Science and Engineering Fair

The Victor Valley Union High School District Science and Engineering Fair will be held Feb. 3 at the district offices.

The fair is open to all district students in grades 7-12. VVUHSD Educational Services administrators Christine Foote and Carol Cronk are organizing the event, which will be the first district-wide science fair after several years without one.

The projects will be judged Feb. 1. A public event will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 in the VVUHSD board room. Projects can be viewed from 5-6 p.m. in conference rooms A

VVHS teacher honored

Brinegar named one of 10 finalists for CLHS Region 10 Educator of the Year award

Victor Valley High School math teacher Ashley Brinegar was recently named one of the regional Educators of the Year by the California League of High Schools.

Brinegar was named one of the 10 best educators in CLHS Region 10, which includes San Bernardino, Riverside, Inyo and Mono counties. She was one of five finalists from San Bernardino County and the only finalist from the Victor Valley-Barstow area.

Brinegar grew up in the High Desert, graduating from Granite Hills High School and Cal State San Bernardino. She's worked at Victor Valley High for more than seven years now, and Brinegar said she's stayed in the area because of her family ties and because it's "always been home."
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• Victor Valley and Silverado players are among those named to the High Desert Senior All-Star Football Game: http://www.vvdailypress.com/sports/20170119/area-roundup-1-19-17-all-star-high-school-football-rosters-released


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VIDEO GAME DESIGN

Vote for VVHS in game contest!

Denise Roderick’s video game design students at Victor Valley High have entered several of their games into a national video game competition, and you can help them win!

VVHS submitted seven games to the Got Game competition, which is open to students in 5th through 12th grades. Four of the seven games made it to the top 10! The top four out of those 10 will win prizes — and that’s where you can help. One of the prizes is for “People’s Choice” and will be determined by votes.

If you’d like to support these talented students, visit http://arcade.stemfuse.com/got-game-entries and vote for one of the following games by clicking the “thumbs up” symbol:

• “Elysium” submitted by Travis Pegenia (Team Lead), Miguel Molina, Jade Marshall, and Screaminghawk Pepper
• “Zombie Run” submitted by Clarence Key (Team Lead), Jonathan Lopez, and T.J. Williams
• “Heist” submitted by Eric Lamar (Team Lead), Jonathan Andrade, and Chris Henry
• “Exclusive Dating Sim” submitted by Spencer Tsao (Team Lead), Elijio Andrade-Jimenez, Matthew McGill, and Adrian Shepherd

The site also allows you to play the games, but be careful — all of them are extremely fun and addictive! Winners will be announced on Friday, Jan. 27, so be sure to vote by Thursday.

A screenshot of the video game Elysium, built by Travis Pegenia, Miguel Molina, Jade Marshall and Screaminghawk Pepper of Victor Valley High School. The game is one of four that made the finals of the Got Game video game competition, and district personnel can visit http://arcade.stemfuse.com/got-game-entries to vote for the games and help the students win prizes.
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Noah Padilla

Noah Padilla, a senior at Victor Valley High School, has been named the Victor Valley Union High School District Student of the Month.

Noah is an AVID student with an overall GPA of 3.9. VVHS Principal Nancy Noyer said he "has an amazing attitude, he is well-liked by his peers and staff, and he is an excellent role model for underclassmen."

Noah is also a standout wrestler who recently captured his 100th high school victory and was named the MVP at Shark Tank. He came in first in his weight class (106 pounds) at the Dick Comly Wrestling Tournament. He is ranked 13th in the state.

Coach C.T. Campbell said Noah has been a team leader from the start. The senior is a four-year varsity wrestler and a three-year team captain who’s been a part of two CIF titles and four league titles. Noah said he plans to study kinesiology in college with the aim of becoming a wrestling coach, but he hasn’t settled on a college yet.

HOOK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER HOSTS GRAND OPENING EVENTS: The Hook Junior High School Family Engagement Center hosted two grand opening events on Wednesday in Room P10 of the Hook campus. For more information, contact Hook’s new Family Engagement Liaison, Elizabeth Harbour, at 760-995-3360 ext. 43119 or eharbour@vvuhsd.org. Pictured, from left to right: Probation Officer Jaimi Ulibarri, Hook Counselor Kristina Kamiyama, Silverado Family Engagement Liaison Nakia Wilson, Hook Counselor Kristina Madrigal, Denaye Manning (whose nephew is a Hook student), Harbour and Hook Principal Carlos Cerna.

CIMS

Student honored at MLK march

Cobalt Institute of Math and Science student Diego LeComte won the city of Victorville’s annual Civil Rights Essay Contest and was recognized at the city’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day event on Jan. 16.

A portion of LeComte’s winning essay about civil rights leader Frederick Douglass is now displayed on a bronze plaque at the City’s Civil Rights Memorial.

LeComte (pictured holding his essay) won the contest when he was a sixth-grader in the Victor Elementary School District last year.
Cobalt Institute of Math and Science welcomed the community to its National History Day Showcase on Jan 19. Students were recognized for their digital and non-digital history projects, with the winners moving on to the county competition. CIMS social studies teacher Angela Powers organized the event, which was attended by county Superintendent Ted Alejandre and other dignitaries.

Chinese university students hosted by VVUHSD employees toured the district offices and Victor Valley High School this week. Pictured with the students are district employees Jennifer Tuttle (left), Vickie Ludolph (center) and Salina Gregg (second from right). The students came from three different universities in China, according to coordinator Nick Tuttle (second from left).
The San Bernardino County Education Medal of Honor is seeking nominations for this year’s awards that recognize outstanding contributions to public education by volunteers, business/government partners, educators and alumni. The deadline for entries is Feb. 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Nominations for the 26th annual Education Medal of Honor can be made in six categories: Volunteer in Action/Community Volunteer; Volunteer in Action/Service Group; Partners in Education/Small Business or Franchise; Partners in Education/Corporation or Government Agency; Excellence in Education/Education Professional; and Excellence in Education/Student Alumni.

Criteria for nominations should focus on ways in which an individual or organization made an impact or lasting contribution, served as a positive role model and created an awareness and support for education in the community.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the County Schools’ website at http://www.sbccs.k12.ca.us/index.php/superintendent/communications/medal-of-honor or you can contact Kris Reilly at kreilly@vvuhsd.org or 760-955-3201 ext. 10274 for a copy of the forms and more information.

VVHS STUDENT EARNS AWARD AT MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION: Victor Valley senior Michelle Mejia, left, shows off the second-place plaque she won at the county’s highly competitive Mock Trial competition for her courtroom drawing, held up by VVHS history and AVID teacher Sarah Hatchell, right. Hatchell, a Mock Trial advisor, said she was “always looking for an artist” and happened to catch Michelle doodling in class one day when she finished her work early. Michelle agreed to compete in Mock Trial, where artists have a limited amount of time to complete their depiction of the courtroom happenings. Michelle has applied to several universities, including Princeton.

THE WOODS ARE LOVELY, DARK AND DEEP: Lakeview Leadership Academy art and English teacher Kathleen Montague-Hanson recently asked her students to paint pictures inspired by the famous Robert Frost poem “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening,” and she was impressed by the how well the students captured the poem’s wintry imagery.
VVHS Principal Nancy Noyer nominated Brinegar for the honor and was on hand as Brinegar delivered a speech and accepted her award at the event in Ontario on Jan. 13.

“I wanted to be a teacher from the age of 5, and I truly believe it is what I was put on this earth to do” Brinegar told the audience. “Every day I get to make a difference in the way my students view math, their abilities and themselves.”

She was cheered on by a large contingent of family, friends and Victor Valley Union High School District personnel, including board members Jose Berrios and Penny Edmiston, and Superintendent Dr. Ron Williams, who helped emcee the event.

The University Prep Chamber Orchestra provided entertainment, and the Victor Valley High School Junior ROTC performed color guard duties. VVUHSD officials co-organized the awards dinner with officials from the Riverside County Office of Education and the Chino Valley Unified School District.

Shonda Burrus of Vista Murietta High School was named the Educator of the Year for Region 10 and will move on to the CLHS state conference in Sacramento next month for a chance at the state award.

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and B, with an awards ceremony from 6-6:30 p.m. in the board room.

The winners will move on to the SIM Science and Engineering Fair, which includes entrants from San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono counties.

The SIM event will be held April 4 at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, with an awards ceremony the next day at the National Orange Show Valencia Room in San Bernardino.