



# RAMPAGE

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*"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life" - Plato*

## 15 Years of Remembering

By Carmen Mejia  
Reporter

The United States was forever changed 15 years ago on September 11, 2001. On that day 4 planes were hijacked by terrorists. Two of the planes heading towards California struck both of the World Trade Center towers within approximately 27 minutes of each other. Another plane crashed into The Pentagon that morning. The last plane that was

hijacked was overtaken by passengers, which crashed into a Pennsylvania field. In total, about 3,000 people lost their lives due to the attacks. 15 years later, we still remember.

In the early hours of the morning, Victor Valley College (VVC) students and staff came together to place 3,000 flags next to the "United We Stand" Monument by the library. Nursing students, administrators, members of the Board of Trustees, band stu-

dents, members of the student body, and campus staff all came together to help with the task. Robert A Sewell, Public Information Officer and Associated Student Body Advisor, said, "We have a hundred folks that come out to help prep, set up and straighten the flags." The flags were up by Labor Day. Each of the flags had a name of a person who lost their life on September 11,

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## Farewell To The Mavericks

By Brittany Nistler  
Entertainment Editor

The High Desert Mavericks baseball team has always will be the "jewel of the Desert." The stadium opened on April 23, 1991 is city-owned and cost about \$6.5 million dollars to build. Since then, the stadium has seen people of all ages, from young little leaguers to older folks.



*Photo of Carl Aguilera*

In fact, on the Stadium's last home game, the oldest attending fan, Carl

Aguilera, a World War II and Korean War Veteran, had been at George Air Force base when the Stadium was first built. Since the Maverick's first

game, he held the same seat

behind the dugout for 25 years. "I watched them build this thing, and it looks like I might be watching them tear it down."

Margaret May had also been a recurring fan at the Stadium for 25 years. Margaret talked about how good the Stadium was for the community saying, "There's not much to do in the High Desert, and this allowed older folks to get out of the house and get their minds working."

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## Wrestler Remembered

By Brittany Nistler  
Entertainment Editor

It was September 14, 2016 when Victor Valley College lost a vital member of its community. Omar Ross, a 23 year old VVC wrestler, collapsed after an evening jog on campus. Paramedics arrived on the scene as quickly as possible but were unable to revive him. Omar was a very outgoing person with a smile constantly on his face and his mind on wrestling. Ryan Soto, one of Omar's best friends and teammates, spoke about his fondest memories saying, "Just battling together, placing first and always going at it."

Scott Seeley, his Coach and mentor, had been there for Omar since he was 15 years old at Granite High. Omar later transferred to Mt. Sac where he placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the state



for college wrestling. Upon deciding to come back to VVC, Omar was 1 unit short from competing again this year. Though his loss is felt throughout the team, Coach Seeley says, "We've had a few people that have left, but that's okay. I told the guys that no matter what we have left we're

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# Finding Molly: Is She Worth It?

**By Mercedes Cannon**  
*Reporter*

You've anticipated coming for weeks and now you're finally here! You can feel the bass in your chest, the vibes all around, and the exhilaration of an awesome set from your favorite DJ. You're so wrapped up in the excitement of it all that you failed to keep in mind something as important as the experience or the entertainment, and that is the dangers all around you. Though visually stunning and seemingly innocent, raves do have a dark side. Two common rave dangers include dehydration and heat exhaus-

tion. Though symptoms can range from mild to severe, the effects and possible fatality are greatly increased when someone takes drugs such as MDMA or "Molly" and Ketamine "Special K." Dehydration and heat exhaustion are loosely thrown around terms that most people don't take seriously. The reality of it is that these drugs heighten these conditions and can potentially be harmful long term, and fatal to those who don't receive medical attention in time.

Drugs have unfortunately always been an unspoken part of the rave scene and can sometimes seem unavoidable, but there are plenty of ways to

So here's exactly what you need to know about MDMA and Ketamine: both are classified as controlled substances and are illegal to possess or consume, with a few exceptions on Ketamine being a "dissociative anesthetic" only to be used by licensed anesthesiologists. Both drugs put users at risk for dehydration and heat stroke because they directly affect the brain's neurotransmitters associated with body functions. The body cannot regulate temperature properly and euphoric like feelings due to serotonin, which can distract users from staying hydrated.

Most rave goers are under the impression that when purchasing "Molly" from a dealer that it is just that and nothing else, but this isn't necessarily true. In most cases there are low concentration of MDMA and higher concentration of fillers like methamphetamine and cocaine. The truth of the

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have a good time without them. It's relevant to you because more people educated means fewer hospitalizations and deaths at events that are supposed to be celebrations not tragedies.

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the stadium's decision for closure comes from the Adelanto City Council. Financial issues



*Photo of Margaret May*

between the Council and Mavericks pushed the decision to shut the long running baseball team down.

In 2012, the Mavericks had made an agreement with the City Council to pay a \$1 lease for each year. This agreement was one the Council decided to end even though Mavericks contract was still valid. With a skyrocketing debt of \$2 million dollars for the upkeep of the Stadium, who can really blame the Council for calling quits. The Mavericks Baseball team will be missed by many.

# Historic Summit Inn Destroyed by Blue Cut Fire

**By Barbara Tevis**  
*Reporter*

The Blue Cut Fire that swept through on August 16 devastated and destroyed many structures and 105 homes. The fire started in Lytle Creek and quickly spread westward burning more than 5,000 acres in only four hours. The fire had grown to 31,689 acres and was spreading fast and wide.

There were 2,684 personnel involved in trying to contain the fire. Hesperia and Snowline schools closed for the entire week while neighboring districts reopened after a day of closures.

Kaelan Gulla, a student at

VVC, was in the heart of the fire. Gulla was celebrating her birthday at the Summit Inn the morning the fire broke out. Gulla has a ranch with 11 horses that had to be evacuated to the fairgrounds. She said, "On Tuesday night I spent the night on a few bales of hay, the next day they actually put my friend and I in charge of one of the barns that held 80 horses." She commented on how "amazing it was that the way the community came together".

The nostalgic Summit Inn at the top of the Cajon Pass had been standing there since 1929, when it was Old Route 66, then in 1952 the Summit was remodeled and the 15

freeway was opened. The Summit Inn had played host to many famous celebrities like John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, Pierce Brosnan and others.

One of the most memorable visitors to come to the Summit Inn was Elvis Presley. He stopped by for a quick bite to eat on his way to Las Vegas, but got up and stormed out after kicking the jukebox because there weren't any of his records in it.

On August 16 it was burnt down by the Blue Cut Fire.

The Summit Inn

had recently been sold by Cecil Stevens to Katherine Recinos Juarez and Anabola

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# Kneeling To Take A Stand

**By Diallo Markus Kahin**  
Reporter

On August 26th, 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, was asked by NFL Network reporter Steve Wyche why he chose to sit down during the National Anthem. His response was simple. "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color."

That statement made its way to almost every website and news organization in the country. Critics of his stance said he was disrespecting the flag, race baiting, trying to get attention, and not honoring current and former troops.

Memes of veterans with no legs were paraded about people's social media timelines to say, "A real man would stand for his country." Kaepernick responded to these critiques by saying, "I have great respect for the men and women then a fight for this country. I have family, I have friends that have gone and fought for this country. And they fight for freedom, they fight for the people, they fight for liberty and justice, for everyone. That's not happening. People are dying in vain because this country isn't holding their end of the bargain up."

By day three of Kaepernick's protest, #VeteransForKaepernick was trending

across Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The hashtag consisted of former and current military members either outright agreeing with Kaepernick's stance, or at the very least defending his constitutional right to take the stance.

While other athletes like Richard Sherman and Cam Newton have decided to stay silent or repeat weak talking points about "All Lives Matter" or "We're all one color", Kaepernick's stance is very pro "Black Lives Matter."



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Photo taken by James Mortensen

2001. The 403 flags read the names of firefighters, police officers, and paramedics who perished in an effort to help others. Students had the opportunity to stop and reflect on the events that unfolded that day.

Sewell said this is a good place where students "can come and pay their respect and remember the efforts that are put forth by those who put their life at risk every single day for us." It is also a place to thank those who have entered or are entering a field in which they put their lives in danger in order to help others.

Casey Williams, 46th Fire Academy Commander, said "the actions of these firefighters and countless other first responders has turned my heart to public service. By remembering this incredible act of service, it motivates me to serve with passion and drive each day."

This September 11th, many came to honor the fallen in a beautiful ceremony.

One of the speakers was a survivor of that day, Regina Cervantes. She touched the hearts of all who were there with her emotional speech, "We are grateful for our nation who supported us and we hope you keep in mind all the young people who join and serve in our nation today." VVC has remembered for 15 years and will remember for many years to come.

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going to finish this season, and they decided to do it for Omar."

While the family awaits the results on cause of death, they receive love and support from the community. The Ross family stated, "We thank you all for everything you have done for us the past few days. Our family would truly be in a million pieces without you all."

If you wish to help, Omar's sister, Andrea, has made a GoFundMe page (link is posted below). Omar's presence will be missed here at VVC.

GoFundMe link: <https://www.gofundme.com/2p36z3p?gssid=741367053&pos=1&pc>



Reggie Cervantes speaks at 9-11 memorial ceremony. Photo by D. Hays

# It Is What It Is...

By **Marcus Kahin**  
Reporter

This Presidential election is fascinating. Both candidates have been household names for decades, and both are absolutely polarizing. Rarely will you find candidates who are so hated by the other parties' supporters. The candidates are both, largely disliked by the public. According to polls conducted by fivethirtyeight.com, "Clinton and Trump are both more strongly disliked than any nominee at this point in the past 10 presidential cycles."

It all started with the complete absurdity that was the Democratic and Republican primary. In the beginning it looked as if Hillary would cruise her way to an easy nomination. However, Bernie Sanders connected to his fan base in a way even the staunchest Hillary supporter

would admit she's never quite gotten right. The Bernie Sanders campaign went on to annoy and infuriate the Clinton campaign like a liberal forced to watch Toni Lahren videos.

Failing to connect with millennials and her poor handling of her infamous, "Super Predators" quote gave room for the Sanders campaign to carve out a substantial chunk of the Democratic Party. While Bernie made excellent points about getting money out of politics and trying to put an end to the racial inequalities that have plagued the country, his campaign fell short state after state.

Trump on the other hand was a complete underdog who basically insulted and embarrassed his opponents into submission. When Jeb Bush said his mother was the strongest woman he knew, Trump replied with, "She should be running." He said of former



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Republican Presidential nominee Mitt Romney, "I don't know what happened to him, you can see how loyal he is. In 2012 he was begging for my endorsement. I could've said, 'Mitt drop to your knees.' He would have dropped to his knees." Trump called Marco Rubio a choke artist, threatened to "spill the beans" on Ted Cruz's wife, and even went so far as to say John McCain isn't a war hero. He then clarified his statement by saying "He's a war hero 'cause

he was captured. I like people that weren't captured, OK?" To no one's surprise, the Trump campaign

has doubled down on everything he stood for during the primary. He still supports a ban on Muslims entering the country, he still wants to build a wall on the U.S./Mexico border and he's still telling anybody who will listen that "Crooked Hillary" belongs in prison. Clinton is ahead in the polls and will likely win the election barring something unforeseen. Either way, the 2016 presidential nominees are like the news of another Pitbull or Flo-Rida album. Nobody asked for this!

## Mojave Water Working Well Model

By **Barbara Tevis**  
Reporter

On September 8th, our Victor Valley College was given a generous donation by the Mojave Water District for a Model Working Well. The students in the agriculture studies will gain tremendous knowledge of how the water system works and how to maximize our water supply.

Neville Slade, professor in the Agriculture and Natural Resource Management department, was excited to receive the model well. He said "There are a number of ways this Model Well will support through education, necessary skills and its science based, hands on experience." Slade asked how Mojave's Water

Agency and partnership with V.V.C. supports our community development and building goals. Yvonne Hester from the Mojave Water District Hester, answered, "Our relationship

with the college is very important on a couple different levels, to engage others in water sustainability but also have the goal of educating the next generation of water users."

Victor Valley College has had a partnership with the Mojave Water Agency for 14 years. This partnership has benefited the quality of education in a couple different ways; one through a science based education and the other with hands on technology skills. This helps the students get the skills needed to get a job in this fast growing agricultural field. The partnership

also helped start and install the Geographic Informational Systems which starts in the high schools and goes all the way through to four year schools. This provides guest lectures, field study opportunities taught by the Mojave Water Agency, and other teaching tools.

Tony Winkle, Senior Hydrogeologist, was a student at VVC and went to Brigham Young University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Geological, and a Master's in Environmental and Engineering. Winkle is a great example of how the training at VVC can help future students. He said, "I get to work in the field and with great pride I can come back to VVC and train students and get them ready for a job..."



# Hidden Jewels: The Counseling and Transfer Center

By **Christian Celis**  
Reporter

Whether a student is just beginning their academic journey here at Victor Valley College or it is their second year attending, chances are most have not gotten around to visiting every club, program, or have utilized every resource VVC has to offer. VVC has many helpful resources and exciting clubs.

If you're thinking of transferring or you need someone to help steer you in the right direction, the Counseling and Transfer center is the place to visit. The Counseling Center can help you with a myriad of things: major exploration, career exploration, late withdrawal applications, graduate applications, and other person-

al disclosures.

Lorena Ochoa, the counselor in charge of the Transfer Center said, "Here at the Transfer and Career Center, we provide services on the transfer side for students who are

planning to transfer to a four year university. So that's the reason why we have

a center, to provide a hub for students to come and ask questions about transferring, to meet with university reps... and do research. We also hold workshops and college

fairs...." The Transfer Center successfully helped 308 student transfer out of VVC throughout the years 2014-2015.

The Transfer Center, which is an extension of the

Counseling Center., can get quite crowded with students trying

to make educational plans or trying to see a counselor, and waiting in a long line can be very time consuming. To avoid the long lines and long waits, first try making an ap-

pointment online on the VVC website. If you're unable to make an appointment online, the next step is to show up in person. The best time for any student trying to make a quick and easy appointment with their counselor is late September, all of October and November.

On Monday October 17, the Transfer Center will be holding its Annual College Fair. The fair will be held in front of the PAC from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

The Transfer Center is located in building 55. The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Fridays. For more information on upcoming events and workshops, visit the Transfer Center in person.



## Students Scrutinize Campus Safety

By **Loren Lemos**  
Reporter

Security is one of the most talked about issue in the nation. Students at VVC feel that security should also be a topic addressed on campus. Students are concerned that they are unprepared and don't have access to the resources they need in order to stay safe.

Brytany Brown, a first year student at VVC, reports seeing more campus police during the day handing out parking tickets, than she does at night patrolling the campus. Brown stated, "I didn't even know that there was [campus] security at night, but I have seen them during the day. I have received a parking ticket myself."

The VVC campus crime log, found on vvc.edu, reports more than 30 crimes that have already been committed on campus in the 2016 school

year. Most of the crimes reported in the catalog consist of theft and substance abuse. However, Brown has reported feeling more vulnerable to assault than she is to theft and drugs. She believes the campus needs more patrol cars at night to keep the chances of an assault happening at a minimum, and that the campus should communicate directly with student on how to stay safe. Brown also claimed that if an incident were to occur, she, "wouldn't even know where to go for help."



On the contrary, third year student Alejandra Barbosa said she knows who to call and has the campus security number saved on her phone. Barbosa also claims to use the "buddy system" at all times while on the campus. She claimed she learned these techniques after the first couple of years on campus.

Campus security logs confirm that there are security officers patrolling at night ready to help when someone needs them. The problem may just be that new students haven't been informed about all of the resources available to them. Brown believes the campus should hold a seminar to inform students on what to do in case of an emergency. Until then, the campus has released some tips on staying safe:

- Avoid excessive use of drugs, alcohol, and any other substance that interfere

with your ability to think clearly and communicate effectively.

- Be aware of your surroundings! Stay away from isolated areas, day or night.
- If you are being followed, walk or run to a crowded area as fast as you can. If you are driving, drive to a lighted, populated place, police or fire station.
- Lock all doors to your car.
- Communicate with friends and family so they know when to expect you and where you're supposed to be.
- Campus escorts are available at all times and especially during the evening hours to assure your safety on campus and in parking lots. Call campus safety at 760-245-4271 ext. 2555.
- Emergency phones are located throughout the campus.

# Do You Qualify?

By **Linda Perez**  
Reporter

The Fall 2016 Semester is finally upon us! For many students, this is their first semester in college. Some of those students do not know about the programs that Victor Valley College offers. Amongst the many great programs available, there is CalWORKS and E.O.P.S.

CalWORKS (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) is a state-funded program. This welfare-to-work program helps students that are currently receiving assistance through the county, known as TANF. CalWORKS' aim is to help students complete their goals by assisting them with textbooks, supplies, various forms of

counseling, work-study, job placement, and much more.

Sheree Caldwell, Cal Works Coordinator, wants to remind students that they have "another successful year" to look forward to. She says, "We're here to support. We got your back!" Many students have benefited from this great program, including Stephanie Camara who says, "The CalWORKS program has helped me financially and has helped to keep me focused on finishing school towards my degree".

For more information on how to apply and if you qualify, please visit [www.vvc.edu/calworks/](http://www.vvc.edu/calworks/) or you may contact Caldwell at 760-245-4271 ext. 2361. CalWORKS is located in Building 50 (Student Services II).

E.O.P.S. (Extended Opportunity Program and Services) is a support service, state-funded program aimed to encourage students who are financially and educationally disadvantaged to stay enrolled and complete their educational goals. The program assists students with tutors, book services, priority registration, counseling, and transferring assistance among many other services. For more information on how to apply for E.O.P.S. please visit <http://www.vvc.edu/offices/eopsandcare/howtoapplieshtml> or you may contact the E.O.P.S. office at 760-245-4271, ext. 2422. E.O.P.S. is located in Building 50 (Student Services II).

## Setting the Agenda at VVC

By **Sierra Warwick**  
Reporter

On Friday, September 2, ASB had an open forum meeting to discuss plans for the upcoming school year. After a productive half hour of re-chartering two clubs, deciding two budgets, and discussing



plans for the September 11th ceremony and club rush, ASB had a special guest speaker come visit them.

Bruce Bishop, PhD, CP, CMA, came to speak about Parliamentary Law and Procedure as well as The Brown Act. Bishop is a Parliamentarian, or an expert in the formal rules and procedures that happen in formal organization and assembly meetings. He started by explaining that the purpose of parliamentary procedure is to "get things done more efficiently." How that gets accomplished varies from group to group, from clubs all the way to California State Law. "Most people think they know more than they actually do about parliamentary procedure," Bishop stated.

Parliamentary procedure isn't a process to make everyone agree with each other; instead, it's a process to make sure people are respectful when they don't get their own way when the group makes a decision. Bishop stated this process is all about making sure "everyone impacts the decision" being made by the

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## "New and Improved, Math Success Center"

By **Curtis Taylor**  
Reporter

To the average student, sitting in a math class as their teacher works out algebraic formulas or explaining the order in a Venn diagram, might as well be a foreign language. For the majority of people, math is a subject where it's simply black or white with no existence of gray. Victor Valley College understands that not all students are created equal which is why the Math Success Center was created to help students with understanding and improving mathematical knowledge.

The Math Success Center has undergone a massive transformation from six chairs in an open lobby, to a newly renovated classroom equipped with computers and a full staff of experienced math tutors to

help.

Located in the ATC Bldg 21, room 145 and it is staffed with four highly knowledgeable tutors who will soon grow to ten within the upcoming months. Each tutor on staff is highly recommended by their current math teachers to ensure students receive the best help.

The tutors are math majors or pursuing a field heavily involved in math. Matthew Johnson has been a tutor for a year while pursuing his medical degree. DJ Salako, born and raised in Nigeria, is an Engineering major with a minor in math. In his native country, math is stressed which is why he has a unique love for math and helping struggling math students. "I love to help people and if I can



do something I love and help students with math is good."

The tutors on staff have worked together for several years and have formed a bond that exist in and out of the math lab. As Laura Torres tutored Jillian, who is a current math 42 student, Jillian explained, "I love having a lab to help me understand what I'm studying. Sitting in a class and following examples can only help so much." If you need help with your current math class go to the Math Success Center. They're open Mon,

# What You Need to Succeed

**By Yienessa Warren**  
*Reporter*

Victor Valley College recognizes the struggles students face. As a result, several resource outlets have been established to help students attain success in their educational journey. The Writing Center, Communication Center, and Library are three places that offer countless tools including one-on-one writing assistance and access to an extensive informational database.

The Writing Center, located in building 21 room 177, has staff and student assistance to help improve students writing skills. They are trained to guide you through all the stages of the writing process. The knowledgeable staff can work with you to generate topic ideas, specify the focus of your paper, or help formulate and organize content flow. The Writing Center is open Monday- Thursday from 9am to 7pm, and Fridays from 9am to 3pm. Walk-ins are welcome

and can stay as long as necessary. To further assist students, The Writing Center is holding workshops for the Fall 2016 semester. Topics covered include, APA references, MLA Paraphrasing, Thesis Statements, etc. If the Writing Center is unavailable, students are able to use any of the computers within the Tech Center in building 21. The Tech Center also allows students to print for 10 cents per page. You are required to create a Pcounter account and deposit into it.

The Communication Center is another place students can visit for assistance. The staff is equipped to help individual students or groups prepare for class presentations. The center has 14 computers to provide access to Microsoft

Office programs, Internet databases amongst other things. Students, faculty, and staff also have the option of utilizing group study rooms to rehearse for projects or to prepare visual aids. Walk-ins are welcome for individual assistance. Group study rooms are also available by appointment. Students of all concentrations with a student ID are able to use the Communication Center's resources. The Communication Center is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Performing Arts building, room 213. It is open Monday 12:45pm -

5:00pm, Tuesday and Thursday 11:15pm - 3:15pm, Wednesday 12:45pm - 5:30pm, and Friday 8:30am - 10:30am.

The VVC library is here to assist to students, faculty, and staff by providing information, guidance, and tools to enable patrons to achieve their educational goals. Here you can find an extensive amount of print and electronic information. Further, the library has a loan program that allows students, faculty, staff, and members of the immediate community to borrow materials. An IEALC (Inland Empire Academic Libraries Cooperative) card is also available, which allows students to check out materials from other libraries within their network. The library also has reserves on hand to aid students with reviewing course content. Interlibrary loans contribute to students' research experience by allowing patrons to request materials that are not available at VVC library.



Professor Fowlie assists students in the Comm. Center

# Wasting Time At A Job You Hate?

**By Lexus David**  
*Reporter*

How many people have separated career goals into the two categories: ambitious and realistic? Why do people do this? Though some occupations may be difficult to achieve, that doesn't mean that they're impossible.

Day by day, students pursue a major in an attempt to secure a career. There is nothing wrong with this. There is, however, something wrong with pursuing a career that you have little to no interest in. Why would anyone spend years of their life pursuing an

occupation that's not wanted? A suspected reason is fear.

Fear of the future and being unable to provide for themselves, fear of chasing a dream that will never become a reality, or the fear of failure. This provokes the question, "How do I avoid ditching my dream and chasing a nightmare?"

An easy option is to get involved in a club. Clubs are a great way to gain skills and meet people who share your interests. Victor Valley College offers multiple clubs including Campus Crusade for Christ, Ready Rams, and Biology Club.

A list of descriptions for each club can be found on VVC's website under "Student Clubs." Another way to get information is to go to the ASB office, located over the Student Activities Center, in building 44.

One example of a club that offers skills needed in a particular profession, is the Media Club. Clubs such as this can give you technical skills, communication skills, and access to different resources. This is useful for those who aspire to be photographers, YouTubers, and even those who profit from social media. Unfortunately, Media Club is not run-

ning this semester. According to Miguel Magallon, an ASB leader, a club usually comes to an end when its "leadership graduates and transfers," and "there is no one there to take their place." However, clubs can be revived if an advisor starts it up again. Also, ASB offers steps on how to start a club of your own.

Whether your interests lie in entertainment, science, music, etc., clubs are a perfect outlet to express yourself while providing resources and references. With a little drive, persistence, and skill, you just may be able to be in the profession of your dreams.

# Meet Your Fellow Rams

**By: Yienessa Warren**  
*Reporter*

Jonathan Morales uses cancer to influence his career choice. Morales is a first year student at Victor Valley Community College. He is in the process of completing his General Education requirements and plans to pursue his degree in Nursing. Morales' decision to become a nurse manifested after his grandfather became ill when Jonathan was 11 years old. Seeing his grandfather suffer from lung cancer inspired him to help others who were also struggling with their individual sicknesses. "My grandpa was sick, but he never lost his spirit," Jonathan states, "He was

still funny and amazing. I wanted to make him feel like I cared and like he was important."

After Jonathan's grandfather passed away two years, he decided he wanted to make others feel cared for and attended to, like his grandfather did in his last moments. When Jonathan begins to feel overwhelmed, he turns to his mother and father for words of encouragement. Morales relays, "My parents are really supportive. They're excited to see me graduate because nobody's done it before." Jonathan hopes to transfer to a 4 year university in the southern region of California to be closer to his extended family.

**By Curtis Taylor**  
*Reporter*

Chris Starr is a first-generation college student, beginning his sixth semester at VVC. Starr just recently changed his major from Agriculture to Psychology. The change in majors was Chris's first, which most VVC students can understand. Like most students, he struggled with some classes because his interest were not peaked.

After some soul searching and personal life experiences, Chris felt Psychology was

the better path.

Chris was an Army veteran of 13 years with combat tours. Adjusting to college and civilian life was a struggle, however, he quickly adapted. Chris feels, "I have endured a lot in my life so because of my life, I want to help kids and others that dealt with a rough life and help them overcome to be successful".

Chris plans to graduate from VVC and enroll at CSUSB to eventually become a child psychologist or a psychologist for the Veterans Affairs

**By Randi Dominguez**  
*Reporter*

One must sacrifice to chase their dream. Cassidy Applegate is living proof of that. Applegate, 17 years old, is a second year student at VVC. She graduated early from Shadow Ridge, a home school program, and plans to earn her AA from VVC by age 18. Cassidy plans to transfer to CSUSB, earn a BA in Math and Science .

Applegate is giving up her teen years and wants to join the Navy as a young officer, and continue the family tradition of service to our country. Se stated, "Sure, I am missing out on a bunch of high school memories, but it will all be worth it when I know my service is going to change many lives and that is what keeps me going."

**By Lorena Lemos**  
*Reporter*

Kelly Brown, VVC Student, had to face many hardships which seem unimaginable to most working students. Kelly was raised solely by her mother after her father became a drug addict and abandoned the family.

To help support her family Brown put off college and went to work. It wasn't until Brown became pregnant with

her first child, that she made the decision to go back to school. Brown is now a semester way from graduating with an AA in Business.

Brown maintains a good GPA and has been putting all of her focus into being the best student and mother she can be. She feels she made the right choice by coming to VVC because she knows it's going to lead to a brighter future for her and her family. Good work, Kelly!

**By Linda Perez**  
*Reporter*

Stephanie Camara, a student at Victor Valley College majoring in Child Development, still remembers an event that shook her world and had her terrified to be in her own house alone. Camara was 6 years old when her mother saw something paranormal in the garage of their home. Camara recalls the event vividly, as it still remains a mystery to this day.

What she remembers the most about the incident is how

it affected after. She was terrified to go anywhere in her own home without someone else.

She would often ask her sister to go everywhere with her. What made it so real to her was the fact that her mother was the one who saw it and as a child you believe your mother wholeheartedly. This made the paranormal more of a reality in her life.

When asked how she feels about it now, she simply stated that it was something in her past left unexplained.

**By Mercedes Cannon**  
*Reporter*

A vintage inspired felt hat, classic white tee, and a few silver chains adorn this particular fashionable student. At first glance, Chris Johnson's style peaked my interest and prompted me to get to know his story. When asked where he was inspired for his personal style he replied "GQ was most of my inspiration. I saw those men and thought to myself that's what 'Kings' dress like."

Chris' personal style also ties in strongly with his major and future career aspirations, he has hopes to become a suc-

cessful music producer/artist. Chris is influenced by several music genres, such as; R&B, alternative rock, and hip hop. He also attributes his beginning in music and dance to performances that he attended while in church during his childhood.

Johnson has hopes to further pursue his music education at Full Sail University and continue to hone his skills.



# More From Your Rams...

**By Carmen Mejia**  
*Reporter*

For Angelica Estrada, the first day at college went better than she expected. She really enjoys Victor Valley College and is looking forward to continuing her education here. Though, like a lot of us, she is sad to see summer go.

This past summer, Angelica had an opportunity to visit the beautiful city of Jalisco Guadalajara for one week. This was her first time to Mex-

ico and she had an excellent time. She was able to experience many new things and visit family members she had only been able to communicate with via Facebook.

Angelica wanted to do this trip for a very long time to gain a better connection with family she really didn't know well. While in Mexico, she visited a lot of churches and experienced a different culture. She enjoyed it so much plans on returning sometime soon.

**By Debbie Foreyt**  
*Reporter*

VVC Communications major, Alexandria Valdez, is 19 years old and lives in Hesperia with her baby sister, her mother and her step-father.

At one time, Alex felt depressed and anxious, due to some family problems. Her grades started to slip, friends were obsolete, she felt different than her classmates. The only thing that made Alex not

think of the bad, was her drawings. The only person who she could talk to was her mother.

Alex saw in her mother a survivor, so Alex did the same. She decided to fight and she wasn't going to let anyone stop her. Her grades improved, her confidence grew. She graduated from Hesperia High in 2015.

Valdez says she wants to become an Art teacher or a professional Photographer.

## You Too Can Assist With the President Message

**By Deanna Hays**  
*Advisor*

An opportunity for those interested in video production has just become available. According to Gregory Jones, Ph.D. Assistant Professor.

Dr Jones also shared, "In support of Accreditation Standards the VVC Communication Studies Program produces a monthly Message from the President (MFP) on YouTube. The short segments includes video clips from

around the campus and original music from students. The YouTube channel can be found online at: UCyAKdO0qJaN7aMSvtAD-I6w or just google VVCTV.

Any student interested in assisting the production should

contact Dr. Jones x2566.

Be sure to watch the President's YouTube message online at VVCTV ([www.youtube.com/channel/UCyAKdO0qJaN7aMSvtAD-I6w](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyAKdO0qJaN7aMSvtAD-I6w))

## Online Tools Help Students Through College

**By Jessica Vaughan**  
*Editor in Chief*

With the way that technology has advanced in the last couple of years, it is becoming a very digitally dependent world. Many college students can greatly benefit from using the internet because there are countless resources designed to help with a number of things. Whether you need help studying, solving that math problem you are stuck on, writing an essay, or even staying organized, the internet can help.

Chegg.com is a great place to visit. Not only can you buy and rent books for cheap, it provides you with study help, access to one-on-one tutoring, gives you career and intern-

ship information, and information about colleges and available scholarships. Fastweb.com also helps you search for scholarships, search for colleges, and helps you prepare for your desired career. There are countless articles posted on the website to help you navigate your way through financial aid and budgeting for college.

KhanAcademy.org provides free step-by-step math tutorials via YouTube videos. After creating an account, you can easily get started with tutorials. Some other subjects this website covers include art, computer programming, economics, physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, finance, history, etc.

Quizlet lets you make and

use flashcards, play games, and use other study tools. There is a way for you to record your own voice to remember what you learned, tools to organize your classes, and add images to your flashcards to make them more engaging and easier to remember.

Purdue Online Writing Lab guides you on writing essays. This site helps you with sentence structure, sentence style, spelling, grammar, and much more. It also demonstrates MLA and APA formatting. This is a great place to visit if you have trouble with writing.

With much of the internet



*Photo taken from*

accessible in the palm of everyone's hand, apps are a great way to keep you organized and prepared for school. Some useful apps on a phone or tablet include, Dictionary.com, Microsoft Word, Mathway, Studious, Google Drive, and so much more.

There are many more sites you can visit on the web to assist you through school.

## Frustrations Mount Over Lack of Student Parking

By Randy Noxon  
Features Editor

With a student population of approximately 13,000 according to VVC website statistics, and the majority of those students taking on-campus classes throughout the day, student parking on the upper campus is quickly becoming inadequate. Even if only 10-15% of the student population is on campus at any given time, that is still between 1300 and 1900 students during peak times. With not nearly that many spaces available to students, frustration from students is inevitable.

Further fueling frustrations for the students, is the way the

VVC Campus Police are handling the limited space.

Chaffin arrived on campus at approximately 9:25 am on September 7, 2016 for a 9:35 am class. After purchasing her permit, Chaffin drove around for approximately 30 minutes to find parking without success. She was forced to park in the dirt by the Child Development building along with approximately 15 other students. Chaffin and the others were all issued parking citations by campus police for parking in a no parking zone. This begs the questions, what alternatives do students have when there is not adequate parking? Is the parking shortage being exploited by campus police as an opportunity to generate revenue? VVC Student Riley Wooten thinks so. "The problem is the VVC campus police operates unchecked with zero supervision or accountability. I got a ticket for parking in a faculty spot with no permit,

I immediately took my permit off my car and took it to the office. They did nothing. I contested the matter twice and ended up talking to a very nice judge that explained to me that stacking parking fees is illegal, and dropped the parking permit fee." Wooten adds, "VVC has demonstrated the only thing they care about is money."

**Editor's note:** An email was sent on 09/14/2016 to VVC Campus Police Chief Leonard Knight seeking comment on the current parking situation. Knight responded, "Good Afternoon Mr. Noxon, I will have our Sergeant meet with you to discuss the parking rules and situation as well as answer the other questions regarding parking." Sergeant Federico Gonzales was CC'd in Knight's response. As of the time of writing, the meeting with Sergeant Gonzales has not yet taken place, nor have further emails been responded to.



The Blue Cut Fire that swept through on August 16 devastated and destroyed many structures and 105 homes. The fire started in Lytle Creek and quickly spread westward burning more than 5,000 acres in only four hours. The fire had grown to 31,689 acres and was spreading fast and wide.

There were 2,684 person-



nel involved in trying to contain the fire. Hesperia and Snowline schools closed for the entire week while neighboring districts reopened after a day of closures.

Kaelan Gulla, a student at VVC, was in the heart of the fire. Gulla was celebrating her birthday at the Summit Inn the morning the fire broke out.

## VVC Remembers One of Its Own

By Randy Noxon  
Features Editor

On Friday, July 29, 2016, a group of approximately 75 current and former students, and current and former faculty gathered in the SAC to pay final respects to Allied Health instructor, John Doyle. Doyle succumbed to cancer on June 10, 2016.

The mood of the memorial service was generally light-hearted. Friend and colleague, Barbara Eichen, began with a Speech of welcome, followed by a slideshow of John Doyle's life. Current and former colleagues and students took turns reminiscing about the impact that John (he hated being called anything other than John according to those who knew him) had on their

lives.

VVC faculty member Jim Previtt, who was on the committee that hired John commented, "John blew away the competition. He was so demanding—in a good way. Like all department heads should be."

Former colleague and educator, Kay McKinley, spoke of a time when she had to leave work suddenly due to a family medical emergency, and John covered her class for several days—without pay. McKinley tearfully explained that she never got the chance to repay him for the act of kindness. She added, "He was always there for everybody."

Nursing student, Jennifer Stolpp, moved the audience to tears with a powerful speech about John being her

"backbone" throughout the nursing program. She lamented on recently texting John the results of her school assignment, only to never hear back from her mentor because John had passed before he could reply. Fighting back tears, Stolpp added, "If John made a difference to you, make it count. Honor him by being the best you can be."

John Gregory Doyle was born August 27, 1947, in Burbank, CA. John began his career in 1985 after graduating from Victor Valley College with a Nursing Degree. He then earned both his EMT and Paramedic degrees from Crafton Community College also in 1985. Next, in 1995, John earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from the University of Laverne. Lastly,

in 2004, he received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Excelsior University in New York.

In 1990, he started his career at Victor Valley College and became a vital part of the Allied Health program, founding the VVC Paramedic Program. John continued working at Victor Valley College until he passed, often there late hours and weekends to help students. John Doyle taught that you should try to make difference in at least one person's life every day. Nursing student Ron Patterson adds, "John tore you down and built up your character even stronger...He inspired people. John improved us. He is the reason we're here." John Doyle truly lived what he taught. He will be missed.

## Suicide Squad, Box Office Hit

By **Randi Dominguez**  
Reporter

*Suicide Squad*, directed by David Ayer, was the must see movie of the Summer bringing in 679,875,853 million dollars worldwide. It was worth spending the money to see it on the big screen, because it is not every day you see a movie about villains saving the day and siding with the “good guys” for an important mission.

Amanda Waller puts together this team of villains to help her defeat an entity that escaped her custody, but the villains are replaceable if killed. Each villain is risking their own life and in return, Waller repays them with a reasonable compromise of their choice. By everyone offering something different to the squad, this movie is full of action and interesting back stories of the characters.

Will Smith plays Deadshot, the world’s most wanted hit man. Margot Robbie plays the beautiful yet psychotic mistress of the Joker, Harley

Quinn. Jared Leto is lucky enough to take on the very popular role of the Joker and model Cara Delevingne’s character is the Enchantress. I was beyond excited for this movie and when my friends and I attended the midnight premiere, we were not disappointed one bit. Steven Garcia, mega comic book fan, stated, “Suicide Squad was pretty awesome. It had some great action scenes, lots of funny moments, and even some emotional scenes.” Everyone I talked to about the movie loved it just as much, and loved how the characters were portrayed. Even villains have some soft spots. Jared Leto did an amazing job as playing the new Joker. He added the right amount of psychotic to his character and that craziness is doubled thanks to Harley Quinn. The soundtrack consisted of many different genres that matched the scenes perfectly which made it more intense for the audience. DC was successful, yet again, with another great comic movie.

## Riggs Captivates Readers

By **Dawn Case**  
Reporter

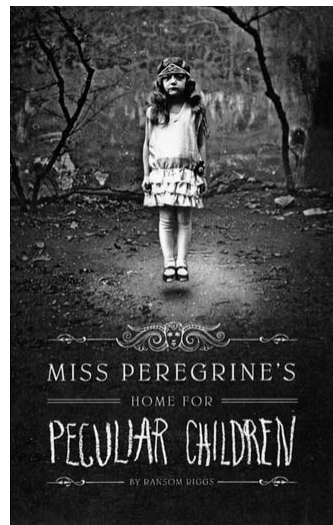
In the book, *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs, Miss Peregrine said, “he was born a Jew in the worst of times. He faced a double genocide, of Jews by the Nazis and of peculiars by the hollow-gast.”

Jacob Portman’s grandfather, Abe, had a strange, and difficult childhood. He grew up in a time when children were killed for nothing more

than the beliefs of themselves or their ancestors; men, women, and children alike were rounded up to be killed by complete strangers. Abe had told his son and grandson stories of his time in the war, saying that “He went to war to fight monsters.” Sane people, like his son, listened to the stories he told and made up excuses for his obvious insanity.

After his grandfather’s death, Jacob wonders if his grandfather was ever really insane. He convinces his parents to let him go on a trip to see if he can get answers about his grandfather’s past, they do and his father goes with him to Cairnholm Island. Jacob hopes to discover the meaning of his grandpa’s last words, and to put to rest the fairy tales he grew up believing. When going to the island, Jacob had known that “the bird,” Miss Peregrine, was more than likely dead, but he had hoped to find at least one or two of the other children from the home still there.

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## I CHOOSE YOU!!

By **Deborah Foreyt**  
Reporter

The big craze right now on campus is Pokémon Go. Time to get your tablets, smart phones or any electronics devices out that you are using to “Catch Them All.” The answer to the ultimate question, “Who has the highest Pokémon on campus and what Pokémon is it, Alex Valdez commented, “I see the same Pokémon throughout campus but still looking for the odd one that might be the ol’ powerful one.”

Before you go and try to win that big fight at any of the gyms around campus you need to earn points and gain that experience to win. When you score that big win, you will get that color recog-

niton for your team. Make sure that you stock up on Pokéballs and Great Balls as well as the different potions to revive your Pokémon after your difficult battles. There are about 141 Pokémon characters in the game. Some of them are easy to catch while some you have to feed raspberries and use your blue Great balls to capture them. Zachary Putman commented “I wish the game to be more player friendly and less micro transaction friendly as well as more playability in the long run which there is potential for but has not yet been reached.”

There are some Pokéstops around campus that you can stock up on supplies. The Bird Sanctuary sign next to the main entrance by the turn-about, Waterfall &

River Sanctuary in front of the left turn to go into the Performing Arts parking lot, the Fish Hatchery sign, the Metal Art in front of the Nurses’ building, in front of the Performing Arts Center by the “Dreams Come True” dedication sign, by the Counseling Building, the Gazebo and many more.

There are Pokéstops across the street by building 10, as well as at Excelsior school. The gyms are located at: The Library, the SAC, in front of the college as well as the Metal Art by

Lot 2. Just remember, play it safe, be aware of your surroundings, and don’t play while driving or working any heavy machinery. So try to catch them all and score that win for your team.



# Tigers Bite The Rams

By **Bertram Taylor III**  
Reporter

On a windy evening at the Silverado High School stadium, the Victor Valley Rams came face to face with the Riverside Tigers. Oscar Williams kicked off the ball and the Tigers received at the 25-yard line getting them a 1<sup>st</sup> down. Throughout the first and second quarter there were many penalties, mostly for the Tigers, leaving plenty of opportunity for the Rams to score. However, they could not take advantage of those opportunities because the offense wasn't executing properly. Coach Hoover has ten starting freshmen on his offense. Although this is great for the future of the team, they are still wet behind the ears, leaving them open to make mistakes and in this situation to not execute. "They made a lot of mistakes offensively," said

Coach Hoover, "and it showed. Our freshmanness showed." Rams scored 3 points in the first quarter with a field goal but did not score again until the third quarter.

In the second quarter the Tigers scored 29 points in various ways regardless of the strong effort from the Ram's defense. Going against a team that is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the state would be hard for any fresh-



Photo by Bertram Taylor.

man lead team to stop. In the third quarter, the Rams made some adjustments and were able to score 17 points from Rams quarterback, Sam Taylor to Robert Evans and Devin Dixon. When asked about how Taylor felt about his two touchdown throws he said, "They just matched up right, I put it out there, and the receivers made the play." Although, the Tigers were able to score

10 points in opposition, and at the end of the third quarter, the score was 39-20, Tigers leading the way.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Rams changed their tactics focusing on running the ball more. Unfortunately, this did not help their cause because they only scored 6 points on a one-yard touchdown run by Sulnaan Sullivan. The Tigers were able to get a touchdown and an extra point giving them a total of 46 points at the end of the game with a victory. The Rams had a total of 26 points with great effort. After the game, Coach Hoover stated, "We never quit playing hard, we fix what is broken and we get it right. If our defense will play at this level all season long, we will be a very hard football team to beat."

**Riggs**, from page 9

Instead, he was faced with the harsh reality that left the house a rotting mess.

Jacob finds the answers he's so desperately searching for, and he is left with a difficult choice, between his present, and his grandfather's past, his family and a beautiful girl. Two lives that couldn't be more different, but both seemed to include a peculiar twist.

This story has a slow startup, but by the fifth chapter, Riggs has the reader's heart racing. A mixture of creepy photographs and well spun words, Riggs amazing story has the audience captivated.

Most readers aren't disappointed with this book. Bert Taylor says that he loved it,

and that "the book was spooky and airy in a good way."

The pages are packed with detail and action, and practically turn themselves. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the dark fantasies of young adult fiction, or anyone who enjoys reading and plans to go see the movie adaptation in theatres on September 30.

**Molly**, from page 2

is no real "safe" way to take the drugs without consequences.

What you can do is thoroughly educate yourself and decide if following a trend or giving into peer pressure is worth your health or life.

There are a lot of helpful and informative sites that provide the basics of rave dangers and how to avoid them. One of these sites is [dancesafe.org](http://dancesafe.org). Dancesafe has dedicated themselves to educate rave goers to keep the EDM scene something positive and enjoyable. So remember these 3 things before your next rave; get educated, stay hydrated, and party smart!

On Friday, September 2, ASB had an open forum meeting to discuss plans for the upcoming school year. After a productive half hour of re-chartering two clubs, deciding two budgets, and discussing plans for the September 11th ceremony and club rush, ASB had a special guest speaker come visit them.

Bruce Bishop, PhD, CP, CMA, came to speak about Parliamentary Law and Procedure as well as The Brown Act. Bishop is a Parliamentarian, or an expert in the formal rules and procedures that happen in formal organization and assembly meetings. He started by explaining that the purpose of parliamentary procedure is to "get things done more efficiently." How that gets accomplished varies from group to

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## VVC Presents an American Theatre Classic

The Lilies of The Field is the first production of the 2016-2017 College year presented by the Victor Valley College Theatre Arts Department. It will run October 13 ±15 and 20 ±22 at 7pm in the PAC Black Box Theatre and October 16 & 23 at 2 pm in the Black Box Theatre.

This classic of the American Theatre is the heartwarming story of o QH PDQ¶V XQGHUVWDWHG IDLWK DQG RQH ZRPDQ¶V VWURQJ EHOHLI DQG GHWHUPI faith, love, will, determination and a caring community of believers.

Set in an obscure valley of New Mexico in 1969 'The Lilies of The Field ' tells us about a U.S. Army veteran of two tours in Vietnam as a member of military construction units who also was a heavy equipment instructor prior to his discharge. He comes to this obscure southwest valley as part of his quest to see the nation he served. He is financed in part on this journey by stopping now and then to work a day or two.

It is his encounter with a small band of German nuns in this arid southwest valley who are determined to build a chapel and ultimately a school for disadvantaged boys that is the focus of our story. They have nothing but unforgiving ground and a Mother Superior who will not accept defeat. He simply wants to work for a day and pick up some money to continue his journey. Mother Superior strongly believes that this unlikely Army veteran, Homer Smith has been sent from God to help this faithful group of immigrant nuns.

The two hours of this play is a journey of growth in faith and love. We see the obstacles that are faced, the frustrations and defeats and ultimately the triumph of the human spirit.

Tickets for this heartwarming play of love and faith are available online at [www.vvc.edu/tix](http://www.vvc.edu/tix) or at the PAC Box Office one half hour prior to the curtain times. The Performing Arts Center is centrally located on the Victor Valley College campus 18422 Bear Valley Rd. Victorville, CA.

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