



## Invisible Children: Students team up to draw attention to children's plight

By Brynne Schweigel

Antioch locals will have the chance to watch a free viewing of a documentary about child soldiers in Africa on Thursday, May 25.

17 Antioch Community High School students sat down at the beginning of May and watched a film called *Invisible Children*. The movie portrays the horrific treatment of child soldiers in Uganda. They were so moved by the film that they decided it was something all people should see.

Caitlin McGill, ACHS senior, was the first to hear about the film from a friend in Texas. The three creators of the documentary spoke at the friend's high school about their experiences.

"They were three nineteen year olds from California who set out to cover the civil war that was occurring in Sudan, but got caught in Uganda," said McGill.

The film they ended up creating follows four young boys in



Photo by Brynne Schweigel

Uganda, who are living in tragic conditions. *Invisiblechildren.com* said that these boys were four out of an estimated 300,000 who

are currently involved in violent conflicts around the globe. The ACHS students were so shocked by what they saw in the film, that



**LEFT:** Lindsay Ptasienski, ACHS junior, assisted in organizing a free showing of *Invisible Children*, a documentary about child soldiers. **ABOVE AND BELOW:** The three Californians make an effort to change the lives of these victims by raising public awareness about the problem with child soldiers around the world. The film follows the stories of Boni, Jacob, Thomas, and Toni, four boys who live in Uganda.



Photos courtesy of *invisiblechildren.com* they decided to do something locally to spread awareness about the hardships these children face. **see Invisible Children page 2**

## Development: Commercial growth disrupts local traffic

By Brittany Dunleavy

Those who have been residents of Antioch for more than five years may have noticed an increase in population.

In fact, over the past five years, Antioch's population has shot up from 9,000 to 14,000 people, unofficially.

"People like Antioch because it has a small town atmosphere and is close to Chicago. We have a good school system and safe neighborhoods," said Dorothy Larson, Antioch Mayor.

Major development projects have also attracted many new residents to the area. With the Neumann Homes development finishing up and the planned

construction of a Menards currently under way, and a Wal-Mart already in place, shopping and housing is readily accessible.

"I love having a Wal-Mart close by," said Angela Wilgenbusch, ten year Antioch resident. "Shopping

at every aspect that will be affected," said Larson. "We look at traffic studies, when we build new houses we work with the school districts to see how the schools will be affected."

Although some residents may like the development that has been taking place, some residents feel it ruins the small town feel.

"I'm worried that the town will become overdeveloped and overpopulated," said one 13 year Antioch resident, who requested not to be named. "I think with another major franchise moving in, Antioch might turn into another [overdeveloped disorganized town]."

While the residents have mixed feelings about the growth of the community, Larson is firm in her

stand on development.

"Antioch is a lovely little town and we are trying to add things to make it a nice place to live," said Larson. "Residents need to be supplied with convenient places to shop..."

The increase in population has also affected traffic in Antioch. Other residents think that the traffic has worsened due to the new developments going up around town.

"The traffic has definitely gotten worse," said Alexi Florian, ACHS junior. "It takes me 20 minutes to get to places that used to take me five."

In spite of the development, Larson does not believe that Antioch will lose its small town character.

"Antioch is different from other towns because it has a specific downtown area and offers a unique atmosphere," said Larson.

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*-Alexi Florian  
ACHS junior*



is easier and faster because I don't have to drive out to Gurnee..."

Before any development is started, the Antioch Zoning and Developing Committee conduct studies regarding how it will affect the town.

"Before we build, we look

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### News Briefs

#### Seniors receive scholarships

Honors Night will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Antioch Community High School auditorium. The ceremony is designed to recognize those seniors and underclassmen who will be receiving scholarships and other awards because of their activities, accomplishments, and service throughout their high school career. The scholarships were distributed to the students by local organizations and families.

#### Happily 'Ever After' ending for prom

Antioch Community High School upperclassmen will be attending prom tomorrow at the Grand Geneva Resort. Due to a lack of planning, post prom will not take place. The 2006 prom theme will be "Ever After," chosen by the junior members of the ACHS Student Council. Prom photos will be taken from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at ACHS. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Coronation will be held at 10 p.m.

#### Ceremony Approaches

The class of 2006 will graduate at 6:30 p.m. on June 1. There will be a mandatory rehearsal for the seniors at 9 a.m. earlier that day. The doors for graduation will open to guests at 5 p.m. Parking is limited and once the lots are filled, they will be closed off.

#### Final Exam Schedule

The upcoming finals schedule has been released for June 1, 2, and 5.

Thursday, June 1	
Period 1	7:45 - 9:05
Period 3	9:15 - 10:35
Period 4	10:45 - 12:05
Friday, June 2	
Period 2	7:45 - 9:05
Period 5	9:15 - 10:35
Period 8	10:45 - 12:05
Monday, June 5	
Period 7	7:45 - 9:05
Period 6	9:15 - 10:35
Makeup	10:45 - 12:05