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Dynamic Duo: Tim and Tim Fire Up the Assembly

By Kiran Kazalbash and Juha Lee
Reporter and Editor

Kicking off the school year with new flare, seniors Tim Higgins and Tim Swaney changed the mood



- PHOTO BY NATHAN MAMO
TIM AND TIM - Swaney and Higgins reign as ASB's newest emcees.

of the 2005-2006 Welcome Back Assembly with their humor and charisma.

Although it is their first year in ASB, their natural ability to play off each other seemed obvious during the assembly.

"We both like to entertain people," said Swaney.

Among students who attended last year's assembly, most preferred this year's emcees by far.

"I like this year's emcees because last year's dubbing was so obvious," said An-toinette Whelan, sophomore.

Rather than relying on script reading or dubbing, Swaney and Higgins used their improvisational skills to make the assembly flow.

"Everything was improvisation," said Higgins. "It all just came from the heart."

Their overall performances received positive reactions from students and teachers.

"I thought they were hilarious," said Monica Caringal, sophomore.

During transitions from performances to activities, the emcees were quick to fill in with their own

entertainments such as a stunt performance which drew the attention of the crowd.

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said Brent Shenton, chemistry teacher.

There has been a popular demand amongst students for the reappearance of Higgins and Swaney to lead upcoming assemblies.

"Tim and Tim did a pretty good job," said Ana Garcia, junior. "I'm looking forward to what they have in store next time."

Higgins and Swaney look forward to the next assembly and are willing to step up as emcees if chosen again.

Higgins said, ringing, "Valencia High School, get ready to party hard!"



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RINGING THE BELL - After the assembly prepared students for the game, the Tigers defeated the Hawks 17 to 16 in the annual Bell Game.

Administration Threatens to End Single Lunch if Conflicts Continue

By Noelle Aguirre and Christian Kim
Editor and Contributing Writer

Resulting from the addition of 150 students and obstruction of the fence around the area surrounding the lunch lines, conflicts arose during the single lunch following the Welcome Back Assembly on Sept. 23.

The disturbance began when a student laughed and accidentally got water on another student, which caused individuals from surrounding groups to swarm together to see what happened. The resulting ruckus led to cries among other students across campus and eventually the throwing of water bottles.

The incident almost appeared to be a reoccurrence of the events that took place following last year's Welcome Back Assembly, which resulted in the single lunch being shortened to 35 minutes from the original 40.

"When you have that many kids in that congested of an area and given them extra time, you can anticipate problems," Jim Bell, the assistant principal of curriculum and instruction, said.

Although the administration felt that the main cause of the commotion during the single lunch was the increase of congestion and the idle time at the end of lunch, some students voiced different concerns.

"I think this is a direct result of the double lunch system," Brandon Krull, senior, said. "Because the kids don't get to see each other more often, when the students do get together for our single lunches, they just try to have some fun."

However, others found the behavior of those who caused the interference to be unacceptable. "I am disappointed in the

actions of my fellow students. All I want to do is enjoy the presence of my peers when we do get to spend time together," David Zhang, senior, said. "I just expected better from them."

Prepared with a strategy for the next single lunch, the administration plans to have more supervisors present and any intentional disturbances will result in a five-day suspension or, worse, the removal of the single lunch altogether.

"Students like the single lunch, but ironically, if we lose it, it will be because of them," said Bell. "Single lunch will be eliminated if this happens again."

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- PHOTO BY NATHAN MAMO
EASY AS PIE - Joining in the Welcome Back celebration, teacher Rebecca Diebolt won the teacher competition at the assembly between new faculty members and returning staff.

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“Happiest Homecoming” Promises a Happily Ever After

By Noelle Aguirre and Stevie Lutgen
Editor and Reporter

Joining in the celebration of Disney’s 50th anniversary, the Homecoming dance will be held on Oct. 15 at the Disneyland Hotel from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m.

Due to the location of the dance, the theme is “The Happiest Homecoming on Earth.”

“I am really excited about this year’s theme,” Kara Grace, junior, said. “I am so obsessed with Disney. I could not have asked for a better place to have a school dance.”

Every year, there is a high turnout for the dance, and it is anticipated that this year will be no exception.

“I’m just mad because I’m not going,” Jamie Hamel, junior, said.

However, even students not planning on attending the dance can still partake in the Homecoming Week activities Oct. 10-14. Coordinating with the Disney theme, dress-up days

include “Mickey’s Wild West Day,” “It’s a Small World Day,” “Pirates of the Caribbean Day,” and “Happily Ever After Day.” On Friday, students will dress up in anything Disney-

related for the assembly and the home football game against Katella.

Aside from the usual dance team performances, the

assembly will reflect the theme through connecting each class with a different land from the theme park.

Floats for people on the Homecoming court will also be featured. Comedy Sportz, the Tiger Regiment, and Color Guard are expected to perform.

During the game, the half-time show will feature the Homecoming king and queen will be announced that night. Also in store for the half-time presentation is the reveal of the upperclassmen and under-

classmen Homecoming floats. Still works in progress, both are being designed to correspond with the theme: the senior and junior classes displaying a collage of the various Disney “lands”; and the freshmen and sophomores intending to make a replica of Mickey’s famous wizard hat as seen in *Fantasia*.

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In addition to the Disney-themed dress up days, Homecoming week will feature daily pep rallies at lunch to get students excited for both the game and the dance.

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princesses Manzo, Taryn Moore, and Karen Nguyen. The junior prince and princess are Rafael Arreola and Elaine Kao. The sophomore prince and princess are Eric Garcia and Phoebe Ngoy. The freshman prince and princess are Mark Sarmiento and Maria Quintanilla. The Homecoming king and queen will be announced that night. Also in store for the half-time presentation is the reveal of the upperclassmen and under-

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Apple Strikes Again

By Stephanie Stein
Contributing Writer

Reigning supreme in the world of mp3 players, Apple has lived up to its success by adding the iPod Nano to its collection.

The device lives up to its name; it’s literally tiny at about as thick as a pencil, and it weighs in at a mere 1.5 ounces.

The Nano comes in two classes: 2 or 4GB, or roughly 500 to 1000 songs. Compared to the original iPod, that’s nothing, but for those who

original iPod, with a 14-hour battery life and the ability to view and store pictures on its (albeit small) color screen.

There’s only one truly glaring problem with what’s otherwise a charming little device, and it’s familiar to anyone who’s ever owned an iPod: the “limited battery cycles” issue. The battery will still die after a certain number of charges, and you’ll have to buy a new iPod when it does.

That aside, the Nano is just as sleek as the original, with the added bonus of a smaller, more portable size. It runs for \$199 or \$249, and it’s ideal for those who want an iPod without all the extra space.



SMALL IN SIZE, LARGE IN CAPACITY - Apple’s iPod Nano, although weighing 1.5 ounces and as thick as a pencil, holds 500-1,000 songs.

Along with its memory capacity, the Nano has all the well-loved features of the

Student Organizations Join for Hurricane Relief

By Nick Patel
Contributing Writer

Hurricane Katrina, which slammed into the Gulf Coast this past month, caused the obliteration of many communities and peoples. Relief efforts swarmed into the disaster site, including a generous donation from Valencia.

“We should definitely take part in providing relief for any type of disaster, because youth too have the power to make a positive difference,” says the school’s American Red Cross

Health Education Services (A.R.C.H.E.S.) club president Germaine Chen.

Acknowledging the need to take action, A.R.C.H.E.S. collaborated with ASB in conducting a school wide fundraiser, providing donation jars in each classroom. To date, Valencia has raised approximately \$6,000 and is still counting the funds.

“It’s nice to see that teachers and students alike generously emptied their pockets for a good cause.”

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Club Rush Week was Sept. 26 to 30. New clubs, Big Money Maker Club, I.B. Club, and KIWINI’s Club joined returning clubs A.R.C.H.E.S., P.R.E.P., Food Club, Art Club, Science Club, JSA, M.E.S.A., and Comedy Sportz.



CLUB RUSH - Seniors Claudia Cardenas and Zeenat Hassan encourage students to join the Tutoring Club.

Construction Update: Wire fencing erected between the administration and language arts buildings has recently made getting to class an arduous process. The fence is isolating the construction site of a trench that will provide for better drainage. This will prevent flooding that has occurred near the auditorium in the past, which led to postponed performances.



BLOCKING STUDENTS’ PATHS - The fence between the administration building and the language arts building makes it difficult for students to get to class.

API Scores Rise: The Academic Performance Index (API) is a reflection of how students do on Standardized Testing and Reporting (S.T.A.R.) based on Content Standards Tests (CST) and also the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). Eighty-five percent of the API score is based on CST scores, and the remaining 15 percent is based on performance on the CAHSEE. The state goal for the API is 800 out of a possible 1000, and schools falling short of this are given a score by which to improve.

Last year, Valencia’s goal was a five point increase both school-wide and among the four significant subgroups in attendance, which are Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, and the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged.

Surpassing this goal, there was a school-wide increase of 42 points overall, adding to a total increase of 128 points over the past three years.

Remembering Paul Stockhoff



- PHOTO FROM THE STOCKHOFF MEMORIAL WEBSITE, WWW.STOCKHOFF.ORG
 "ANCIENT CITY" - (Above) Among Paul Stockhoff's many talents, he shined through his artwork. This drawing combined his love of ancient history with his passion for art. (Below) Stockhoff's other works.



To Friends of Paul Stockhoff

We wish to thank you for your friendship to Paul and for your support and kind thoughts to us during our recent bereavement.

The Stockhoff Family

By Chris Ford and Joey Trejo
 Reporters

A great artist, ancient history enthusiast, and a fun-loving person is how Paul Stockhoff will be remembered. Stockhoff, a freshman last year at VHS, died 7 weeks ago on Aug. 17 at the Grand Canyon, where he fell over the edge. He was last seen by his parents running to look at one of his favorite views.

Born on May 26, 1989, Paul was described by his parents as a quiet, artistic, and kind person, and he had a good sense of humor.

"People who knew him thought he was a kind individual," Cory Stockhoff said, Paul's dad. "He was smart. He could have been an engineer, but wasn't interested in it."

Paul was an I.B. student and took numerous advanced honors courses including: Honors Biology, Honors World History, and Honors Language Arts I.

Paul also excelled in Japanese, his favorite class.

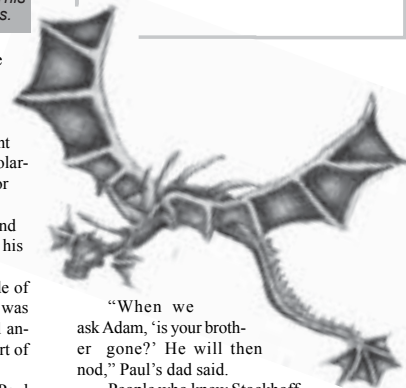
"He was serious about his work and studies at school," said Carolyn Ikuta, Paul's Japanese teacher. With the involvement of Paul's parents, Ikuta plans to start a scholarship for any senior who will continue his or her Japanese study in college.

Since the death of Paul, his parents and teachers would also like to plant a tree in his honor.

Paul had several other interests outside of school. One of his favorite things to do was draw. Much of his art was of dragons and ancient ruins. He usually tried to include a part of himself in his pictures.

Ancient history was another interest Paul had, especially of Ancient Egypt. According to his parents, he had a more extensive library than the Yorba Linda Public Library. Paul also had an interest in old, black and white movies featuring the Three Stooges, Charlie Chaplin, and the Marx Brothers.

Paul's death affected many in his life, especially his autistic (non-verbal) younger brother, Adam. Paul's parents, who depended on Paul to look after Adam, are concerned about who will take care of him when they are gone.



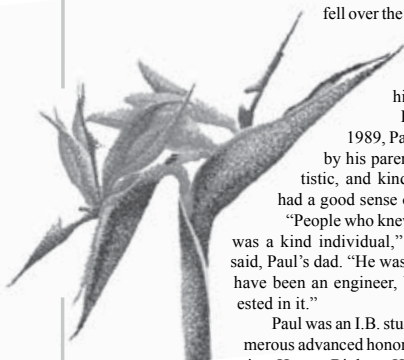
"When we ask Adam, 'is your brother gone?' He will then nod," Paul's dad said.

People who knew Stockhoff were terribly sad when they heard the news about their classmate.

"I'm sorry I didn't try harder to be his friend," said Stephanie Hammel, Paul's classmate.

Among those touched by Paul's death was Amy Des Palmes, Paul's former language arts teacher, who used to talk with him about the Simpsons.

Regarding Paul's death, she said, "No parent should outlive their children."



Former Tiger Survives Hurricane Katrina

By Celina Lopez
 Reporter

Imagine a life with no roof over your head, contaminated waters, and everyone around you hopeless and homeless. Mark Wyneken, 17, a former Valencia Tiger, has been living through this ever since Hurricane Katrina hit Slidell, Louisiana on Aug 29.

Lately, Wyneken has been helping with the Red Cross. "I've been giving out food and helping clean up people's houses," Wyneken said.

Wyneken did not start school

this year at Northshore High School until Oct. 3 because it was temporarily turned into a Red Cross shelter. He missed out on attending his senior homecoming as a result.

Wyneken left Valencia in Feb. 2004 as a sophomore to live with his mother in Louisiana.

His former language arts teacher Sharon Swingle said, "I feel bad that he and so many others are facing this tragedy. But I know Mark is a positive person and he can find a way to deal with this."

Currently, the water condition has been improving,

but to keep it on the safe side, Wyneken boils his water.

"Some people lost their entire lives because of this Hurricane...some people refuse to come back because of it," Wyneken said.

Wyneken is currently staying at his mother's friend's house in Slidell. "We're kind of homeless," Wyneken said. "My house got four feet of water...everything I now own is in one single black bag."

Even though Hurricane Katrina wiped almost half the town away, everyone came together and helped and made

sure they all had food. "I was really surprised by everyone's friendliness," Wyneken said. "They made sure you had food or water and they try to keep people's hopes up...it's great."

Katrina was a category 5 hurricane, one of the strongest kinds. "Even though it just lasted a few hours," Wyneken said, "it still wiped out a ton of Slidell."

Things have been improving in Slidell with the setting up of foundations and relief funds. "Kentucky police have been around," says Wyneken. "Everyone is starting to have houses back up."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided Wyneken's and other families with money to help out. "We got \$4,300 dollars from FEMA," Wyneken said. "It cost \$2,500 to take out the walls and carpet from my house, so, it's not enough."

Many others are homeless and staying at the Red Cross shelter. "Many people, especially kids, are lost not knowing what to do," Wyneken said. "I just want to hold them and cry with them and tell them everything is going to be okay...but, I don't want to lie to them."

Should parents be allowed to sit in and observe classes?



By Racha Khalaf
Editor in Chief

YES

If parents feel that their teenager is drifting away from their education and are concerned with their education, then they should be able to observe their behavior at school and it is their legal right to do so.

While students might not be comfortable with their parents sitting right behind them in class, through these observations parents can find out the causes behind the student's behavior.

For example, a parent will notice through a visitation if their student is misbehaving and can discuss the behavior with the teacher and request that they be put on close watch.

While Edline provides a way for parents to monitor students' grades, it is inaccessible to many parents who might not have an Internet connection or the skills to use a computer, and it offers no information about student behavior or teaching methods.

For instance, if parents are unsatisfied with the instruction provided by a certain teacher in a certain class, they should be able to visit that classroom and formulate a judgment. Then, they can report their questions or concerns directly to the principal or assistant superintendent.

This would help improve the educational system and will help the school raise its annual test scores by figuring out where teachers' weaknesses lie and establishing plans to turn these weaknesses into strengths.

Also, these visitations are only authorized with the approval of the principal and the concurrence of the teacher whose class will be visited.

Besides, students will not have to worry about their parents disrupting their class. If the parent's behavior violates the education code 44810 and 44811, then the teacher can report the parents to the site administrator, who will investigate the case.



Billy Buck, 9

"I love my parents, but I think they should trust me and let me make my own decisions. They have a right to know what I'm doing, but I can tell them."

Justin Sonye, 10

"I think our parents should be able to come to our classes, but only for a solid reason. I believe that would be fair."



Danny Tran, 11

"If our parents want to know what we learn they should just go to Back-to-School night. Personally, I think they could do something much more productive."

Nicole Kassis, 12

"Parents should be able to go into a classroom and see what the teachers are teaching their children."



Rita Phillips

"Parent visitation is appropriate in some situations."

By Emelie Battaglia
Editor



NO

Have you ever been harped on about school by your parents? Have they accused you of slacking off and not trying hard enough? Well, imagine that on any given day while you're still in class.

Educational Code 49091.10 states that parents only have to make a written request to attend their child's class, and the superintendent can arrange a date. Nowhere in the code is there any mention of any student involvement in the visitation approval process. If I was a student (oh yeah, I am) I would want to at least have some sort of input involving my parents joining me.

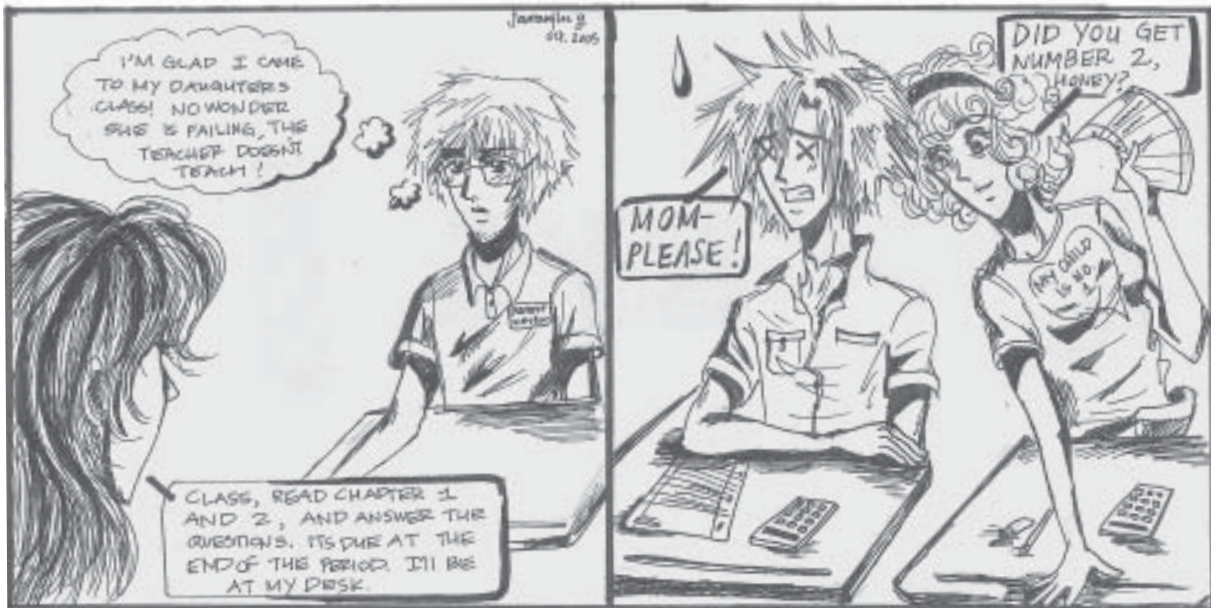
Stress induced by classes is already at an all time high, so adding the pressure of parental advisory outside of the home life would merely add to that conflict. How can a student concentrate if they're worried about their parents watching over their shoulder?

Even if a parent insists on joining the class to document their child's productivity, a student is not likely to behave badly the day their parent joins them. Goofing off in front of parents? I think not.

Back-to-School night is an evening every year where parents have the opportunity to tour their child's classrooms and get a feel of the teachers' intentions for the school year. With such an opportunity, adding a meeting or "sit in" on a student's class has no substantial meaning to it.

Edline is a new program that assists parents in checking their child's grades as much as it frightens students with the fact that their parents will, in fact, get to see their grades. This helpful tool is an Internet access site that allows good ol' mom and dad to check up on us even more.

Coming to school should not need to be an option, as long as parents use the resources that are now easily accessible to them.



ARTWORK BY SAMANTHA GUZZI

EDITORIAL

El Tigre: 50 Years in the Making

Fifty years of dedication and persistence, and two years of digital editing have revolutionized how students identify Placentia's longest continuously running newspaper, *El Tigre*.

This year as we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we hope to bring more controversial and appealing stories to you, our reader.

Our news section this year will be more up-to-date, providing prominent coverage of the most current events and issues on campus.

As for the features section, it will still encompass the traditional student profile. However, we will not only focus on students with high academic performance, but will include other newsworthy students and staff as well. In addition, due to the positive response we received from writing a bilingual article last year, we will feature more bilingual articles in the future.

The opinions section too hopes to bring stories that relate to human interest and will feature a new column by Zach Jones titled "Inspired Lunacy," covering Zach's view of the world (with all of the expletives deleted).

Arts and entertainment will focus on artist profiles and student bands along with a variety of movie and CD reviews. This section will also have a new upcoming events calendar focusing on school-related activities.

Sports will center on individual students rather than on teams as a whole, and will provide coverage based on performance.

El Tigre has also launched its own website (eltigrenews.org) through which students can access and respond to the latest news and issues on campus.

Finally, we hope that through our hard work and dedication, this year's *El Tigre* will be a memorable one.



ARTWORK BY PEARL LUONG



INSPIRED LUNACY

BY ZACH JONES (EDITOR)

- A team of U.S. scientists has found that psychopaths and people who suffer from brain damage may, in fact, make better investors than normal people. And yet Enron failed so terribly. In response to the study, Charles Manson was named the new CFO of Microsoft.
- A judge in Oklahoma is currently facing three counts of indecent exposure. Really makes your whole "naked under my graduation gown" plan seem kind of lame, doesn't it?
- A federal judge has ordered a study on why certain pesticides are harming a species of frog native to northern California. You'd think the word pesticide would give them a clue.
- Not that anyone cares, but there's going to be a new Supreme Court justice. His name is John Roberts. Unfortunately for all of us, President Bush's first choice Aquaman, was voted down.
- An excerpt from the John Roberts confirmation hearing. Senator Biden: With all due respect his answers are misleading!
Senator Specter: Well, they may be misleading, but they're his answers.
Wow, it'd be really cool to have Senator Specter around when you come home at 3 o'clock in the morning.
- "George Bush doesn't care about black people," says Kanye West. Neither do hurricanes.
- On that note, anyone up for naming the next hurricane after Strom Thurmond? I already got one vote, I see you Trent Lott.
- ABC's "Extreme Makeover" has allegedly caused someone to commit suicide. ABC's defense? "It wasn't our fault, just look at her."
- Al Sharpton, in a guest appearance on ABC's "Boston Legal," defended the right of a young black girl to play the famous Annie. On that note, I will be playing the role of Kunta Kinte in the stage production of *Roots*.
- Britney Spears recently gave birth to a baby boy. His rap CD comes out in two months and will be entitled "Lil' Lip Sync."
- That's it for this issue, come back next time when I try once again to prove that I am not Tyler Webb. Good evening.

Lies Flood Faster Than Water

By Samantha Guzzi
Editor

Hurricane Katrina destroyed New Orleans on Aug. 29. Already a disaster, chaos increased when three massive levees spurred. As much of a tragedy as it was, necessary precautions could have been fulfilled to ensure a safer city. The media only described Bush's Administration as providing aid "too little too late," along with the increase in crime. Where are the stories about Mayor Nagin's and Governor Blanco's failure in responsibility, and how Bush was not to blame?

In 1998, Louisiana had a \$2 billion construction budget through taxes for roads, levees, etc. Less than one tenth of one percent was dedicated to levee improvements but \$57 million of the budget was used to renovate a new home for the Louisiana Supreme Court

and New Orleans convention center. Levee improvement was placed in the Priority 5 category, among the projects that would not receive full funding. Fox News Sunday hosted Mary Landrieu who said, "The federal government won't support cities to evacuate people, whether it's from earthquakes or hurricanes." The state and Orleans Levee Board are not to blame for setting levee improvements aside, but Bush is.

The media covered Nagin's disdainful blast on WWL radio about Bush and Blanco's lack of responsibility in saving his city. It was not mentioned that Nagin turned down the usage of school buses for evacuation saying, "You've got to be kidding me. This is a natural disaster. Get every dog-gone Greyhound bus line in the country." Waiting for these comfortable cross-country buses, the waters swamped the school buses rendering them obsolete.

Bureaucrats working for Blanco refused the Red Cross to deliver prepared food and water to the refugees in the Superdome. Fox News' Major Garrett said the bureaucrat's "do not want to create a magnet for more people to come to the Superdome...we want to get them out." It's irrational to refuse suffering citizens aid, and to blame Bush for personal mistakes.

Bush's response to the hurricane was labeled "too little too late." He was in New Orleans three days after the levees broke (Aug. 30). However, Clinton received "glowing reviews" for his response to the Oklahoma City bombing (April 19, 1995), which took him a day longer than Bush.

A biased media cannot be trusted to supply all the facts, only the "facts" they want you to believe. Before absorbing all the biased information, people need to evaluate the validity of the source, and view both sides of the story.

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(Pictured left to right) Andrew Aronson, Shaun von Zabern, Dan Swindler, Joey Higgins, and Tim Higgins perform at the Sept. 9 Pep Rally.

What Happens "When Time Fails"?

**By Chris Ford and
Celina Lopez**
Reporters

Rapidly gaining publicity amongst the populace of Valencia and elsewhere, VHS students Tim Higgins and Shaun von Zabern along with VHS alumni Andrew Aronson, 20, and Joey Higgins, 22, and EDHS graduate Dan Swindler, 18, the five members of When Time Fails (WTF), have created a band inspired by their love of rock 'n' roll.

The band was formed during the summer of 2005, and has recently been seen by many VHS students and staff members performing on the rally stage during lunch on Sept. 9.

"I like playing rock 'n' roll," says Higgins, a senior and the band's guitarist and vocalist. "My dad inspired me to play guitar and drums, but I like guitar better."

The band classifies their music as straight rock. "We tried to stay away from pop rock or hardcore," von Zabern said, a junior and the

band's bass player and vocalist, "We sound like, maybe, The Starting Line or Hot Hot Heat."

Currently working on recording an all-original CD, most of their songs can be heard on Myspace at www.myspace.com/

whentimefails).

In addition to recording a CD and performing at VHS, the band also performed at Yorba Linda Middle School in August as part of a fundraiser for a cancer walk. "It was cool and it was for a

good cause. It was our first performance," von Zabern said.

While they usually rehearse at Higgins's house, school is cutting down on their rehearsal time.

Meanwhile, the band's unofficial manager, Libby Bunzli, is working hard to promote the band by making T-shirts and posters. Bunzli has been trying to get the band to perform at the Chain Reaction, an all age club in Anaheim.

"They have so much talent," Bunzli says. "I like their style of music."

Working their way up to fame, this band is composed mostly of students who took band or orchestra at Kraemer Middle School and at Valencia.

"Right now, it's nothing serious, we're just having fun," von Zabern said.

Inspired by Eddie Van Halen, Higgins suggests that if you want to start a band or play an instrument, "Just go for it. It's not hard, it's fun."



-PHOTO BY NATHAN MAMO

JAMMIN' - Tim Higgins works his guitar at the Pep Rally.

Upcoming Events



COMEDY SPORTZ

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"Corpse" Brings Liveliness to the World of the Dead

**By Noelle Aguirre and
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Editors

Combining dark gothic entertainment, light humor, off-beat characters, and an eerie plot, Tim Burton's "Corpse Bride" delivers a lively piece to add to his famous bodies of work.

This stop-motion animated film set in a 19th century European village tells the story of Victor Van Dort (Johnny Depp), who is about to marry Victoria Everglot (Emily Watson) in an arranged marriage set up by their parents for financial purposes. A minor setback occurs when Victor, unbeknownst to himself, recites his vows to the Corpse Bride in a forest near the Everglot residence. The bride,

Emily (Helena Bonham Carter), holds him captive in their marital bond in the Land of the Dead while Victoria waits for their nuptials to take place back on earth.

Following in the shadows of the prior success of Burton's "Nightmare Before Christmas" and his collaboration with Depp in "Edward Scissorhands," "Sleepy Hollow," and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," movie-goers and critics alike were anxious to see if Corpse Bride would live up to their expectations. While this film differs from its predecessors, its offerings are abundant.

With a recent rise in technology, allowing animated feature films to become increasingly computer-generated, Burton far surpassed the quality of 1993's "Nightmare Before Christmas" while still preserving

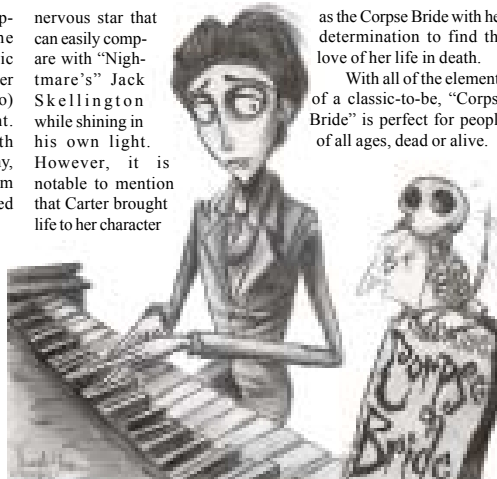
the looks of his original stop-motion film. Along with the improved animation, the music under the direction of composer Danny Elfman (Oingo Boingo) was the perfect complement. Mixing morbid topics with humorous skeletal choreography, Elfman separates this work from the typical children's animated musical sequence.

Directed by Burton and Mike Johnson and written by John August, Pamela Pettler, and Caroline Thompson, the plot certainly doesn't disappoint. With a creative plot twist and perfectly cast characters, the film packed in all requirements for a guaranteed hit in its humble 76 minutes. Depp, in particular, stood out as the meek and apologetically

nervous star that can easily compare with "Nightmare's" Jack Skellington while shining in his own light. However, it is notable to mention that Carter brought life to her character

as the Corpse Bride with her determination to find the love of her life in death.

With all of the elements of a classic-to-be, "Corpse Bride" is perfect for people of all ages, dead or alive.



ARTWORK BY SAMANTHA GUZZI

Tigers Win Bell for Second Straight Year



17-16 - Tigers celebrate close victory over El Dorado. Ken Cormier (rear) led the Tigers with 75 yards receiving and a touchdown.

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DING DONG! The Hawks Are Dead

By Zach Jones
Editor

The annual Bell Game. The half-a-decade tradition that dictates that the victory bell go to the winner of the El Dorado vs. Valencia football game.

Valencia won the bell last year 28-7 in a game dominated by a Valencia team on their way to a runner-up Empire League season.

This year, the game was a tale of two halves.

El Dorado came out fighting, the mark of an 0-2 team trying to jumpstart their season with a win over their favored cross-town rival.

"We came out soft," says Valencia senior receiver Ray Magee.

That flat-footedness led to El Dorado taking a 10-7 lead at the end of the first half.

Despite their early game

struggles, the Tigers came out for the second half seeming energized and ready, highlighting the third quarter with a drive culminating in a 28-yard field goal from Senior DJ Russell (who also plays safety).

The Tigers held El Dorado scoreless in the third quarter.

"We definitely stepped it up in the second half," said Russell.

Enter the fourth quarter. Four fingers go up in the air all over the sidelines. The fans realize that this is a game they'll talk about for the rest of the year. The cold football weather hits them, and they get loud.

Both teams come out with maximum effort. The Hawks put

together a good drive, but are stopped after a sack from Valencia senior defensive end David Torres, who had two sacks in the game.

Then comes "the drive."

Sometimes you get a feeling, even before a drive starts, that this is the one. This is the one that the game turns on. Fortunately for the Tigers, it turned in their direction.

Valencia scored on an 18-yard TD pass from Cruz to senior receiver Kenney Cormier, to put them up 17-10.

Then after stops from both teams, Valencia punter Felipe Gonzalez goes back to punt the ball to El Dorado with just three minutes remaining.

His kick is blocked, giving El Dorado the ball inside the Valencia 30. The Hawks score on a 23-yard touchdown pass by quarterback Matt Cardenas, making the score 17-16, with Valencia in the lead.

This is where pre-game decisions make all the difference. Before the game, Valencia head coach Mike Marrujo decided he did not want an overtime period.

This forced El Dorado to go for two to win the game.

"I wasn't really nervous at that point. I was just trying to prepare as if they were going to make it so that I could be ready for a last minute drive," said Cruz of that final play.

They failed, and moments after the Cardenas pass fell to the dirt, the Tigers pounced on the bell and rolled it to midfield.

The bell is theirs for another year.

"We definitely stepped it up in the second half."

- DJ Russell

Sarah Garcia: Grade A Running

By Samantha Guzzi
Editor

Running an average of 35 miles per week and staying on top of IB academics aren't the easiest of tasks to maintain. Sarah Garcia, a junior at Valencia, not only accomplishes these tasks, she exceeds with achievement.

This runner anticipates the cross-country season as an opportunity to break 19:02 in the literally breath-taking three-mile course. Garcia also hopes for a team victory to participate in CIF.

"I think we will do well in League," Garcia said. "We've been running strong as a team and we were so close to

making CIF last year. I'm hoping to make all-county and league as well."

If the heat and hills aren't enough, Garcia strives for academic success among her

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- Sarah Garcia

classes. From zero period language arts three IB, to 6th period cross country, Garcia's schedule demands strong work ethic and

focus, which she delivers with promise.

"It's hard, because when I get home I'm tired," said Garcia. "I'm just trying to stay strong because I don't like to quit. It's always my goal to succeed."

After graduating, Garcia plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona with the intention of running and majoring in engineering.

"I always liked math and building things as a kid, like connects and leggos," said Garcia. "When I went to Boston for a conference for 10 days on engineering, science, and robotics, I realized it's fun to build certain things and make it work."

Although Garcia deals with rigorous sports and academic participation, she stays on course



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RUNNING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION- Junior Sarah Garcia leads the girls' cross country team into the 2005 season.

to pursue her career as an engineer. Garcia strives to accomplish a given task at her fullest effort.

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FAST FACTS

- Varsity football is ranked 10th in Orange County with a 4-0 record.
- Boys' Cross Country is ranked 3rd in Orange County.

TELLING NUMBER

3 Number of football teams undefeated in Empire League (Orange Lutheran, Kennedy, Valencia)

TOP 5 PERFORMERS

Wes Fletcher

Football - running back has run for 100 yards in three of four games.

Jacque Davisson, Jr.

Volleyball - Named a preseason player to watch by OC Varsity

Roman Pena, Sr.

Cross Country - Set a course record at Sunny Hills Invitational.

Stephanie Hammell, So.

Tennis - 21-0 this season in singles matches

Dave Torres, Sr.

Football - 2 sacks and 66 yards rushing against El Dorado.

RECORDS

Football	Win/Loss
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Varsity 04-00

Junior Varsity 00-00

Freshmen 02-02

Boys' Water Polo	Win/Loss
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Varsity 06 - 03

Junior Varsity 04 - 03

Boys' X - Country	Avg. Finish
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Varsity 1st

Junior Varsity 1st

Frosh/Soph 1st

Girls' X - Country	Avg. Finish
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Varsity 14th

Junior Varsity 5th

Frosh/Soph 6th

Girls' Volleyball	Win/Loss
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Varsity 05-04

Junior Varsity 03-03

Freshmen 02-04

Girls' Golf	Win/Loss
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Varsity 01-00

Junior Varsity 00-00

Girls' Tennis	Win/Loss
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Varsity 02-00

Junior Varsity 02-00

THEY SAID IT...

"It's basically my job to be a punching bag."

- Sr. DJ Chavez, on being a member of the football scout team.



RUNNING ON KEY - Wes Fletcher (25) runs through an El Dorado defender on his way to 66 rushing yards against the hated Hawks.

Valencia's Scout Team: All Guts, No Glory

By Zach Jones
Editor

They're the kings of the crushed, the princes of the pummeled, they're the Valencia high school football scout team.

"It's basically my job to be a punching bag," says senior and scout team linebacker slash tailback DJ Chavez.

With that kind of outlook, one must ask, "What's the point?"

For these players, it's a combination of pride in their school and team that keeps them going, knowing that they are an integral part of the football program.

"It's our job to prepare the team," says junior tackle Anthony Franklin.

Because of this, junior guard Jacob Parker suggests that the learning curve for everyday practice is steeper for the scout team than for the starters.

"Our playbook changes every week," explains Parker.

Which means, for example, that the scout offense must run everything from Villa Park's option, to Katella's new Power I, to El Dorado's pro-style. They have to simulate as best they can Orange Lutheran's speed and Los Amigos' size.

It should be noted that the scout offense must be delivering good simulation, because the starting defense has given up only 6 points (in the first quarter versus Los Amigos) in the first two games.

These are guys you might not see on the field this year; you won't see them featured in *OC Varsity* this week, but the guys who sacrifice their pride for the good of a team deserve a little recognition.

"We can't think about ourselves, we have to think about the team first," says Franklin

That kind of attitude goes along way towards winning seasons.

Wes Fletcher Carries the Note

Emelie Battaglia
Editor

Less than one month ago, the *OC Register* named Valencia running back Wes Fletcher the "Player to Watch." As a sophomore in two varsity sports and the chamber choir, he has everybody watching now.

"It's weird," says Fletcher. "Everyone's depending on me, but it keeps me prepared."

With varsity baseball and football under his belt, along with Valencia's silver medal chamber choir, Fletcher sees the mixture as somewhat challenging.

"It's sort of awkward being in

two sports and choir," Fletcher says. "No one knows."

They know now. Fletcher's choir friend Max Quiroz (10) thinks he is doing fine.

"It keeps him busy, but he manages to pull through," says Quiroz. "Our teacher is very understanding."

Megan Arthurton, the current choir instructor at Valencia, sees Fletcher's situation as one of special circumstance.

"Wes is on varsity football," Arthurton said. "He needs exceptions, or he'll lose opportunities."

With practices running from 2 until 6 p.m. everyday and games almost every Friday night, Fletcher says things can get complicated without Arthurton's coopera-

tion. "Sometimes I have a game the same Friday as a concert," Fletcher says. "I just have to work it out with coach and Mrs. Arthurton."

According to Fletcher, his brother is encouraging as well. An early graduate at 17, Joey Fletcher is now attending Fullerton College working on a degree in engineering.

"He's a great role model," Fletcher said, "and I hope to live up to his abilities."

For the future, Fletcher himself wishes to push his athletic career forward into college and possibly even the NFL.

"It's all part of the game," Fletcher says, "and I just want to get through it to the end."

Girls' Volleyball: They're Gellin'

By Joey Trejo
Reporter

Playing with the enthusiasm and confidence of a team that expects to win the Empire League Championship, the girls volleyball team has done well so far

this season, with a 5-4 record that includes wins over Fullerton, Sunny Hills and Brea Olinda.

The team was picked in the preseason by *OC Varsity* to emerge as champions of Empire League, but that has not made them overconfident.

"It's our goal every year to win league, whether *OC Varsity*

picks us or not," says junior Jacque Davison.

Making this task more difficult this season is the injury to starting center Alex Smith, a junior.

"The injury of Alex Smith does have an impact on the team" said varsity coach Mark Castillo.

Leading the 10-player team to success in 2005 are seniors Shannon Walton, Yesenia Koffman, and Junior Jacque Davison (a preseason player to watch according to *OC Varsity*)

"We work together really well," says Walton.

Aided by the fact that Walton and Davison have played together on the varsity team for the past three years, the team is able to effectively communicate during games. This fact has helped them to develop team chemistry and showcase teamwork.

"We gel very well together," said sophomore Jennifer Miller.



WARMING UP - Junior Teresea Hernandez (front) prepares for volleyball's first league matchup with Katella.

Water Polo: Sights Set on League Title

By Tim Snyder
Contributing Writer

So how do you top a season that concluded with a second straight Empire League Championship?

Well, as many members of the Valencia Water Polo team would say, "Win a third!"

The Tigers water polo team is in the midst of a tough season in which they are 6-3 (0-0) and starting to gain momentum after a dominant 22-9 victory over Buena Park. The Tigers are lead by captains senior Bobby Mack and sophomore Felix Piro.

"We are confident that we are going to win league again this year," says captain Bobby Mack, "We have a good team, we just

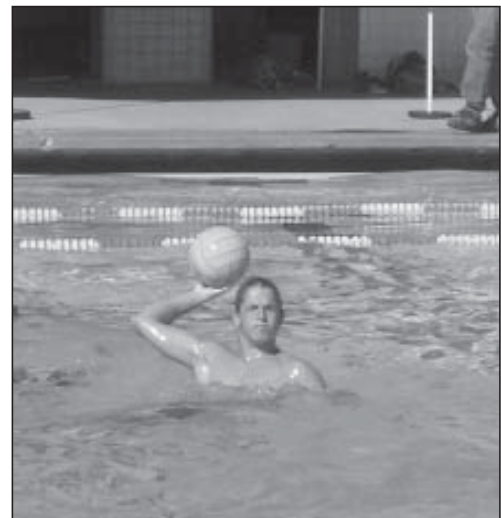
aren't playing to our potential." The Tigers look to have an uphill battle to win league this year as every team in the Empire League will be gunning for the title, but they seem to be up to the challenge.

With a high powered offense lead by senior Mack, junior Matt Schaner, and Piro you can be certain that the Tigers will put points on the board, which spells good news for the rest of the year.

Senior Seth Struiksma says, "Practices have been real tough this year." Those tough practices are sure to help the team finish the season strong.

So as the Tigers aim for a third straight Empire League Title they all know that it will not be easy.

"We have a long season ahead, but we're confident that we'll live up to expectations," says Mack.



EYES ON THE PRIZE - Senior Bobby Mack looks to help boys' water polo win their third straight Empire League Championship.