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## Hurricane wreaks havoc

As the tropical storm weakens, it leaves a path of destruction.

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Nova Scotia, one of Canada's three Maritime provinces, is the last victim of Hurricane Dorian as it weakened into a post tropical cyclone.

With "flooding, uprooted trees, broken poles and downed power lines," according to Nova Scotia Power Inc., over 400,000 of their customers are experiencing power outages across the province.

For 48 hours, Category 5 winds propelled Hurricane Dorian through the Great Abaco and Grand Bahama islands leaving destruction in its wake. Reports by the Washington Post say there are 50 confirmed deaths with the number expected to rise. According to the U.N., Hurricane Dorian has left approximately 70,000 people homeless in the Bahamas.

The class five tropical storm is the strongest Caribbean hurricane on record. According to the Bahamian Deputy Prime Minister Kevin Peter Turnquest, the destruction could cost "hundreds of millions, if not billions."

"It will take a long time to rebuild," said Bahamian Prime Minister Hubert Minnis in an NPR interview. "But be assured that we're a resilient nation, and we will build our country back even stronger."

Currently, the entire island of Grand Bahama has little to no water, power or sanitation. The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) stated that there were high risks of diarrhea and waterborne diseases due to sewage contamination, polluted flood waters, and a lack of safe water.

According to Reuters, many relief organizations have deployed their services and resources to give aid to the victims. The U.S. Coast Guard and Navy have shipped relief supplies and rescued at least 290 people from isolated areas of the island.

The tropical cyclone then landed on the coasts of Florida and Georgia, hitting them with intense tropical storm winds and rains as Hurricane Dorian headed to the Carolinas. CBS reported that dozens of bricks of cocaine were washed up ashore Florida beaches in the aftermath.

By the time Hurricane Dorian hit the outer banks of North Carolina, it was a Category 1. With winds up to 90 mph, some of the homes and trees of Ocracoke Island have been damaged.

In a New York Times interview, many North Carolina residents expressed their grievances of being hit by another storm just after recovering from Hurricane Florence. So far, at least two people have died, as confirmed by North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper.

In a last advisory Sunday night the NHC reported Hurricane Dorian had become fully extratropical as it moved over the Labrador Sea and away from Atlantic Canada.

"Swells along the mid-Atlantic and New England coasts of the U.S. will continue for another day or so," reported the NHC. "These swells are likely to cause life-threatening surf and rip current conditions."



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COYOTES- Coyotes have been spotted wandering around campus for months, near the parking structure, the Student Union building and various other spots on campus.

## Campus coyotes will not be moved

Despite safety concerns from the community, campus police cannot remove the coyotes on campus.

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VALLEY LIFE EDITOR

The coyotes at Valley College will remain untouched as campus police are not authorized to remove them.

According to the Sheriff's department, animal control prohibits the animals from being moved because the local area is their natural habitat. According to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, it is illegal to trap and relocate wildlife. Campus police can only interfere if a person has been injured. Any aggressive coyote will be removed — or killed if necessary — by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). If the coyote is injured, the City of Los Angeles is permitted to trap them.

"We offer escorts to whoever needs them," said a sheriff security officer. "We can only be involved with people."

The County of LA Animal Care and Control describes the California coyote as slender muzzled, bushy tailed animals typically medium sized and between 22-25 lbs. They are "proficient predators, possessing the speed, strength, and endurance necessary to tackle prey as large as adult deer."

Native Animal Rescue (NAR), a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of sick and injured wildlife in Santa Cruz, states that the rapid loss of the coyote's natural habitat has forced them to cohabit with humans. However, these urban coyotes have raised concern among residents in the Los Angeles area.

On the KPCC radio, a Valley Glen resident commented on the seeming increase of coyotes and their attack on three chickens, a cat, and another animal. "We're about three blocks from Valley College," said the resident. "Which I've been hearing from various people, seems to be a breeding ground or at least a den for a group of coyotes."

While there is no den on campus, the Sheriff Department has stated there may be a den by the Orange Line along Fulton Ave.

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- WildCare

Currently, the city of LA and the state of California does not track the number of coyotes. The CDFW only keeps a record of when the department is called to kill aggressive animals though they estimate a population range of 250,000 to 750,000 animals. The LA County Department of Public Health keeps track only of the number of residents who were given rabies shots after a coyote bite. According to the KPCC radio, public health

experts say that coyotes are getting more aggressive. Experts have based these comments on anecdotal information.

Many have expressed concern over the safety of their children and pets. In 2016, there were 16 coyote attacks on people. In March 2018, a 5-year-old boy was bitten by a coyote while walking with his father at Cal State LA. He was later sent to the hospital for rabies prevention treatment. On July 17, a coyote entered through the doggie door of a home in Buena Park and attacked the dogs inside. Early this year, there were other cases of coyotes forcing themselves into homes and backyards. They have also attacked pets at night as well as in broad daylight.

In order to help inform students about the coyotes and the precautions that can be taken, the Sheriff's Department has been currently handing out pamphlets from the CDFW.

According to the CDFW pamphlet, "the problem is people who are careless with food

and garbage." The pamphlet further states that coyotes are crucial for the ecosystem, helping contain the rodent population. When given human food and garbage their behavior changes and their fear of humans diminish. Thus, they could threaten human safety and be killed as a result.

Some of the safety measures include: never feeding coyotes, never leaving small children or pets unattended outside as well as trimming shrubbery to reduce hiding places. The pamphlet advises that if followed by a coyote, make loud noises. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction. Immediately notify the Sheriff's Department or the nearest Department of Fish and Wildlife if someone is attacked. If neither are available, call 911.

"Understanding canine behavior and modifying our own behavior is essential to peaceful coexistence with our wild neighbors," said WildCare, an organization committed to wildlife rehabilitation and education.



VALLEY STAR | SOLOMON SMITH  
PRESIDENT- Barry Gribbons stands on the balcony of his new office as president of Valley College.

## New president offers vision

A fresh face has entered the presidency and improvements are on the horizon.

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STAFF WRITER

With a warm smile and a colorful bow tie, Valley President Barry Gribbons is taking on the role as the college's new leader, replacing interim president Denise Nolden.

Previous President Erika Endrojinas had served Valley for four years before becoming the Superintendent at Pasadena City College, and leaving Denise Nolden as the interim president for the spring semester.

Gribbons left his seat as deputy chancellor at College of the Canyons (COC) after serving

the school for 19 years and took the position at Valley on August 15, according to Valley's About the President page.

Growing up in Santa Clarita, Gribbons attended Bishop Alemany High School in Mission Hills and earned his associate's degree at College of the Canyons in Valencia. He earned his bachelor's in psychology from CSUN, and his master's and doctorate in education, both from USC. Having worked at COC for nearly two decades, in several positions including dean and vice president, he attributes his success to his ability to listen carefully. "Working hard to surround

myself with people who have different viewpoints [other] than my own and carefully listening to their perspectives," said Gribbons, "and by doing that, I've developed the most comprehensive understanding of any issue."

Gribbons was an instructor at USC, focusing on at-risk students while simultaneously teaching a special cohort of Taiwanese educators at Cal State LA. He also worked with a diverse population of students ranging from freshmen to graduates. Not only has he taught at well-respected schools, he was also the senior researcher and

project director at UCLA's Study of Evaluation where he worked to provide assistance to inadequately serviced students by coordinating extensive education reforms.

Gribbons has been married for 20 years and has 2 kids: 13-year-old Eva and 10-year-old Luke. He prides himself on spending time with his wife and kids. When he is not surfing with his daughter in Ventura on weekends, he enjoys cycling and running as a way of both keeping a clear head and staying in shape.

"Anything that allows me to be on the water is wonderful," said Gribbons, "something about focusing on the ocean and what it's doing is so peaceful."

He was not looking to leave his post at COC, but when a colleague of his raved about how much she loved working for the Los Angeles Community College District, he thought the position sounded appealing.

With the staggering cost of tuition and the difficulty of getting into four-year institutions, the president is pleased to be a part of an alternative higher-education option.

"I respect any choice a student makes," Gribbons said, "whether it is to pursue higher education at either a two-year or four-year institution."

The goals he has for Valley are not set in stone but says, "I want to spend time carefully listening to the entire campus community before collectively forming a plan to move forward."

### ON CAMPUS

#### September 13

The Women's Soccer team will be playing a home game against East Los Angeles College at 4 p.m.

#### September 14

Valley College and the LAUSD Local District Northeast will hold College Fest 2019 in the Student Services Plaza from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event will include representatives from UC and CSU campuses, as well as private colleges.

A memorial concert celebrating the life of Valley piano coach Timothy Jameson will be held at 2 p.m. in the Music Building Recital Hall (Room 106).

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# Open office offers chance to feel new president out

Amidst cake, cheese samples and fruit plates, the new president of Valley College, Barry Gribbons, got familiar with staff and faculty.

SOLOMON SMITH  
MANAGING EDITOR

A wide variety of Valley College staff and faculty passed through the president’s conference room Thursday afternoon, to meet with the new President Barry Gribbons.

In a black suit, garnished with a blue and yellow bow tie, Gribbons shook hands, made small talk and listened to issues as scores of people flowed in and out of the conference room; some brought welcome gifts. Dean of Student Services Llanet Martin brought a succulent for Gribbons’ new office. Martin chose the succulent as it is “easier to care for.” She left a note of welcome attached to it.

Conversations meandered from work-related to topical. The extreme heat and humidity were subjects everyone talked about as they spoke in the cool air-conditioned safe haven of



VALLEY STAR | SOLOMON SMITH  
SOCIALIZE- Barry Gribbons meeting and talking with Valley faculty in his new office.

the conference room. Another subject that popped up often — the newest residents on campus — the coyotes.

“I see coyotes sometimes when I run at home,” said the Gribbon. “I found that yelling

at them just gets their attention, kind of like ringing the dinner bell.”

The president also joked about the occasional aggressive squirrel on his route. An avid runner, his early morning 5 a.m.

run times make for the occasional lonely encounter with errant wildlife.

Gardening Supervisor Jack Epling discussed the changing face of Valley and the big job of bringing greenery to every

corner of the campus. Epling was happy with the president’s ability to speak to his concerns about the challenges of his job.

“You always hope the [new] president has a good grasp of what a large landscape needs,” said Epling.

The mixer was also an opportunity for staff and faculty to catch up, talk about the next task on the agenda or simply discuss their summer. Gribbons conversed with David Cameron, senior computer network specialist at Valley, about electric cars.

“I like the president,” said Cameron, “he seems like a down to earth kind of guy.”

The president even shared a little about himself and his family as he became more comfortable, particularly, his son Luke’s love of baseball.

“My son is a fanatic about the Dodgers, we go to probably seven or eight games and we go to the training camp,” said

Gribbons. “I did not watch a lot of baseball in the last 20 years, but my son is so enthusiastic it’s infectious.”

Noticeably missing, however, were students. No student clubs, groups or individuals showed, unfortunately, but the staff was not deterred. Gribbons has planned other meet and greets on campus; one on September 25 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Skybox, and two more on September 26.

The event, which started at 1 p.m., wound down at the scheduled time of 3 p.m. Gribbon shared his feelings about the welcome he has received since taking the job of president.

“It’s amazing how nice the transition has been, how welcoming and nice everyone has been,” said Gribbon. “It’s kind of fun to come into a whole new environment and every day it’s kind of neat to discover a different gem.”

# Welcome Week ushers in a new semester

Valley College welcomes students with fun games and activities.

AIMEE MARTINEZ  
VALLEY LIFE EDITOR

For the first four days of the new semester, Valley College welcomed new and returning students with free food, games, live music and a student panel.

For each day of Welcome Week, from August 26 to the 29, various planned events served to usher in the fall semester. These events provided opportunities for new students to get to know the campus, its resources, clubs and the ASU.

On day one, free ice cream helped students cool off in the Student Union Plaza. On day two, new students were invited to participate in a student panel in the Skybox Conference Room. The panel, led by Valley success coach Kristene Anassian; was an opportunity for students to hear the experiences of people like Student Ambassador Pat Cruz.

“It was nice to get input from their experiences,” said freshman Mervin Martinez, currently majoring in Fire Technology.

“There were a lot of aspects that I could relate to. [Cruz] brought a lot of his personal struggles.”

**“We just always want to make it fun for students, instead of the traditional work-shop.”**

- Raquel Sanchez

After the panel, the ASU held a mixer where students helped themselves to refreshments, then mingled with each other and the ASU members present. The event was aimed at making students more aware of what the ASU means, what it has to offer and to encourage participation. Some of the student government positions needing to be filled are the ICC representative, commissioner of campus and environmental concerns, commissioner of fine arts, commissioner of social media, as well as four more commissioner

positions.

Day three greeted students with the sound of pop songs and the smell of hot dogs. Students stood in line in the Student Union Plaza to fill out surveys that would grant them their meal ticket. Once obtained, beef, bacon-wrapped and veggie hot dogs were available to be ordered from caterers Bombdiggity Hot Dogs. Songs like “Love is a Battlefield” by Pat Benatar and “Feel it Still” by Portugal the Man were sung by the cover band Sidetracs. Students appreciated the familiar tunes and gathered around to listen.

Several clubs such as the Black Scholars, Eco Advocates, and Gender and Sexuality Alliance were present. These clubs had set up booths, hoping to attract new members. President and founder of the Anime and Manga club, Karina Ochoa, said she hoped to bring in students who are shy about anime and introduce them to others who share the same joy in it. At the time of this report,



VALLEY STAR | MICKIE SHAW  
CLUBS- Students gather in the Student Union plaza and check out the various clubs.

the sign in sheet for the club had reached three pages, full of signatures.

“The turnout has been very good,” said vice president of the STEM club Chris Wheeler. “It’s more than we expected.”

The new Student Health

Center provider, Valley Community Healthcare, was also present to promote their services. Finally, the last day of Welcome Week concluded in a carnival with an array of games and prizes to be won.

“Every year we want to

improve and have the events be more engaging,” said Student Engagement Coordinator Raquel Sanchez. “We just always want to make it fun for students, instead of the traditional workshop.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF | LUCASFILM  
STAR WARS- “The Mandalorian” will be an original show on Disney+.

# Disney+ set to take on Netflix

Disney is banking on their tentpole franchises to make magic for their entry into streaming services.

MICKIE SHAW  
MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Disney’s new streaming service, Disney+ will be launching November 12, with content from the entertainment giant’s enormous library of films, shows, cable channels, as well as new original series, feature-length films, documentaries and short-form content.

Disney’s two biggest franchises, Marvel and Star Wars, are anchoring the Disney+ programming lineup. The trailer for the first ever live-action Star Wars series titled “The Mandalorian,” starring Pedro Pascal as the deadly bounty hunter, premiered at D23, Disney’s expo and fan event, to an excited crowd in August. A still unnamed Kenobi Star Wars series, and a spin off series from the “Star Wars: Rogue One” film

will be joining Disney+ in the future.

Starting this year, Disney+ will exclusively stream all of Disney Studios’ films, including: “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker,” “Captain Marvel,” “Avengers: Endgame,” “Toy Story 4,” “The Lion King” and “Aladdin.”

Content from Disney properties Pixar, National Geographic and 21st Century Fox’s lengthy list of films and shows will all be available on Disney+.

Marvel will have several new shows including: “Falcon and the Winter Soldier” series, with Anthony Mackie reprising his role as Falcon, and Sebastian Stan again filling the boots of the Winter Soldier and “Loki” starring Tom Hiddleston returning as the conniving Loki.

Disney’s Star Wars franchise will stream in addition to Mandalorian a new season of

the hit animated series “Clone Wars.”

Disney+ original content will include the “High School Musical: The Musical: The Series,” and the new live action films “Lady and the Tramp,” “Noelle,” “Togo,” “Timmy Failure,” and “Stargirl.”

Fox family favorites will also be available including: “The Sound of Music,” “Malcolm in the Middle,” and the entire 30 season run of “The Simpsons.”

The Muppets will be back in a new short-form series “Muppets Now.”

As the newest player on the growing block of streaming services, Disney’s press release is promising Disney+ will be, “The ultimate streaming destination for movies and shows.” The service will offer its dynamic content ad free, and will challenge the internet behemoth Netflix and other streaming services

such as Apple and Amazon for the streaming service pot of gold.

The knife fight with Netflix started when Disney made the first move by removing its Lucasfilm, Marvel and Pixar content from the popular streaming service.

A Business Insider article reported Morgan Stanley believes Disney+ will be bigger than Netflix in five years.

Disney+ will cost \$6.77 a month. A bundled package including ESPN+ and Hulu, Disney is the majority owner of Hulu, will be \$12.99 per month.

Disney+ will be the third of Disney’s streaming services. ESPN+ launched in 2018. Disney is planning extensive growth of Disney+ into international markets over the next two years.



Don't just repost, take action

Social media brings awareness, but not help.

SAVANNAH SIMMONS  
OPINION EDITOR

To scroll through social media means to find a new problem, world event or cause that people are standing in solidarity or outraged with but of those people, who is actually taking action?

An Instagram story about the current state of the Amazon fires lets other people know that you are aware of the current event, but is there a solution being presented? Although awareness spreads, the fight for these issues does not make it as far without research on how to help them through different organizations.

According to nonprofit-source.com, "55 percent of people who engage with nonprofits on social media end up taking some sort of action."

So about half of the people you see posting about these events are doing more than just talking about ending gun violence or saving the turtles, but if every poster put in five more minutes of their time that percentage could be higher.

It has become so much easier to donate to causes with features like "swipe up" or links in bios on Instagram, donating directly on Facebook for people's birthdays and texting to help a relief fund. There is no excuse why people can post but not contribute to the causes they feel so strong about.

Life is not easy and being able to help is a privilege; if five dollars is too much to give, then research on how to give time or extra supplies yourself and remember to share that information with others looking to act.

The Amazon Aid Foundation offers a unique way to donate to



PHOTO COURTESY OF | HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
AID- Volunteers for the Habitat for Humanity help to provide homes for families worldwide.

the ongoing fires in the Amazon through art and music.

Project Hope gives help to the Bahamas, but also to infectious and noncommunicable diseases and maternal, neonatal and child health.

Habitat for Humanity provides housing for families in need all over, and you can choose to give monetary donations, goods and materials, and you can volunteer at building sites.

Do not just like posts talking about creating change, do not just retweet hoping someone else will do something about it. Take initiative yourself, it will not only be good, it will feel good.

Mass shootings colored by new element

As Americans continue to mourn, the president's racist rhetoric adds a new element to an old problem.

SOLOMON SMITH  
MANAGING EDITOR

So far this year, America has had some of its highest number of deaths by gun violence. Four of the eight most lethal shootings were in Texas. Two mass shootings in Texas in August, only three weeks apart, have stunned a nation trying to balance gun rights and safety. Recent mass shootings have also introduced another element, one of racial hatred, into an already complicated problem.

Like an infection, the Trump gospel of violence has spread painfully and quickly. A Brookings Institute report has shown how President Donald Trump has not only used the racism of the alt-right to bolster support in his 2016 bid for the presidency, but that he continues



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TRUMP- The president's words have made the gun problem worse.

to use and escalate this rhetoric.

The shooting in a Texas Walmart last month is only the latest example of white rage aimed at Americans of color. The shooter — in this instance — was motivated by racism, but worse emboldened by Trump. The pushback, worldwide, by

nationalist has the air of Nazism and a soupcon of white supremacy. In the U.S., with the agitating element of Trump's rhetoric, it has become a perfect storm for violence against America's diverse communities, and numbers from the FBI supports this.

Not all gun violence is the

fault of Trump; after all, only one man can be responsible for every evil done in America, according to Republicans, and that man is busy making television shows and no longer in office. The country has a problem with guns that it will not address, and Trump has exacerbated an already explosive situation.

**"The El Paso shooter ... mirrored Trump's rhetoric, calling immigration an 'invasion.'"**

The unique and frightful difference here is the specific shout out given, after the deed is done, to Trump. The El Paso shooter for example mirrored Trump's racist dialect, calling

immigration an "invasion." This new element is glossed over by most media as they tackle the larger problem, but for many people of color, already living in a near police state, this added dimension is a very real and immediate threat.

A rise in violent acts motivated by race has become a problem. After the election of the first black president, Barack Obama, the polarization of the right as it floats further away from centric, has led to where the country is today with domestic terrorism, mainly from white nationalists, becoming more of a threat according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

After the fervor over assault rifles and the Second Amendment has died down, the shouts of "send her back," and "build that wall" will continue to elicit fear from people of color thanks to Trump.

Don't be greedy, Disney — you have enough

Fans upset at the Spider-Man's sudden departure from the MCU should direct their criticism at Disney, not Sony.

GABRIEL ARIZON  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In mid-August, stunned Marvel fans were in an uproar after the sudden news that Spider-Man would no longer be part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. The deal between Disney and Sony Pictures to include the web slinger had fallen apart, and fans on social media expressed their outrage, mostly pointing the blame towards the latter company. However, fans need to look at the bigger picture and see that Disney is the guilty party.

Fans tried to pressure Sony to renegotiate a deal, and numerous change.org petitions sprung up demanding that Spider-Man be kept in the MCU. Although, if the terms of the deal are actually examined, it becomes clearer

that Sony was in the right to push back, and Disney was ravenous for a larger profit. To see why, the deal and some history behind it must be explored.

In 1999, Sony purchased the film rights to Spider-Man and 900 related characters from Marvel, which had just come out of bankruptcy, for \$7 million, according to Comic Book Resources. Between 2002 and 2014, five Spider-Man films were released, with varying degrees of success.

Sony intended to make their own cinematic universe with the "The Amazing Spider-Man" series, but after the mixed reception and low box office performance of the second movie in the franchise, the future looked unclear. After the 2014 Sony Pictures hack revealed that the company had talks with Disney to include the superhero in the highly successful MCU, Sony

couldn't ignore the pressure from fans and a deal was reached the following year.

According to Business Insider, the deal stipulated that Disney would get up to 5 percent of the first-dollar gross (the money made on the film's first day of release) and all of the merchandising rights, while Sony would take home the rest of the box office revenue. The deal led to two highly successful Spider-Man films, the second of which would go on to earn more than \$1 billion. The future looked bright, until Disney got extra greedy.

Disney wanted a 50-50 co-financing stake in future movies, which would give the company an even bigger share of the profits, according to Deadline. Sony wanted to keep the deal as is, as there were no other terms to offset those losses. Neither side could agree on the terms and the

deal fell through.

It is not Sony's fault that Disney got even more hungry for money. The merchandising rights already gave the entertainment giant an extremely lucrative revenue stream. According to comicbook.com, Spider-Man products accumulated \$1 billion in global retail sales in 2016 alone, so Disney was already raking in the dough before "Spider-Man: Homecoming" had even come out. To ask for even more is simply avaricious. It is going to be a bummer that characters in the MCU are essentially going to have to pretend that Spider-Man no longer exists, but Disney's aggressive stance is to blame.

Besides, it is not like Sony is incapable of making a good Spider-Man movie or turning a profit. The stellar 2018 animated movie, "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse," is arguably better

than either of the web crawler's MCU films, and "Venom" — though receiving a negative reception from critics — managed to earn over \$850 million.

Disney, on its part, is doing incredibly well financially. Just this year alone, Disney had four other films take in over \$1 billion each. "Avengers: Endgame" surpassed "Avatar" to become the highest-grossing movie of all time, making nearly \$2.8 billion. Not making a 50 percent return on a movie is not going to hurt the company in the slightest.

Sony is in the right to defend its property and ask for a fair deal. The House the Mouse built already has so many lucrative properties; it has little to lose when agreeing to more balanced terms.

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VALLEY VIEW | What advice do you have for incoming freshmen?

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"Don't be afraid to ask questions, don't worry about getting lost and always do the readings."  
- KAILEE GROVEMAN, LIBERAL STUDIES



"It's cheaper to buy your books online or rent them."  
- HECTOR SANTOS, GENERAL STUDIES



"Join clubs, meet people you can study with and set your priorities."  
- SKY MEDRANO, EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



"Take advantage of resources like counseling, the resource center and tutors."  
- BRITTANY LEWIS, ART

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# Natural History Museum displays natural beauty

With the ending of summer comes the ending of the Butterfly Pavillion, a display of the natural beauty of the butterfly presented by the NHM. The exhibit shows some of the most delicate and beautiful insects both native and non-native to California. It ran from March 1 to September 2. An open-area tent allowed interaction be-

tween viewers and these delicate animals. The next major display will be a spider pavillion, also housed on site at the NHM. The show will start September 15. *Text and photos by Solomon Smith, Photo Editor*

RIGHT- Zebra butterfly floats above a brightly-colored flower.

BELOW- Zebra butterfly feeds on pollen.



ABOVE- Eggs of an unidentified butterfly lay attached to a plant, as they wait to hatch.



ABOVE- Two zebra butterflies prepare to mate.



ABOVE LEFT- A damaged wing shows the age of the insect.

ABOVE RIGHT- A zebra butterfly spreads his wings in the sun to warm up.

RIGHT- Two larve prepare to mature.

