



VALLEY LIFE: ALITA REVIEW
“ALITA” IS A FUN, VISUAL MARVEL WITH PLENTY OF EXCITING ACTION.



OPINION: EQUAL PAY
THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM FIGHT FOR EQUAL PAY.

Water filters find politics murky

An effort to upgrade some water fountains on campus comes to a quick end.

SOLOMON SMITH
MANAGING EDITOR

Proponents for upgrading water fountains on campus saw thier funds dry up Wednesday when thier application for \$68,000 for the project were denied by the IEC.

Valley College librarians had applied to the Promising Practice initiative, which offered one-time funding for plans or ideas from faculty that would improve student life on campus. Librarians Xiaoyang Lui-Behlendorf and Mike FitzGerald applied for the money for the initial installation and upgrades of the fountains.

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- Mike Fitzgerald

The goal was not just filtering water, however. By adding bottle-filling stations, the hope was that students use fewer disposable bottles, reducing waste and provide a place for those who do not have clean water at home to get potable water. The application for the funds was voted down by the IEC on Tuesday morning. In a phone call with Dean of Institutional Effectiveness Michelle Fowles, there were several reasons for the down vote.

“Some felt there were inconsistencies withthe plan,” said Fowles “and the campus facilities manager felt it needed to be done differently.”

In a recent vote the ASU had approved \$3,000 for maintenance of the fountains, but the project is now dead.

“[The project] kind of started amongst the librarians that it would be a good thing to have [in the library],” said FitzGerald. “But as we started asking ‘how do we get this done on campus’ it turns out that lots of people on campus like those things.”

FitzGerald acknowledged there was confusion on whether this would be a construction issue and how it related to student equity. Liu-Behlendorf had contacted Haws, the company that makes the school's water fountains, for a cost comparison and found it would not require any extensive permits.

“The buzz words here are retrofitting versus modifying,” said FitzGerald. “What we want to do is retrofit, which is simply adding a piece to an existing machine.”

Not everyone was on board for the possible repeat cost coming out of the ASU budget either; the overriding concern was that it would soon become an annual cost. FitzGerald's answer was that they did not expect to need all of the money.

“The \$3,000 was a guess. The filters cost from \$20 to \$60 with 10 machines. Three thousand was kind of an over estimate to cover replacement and repair,” said FitzGerald.

Lights, camera, admissions scandal

Wealthy families get caught using money to fast-track their children’s acceptance into the colleges of their choice.

MEG TAYLOR
NEWS EDITOR

Actresses Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman have been arrested for their part in the largest college admissions cheating scandal in history by bribing school officials to get their children accepted into prestigious universities.

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- Andrew Lelling

The Justice Department unsealed indictments on the two actresses along with 50 other individuals in the nationwide college bribery scheme. Several of those indicted were charged with conspiracy to commit fraud, which can result in up to 20 years in prison. Those charged paid university officials, athletic coaches, and, in some instances, a Harvard graduate to take entrance exams for their children. Coaches arrested in the scandal passed off students as recruits for sports they did not even play.

At the center of the scheme



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SCANDAL- William Singer accepted millions of dollars from wealthy parents in exchange for their childrens' admission to prestigious schools.

is prep organization The Key, founded by William Singer. He plead guilty to four charges including one count of racketeering conspiracy, money laundering conspiracy, conspiracy to defraud the United States, and obstruction of justice. A former Yale soccer coach had pleaded guilty before the documents went public and helped build the case against others.

“Between roughly 2011 and 2018, wealthy parents paid Singer about \$25 million in total to guarantee their children’s admission to elite schools,” stated Andrew Lelling, U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, in a press briefing. “Singer helped parents take staged photographs of their children engaged in par-

ticular sports.”

The court filings of the case contain hundreds of pages, describing various instances of this scam, including emails and transcripts from recorded phone calls. The 50 arrests made thus far include two SAT/ACT administrators, one exam proctor, one college administrator, nine coaches at elite schools, and 33 parents. According to authorities, most students were unaware of their parents actions, therefore, no students have been charged.

Huffman, known for her role as Lynette Scavo in “Desperate Housewives,” and her husband, actor William H. Macy, allegedly spent \$15,000 on a cheating scheme to aid their daughter’s

SAT test-taking. According to the affidavit, “Huffman’s daughter scored 1420 on the SAT, an improvement of approximately 400 points over her PSAT,” which she had taken a year earlier.

A judge ruled March 12 that the actress could be released on a \$250,000 bond. Huffman was also ordered to hand over her passport and is scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing at a Boston court on March 29.

Loughlin and her husband, fashion designer Mossimo Giannulli, have been accused of paying \$500,000 to have their two daughters labeled as recruits to USC’s crew team; neither of the girls are rowers. Following her husband’s release March 12,

after paying a \$1 million bond, the “Full House,” star turned herself into the FBI March 14. Later that day, Loughlin was released on \$1 million bail.

Before turning herself in, Loughlin deleted her Instagram account. Her 19-year-old daughter, Olivia Jade, has been constantly harassed over social media; she made her account private briefly, but made it public again and removed the option to comment on her posts. Loughlin has been dropped by the Hallmark channel and Sephora has terminated their partnership with Olivia. The influencer and her sister, 20-year-old Isabella Rose, have decided to withdraw from USC.



YOUTUBE | KC NOLAND

LAWSUIT- Nicholas Sandmann (left) is suing CNN and the Washington Post for defamation.

News sites sued for defamation

A Kentucky student filed lawsuits against CNN and The Washington Post.

MICKIE SHAW
MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

A Covington High School student is suing CNN and The Washington Post for defamation, claiming the media outlets accused him of racist behavior and provoking a Jan. 18 incident at the Lincoln Memorial.

Nicholas Sandmann is suing CNN for \$275 million claiming the news channel made “false and defamatory accusations” in four cable news stories and in nine website stories. The complaint, filed March 12, claims CNN reported Sandmann was the “face” of an “unruly rac-

ist mob” and was targeted by CNN because he was wearing a “Make America Great Again” cap and to further their “anti-Trump agenda.”

“The CNN accusations are totally and unequivocally false and CNN would have known them to be untrue had it undertaken any reasonable efforts to verify their accuracy before publication of its false and defamatory accusations,” read the complaint.

CNN gave no comment when contacted by Reuters.

Sandmann is also suing the Post for \$250 million, the same amount Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon and the world’s rich-

est man, bought the Post for in 2013.

The suit claims, “The Post led the mainstream media to assassinate Nicholas’ character and bully him.”

The complaint also accuses the Post of targeting Sandmann because he was a white Catholic wearing a “Make America Great Again” cap and to further “a biased agenda” against President Trump.

The Post’s Vice President for Communications Kristine Coratti Kelly said, “We are reviewing a copy of the lawsuit and we plan to mount a vigorous defense.”

In an attempt to correct

their initial reporting, the Post released a lengthy Editor’s Note on March 1, stating, “A Washington Post article first posted online on Jan. 19 reported on a Jan. 18 incident ... Subsequent reporting, a student’s statement and additional video allow for a more complete assessment of what occurred, either contradicting or failing to confirm accounts provided in that story.”

According to Nooki Berenji, an instructor of law at Valley College, in a defamation case of a private citizen the information only has to be false; in the case of a public citizen, intentional wrongdoing has to be proven. Sandmann’s lawyers will have to prove the teen’s reputation and character have been damaged. The court will have to decide if Sandmann is considered a private citizen. Lawsuits like these can often settle.

Los Angeles attorney Dennis Marinis said, “[Sandmann’s attorneys] will have to prove the Washington Post was negligent. They didn’t do the proper vetting on the story to show what really happened.”

An edited version of the video presents what appears to be a stand off between Sandmann and Nathan Phillips, a Native American activist, in January. Sandmann displays a broad smile as the activist plays a drum and sings while standing in front of him. Some thought the smile was disrespectful or taunting and racist. The video went viral on social media causing widespread outrage and condemnation.

Sandmann’s lawyers promised more lawsuits to come.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 28

Spring Break begins. The school will be closed until April 5.

ON CAMPUS

March 21

Interim President Denise Noldon will be holding her office hours in Administration and Career Advancement 2101 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

March 22

The Women’s Softball team will play a home game against Allen Hancock College at 2:30 p.m.

March 23

A special concert for the Guitar Program by the music faculty will be held in Music Recital Hall 106 at 8 p.m.

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Not too late for classes

Registration for short-term classes in the spring begin in early April.

KIMBERLY LINARES
STAFF WRITER

Valley College is offering a selection of short-term accelerated courses during the spring 2019 term that enable student success by allowing the fulfillment of educational goals. Late-start courses are offered during the fall and spring semesters, and the length of such classes are eight weeks, half that of a normal semester. As for this spring, late-start classes begin April 8 and end June 3. Most classes offered satisfy major, certificate and general education requirements. A total of 34 subjects are a part of this semester's late start classes including anthropology, art, biology, child development, chicano studies, communication, English, health, geology, and math. These courses are offered in various forms such as online

or hybrid classes, but on-campus courses are also an option. "Online classes give students the flexibility to work around their work and social life schedules, allowing them to accelerate the transfer process," said Jose Montes at the Admissions and Records Office. Given that Valley is part of the Los Angeles Community College District, anyone within the district is entitled to enroll in late start class at Valley because they can receive credit for such coursework, which goes towards their transfer or certificate completion. "Late-start classes will allow me to further continue my schooling because of personal reasons I wasn't able to attend classes during the first few weeks of the spring semester at Pierce," said Yoyce de la Rosa, a student at Pierce College. "Valley is giving me that option." Although late start courses

are shorter than typical semester length courses, the amount of units received for each class is the same. "If you have received your disbursement as a full-time student and maintained the enrollment it will not impact your eligibility. If you are short in units to qualify as a full-time student, the student may be eligible for more disbursement once they register for more units," states the Valley website. Adding late-start classes can be done through the schools website by clicking on the icon that says register now on the homepage. If you need any help you can always visit the Admissions and Record Office located in the Student Services Annex Center. Their hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m to 1 p.m. The updated list of late-start classes is available online at lavc.edu.



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ONLINE CLASSES- Valley College is offering a variety of late-start online classes.



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ALICANTE- Students will travel to the capital of the Costa Blanca region for a month.

LAVC goes to Spain

This summer, head on a European vacation while earning college credit.

ALANA AIMAQ
STAFF WRITER

Valley College students are urged to sign up for the one-month study abroad program in Alicante, Spain to immerse themselves in the culture, all while earning college credit. This program is an affordable opportunity for students enrolled or planning to enroll over summer or fall in a Spanish class in the Los Angeles Community College District. From June 29 to July 27, students are encouraged to join on an adventure of a lifetime. "Courses will be taught at the University of Alicante Centro Superior de Idiomas, which offers an extensive language program and accommodates all Spanish levels taught at our community colleges, including level I Spanish to advanced Spanish," states Maria Zamudio, professor in the Department of Foreign Languages. Alicante, Spain is the capital of the Costa Blanca region,

according to European Best Destinations. With its white, sandy beaches and rich culture, this seaside town has everything from medieval fortresses to stunning art museums. A short eight-mile distance from the airport, Alicante is a quick jump to other major European destinations. At the cost of \$3,500 per student, this trip covers all food expenses, laundry once a week, guided tours and study trips, a trip to Valencia and tuition for the courses taken in Spain. Ground transportation is also included for study trips and excursions. Students will also need to pay for their own flight and the \$46 per unit for Valley's Spanish class enrollment. The summer program also places you in a Spanish family's home for the month while you attend school from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. five days a week. Afternoons and weekends are free for excursions, including some planned with the program. Due to low enrollment last year, the study abroad program

was canceled, regardless of it coming down to the last three slots. In order for the trip to happen, 15 students must be signed up to go. With nine students already signed up, this year's trip is looking hopeful. Valley is generously offering scholarship opportunities for this program to help encourage students to join. When applying online, a page for the LAVC Foundation will appear with an option that states, "I have taken Spanish class." The student will be prompted to write an essay, which will then mark them eligible to earn the scholarship. Informational meetings will be held on March 22, 28 and 31 in Foreign Language 115 for about an hour. There, they will go in detail about how to register, what to expect and any other questions students may have about the trip. To learn more about the program, you can visit www.spanishstudies.org. To enroll, click the "apply now" tab. Applications must be completed no later than April 25.

“Alita,” a thrill with teenage angst

In “Alita: Battle Angel,” the future is cybernetic, sports are lethal, and a teenage heroine battles evil.

MICKIE SHAW
MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

“Alita: Battle Angel” blasts onto the screen like a sexy supernova. It is an intense thrill ride, a marvel of special effects and the protagonists are relatable, sympathetic and easy to like. “Alita” is reminiscent of the dystopian “Blade Runner” and the colorful Marvel superhero movies, but with a cyberpunk twist. Producer and co-writer James Cameron’s (“Avatar,” “Terminator”) latest mega-movie, directed by Robert Rodriguez (“Sin City,” “Spy Kids”), is adapted from the popular 1990s Japanese cyberpunk manga graphic novel, “Gunnm”—created by Yukito Kishiro. Set in a post-apocalyptic Earth 300 years in the future, a great war with Mars called “The Fall” left Earth in ruins. Now the elite live in the sky city of Zalem, ruled by the mysterious Nova; the rest of humanity lives on the surface in the impoverished Iron City.

This big, colorfully done film is first and foremost an action movie, and it delivers. The young butt-kicking cyborg, Alita, voiced by Rosa Salazar, unbeknownst to her, is an elite Mars soldier who survived the Mars-Earth war. Each fight is more exciting and epic than the last, but her greatest battle is with Grewishka (Jackie Earle Haley), a massive cyborg looking to shred Alita into little cyborg pieces. The thrilling fight is brutal; Alita’s “Matrix” like slow-motion acrobatics are mesmerizing and jaw dropping as she nimbly avoids his blows and spiked chains with a shattering fighting style. More than a few drinks are spilled during a bar fight with cybernetic bounty hunters as she wipes out the unsuspecting ruthless killers. The film starts with Alita’s cyborg head and preserved brain rummaged from a gargantuan landfill by the fatherly Dr. Ido (Christoph Waltz). After he replaces her wrecked robotic

body with a new one, the innocent and naive Alita sets out to discover her new world. Alita meets Hugo (Keanu Johnson), who teaches her motorball. The sport is a cross between roller derby and basketball. Later Hugo, Alita’s new boyfriend, will persuade Alita to play professional motorball — a far more deadly and often fatal version of the game. “If it’s extreme action with a sci-fi theme you’re seeking, this popcorn movie will not disappoint.” When Alita discovers a magnificent new combat body in a crashed Mars ship, she becomes super powered — literally. Until now, Alita was a modest-looking teenager in a T-shirt and jeans. Wearing a revealing new

body, she has a curvy figure and enhanced battle boobs — obvious fan service. The innocent doe-eyed teen is ready to get her game on. Professional motorball is a super-charged version of the 70s “Roller Ball” film. The sports arena is massive with hundreds of thousands of screaming fans, and the game is intense, vicious and thrilling as we watch Alita decimate her murderous opponents. The visual effects are ground breaking and succeed in capturing the energy and color of its manga origins. Iron City is a living and breathing city at night and the ending Motorball game is a grand spectacle. However, the CGI-created Alita interacting with live actors never blends well. She looks like an anime character; not real. The multifaceted plot — almost to a fault — has several twists and turns, as well as subplots, that make the film a little scattered storywise. “Alita: Battle Angel” is a



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MOVIE- “Alita” is a visually stunning and action-packed ride.

fun and entertaining movie. If it is extreme action with a sci-fi theme you are seeking, this popcorn movie will not disappoint.

VALLEY’S STARS

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Rated PG-13

Worth the Money

Now Playing

Community college students hurt by bribery scandal

The bribery to get into top schools by the wealthy frustrates transfer students and their accomplished feats.

SAVANNAH SIMMONS
OPINION EDITOR

While students from community colleges work overtime to get accepted into elite schools, the children of wealthy parents waltz right in. Some of the universities involved in the admissions cheating scandal nicknamed, “Operation Varsity Blues” are Harvard, UCLA, and USC. Wealthy parents have been caught paying bribes to get their kids into these prestigious schools under the guise of athletic recruits and faked SAT test scores. “It makes me so mad,” said Melanie Gazazian, a Valley student who is transferring to La Verne in the fall. “It’s especially frustrating because these people have the money to pay for the tutors and the ACT/SAT prep classes to study and get in naturally.” It is no wonder, students are

upset. Imagine working hard to get into renowned school and discovering that people bought their way in; people rich enough to not worry about how they are going to pay tuition but have the audacity to rig the admissions process is a huge slap in the face to students who are coming from different situations that have to work for what they want. Students who work to get where they need and want to be know that there are other kids out there getting things handed to them by their parents, whether it is money for a shopping trip or a new car. There is no surprise there, but the fact that admission to colleges that some students can only dream of going to have been handed to these wealthy kids on top of everything else is defeating. “I have had to sacrifice experiences to pay for college, meanwhile these kids are able to pay for both at the same time.” explained Gazazian passionately

when talking about “Operation Varsity Blues.” The scandal is not morally correct. As the kids whose parents paid their way in get admitted, a spot is taken away from a college hopeful that may have got admitted under normal circumstances. If there were to be a chart of comparison, more students coming from hard working backgrounds would have gotten in over these wealthy ones and the proof is in the faked SAT scores. Self-awareness is something that everyone needs to get a grip on. If the children of these wealthy parents did not want to go to these notable schools, where a lot is asked of them, they should have spoken up. If they did, and their parents forced them to go anyway, the parents need to realize that they are creating a whole other problem for their child. The issue with the status created this scandal because

these wealthy parents and/or their kids wanted to be known as going to USC instead of University of Arizona. To be a student at any school is something to be proud of whether it is at a private university or a state school. The act of getting a higher education is notable in itself. Transferring out of community college is a huge accomplishment and not an easy thing to do. It takes endless hours of studying, meetings with counselors, and money to even submit applications. The kids admitted into these colleges under this scheme take away from all the adversity that transfer students fight through to earn a spot in the college of their dreams. To be honest, the child of a wealthy parent going to a university like USC does not wow anyone, but when a Valley student gets admitted people recognize the gravity of the accomplishment and the congratulations are deserved.



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USC- Colleges face scandal after admission cheating.

U.S. Soccer Federation under fire over pay gap

U.S Women’s National Soccer team sues the soccer federation after gender discrimination.

KIMBERLY LINARES
STAFF WRITER

Before they defend their title at the upcoming World Cup, all 28 players on the United States Women’s National Soccer Team will be taking a stand for an ongoing issue involving unequal pay and gender-based discrimination. On International Women’s Day, a lawsuit against the U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) was filed by the U.S Women’s National Soccer Team in a California court room. This was done under the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, and they are seeking class-action over “institutionalized gender discrimination” toward the team. The players strive for equitable pay and treatment, in addition to damages including pay back. Among the complaints made of wages, the lawsuit notes issues of where and how often the women’s team played, how they train, medical treatment and coaching. The class-action request would allow any player on the team since February 2015 to join the case. A total of 41 complaints were included in the 25-page filing. The USWNT is taking action at the correct time; being able to defend what is not only correct but ethical establishes the simple fact that gender discrimination should not be an issue occurring within society, or sports, specifically. “Despite the fact that these female and male players are called upon to perform the same job responsibilities on their teams and participate in international competitions for their single common employer,

the USSF, the female players have been consistently paid less money than their male counterparts,” the suit says. According to the lawsuit, from 2013 to 2016, a comparison of the WNT and the MNT shows that if each team played 20 friendlies in a year and each of those games is won, female WNT players would earn a maximum of \$99,000 or \$4,590 per game. Meanwhile, male MNT players would earn an average of \$263,320 or \$13,166 per game. “This is true even though their performance has been superior to that of the male players with the female players, in contrast to male players, becoming world champions,” also stated the suit. Women should not have to fight for rights that they are entitled to. It is only fair that the same job performed by both genders get paid the same. Men

should not have better treatment when women are demonstrating their skills on the field. Taking into consideration the WNT performance, they have won three World Cup titles, the most recent being in 2015. The WNT is ranked number one among other women’s soccer teams throughout the world, as opposed to the MNT that didn’t even qualify for the men’s 2018 World Cup. Shouldn’t this be enough to automatically pay the WNT more than the MNT? If women are generating more money for the soccer federation, why doesn’t their income resemble that? This has not been the first time that the USWNT has taken legal action against the federation over a gender pay gap. In 2016, a group of five players, filed a wage discrimination lawsuit with the Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission, stating that in 2015, their wages were four times less than those of the men’s soccer team. This time the lawsuit will actually be remembered because of the day in which it was filed. We believe that fighting for gender equality in sports is a part of that responsibility,” said Alex Morgan, the forward of the team. This time the lawsuit will actually be remembered because of the day in which it was filed. We believe that fighting for gender equality in sports is a part of that responsibility,” said Alex Morgan, the forward of the team. This time the lawsuit will actually be remembered because of the day in which it was filed. We believe that fighting for gender equality in sports is a part of that responsibility,” said Alex Morgan, the forward of the team.

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THE ISSUE

Equality

The WNT players earn around \$99,000 or \$4,590 per game while the MNT earn around \$263,320 or \$13,166, according to the lawsuit filed against the U.S. Soccer Federation on March 8, 2019, also Internation Women’s Day.

The anti-vax movement becomes a global threat

Why parents will not vaccinate their kids and save the lives of everyone around them despite the constant backlash.

ALANA AIMAQ
STAFF WRITER

As the dooming anti-vax movement is bringing back deadly diseases, younger generations are fighting back to save the human population. Allegations linking autism to vaccinations have been proven untrue time and time again, but the movement still trudges on, with anti-vaxxers risking the lives of everyone around them. This top ten global threat of 2019, as deemed by the World Health Organization, is detrimental to society and needs to be stopped. The conclusion that vaccinations do not contribute to autism is not new, and continues to be proven with new studies being released. Annals of Internal Medicine recently released a population study with 657,461 children born between 1999-2010 that got the MMR vaccine in Denmark. The 6,517 kids that were diagnosed with autism during that study already showed a risk of autism due to sibling and family history. This tedious notion causes parents to skip out on vaccinating their kids, which not only puts others at risk for diseases, but also has the potential to bring back diseases that were once eliminated. Now, millennials are taking a stand and getting themselves vaccinated. One example comes from Ethan Lindenberger, an 18-year-old unvaccinated son who went to Reddit to find answers and advice after he found out his mother was against vaccinations, the Washington Post explains. He, like many children, have found information online that debunk what his parent taught him growing up. “It’s important to understand that as I approached high school and began to critically think for myself, I saw that the information in defence of vaccines outweighed the concerns heavily,” stated Lindenberger as he testified before Congress on March 5, 2019. Due to the anti-vaccination movement and people like Ethan’s mother, deadly diseases are becoming worrisome for modern society. Measles, which was eliminated in 2000 according to the Washington Post, has made a vengeful comeback due to the decrease in measles vaccinations. CNN explained the state of emergency Washington’s governor declared in January due to the 17 cases that have emerged in 2019 alone. CNN Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta explains, “Once you start to dip below 95 percent vaccination, you start to lose the herd immunity”. There is no treatment for measles, states the Washington Post, so the only way to eliminate this threat is getting everyone vaccinated.

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Still, with the continuous proof against the link with autism and vaccinations, anti-vaxxers are finding a way to push their agenda through congress. According to CNN, Arizona lawmakers advanced three bills in February that would require doctors to provide information to patients about the harm of vaccines. This law, if passed, would make it easier for parents to exempt their children from state-required vaccinations. Thankfully, large online platforms are taking a stand against this to make sure scrollers are not ill-informed. Amazon has taken down anti-vaccination documentaries from Amazon Prime, according to BuzzFeed news. As of March

1, free streaming of those documentaries are no longer available. Euro News also says Pinterest and YouTube have decided on a zero-tolerance policy for anti-vax content. Pinterest explains that this content is detrimental to public health. “We have strict policies that govern what videos we allow ads to appear on, and videos that promote anti-vaccination content have been and remain a violation of our longstanding harmful or dangerous advertising policy,” YouTube stated. As more and more younger generations take a stand, we can only hope that soon enough, the anti-vaccination movement will come to a complete stop.

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VALLEY VIEW

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE RECENT COLLEGE SCANDAL?

TEXT BY ALANA AIMAQ | PHOTOS BY APET SUKIASYAN



“It’s just messed up. Olivia Jade didn’t even want to study, she just talked about the parties.”
-EMILY BARNETT, ART



“It’s all just privilege.”
-JONATHAN GARCIA, CHILD DEVELOPMENT



“She’s just like everyone else, she should’ve gotten in like everybody else.”
-STEPHANIE MENDOZA, RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT



“It’s absurd. Students work so hard, especially at the community college level, to get into these schools.”
-HEBER GONZALEZ, MARINE BIOLOGY



“That’s a smart tactic.”
- CHRISTIAN KELLY, ART

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4SPORTS

Big bats and high hopes for lady monarchs

Lady Monarchs softball has an above .500 record and looks to make a deep postseason run however there may still be obstacles holding them back.



LADY MONARCHS - Head Coach Venger strategizing with left fielder, Caitlin Pineda, during a pitching change during a recent home victory.

VICENTE VITELA
STAFF WRITER

Currently ranked 15 in the RPI rankings with a 14-5 record, the Lady Monarchs Softball team have a shot at winning it all- at least making a deep play-off push.

On offense, the Monarchs are a team not to be messed with, boasting a .421 on-base percentage, a .496 slugging percentage, and a .332 batting average- this team can definitely hit well. The team currently ranks

sixth in runs (142), sixth in doubles (33), and third in home runs with 13. Though it may seem like the Monarchs love the long ball, over the course of the season, Valley has shown that they will do whatever it takes to get on base, as they rank ninth overall in hits with 170 and third in hit by pitches with 20.

“We’re having better approaches at the plate and were not giving at bats away,” said Head Coach Greg Venger after a win over College of the Desert.

The Monarchs have established themselves as a force in the Western Conference, as they have recorded mercy victories

over rivals Glendale and Mission Colleges. One key contributor to the season has been Hannah Moulton. The ace pitcher, in her second year, has racked up 14 wins so far.

“We’ve done everything to mentally and physically to prepare her for what she is about to go through,” said Venger early in the season about Moulton’s preparation in her second campaign as a Monarch.

In addition to the pitching, the Monarchs get production from a variety of hitters, including a mixture of freshmen and sophomores who offer Valley a well-balanced offensive attack.

“We want everyone to come out hungry and aggressive and ready to produce,” said Assistant coach Andrea Contreras after a game against College of the Canyons.

The Lady Monarchs, however, need to overcome a few hurdles this season if they want to make a run in the playoffs. One problem area for the defense is the number of errors they commit, especially late in games. The defense has allowed 38 errors this season, and against teams like COC or Antelope Valley, which capitalize on mistakes, these mistakes could cost Valley the game.

“We are still inconsistent and I won’t be satisfied until we make a routine play routine,” said Venger when talking about his team’s defense.

One other hurdle this team must overcome is that they do not travel well as three of their five loses so far have come away from home. The team will play 10 of their next 14 games on the road.

“We got to grind out some wins and keep our mental toughness,” said Coach Venger when asked about his team’s upcoming schedule.



PITCHER - Kolby Steeg fires a fast ball on his way to a shut-out inning.



TOP- CATCHER OWEN KLINGER WALKING BACK TO HOME AFTER THROWING OUT A RUNNER. BOTTOM- PITCHER NICK ALFONSO ATTEMPTS TO TAG OUT A RUNNER, STEALING SECOND.

LADY MONARCHS

March 21, Valley will play a home game against Antelope Valley at 2:30 p.m.

March 23, Valley will play an away game against College of the Desert.

MONARCH STATS

Monarch’s baseball currently has a 7-16 overall record.

Lady Monarch’s softball sit with a 15-5 record overall and are currently on a six-game winning streak.

MEN’S BASEBALL

March 21, Valley will play an away game against Pierce.

March 28, Valley will play a home game against Mission at 2:30 p.m.



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