

IN BRIEF

MAY 1: MUSIC IN THE PARK

IN THE AUDITORIUM FROM 7 AM – 11 PM ON SATURDAY.

APRIL 26-30: CHEER & SONG CLINICS

WANT TO BE ON NEXT SCHOOL YEAR'S CHEER & SONG TEAM? LEARN MORE ALL ABOUT IT AT THESE CLINICS. LOCATED IN THE CAFETERIA AND ROOM 302 FROM 3:45 PM – 6:00 PM.

APRIL 29: DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR NIGHT

A NIGHT OF HONORING VALENCIA'S TOP SCHOLARS. IT WILL BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM, FROM 6 PM – 8 PM.

APRIL 27-30: STAR TESTING

PREPARE FOR A WEEK OF STAR TESTING. EAT A HEALTHY BREAKFAST; DON'T FOCUS ON ONE QUESTION FOR A LONG TIME, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY: TRY YOUR BEST!

MAY 3-7: STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR VALENCIA'S STAFF MEMBERS. WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THIS SCHOOL!

MAY 8: PROM NIGHT

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "RED CARPET EVENT." IT IS LOCATED AT THE PHOENIX CLUB IN ANAHEIM, AND WILL BE FROM 8 PM – 12 AM.

MAY 10: DANCE SHOW REHEARSALS

IN THE AUDITORIUM FROM 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM.

MAY 13: MUSIC FESTIVAL NIGHT

A NIGHT FILLED WITH WONDERFUL MUSIC.

MAY 14: KRAEMER ASSEMBLY

7 AM – 12 PM IN THE NEW GYM.

MAY 14: SPRING DANCE SHOW

ENJOY A NIGHT OF DANCE PERFORMANCES BY VALENCIA'S DANCE TEAMS. LOCATED IN THE AUDITORIUM FROM 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM.

MAY 24: SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

HONORING THE HIGHEST ACHIEVING SENIORS AT VALENCIA.

MAY 25: FILM FESTIVAL

SHOWCASING ALL THE FILM FESTIVAL WINNERS, IN THE AUDITORIUM AT 7 PM.

PROM: RED CARPET AFFAIR

By: Wan Po
Reporter

We often see stars and celebrities on the high television screen. Secretly, we all have an admiration for those shiny and brilliant outfits. And now, all your dreams, fantasies about the Hollywood are going to come true on May 8th. Red Carpet affair, the latest theme for this year's prom is actually here. I am sure that many of you have already seen and heard about it during the Prom Expo. last week. The dance is going to be in Phoenix Club, and it will assure you that your junior and senior prom to be sensational and glamorous and enchanting. The desire to be walking on, of course, the Red Carpet would come true for the students in Valencia. Boys,

imagine yourself slow dancing with you beautiful date in the ball room with the atmosphere of the red Carpet, feeling like celebrities on the television. Windsor Company and Friar Tux Shop are your perfect choices to get just the most flawless clothes. Most of the Valencia students have heard about these two companies through Prom Expo., and the closest locations



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are in the Block and Brea Mall. Every year, prom and all kinds of other dances require students to obey absolute all the rules and dress codes, with some teachers proctoring the dances. Simply, important rules such as no overly exposing clothing, inappropriate dancing, or foul language is permitted are going to be fully enforced. But most essentially, dear fellow students please do anything to be safe! More information about all restrictions is available in the office and from the ASB staffs. Don't forget: Prom tickets have already been on sale for awhile! And the price is changing everyday and is posted in the activity office. Be sure to have safe Prom Night.

SCHOLARSHIPS

By: Isabel Hsu
Editor

For many soon-to-be Valencia graduates, college is the next step in their educational endeavors. One main issue that faces many college-bound students is the rising cost of tuition and other expenses. Fortunately, there are many scholarships available to help students expand their opportunities.

The two main types of scholarships are need-based scholarships, and merit-based scholarships. Need-based scholarships are granted on the basis of family income. Merit-based scholarships are based on academic performance or skill in a particular area that relates to the college major one applies to.

There are also several categories that scholarships can fall into. National and State scholarships are highly competitive, and may be a good fit for National Merit finalists. University awards, such as President's and Regent's scholarships awarded individually by colleges, are given to top students from application information. County, city, district, and school scholarships are also available, as are busi-

ness, industry, and community group scholarships.

One place to continue a scholarship search is online. The internet offers many legitimate sources of financial aid. Websites such as www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com make the search easier by narrowing down thousands of privately-offered scholarships to fit your needs, talents, or skills.

The Senior Financial Aid Briefing sheet provides some pointers that students can use when applying for scholarships. Tips include making your application perfect, conducting complete research on scholarships you are considering, and to talking to your counselor for more information or guidance. The career center is also a good place to continue your scholarship search.

As for current freshman, sophomores, and juniors, it is never too early to start planning or preparing to apply for scholarships. Rigor of course work, GPA, class rank, test scores, quality of essay, leadership, community service, and significant awards or contributions are all taken into consideration and can be constantly worked on or added to. There are many opportunities out there, and with a bit of effort and hard work, finding a scholarship that matches your talents or needs is an achievable task that can help you pay for your college education.

"CHANGE FOR CHANGE": INVISIBLE CHILDREN

By: Sarah Rafiqi
Editor

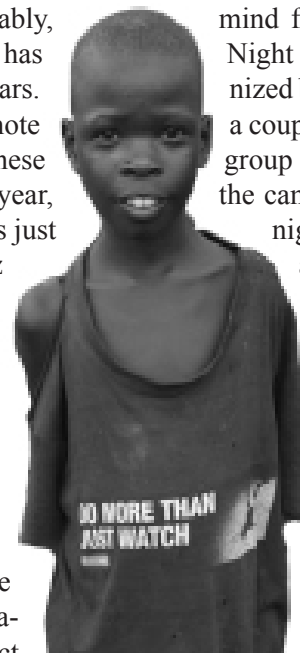
Meagan Kim, a concerned sophomore, started a club this year in response to the tragic lives of numerous children living in Northern Uganda. She first became aware of these children by watching the movie "Invisible Children." This documentary was filmed by three young men from San Diego who traveled to Africa determined to film a story. When they noticed there was a mass of children that slept in large crowds in the streets away from home, the story of these children became the focus of the movie. Kim was shocked by the documentary, and, after watching it, she decided to bring this cause to attention at Valencia High School by starting a club under the supervision of teacher Tara Filowitz.

"Invisible Children" follows the unfortunate story of hundreds of children living in Northern Uganda who are called the Invisible Children because they are forced to leave their villages every night and sleep in the streets. They do so because

they are determined to hide from the rebel armies led by Joseph Kronty, a man that intends to use these children as soldiers. Regrettably, this painful story is not a new one; it has been writing itself for about 20 years.

The purpose of the club is to promote awareness of the dreadful lives of these children. Because it was started this year, the club is still a budding group that is just learning to get on its feet. Filowitz herself said, "We're in planning stages and are just starting to get going." However, The Invisible Children Club is already exhibiting some great ideas.

The club plans to hold its first fundraiser some time in April. During the week, club members, led by Meagan Kim, as president, Boyoung Kim and Sally Chin, as co-vice presidents, and Justin Cho, as treasurer and chairperson, will collect coins intended for helping the Invisible Children. This fundraiser



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will consequently called "Change for Change."

Another idea the Invisible Children Club has in mind for the month of April is GNC, the Global Night Commute. This night, which is being organized by the club, will be open to the public to meet a couple miles away from Cal State Fullerton. The group will commence to walk those few miles to the campus, in respect for the Invisible Children's nightly walk away from home. Upon arrival at the school, the commuters will spend the night in the middle of the college campus, sleeping on the ground just like the invisible children do, every night, in Uganda.

Kim mentioned that the best possible way to summarize her clubs goals is with a quote from Kofi Annan. The quote goes as follows: "There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children, there is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they grow up in peace."