnson is a self-proclaimed “phenomenal writer” and enjoys writing his essays in the ATC building. Seth is a character around campus with a lot of energy and exceptional stature. If you see him around campus, don’t be afraid to say hello. By the way ladies, he brings pumpkin spice to the first date.

By: Genesis Jimenez
Reporter

Beth Cerna is a 25 year old student here at Victor Valley College, VVC. During the fall, she likes to be at home watching scary movies and drinking hot chocolate. Cerna’s favorite thing about the fall season would



be, “coats, jackets, and scarves because you can be fashionable and trendy and stay warm at the same time!” Some of her favorite hobbies include target shooting, shopping and running. She is currently participating in the dental program at VVC, which will benefit her in the future and help her get into a dental hygiene school.

By: Tracy Ochoa
Reporter



Destiny Gough is a 22 year old student who recently moved from Severna Park, Maryland. She is currently studying Psychology, but was a former Nuclear Engineering Major. Gough plans on transferring to the University of California, Riverside. She expressed, “My absolute favorite part of fall is getting to see the leaves change and the cool, crisp air is amazing in the morning.” Some of her favorite activities to do in the fall include harvesting her garden, baking, boating on the bay, sitting out on the pier around a bonfire and painting landscapes. She giggled and mentioned, “the list goes on.”

By: Cynthia Bliss
Reporter

Jerry Mojarro is a part-time student at VVC majoring in Math. He is the youngest loan officer at Evergreen Home Loans and possibly in California. When asked what his favorite thing about fall is, he stated, “I like



how you automatically wake up an hour earlier if you’re used to waking up at a certain time. One night you get an extra hour to study, sleep, or even go out. He enjoys the harvest season and says, “I have a green thumb, so I like to grow my own fruits and vegetables.” His two favorite holidays are Halloween and Thanksgiving and is looking forward to taking his two sons trick or treating this year.

By: Elizabeth Manzo
Reporter

Pamela Razo is a 20 year old business major. Razo is a full time student at Victor Valley College, VVC, and is putting all her efforts towards her academics. She is one of the few millennial that does not have social media and stated, “social media seems fun, but I would rather put all my energy

towards my degree.” Pamela hopes to soon transfer to the University of Southern California and conquer the world as the next female boss. Razo is excited for the fall season to begin “mainly because of Thanksgiving and fall fashion.” Along with studying hard this fall semester, Razo will be fabulously strutting down the VVC halls in fall attire.

Kingsman: The Golden Circle

By **Richard Grant**
Reporter

September 22nd the highly anticipated Kingsman: the Golden Circle, directed by Matthew Vaughn, released to audiences. This movie is the follow-up to the 2014 surprise hit Kingsman: The Secret Service which follows Eggsy Unwin (Taron Egerton) as he attempts to join the secret British spy agency known as the Kingsman.

By the time the sequel starts we are treated to an Eggsy that has become an accomplished agent in his right, taking the code name and apartment of his former mentor Harry Hart (Colin Firth). After an attack from old rivals, the Kingsman must go into "Doomsday Protocol" in which they travel to Kentucky to meet their American counterparts, the Statesmen. From here the rest of the story moves to the Kingsman looking to get back at the people responsible for attacking them, who they find out to be the drug cartel known as the Golden Circle lead by Poppy (Julianne Moore). Eggsy must then team up with his former and believed to be dead, men-

tor Harry Hart and the very American Agent Whiskey the first action set piece, a high speed car chase through

many viewers the battle scene they wanted to see in the original movie, while also tugging at some heartstrings. All in all the movie has an extremely exciting beginning and ending although, it seems to drag a little in the middle compared to the original movie. A lot of what people loved about the first movie is back the exciting slightly cartoony action scenes, the fun, imaginative gadgets, and charming and hilarious dialogue.

One of the most underused assets the movie had was Channing Tatum who doesn't get any screen time after the first act of the movie. Julianne Moore is a worthy successor to the phenomenal villain performance that Samuel L. Jackson provided in the original movie.

The movie is a 7 out of 10 if you were to watch it on its own "The Golden Circle" can stand by itself as a fun and exciting spy movie. Although, you should watch the first movie before seeing this one or many of the references won't be caught. Seeing the first movie will allow the movie to reach its true potential at a 8.5 out of 10.



(Pedro Pascal) to save the world once again.

The first scene opens with

the streets of London with backseat/rooftop fighting. The last action scene will give

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the D.P.R.K (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) then responded stating that trump was "On a suicide mission" and that if American lives were lost, the responsibility would be "Held totally responsible."

After the sixth missile test over Japan, North Korean media claims their test of the hydrogen bomb to be a "perfect success" pushing U.S analysts to believe them capable of "miniaturization" or down-scaling the bomb to be put

onto a long range missile. These incidents are only furthering the "word war" that is bringing many to fear an actual war possibly breaking out. Many threats have been heard from North Korea in the past but with the recent stockpiling of nuclear weaponry, this one carries much more weight.

This begs the question, should we fear a war with North Korea? Disdain and conflict between the two nations has been brewing for many year and has now hit its all-time high. America is within the reach of a possible for-

eign nuclear strike and neither side seems to be backing down. For the moment all that has been seen is words with no action behind them. No one wants a war, it is taxing and extremely expensive for any caught up in the fight. The cost is not only monetary but both in resources and lives. Both these factors are holding President Trump and Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un back from pressing the metaphorical "Big Red Button." We are seeing, as BBC says, "In many different forms, albeit not as colorful, the US has always

said that if North Korea ever attacks, the regime will cease to exist."

Some officials say that we are seeing a more publicized version of past encounters with North Korea and the whole situation could blow over soon enough.

Grayson from page 1

known as Spyril. As Agent 37, Grayson is Batman's inside man into Spyril, and he must figure out how to take them down in order to save his loved ones. Mike Logsdon from IGN says, "The creative team of Seeley, King, and Janin all come together to give Dick Grayson a brand new mission that is not only new and interesting, but one that is deserving of the character" and user Sourclass comments, "This is actually a great comic run made great alone by Dick Grayson's charm and humor, alongside his walk among the secret spy as he is affected through the changes throughout other major story arcs."

Readers can look forward to seeing old characters such as Nightwing, Batman, Batgirl, and many more in a new environment with cunning enemies and higher stakes. *Grayson: The Superspy Omnibus* is a thrill ride not to miss out on.

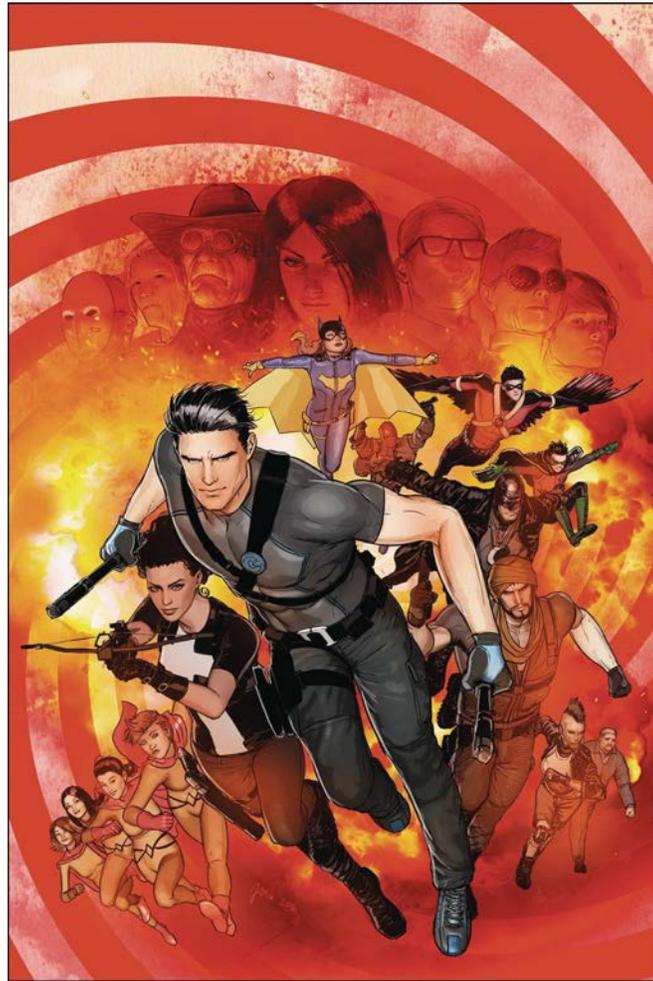


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"We're involved with everything, you know whoever needs help within the community, trying to make things better, we just suggest you hit us up," says Jose, a volunteer coordinator at the program.

The performers on day two were just as varied as the tents, including the band Music Formula, traditional Native American dancer Eric Running Path, and a Beatles tribute band called JPGR. A handicapped fan of JPGR is awarded a JPGR t-shirt by the band itself. The audience cheered for him as he held up the shirt on his way back to his seat. JPGR's performance ended a day that provided free fun for all ages of Victorville's residents.

From the Phat Cat's show stopping performance Friday evening to the volunteer supporters, Victorville's Fall Festival was a stunning example of the best of Victorville as a community, worthy of being celebrated.

FRIEND REQUEST REVIEW

By **Malik Cotton**
Reporter

The movie "Friend Request", directed by Simon Verhoeven and starring Alycia Debnam-Carey, premiered in theaters on Friday, September 22nd. It is about a college student named Laura Woodson who accepts a Facebook friend request from Marina Mills, a socially awkward girl in one of her classes. Laura soon realizes this was a mistake as Marina increasingly becomes obsessed with her everyday which causes Laura to unfriend Marina on Facebook. Marina commits suicide by hanging herself. She recorded her suicide on her laptop and posted it on her profile. Laura's friends get killed one by one and it us up to Laura to figure how to stop these killings from happening.

The concept of this movie is quite interesting, but it failed to convert said concept into a movie with a start to finish compelling plot. Critics such as Jeffrey M. Anderson of Common Sense Media said, "This horror movie begins with an intriguing idea... but quickly succumbs to routine setups and payoffs typical of most uninspired ghost stories." "Friend Request" was filled with numerous cringe worthy scenes, especially the interactions between Laura and Marina in the beginning of the movie whether it be in person or on Facebook. One of the other main issues in this movie is that it seemed like there were a limited amount of characters and they all served little to no purpose in the movie.

"Friend Request" did have some good moments however. For

the people that are fans of horror movies simply to be scared by certain scenes that make you jump out of your seat, then this can possibly be a movie to enjoy.

Friend Request does deserve credit for having legitimately horrific scenes in the movie regardless of if they were expected or not. However, this isn't a movie I would recommend to die hard horror movie fans. This movie should have been a little longer so it could have come close to reaching the potential it had. It needed more substance to certain parts of the movie and the characters in it. Overall I would give this movie a 5 out of 10.

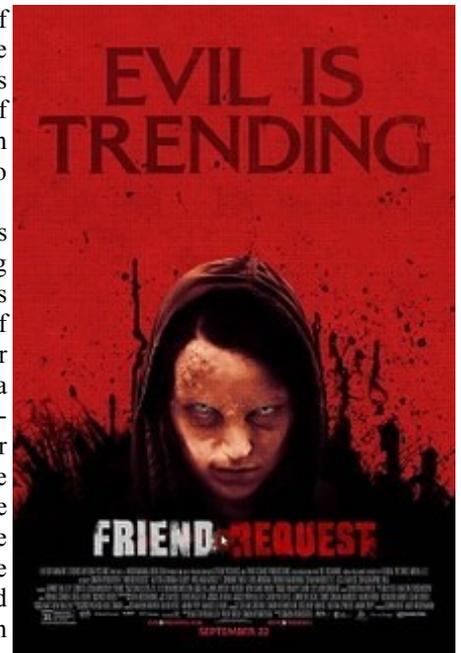


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Rams Shoot for Phenomenal Season

By Patrick Patton
Reporter

Women's Basketball at Victor Valley College begins in November and Head Coach, Richard Thomas, believes this season will be different from past seasons. "This season... I've got a group of twelve that are just gonna work hard non-stop, beginning to end". Coach Thomas plans to do "much better in conference" this January and February. The Women's Basketball team switched over to the Western State Conference, which Thomas adds "it's a tough conference."

In his third year as Head Coach for VVC's Women's Basketball team, Coach Thomas is ambitious in his ultimate goal for this 2017-2018 season. "My overall goal is I want to be at least 500 in conference, it's a tough conference", his goal is quite bold since the team has limited experience in the Western State Conference. However, Coach Thomas isn't



worried since he's coaching a team that will "work hard no matter what." With hard work as the backbone of the team's victories and association, they are sure to meet their goals.

Though the road to victory will be rough, the Women's Basketball team is sure to be phenomenal this season. The assurance comes the team's "talent and work ethic" as

Coach Thomas credits. The VVC Women's Basketball begins their road to victory on November 3rd against Southwestern College @ Southwestern at 5 p.m.

The Inaugural Victor Valley Regional Open Golf Tournament

By Cindy Bliss
Reporter

Under beautiful blue skies, faculty of Victor Valley College, residents of Spring Valley Lake, local business owners and vendors made up the full field of 144 golfers for The Inaugural Victor Valley Regional Open – *Where Business Meets Education*. The tournament was presented by Desert Valley Hospital & Desert Valley Medical Group and was hosted by Spring Valley Lake Country Club on Friday, September

29, 2017 at 9:00am. In addition, a silent auction, raffle and a lunch buffet in the Mirage Dining room of SVLCC. Donated auction items included a Lenovo Laptop, Season Passes to Mountain High Ski Resort, Golf at the Mission Hills CC and Shadow Ridge GC, wine

and spa packages and a Sony Picture Studio Tour for four, just to name a few. The first place team was Century 21 Fairway Realty, second place went to Shear Realty, and third place went to Stein Chiropractic.

"The total funds raised were \$74,975 which will be equally divided between the Victorville Chamber of Commerce and The Victor Valley College Foundation. Some of the funds for VVC will go to scholarships, and programs. One program specific is the Modern United Nations Club. The money will help with travel costs to competitions that they attend," states Kirsten Acosta, Assistant Executive Director/Director of Fund Development. The Victor Valley College foundation hopes to make this an annual event.



Rams Never Surrender

By **Brigitte Chacon**
Reporter

On September 23, 2017, VVC RAMS football team had a victory 24-21 against the Wildcats of West Los Angeles College at Silverado High School.

Defense was a little shaky in the first half, which resulted in the Rams giving up 14 points to the Wildcats

The second half saw the Wildcats score another seven points. There was a moment where the Rams forced the Wildcats to punt the ball on fourth down however, the Rams muffed the punt. The Rams then gave the ball back to the Wildcats on the opposing 30 yard line,

Rams defense stepped up and forced their opponent to kick a field goal which would have tied up the game. However it was missed. The score board reflected the miss score 24-21. The RAMS got a first down on offense and sealed the game.

The highlights of the game, according to Head Coach Hoover, was when "defense had a dramatic stop at the fourth quarter, kicking the game time field goal." Conrad Volsch RAMS long snapper states "both teams had good defense, however in order to defeat our next opponent we need both offense and defense to click".

Coach

Hoover said about the upcoming game, "Rams will play against LA Valley College a very good opponent. Two of the top ranked teams



in the conference, whoever wins this game (probably) will be ranked number one."

It was a gripping game and it was great to see how the Rams proved to be relentless and never not surrendered. It was a good fight; from the kick-off to the sound of the final horn. Rams play



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