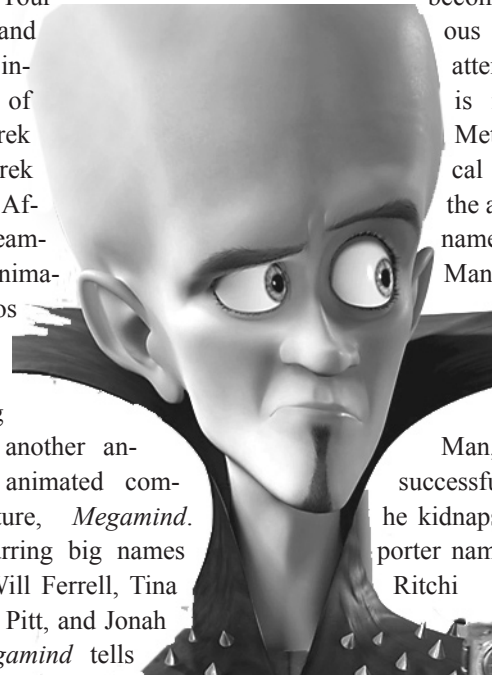


# MEGAMIND WAKES UP THE CHILD IN US

## “GOOD IS THE PATH OF HONOUR... EVIL... WELL, IT’S JUST COOLER”

By: Shannon Hsu  
Editor

Following recent hits such as *Monsters vs. Aliens*, *How to Train Your Dragon*, and the final installment of the *Shrek* series, *Shrek Forever After*, DreamWorks Animation studios brings to the movie-going audience another anticipated animated comedy feature, *Megamind*. Starring big names such as Will Ferrell, Tina Fey, Brad Pitt, and Jonah Hill, *Megamind* tells the story of a



*MEGAMIND'S TWIST TO THE ICONIC HERO VS. SUPER-VILLAIN MOVIES BRINGS A NEW PERSPECTIVE TO THEATERS. PHOTO COURTESY FROM: WWW.OVERALLSITE.COM.*

be so many perks to being “evil.” Distinctly characterized by a grotesquely large blue head, *Megamind* (Ferrell) is an alien, who arrives on earth after his home planet is destroyed. He grows up alone and without acceptance from society, becoming jealous of all the attention that is received by Metro City’s local superhero – the appropriately named Metro Man (Pitt). He attempts many times to defeat Metro Man, but is unsuccessful, until he kidnaps a news reporter named Roxanne Ritchi (Fey). After the defeat of Metro Man, he realizes that there’s no point in be-

ing a super-villain if there are no longer superheroes to fight, so he later turns Roxanne’s cameraman Hal (Hill) into a superhero after he is accidentally treated with a dose of Metro Man’s DNA that gives him powers. Meanwhile, disguised as a museum curator under the name of Bernard, *Megamind* becomes enamored with Roxanne. Hal the cameraman soon decides he’d much rather be a super-villain, it’s not hard to predict what *Megamind* ends up doing instead – becoming the “hero”. Despite its predictable plot, *Megamind* does still deliver a decent amount of laughs to any audience at any age. *Megamind* is also in 3-D and will enhance the experience of watching this movie. The cherry on top of the cake would be the movie’s score by Hans Zimmer, who some of you may know as the composer of the score from the summer hit *Inception* – all in all making *Megamind* worth the watch.

# UPCOMING

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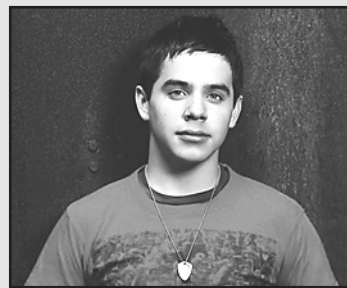


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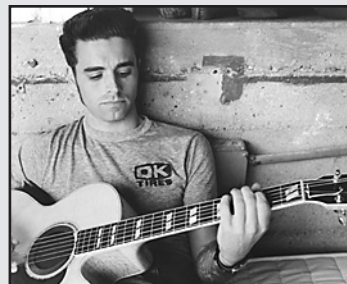


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# VALENCIA TURNS THE PAGE ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BOOK FAIR

By: Emilie Cady  
Reporter

The Book Fair began on Tuesday, November 30 and ended on Thursday, December 2. It went from 8am to 4pm each day and had a lot of great selections for both young adults and children.

There were great new picks for teenagers with all kinds of different topics like “Life’s Tough”, “Thrills and Chills”, “Super Series” and “Popular Picks” in all kinds of different novels like Fiction, Nonfiction, Graphic Nov-

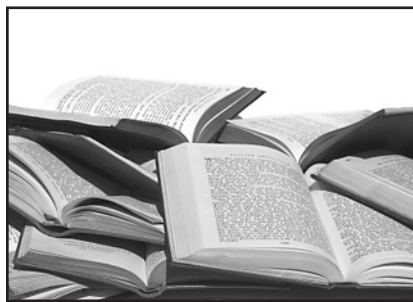


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els, and activity books. There were fantastic reads for everybody, such as *Pride and Prejudice* and *Zombies: Dawn of the Dreadfuls* by Steve Hockensmith and *Sabotaged* by Margaret Peterson Haddix, as well as *The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod* #5: *Twelfth Grade Kills*, the exciting last installment of the *Chronicles of Vladimir Tod* series by Heather Brewer. For those of you who have younger siblings or family members, there was also a great selection for younger children, like the new *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book, *Diary of a Wimpy*

*Kid: The Ugly Truth* by Jeff Kinney and *Big Nate Strikes Again* by Lincoln Pierce. The Book Fair was a great opportunity to get holiday gift ideas for your younger family members and other kids on your holiday shopping list. For those who don’t prefer reading there were many other novelty items to choose from. Aside from books, the Book Fair was also home to posters, pencils, pens, erasers, and a lot of other things you can use either at home or at school! The Book Fair ended on Thursday December 2. For those of you who didn’t have the opportunity to check it out, be sure to come to the next book fair for a chance to buy great books, posters, pencils and other things for yourself and others!

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# ORCHESTRA'S SWEET SOUND OF SUCCESS

By: Andy Anusiem  
Reporter

Orchestra is strumming along this year in fashion. Dedication is key when it comes to being in the orchestra. Mr. Topping, the conductor of orchestra, has special focuses on performance, new masterpieces and the freshmen squad to ensure Valencia's future success. Other focuses, Topping says, include "establishing our new orchestra, Camerata, which is new introduction this year, as a success like the rest of our orchestra." Orchestra has practiced diligently through the course of this year and has already had two performances.

Topping looks towards the seniors to lead the orchestra squad to success, starting with the two most advanced levels of orchestra, Camerata and Sinfonia. Topping comments on the seniors' importance, saying "the seniors play the longest. By the time the freshmen are seniors, they'll be in one of the highest levels of orchestra, and will lead our orchestra." Camerata is a new level of orchestra that was added this year, and it is a medium between Sinfonia and chamber orchestra.

Orchestra is changing for the better at Valencia. Currently there are 155 members in our distinguished orchestra, setting the bar for most orchestra participants in the PYLUSD district. In fact, it has grown so large, that Valencia's orchestra now consists of five orchestras, or sections of orchestra. These sections are: Sinfonia, Camerata, Chamber, Concert, and Symphony, which performs alongside the band. Topping and his staff, which include Mr. Scott Arakawa and Mr. Jeff Evans, are instituting more challenging, yet more entertaining pieces. Topping comments on these new additions, stating "We play many styles of music, including the greats like Mozart, Beethoven, Dvorak, just to name a few." These famous band students look forward



ORCHESTRA DAZZLED THE AUDIENCE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA CONCERT. PHOTO BY: AADILLA PARUK.

to learning new styles and adding a greater sense of enthusiasm to this team, and are up for the challenge.

How has orchestra grown to be

intelligent, and talented students. I consider Valencia to be one of the top high school schools of California."

The first performance was at Academy Night

on October 27th, which was a dazzling performance that expressed the amount of skill that one might learn in years, after practicing for months. Orchestra also displayed their skill on November 10th at the All District High

School Orchestra Festival. If you are interested in watching future performances, the orchestra will perform on November 30th at the District Winter Festival Concert, December 16th at the Winter Concert, March 30th in the SCSBOA Orchestra Festival, and on June 1st at the Grand Finale Concert.

probably the most prestigious crew in the district? The answer lies in the staff that lead orchestra, and the dedication of the players. When asked why he chose to bring his talents to Valencia Topping replied "I've taught at 35 schools and 2 youth orchestras, and Valencia has the most dedicated,

# COMEDY SPORTZ KICKS IT INTO GEAR

GAMES AND GALORE (NOT TO MENTION MUCH MORE), COMEDY SPORTZ BRINGS GLEE TO THEIR AUDIENCE

By: Elizabeth Knarr  
Reporter

New Choice, 185, Back in My Day, DVD, Blindline, Slideshow, and "Try that on for Size" were some of the few games played in the Belle Match, Comedy Sportz rendition of the Bell Game.

Comedy Sportz is a head to head improvisation show, in which two teams compete to be the funniest. This year's Comedy Sportz team is managed by Davey Linam (11), and the other team members include Tobi Gonzalez (10), Casey Hinger (12), Richard Garcia (9), and Keanu Silva (10). In order to prepare for Comedy Sportz matches, the team practices once a week, as well as participating in workshops, which are held with official Comedy Sportz referees.

This year, the Comedy Sportz team hopes to gather a giant crowd for every show, and to bring the Comedy Sportz experience to those students, parents, and teachers who have nev-

er seen a show before. The team is participating in four matches on Valencia's campus this year. At their most recent match, in which they played against Valencia High School Alumni, the team put up a valiant effort, and it was a close call. In the end, our Comedy Sportz team lost by three points, but their fantastic effort made the match interesting to watch.

When asked about what makes Comedy Sportz worthwhile, manager Davey Linam has this to say: "It's a truly amazing feeling to make people laugh, and to see the audience really have a good time. It's so much fun to be up there onstage, and think of funny things off the top of your head, and to see people enjoying themselves as they watch you doing what you love to do."

If you are interested in joining our Valencia High School Comedy Sportz team, they are open to new members. Attend a meeting or two to see if you would like to be a part of the team; for more information, see Davey Linam. For those of you who would rather sit back and watch, go support your Tigers at the next Comedy Sportz match!



PLAYING AGAINST EL DORADO, COMEDY SPORTZ DEFEATED THEM. PHOTO BY: STEVEN OEI.

## THE DEAD-TOSSED WAVES

By: Emilie Cady  
Reporter

Are you tired of reading about vampires and forbidden love? Introducing the next big thing: Zombies! *The Dead-Tossed Waves*, the sequel to *The Forest of Hands and Teeth* by Carrie Ryan is a mix of survival, horror, love, and secrets that will have readers on the edge of their seats and flipping through the pages like maniacs.

The novel takes place during the aftermath of the Return - when the dead rose

in search of living flesh with the desire to infect. The small amount of survivors who were able to escape live in small fenced-in towns, governed by a loose government called the Protectorate in the Dark City.

The main character Gabrielle, a teenage girl

living within a town called Vista, never knew life outside of the chain-link fences that separated her life from the flesh-eating Mudo on the other side. After she and her friends hop the fence to visit an old amuse-

ment park from before her friends to two years of service in the Recruiters for endangering the town and Gabrielle promises her best friend that she will search for her brother, who was infected at the amusement park. So ends the beginning of her secure life and the beginning of a life full of danger and chaos.

Told from a first-person viewpoint, readers are able to experience firsthand what the main character experiences both emotionally and physically as she goes through everything from finding out the life she was living was a lie to constantly trying to keep

the living dead off of her as she tries to find her place in the world.

For readers looking for terror, excitement, love, and despair, *The Dead-Tossed Waves* is a book that will leave readers awestruck and amazed, and wishing for more.



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ment park from before the Return - SPOILER ALERT - she and her friends are attacked by a Breaker, a faster type of the living dead. Two of her friends are turned, and she and the rest of the group barely escape with their lives. The Council sentences