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VALENCIA WINS BACK THE BELL

By: Amy Truong
Reporter

On the night of September 14, 2012, Bradford stadium was filled with chanting students from Valencia and El Dorado. The home side chanted, "I believe that we will win! I believe that we will win!" After four quarters of grueling football, their support helped drive the our football team to win the 41st bell game, beating the El Dorado Hawks.

During the first quarter, both teams remained scoreless. By the beginning of the second quarter, the Tigers came out in full force as Gabriel Perez (12) scored the first touchdown of the game. The Hawks responded with a touchdown and a kick to tie the game at 7-7 with

2:37 before the end of the first half.

The Valencia football team started the second half with a fiery determination. 8 minutes and 16 seconds into the second half, Jake Watkins (10) made a 50-yard screen pass to set the Tigers up



PHOTO BY DEVON STERWART (11)
THE TIGERS RIGHT BEFORE THE GAME

for another touchdown. The visitor side of the stadium groaned in frustration as Gabriel Perez scored

another touchdown and Jesse Gonzalez's kick made the score 14-7. The Hawks struggled against the Tiger's powerful defense. With 54.1 seconds left in the third quarter, the Hawks attempted to score a touchdown, but were pushed

to four downs resulting in a turnover. During the fourth quarter, the Hawks attempted to score again,

but it resulted in a fumble and a recovery for the Tigers by Trent Salcedo, (10) which sealed the game.

VHS students cheered as the seconds on the scoreboard ran down to zero. The score, 14 home and 7 guest, glowed beside the clock that now read 0:00. El Dorado fans began to empty out with an aura of upset and angry feelings. Meanwhile, the Valencia football team proudly raised the golden bell above their heads in front of the stands of their school.

"We had only two turnovers and there was great blocking by the offensive line," Anthony Larrasquitu (11), wide receiver, said about how the Tigers did that night. The Tigers had returned the bell to its rightful home and it was due to the VHS varsity's amazing effort. Now, the Valencia football team can look forward to a great season to add to this year's bell game victory.

JAY CHEN

By: Jeremy Beyond
Editor-in-Chief

On October 4th local politician Jay Chen stopped by Valencia High School for a JSA hosted event. For those not aware, Mr. Chen is currently a candidate for Congress in the 39th District of California and makes time to serve as a member of the Hacienda-La Puente School Board.

During the meet and greet, Mr. Chen spoke upon topics that included his campaign, background, and his opinions on contemporary political issues. Mr. Chen first got his foot into politics as an intern for Ed Royce and as an elected



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member of the Hacienda-La Puente School Board during his early twenties. As for his political ambitions, Mr. Chen inspires to provide a new voice in Congress because he believes that if the same types of people are sent to Congress, there will be no real prog-

ress. The candidate also made it clear that he plans to continue President Obama's plan, if reelected, in congress as a member of the Democratic Party. After Mr. Chen's meet and greet, many VHS students felt very well informed about the possible candidate and gained a new level of political understanding and awareness. It was clear Mr. Chen's visit was well appreciated as many students asked difficult questions and actively participated. This visit was not a support rally, but rather an informative and nonbiased meeting.

JSA explains that they believed it was important for Mr. Chen to stop by VHS because students have the right to be politically informed. Along with being politically informed, VHS JSA added that in couple years many students will have the privilege to vote so it is crucial students are politically educated in making voting decisions. In the future JSA hopes to bring more politicians to VHS, and is in the processes of brining a candidate for city council to come speak.

MR. MORRISON

Keanu Silva
Editor

Seven years ago Mr. Ray Morrison joined Valencia's staff with a hopeful ideology; he wants teens to recognize the value of giving and helping others. Mr. Morrison teaches the BITA (Building Industry Technology Academy) 1, 2, 3, and 4 classes on campus. These classes focus on beginner to advanced wood working techniques using hand tools and also using machine methods. Mr. Morrison has a strong plan to help his students understand the importance of giving. He believes that "the students need to learn early to be contributors," the very first project students build in their BITA class is a toy car, which they give away to orphans in Mexico. Over 200 cars each year are donated thanks to Mr. Morrison's leadership and appreciation for charity. Another way Mr. Morison helps



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out is by having his classes build miscellaneous furniture and utilitarian projects. Some of the things around campus you may have seen that BITA students have created are: the library counter, white boards for language arts classes, many things for the preschool including the play-house, frames for the wrestling team's weight classifications, and currently a huge trophy case for the new gym is being constructed by student's hands.

All of the projects done for the school are done solely by students hands, instructors are not even allowed to pick up a hammer. When asked about the importance of teamwork and giving, Morrison commented, "I think it is extremely important because I think it's kind of lacking in this generation a little...in the BITA program, everyone has to be a contributor or we won't move forward. You're working with a lot of different individuals...of a lot of different backgrounds. That part of it helps as far as the understanding of why we're doing what we're doing."