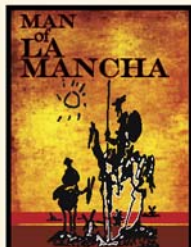


## Last Weekend!

8:00 p.m. March 26 & 27  
2:00 p.m. March 28  
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Box Office: 259-8077



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## Napa Valley College awarded funding for Business Entrepreneurial Center



Beth Pratt

BY BETH PRATT

(From *Napa Valley Register* column)

This past year Napa Valley College Small Business Development Center, SBDC, has been hit hard by state-wide budget cuts and funding from the Economic

Workforce Development Division of the Chancellor's Office. Despite the 60% cuts, the SBDC has still managed to provide quality services to our local businesses and entrepreneurs. I'm grateful to the staff and Business

Advisors at the SBDC and our local partners for helping us to maintain quality training and advising for our local businesses, with less funds and resources.

Now there is light at the end of the tunnel. Napa Valley College collaborated with local and regional businesses, government and education partners to seize a new source of funding for our local small businesses and entrepreneurs. It was just announced that Napa Valley College was one of only seven colleges statewide to be awarded funding for a future Business Entrepreneurial Center.

The North Bay Business Entrepreneurial

Center (BEC) will serve the needs and be a resource for Napa and regional small businesses and entrepreneurs. The program will be hosted by Napa Valley College and work closely with the existing Small Business Development Center in Napa Valley and centers at Santa Rosa and Solano Community Colleges.

The North Bay BEC will serve four major missions. The first mission is to partner with the colleges' Tech Prep Consortiums and County Offices of Education to further develop business and entrepreneurial business

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## 'March in March'

BY VANESSA WALKER

On Monday, March 22nd, students, staff, and faculty of the K-12 system, community colleges and 4-year institutions across California took a bus ride to Sacramento and



Photo by Vanessa Walker

Signs were made by the Napa Valley College chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), an NVC club, in preparation for the March 22 march on the capitol in Sacramento.

marched to the steps of the Capital building in the name of education.

One of the aims of the demonstration was to express to law makers how negatively effected education in California has been by recent budget cuts. "We merged forces with the region to demonstrate something powerful," said student and march attendee James Holliday.

Also in attendance was student Stephen Otico. "I did it because education is a priority." Otico also thinks that if funds must be cut within our state's budget, education should be cut last.

Student Alex Shantz is concerned with how much the recent budget cuts have impacted NVC. "Fifty percent of summer school sections have been cut already," says Shantz. Students may not be able to finish their education in a timely manner, because of the absence of certain needed classes.

Even though this demonstration has many supporters, the journey is far from over. "I hope that this demonstration starts a movement," says Holliday. He also hopes that in the coming weeks after this march, students will feel even more empowered to fight for their education. He encourages students to "go forth with demands, take it all the way to the governor's office, be involved and be proactive."



A bus load of NVC students and staff head out for Sacramento on Monday.



## Registration still open for Latino Youth Leadership Conference

Efren Carrillo, a member of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, will be a keynote speaker for the 26th annual Latino Youth Leadership Conference at Napa Valley College. According to a recent story in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat, he is the county's first Latino supervisor. The son of immigrants, he is 28 years old.

The event, which is free, will be Saturday, March 27 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Napa campus. It is sponsored by Napa Valley College EOPS, NVC's Educational Talent Search and Napa County Migrant Education.

There will also be a resource fair in the early morning part of the conference, where there will be information tables from various service agencies in Napa County.

All middle school students and high school students are invited and some 100 to 150 are expected to attend. Registration has been extended to the date of the conference. Call 707-253-3034 for registration or more information. The event will also include lunch and music.

## Napa Valley College students honored as "All-California" winners

Two Napa Valley College students have been honored by being named to the All-California Academic First Team, the top community college students in the state. The students were honored by the California Community College League at the capitol in Sacramento on March 22 for their academic and community achievements and may be eligible for national awards.

Peter A. (Tony) Zitko is a 48 year old contractor and fire system protection specialist, married 27 years, who has two daughters also enrolled in college. College honors have included a 4.0 GPA and admission to Phi Theta Kappa. Zitko is currently working on a second associate's degree in Math and Natural Science and a bachelor's degree in Political Science and he also has taught martial arts since 1977, he also enjoys reading, travel and various sports.



August Anderson



Tony Zitko

August Anderson has attended Napa Valley College since 2004, when he enrolled as a high school student. He has been on the President's Honor List since 2005, when he also joined Phi Theta Kappa. He serves his community through volunteering on his church's worship team, at Clinic Ole health clinics for farm workers, and in the ER of Queen of the Valley Medical Center, as well as through Phi Theta Kappa service projects. He works as a math tutor and enjoys playing volleyball.

Anderson plans to transfer in the fall to the University of California, San Diego to major in Human Biology and Linguistics. Afterwards, he wants to do research, then go to medical school.

Prof. Cathy Gillis and Prof. Walt Unti, honor society advisors, attended the luncheon in Sacramento.

## Top 5 Places to Check Out Around UC Davis

1,000  
*Parachutes*



BY VANESSA WALKER

On March 12, I, along with several other NVC students, had the opportunity to attend the UC Davis transfer day, "Discover UC Davis." Students were able to hear from university representatives and a panel of students. We also

learned more about majors offered and financial aid. After the presentation, visiting students were provided with lunch, and had the option of taking a guided tour of the campus.

In short, UC Davis is an amazing campus. It is the largest campus in the UC system. It also appeared to be one of the busiest UC campuses as well! The streets were filled with bicycle rid-

ers, as well as the occasional bus. I was disappointed that I was not able to check out the entire campus, but what I experienced was very informative and enjoyable. If you are considering visiting UC Davis, here are some places to check out.

**The Shields Library** – There are many rooms and floors in this university library. There are a total of 5 levels, and 32,000 active serials according to the library's website.

**UC Davis Bookstore** – Located in the Memorial Union Complex, the bookstore consists of a spacious ground level filled with sweaters, mugs, books, a make-up counter, school supplies and other UC Davis paraphernalia. The bottom floor is complete with shelves upon shelves of textbooks.

**A dining hall** – Let's be honest here. A school goes from being good to

great if the cafeteria food is not only delicious, but has many options too. The menus change by the day, but students can enjoy an assortment of vegan and vegetarian food, a salad bar, hamburgers and fries, tacos, quesadillas, soups, deserts, and everything in between.

**A lecture hall** – If you've enjoyed a 90s' teen movie in the past, you can anticipate what some of their "classrooms" look like. Some lecture halls are gigantic, and can seat more than 100 students at a time.

**Burgers and Brew Restaurant** – A popular restaurant located less than a mile away from campus. It is described as "one of the best burger places in Davis" by several students.

(Editor's Note: Visit the NVC Transfer Center located in the back of the Library for more information and transfer resources.)

*The*  
**Rundown**



BY MATT RIOS

There are many books out there, almost too many. For some, it makes for a confusing atmosphere when shopping for a good read. It's hard to know what books are good. If you're like me you spend a good hour in the bookstore trying to find just the right book. Also, if you're like me you find yourself drawn mostly to the science-fiction and fantasy section more often than to classical literature. There's just

something about the wild characters and vibrant environments that makes for a much more interesting read than the staid settings and situations of classical literature. With this in mind, here are a few books you might like to read next:

**'Gardens of the Moon' by Steven Erickson**

This novel is the opening salvo in Erickson's epic fantasy series "The

Malazan Book of the Fallen," which has been called "...The high watermark for epic fantasy" by author Glen Cook, who wrote "The Black Company," another critically acclaimed work of epic fantasy. If you're looking for a book with action and intrigue, you'll find "Gardens of the Moon" filled with both. It is also one of my favorite novels for several

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# Netbook pros and cons

## Student Corner



BY BRANDON PERRY

Are you thinking about getting a netbook? Those miniature laptops that sport small screens and excellent portability may have many of you lining up at the door of your nearest electronic store to get one but, like any big ticket purchase, you have to do your research! As college students, we have to keep our expenses low, and having an inexpensive and easy to carry around computer to do work in between classes is a nice advantage. Here are a few key points to consider:

The average netbook is priced in the \$299 range. For the most part, they all function the same – you can use it to write word documents and surf the net with relative ease. Standard definition video can also be streamed via YouTube or Hulu as well. Most netbook screens are around 10 inches, making them extremely easy to slip in your purse or bag to carry on the go! Have you ever wanted to take your regular laptop to class to take notes but it was too big to lug around? A netbook might be just for you. They also have a generous amount of hard drive space, starting

### Shopping results for netbook

ASUS Eee PC 1005HA Seashell - \$297 new 83 stores	HP Mini 311-1000NR - Atom 1.6 GHz - 11.6" - \$395 new 73 stores	ASUS Eee PC T91 - Atom - 1.6 GHz - 8.9" - \$320 new 84 stores	ASUS Eee PC T91 - Atom - 8.9" - 1 GB - \$420 new 153 stores	ASUS Eee PC 1005HA Seashell - \$261 new 108 stores

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at 160GB on average.

Netbooks aren't without their downsides. In exchange for being very lightweight, they do not have CD drives, so the only way to transfer files is through an usb jumpdrive or email. Intense applications like video editing or gaming will either stutter or simply not work very well. Your choices of operating systems are limited to Windows 7 Starter (a stripped down version with many features missing), and the older Windows XP. However, for a nominal fee, users can upgrade to Windows 7 Home Premium, but that drives up the cost to own it, and the purpose of a netbook is to minimize spending. The biggest deal breaker could be the screen size, because they may be too small for older users to work with.

The big thing to remember with netbooks is that they should be considered companions to your main machines, be it a desktop computer or a large laptop. Although they're not meant to do everything, netbooks excel in basic tasks that everyone does on a daily basis, and for much cheaper than a laptop or a Macbook.

Most classrooms utilize overhead projection screens for PowerPoints or showing movies. For Video Game Club President Alex Bryant, he uses them to blast away his opponents in Halo 3. If you haven't heard about the Video Game Club, it's held on Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. in Room 1637. With around seven members, the club is anxious to expand to many more.

"[Video Game Club] is a place where you can relax, unwind, and play games with your friends," says Jonie

## Video Game Club

### Hit Points by Brandon Perry

Delfin, club member. Popular games like "Halo 3," "Super Smash Bros.," and "Soul Calibur 4" are always being played. Aside from games, the club is also a general place to just hang out and converse. Although playing games is what the club is about, Delfin goes on to say that just being with other club members "feels like being with family."

If you were around here during the Spring 2009 semester, you might have seen VG Club put on a successful "Street Fighter 4" tournament in the cafeteria, which amassed 15 participants. Between study sessions and tough classes, there's nothing more enjoyable than taking a break to play a few games with other students.

In the future, the club plans to put on another game tournament, and the sky is

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## Cash for College winner



Photo by Betty Malmgren

Napa Valley College's Financial Aid/EOPS staff members work very hard bringing information on the many types of financial aid to students. The popular Cash for College events are well attended. Participants enter into a drawing for prizes, including a regional drawing for a laptop computer. The winner this year was Jessica Alden, a senior at Benicia High School. She is pictured above, with Dean Jill Schrutz, Bob Lortz, and her mother Pam Alden, at right. Jessica has been accepted at UC Irvine but hopes to attend the University of Oregon, says Bob Lortz.

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## Calendar

### Mini Job Fairs

This year there will be two spring Mini Job Fairs scheduled on April 7 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the NVC Quad. The April 7 event will have a health career focus. Some of the employers attending April 7 are Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, US Army, National Guard, Sonoma Developmental Center, Napa State Hospital, Queen of the Valley, Solano Kaiser, Sutter and more. For more information call the Career Center at (707) 253-3050. The events are free and open to the community.

## March is National Women's History Month

March, National Women's History Month, is being celebrated at Napa Valley College. There is a display in the college library. A Women's History Month Resource Fair will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 23 in the Quad. The *Vagina Monologues* and poetry reading will be featured in the cafeteria at 3 p.m. March 24, and a final presentation on March 25 will be a Women in Film night at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Events are free and open to the public. As details on the events become available (there may be changes or additions) they will be posted on the campus web calendar at [www.napavalley.edu](http://www.napavalley.edu). Events are sponsored by ASNVC, Umoja, the Community Relations Office and Library staff.

### Fight for Your Rights!

In conjunction with Women's History Month

activities, a film will be shown at Napa Valley College on the topic of human trafficking. In cooperation with Amnesty International Napa Valley College, World Hunger Federation, and [Humantrafficking.org](http://Humantrafficking.org) the film *Human Trafficking* will be shown on March 24 in the college cafeteria.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with the program starting at 5:30 p.m.

Mira Sorvino plays Kate, a Russian-born ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agent out to break up a ring that traffics women and children across international borders. Guest speakers will discuss the rights of women and women's impact on our history.

Admission is three cans of food for the Napa Food Bank. For more information, contact Audrey Garza at [audreyL\\_garza@yahoo.com](mailto:audreyL_garza@yahoo.com) or call (707) 652-4913.

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other reasons, including the acerbic humor and fully realized characters that are present from beginning to end.

The book itself weaves through multiple plotlines seamlessly, from a noble-born soldier who finds himself embroiled in the machinations of a power-mad Malazan Empire, to the fight for the survival of a battered squad of elite soldiers that has seen one too many battles in service of the bloodlust of the Empress, and all this while powerful ascendants, ancient men and women whose magical prowess has bestowed upon them the status of near or sometimes actual godhood, pursue their own agendas that don't mean anything good for the lowly servants of the Empire.

#### 'The Braided World' by Kay Kenyon

*The Braided World* is actually the first book I've read by this author; I came across it after I had finished reading all the installments of the popular series I've found over the years, and I'm glad I did. The story follows the crew of a survey

ship, who to save earth from a plague, set off on a mission to discover the origins of a mysterious signal emanating from deep space, a signal promising salvation from what could be the death of the human race. With eloquence Kenyon paints a portrait of an alien civilization, strikingly similar to early humanity, yet almost completely alien to it at the same time.

This book is by far one of my top ten favorite science-fiction novels, primarily because it flows smoothly and keeps providing the reader with a constant sense of grandeur. If you like science fiction, are a fan of anthropology, or if you just like imagining a beautiful world filled with tranquil rivers and colorfully verdant jungles populated with strange plants and animals, then this book is a must-read for you.

#### 'Rainbow Six' by Tom Clancy

This was actually the first novel I picked up, and it's the one that started what became a love affair with books that has lasted a decade. The story is about an elite, multinational counter-terrorism unit known as Team Rainbow. Led by a man named John Clark, whose codename is

Rainbow Six, it is Team Rainbow's job to deal with dangerous situations to achieve objectives that S.W.A.T. teams around the world would think twice about attempting.

This may be what some would consider a long book, but with nonstop action, and a nail-biting thread of mystery, Clancy manages to keep the reader interested long enough to get from one end of the extremely long chapter to the other, and want to keep reading. It's written in a way that makes it easy to understand and gives the reader plenty of good imagery to help imagine people and places and, at times, enough action to get your heart pumping like you're in the middle of a firefight yourself. For any fans of action, or military fiction, this is a must read.

All of these novels are good examples of the strong writing going on in the genre, with special attention to detail and characters that come alive as you read. All these novels truly are fine works of literature, and if your taste is more towards the action and excitement of science-fiction and fantasy, then reading any one of these will be worth your time and money.

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career pathways and articulation from high school to college. The funds will allow us to continue to provide our award winning Business Boot Camp and annual Business Plan Competition for young entrepreneurs.

The second goal is to work closely with NVC and other regional colleges' Career Technical Education programs and disseminate entrepreneurial and business curriculum within specific CTE programs including business, digital arts, sustainable agriculture, child care, construction management, and hospitality management.

The North Bay BEC will continue to partner with our local and regional Workforce Investment Boards to help support under-employed and unemployed workers who are re-training for self-employed careers and will need business management and entrepreneurial training in addition to job skill training.

Finally, our BEC will continue to support our local businesses with our partners by providing access to capital, training and the necessary skills for business growth and retention.

For more information on the North Bay Business Entrepreneurial Center please contact Beth Pratt at [ebpratt@napavalley.edu](mailto:ebpratt@napavalley.edu).

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the limit for anything beyond that. If you like playing video games and want to get together with others who share the same interest, Video Game Club is definitely worth checking out. Club member Jorelle Lamagna admits that "video games will get old at one point," but if that time hasn't come for you and the arcades in the cafeteria leave something to be desired, do yourself a favor and attend.

(Note: For expanded information, head over to [9999hitpoints.wordpress.com](http://9999hitpoints.wordpress.com).)