



# ACCESS TO SUCCESS

## **ACCESS OFFICE HOURS** **SUMMER SEMESTER** **Room C1-117**

**Mon-Thurs 10 AM to 3 PM**  
**Fri CLOSED**

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## **July 2011**

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## **New ATMs in Lobby for Use with Higher One Cards**

Some of you may have noticed the **2 new ATMs installed in the lobby area of the Main Building by the Welcome Center**. These machines will provide students access to refunds due from their student account and replace the more-costly and less-efficient manual production and mailing of checks.

ATMs only provide cash back if:

- The student has activated their WVMCCD card through the Higher One website (<https://mywvmccdcard.higheroneaccount.com>) Instructions were provided to the students with their new cards.
- Refund processes must be run to "load" the card with money to withdraw. In other words, you can't take money out if there is no money available to take out.

If the student selected another option other than loading their card, the refund will either:

- Be transferred immediately to the students personal banking account as an ACH transaction OR
- Have a manual check produced by Higher One which can take up to 21 days



Some students may report to Admissions & Records if a card was never received – for a limited period of time (an amnesty period) a card may be replaced without charge. Once the amnesty is past, a replacement card fee may be assessed. **Students should be continuously advised to update their mailing and e-mail addresses to prevent missed information.**

ALL students have the potential of receiving refunds, not just financial aid students. Therefore, **students are encouraged to either activate their card or select another option even if they do not currently expect a refund** – if a replacement card mailing is needed, a replacement fee may be assessed at that time.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for supporting this new process!

--Rita Grogan, Director of Student Enrollment and Financial Services

## **Winter 2012 Admission Application Process for CSUs**

The initial application-filing period of admission for the Winter 2012 term begins on June 1, 2011. However, because the California Governor and the Legislature have not yet adopted a final budget, the California State University (CSU) does not know how many students it can admit. While each campus will process your application conditionally, no offer of admission will be sent until the CSU knows more about the budget, including funding to support an increase in CSU's enrollment.

Once a budget is adopted, each CSU campus to which you apply will notify you about your options: 1) if the budget provides funding to increase CSU enrollment, each campus will finalize its review of your admission eligibility for the Winter 2012 term; and 2) if the budget does not provide additional funding to increase CSU's enrollment, you will have the option either of (a) requesting that your admission application be changed from Winter 2012 to the Fall 2012 term, or (b) requesting that your admission application be withdrawn and the application fee be refunded.

## FDA Unveils Final Cigarette Warning Labels

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) unveiled the nine graphic health warnings required to appear on every pack of cigarettes sold in the United States and in every cigarette advertisement. This measure will help prevent children from smoking, encourage adults who do to quit, and ensure every American understands the dangers of smoking.

The warnings represent the most significant changes to cigarette labels in more than 25 years and will affect everything from packaging to advertisements and are required to be placed on all cigarette packs, cartons and ads no later than September 2012. Each warning is accompanied by a smoking cessation phone number, 1-800-QUIT-NOW, which will allow it to be seen at the time it is most relevant to smokers, increasing the likelihood that smokers who want to quit will be successful.

To see the new graphic cigarette warning labels, please visit [www.fda.gov/cigarettewarnings](http://www.fda.gov/cigarettewarnings).

## Smoking Cessation Help at Mission College

Please also know that free nicotine replacement therapy (NRT gum and patches) is available in the Mission College Student Health Services for a limited time (made possible by a grant from Breathe California). Smoking cessation counseling and NRT products are for currently-enrolled students.

### Mission College Tutoring Center

#### Summer tutoring hours:

Monday ~ Thursday  
11:00am to 4:00pm  
June 13 through July 21

#### Tutoring available in:

Basic Skills in Writing and Reading  
Study Skills  
Computational Skills  
ESL



#### Services:

One-on-One Tutoring  
(appointments and drop-ins)

Group tutoring (home work help hours)  
ESL Conversation Groups

#### Location:

Room TC-2, on the second floor  
of the Campus Center building  
above the bookstore  
(408) 855-5371

### Online Freebies for Children

Five fun (and free) websites  
where children will keep busy  
... and learn



You provide plenty of TLC when watching the children, but sometimes you need some R&R. To get it, keep elementary school-age kids and younger occupied with these fun mind- and skills-building online freebies:

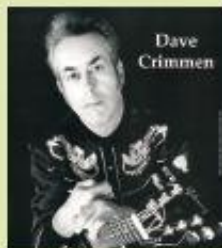
- The [Smithsonian's kid site](#) has activity sheets about zebras, squid, chocolate and other topics.
- [TheKidzPage.com](#) offers nifty drag-and-place jigsaw puzzles and educational games. Be prepared for 5,000 pages of activities.
- The [EPA Student Center](#) provides entertaining schooling on the environment (and useful homework help).
- [HappinessisaHorse.com](#) teaches users how to draw a horse's head, among other challenges.
- [Free Stuff 4 Kids](#) has lots of categories — teachables, makeables, eatables, orderables, winnables and other 'bles" that will keep your charges busy for hours.

To find other online or printable activities, including scads of coloring books, type Kids Learning Freebies (no quotes) into a search engine.

# Concerts in the Park Summer 2011



Central Park Pavilion  
909 Kiely Blvd.



Dave Crimmen  
June 22

Wednesday Evenings  
6:30 - 8 p.m.



Mission City Opera  
June 29



Sparkletones  
July 6



Mission College Symphony  
July 17

Sunday Afternoons  
2:30 - 4 p.m.



Harry Best & Shabang!  
July 31



Cool Under Pressure  
August 7



Sidesaddle & Co.  
July 24



The Lyratones  
August 21



The 357's  
August 14

## Free Admission & Parking

For more info, call (408) 615-2210  
or visit [www.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.santaclaraca.gov)

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## Anonymous Tips Regarding Criminal Activity

I wanted to let everyone know about a new safety reporting service that the District recently implemented for both Colleges. The service is called **TipNow** and it allows anyone to send anonymous tips about criminal activity, suspicious circumstances or safety issues to the campus police via a secure text based system. This is accomplished by using one of the **TipNow** links or phone numbers assigned to each campus (See below). More information about the service can be seen at: [www.resilience.com](http://www.resilience.com).



### Mission College

Tip address: [mission@tipnow.com](mailto:mission@tipnow.com)

Anonymous voice mail: 408-550-7982

### West Valley College

Tip address: [westvalley@tipnow.com](mailto:westvalley@tipnow.com)

Anonymous voice mail: 408-414-7908

In the near future, we will be displaying **TipNow** posters around each campus to let students know about this service. Let me know if you have questions.

--Chris Rolen, Acting Chief of Police, West Valley-Mission CCD

## New Medical Spanish Website

A new website helps Spanish-speaking patients communicate more effectively with their medical providers. *Conozca las preguntas* (Know the questions), a new Spanish-language website of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) located at [www.ahrq.gov/preguntas](http://www.ahrq.gov/preguntas), offers Spanish-speaking patients tips to improve their communication with their medical providers.

AHRQ data show that the proportion of Hispanics reporting poor communication with their providers is widening.

The website also features downloadable public service announcements (PSAs) from AHRQ's nationwide campaign with the Ad Council.

A special website for mobile phone users is also available at <http://4in.fo/Y9SAwg>, and those interested in receiving biweekly tips on talking with their doctors can get them by texting 80676/Preguntas.

For a free, continuous-loop DVD of the public service ads, *Abre la boca* (Open your mouth), for waiting room showing, as well as free supplies of *Conoce usted cuales son las preguntas correctas que debe hacer?* (Do You Know the Right Questions to Ask?), a bilingual card with 10 key questions patients may want to ask their medical providers, contact [bob.isquith@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:bob.isquith@ahrq.hhs.gov).

## Websites for Free Audiobooks

### Find classic works read by volunteers

Get audiobooks for free from [LibriVox.org](http://LibriVox.org), a worldwide digital library with more than 4,000 unabridged classics in the public domain, from *Great Expectations* to *The Return of the Native*, plus drama and poetry.

Read by volunteers (you can be one, too), they can be played on your computer, MP3 player, cellphone or, burned to a CD, your car stereo. Free audiobooks are also available through [literalsystems.org](http://literalsystems.org) and [audiobooksforfree.com](http://audiobooksforfree.com).

--Joan Rattner Heilman writes about health and consumer issues.



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| <i>Sun</i>  | <i>Mon</i>                                      | <i>Tue</i>                             | <i>Wed</i>  | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
|---|---|--|---|------------|------------|------------|
| 3   | 4<br>Independence Day Holiday,<br>Campus Closed | 5                                      | 6<br>6:30pm Free concert:<br>Santa Clara Central Park | 7          | 8          | 9          |
| 10  | 11  | 12                                     | 13  | 14         | 15         | 16         |
| 17<br>2:30pm Free concert: Santa Clara Central Park | 18  | 19                                     | 20  | 21         | 22         | 23         |
| 24<br>2:30pm Free concert: Santa Clara Central Park | 25  | 26                                     | 27  | 28         | 29         | 30         |
| 31<br>2:30pm Free concert: Santa Clara Central Park | <b>AUGUST</b>                                   |  | 3   | 4          | 5          | 6          |
| 7<br>2:30pm Free concert: Santa Clara Central Park  | 1   | 2                                      | 8   | 9          | 10         | 11         |
| 14<br>2:30pm Free concert: Santa Clara Central Park | 12  | 13                                     | 15  | 16         | 17         | 18         |
| 21<br>2:30pm Free concert: Santa Clara Central Park | 19  | 20                                     | 22  | 23         | 24         | 25         |
| 28  | 26  | 27<br>Fall 2011 Saturday classes begin | 29<br>Fall 2011 classes begin                         | 30         | 31         |            |

# Have a great summer!