

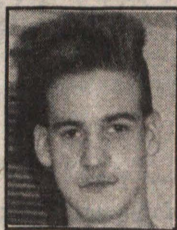
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IN REMEMBRANCE OF BOBBY COATES & MANUEL GALVAN

by Cory Christiansen
Sixteen year old Bobby Coates, a former West Chicago student was shot once in the head early Saturday morning on November 14. He was pronounced dead later that afternoon at approximately 12:30 p.m.



Bobby was described as an average teenager who was into many activities. He loved to play basketball with his friends, loved dancing, and was also into kickboxing.

He recently had a lot going for him. He just bought his first new car- a 1980 Camaro. He was to begin his first job last Monday at Dejaiz in Stratford Square.

Bobby's girlfriend, Teresa McGriff described Bobby as the "Most caring guy I knew". She said, "He got along with everyone until they did something to hurt his friends or family. Bobby

was never a follower, he was always a leader."

Bobby's future plans were to go into trade. He said if that never worked out, he wanted to be a professional kickboxer.

McGriff strongly stressed that Coates was NOT involved in any gangs and overall, he hated guns. She said Bobby considered all his friends his brothers, who stuck up for each other.

A special dedication goes out to Bobby from Teresa. That is- Bobby was a very special person; one of a kind. "You never know what you got 'til it's gone".

BY VERONICA CHAVEZ
Manuel Galvan, a former West Chicago student was involved in a car accident and was pronounced dead on arrival at Central Dupage Hospital November 16, 1992.

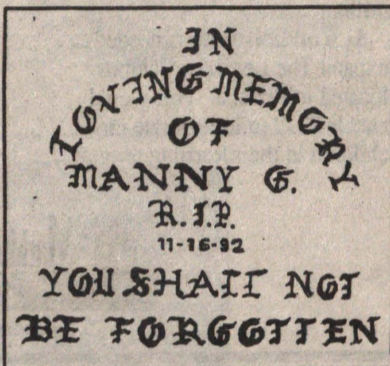
His best friend Rich Perez described him as a person who was always there and could always count on.

Rich said, "I've known him since he moved from Mexico in 8th grade.

On their spare time Rich, Jesus Vargas and Manny would play pool. Jesus said, "Manny and I use to hang out all the time and he use to come over everyday to play pool with Rich and I."

Eventhough Manny dropped out of school his two best friends Rich and Jesus thought very highly of him.

Manny wasn't too involved with people in school, but he was on the soccer team last year.



Jesus said, "Manny was a nice guy, we were always together. If I had a problem he'd help me out and I would help him with his problems too."

Maria Mendoza has known him since Junior High also. She thinks he was a "real pal."

Both Rich and Jesus feel equally that "HE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN."

VICA NEWS

By Leslie Rogers
Vica Officers of 1992-1993

- President- Jenny Bloniarz
- Vice-President- Sherric Kirby
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- Second Vice-President- Scott Klosowski
- Historian- Jane Hisey
- Public Relations- Kelly Leonard
- CWT Representative- Tom Hisey

There is an annual Food Drive coming up November 30- December 17. We are asking all of the student body and all of the other clubs to bring in canned food.

For every three cans brought in you will receive a raffle ticket. Gift certificates to Rose Records distributed among the winners.

There will also be a battle of the classes to see who will bring in the most food. Remember to bring all the cans to Mr. Junkrowski in room 110.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE CLASSES!

FBLA to Fall Leadership Conference

by Skye Studabaker

The annual North Central Region FBLA Fall Leadership Conference was held November 13 and 14 in Milwaukee.

1992 FBLA members Nichole Cordin, Chris Altman, Ryan Evans, Mike Powers, Scott Klosowski, Ken Hodgen, and Skye Studabaker attended, accompanied by advisors Nancy Blume and Kim Malone.

The conference opened Friday night with inspiring keynote speaker Jackie Nink Pflug's lecture about her real-life terrorist experience, and continued Saturday with educational workshops.

The members learned about everything from parliamentary procedure and career opportunities to deer hunting.

Holiday Program Helps Local Families

by Kristin Bedow

Winfield Township is preparing their Holiday Program for the 1992 Christmas Season.

The Holiday Program, funded strictly by donations, assists low income families throughout Winfield, Wheaton, and Warrenville.

During the 1991 holiday season, approximately 134 families (425 children) requested aid from the Holiday Program. According to the Director of General Admissions at Winfield Township, Deborah C. Juzwiak, "With the economy being as bad as it is, those numbers are expected to increase this year."

The Holiday Program also includes an "Adopt a Family" plan which allows businesses, churches, and independent families to provide food, clothing, and gifts for needy families.

The Federal Food Commodities assists Winfield Township by distributing government surplus goods such as sugar and ketchup.

Donations are accepted in the form of food, personal items, wrapping paper and ribbon, gift certificates, and cash.

Please direct all donations to: Winfield Township, Office of General Assistance, 130 Arbor Avenue, P.O. Box 369, West Chicago, IL 60185.

Winfield Township would appreciate any help you can offer. For information on how you can help with the Holiday Program, please contact Deborah C. Juzwiak at 231-3591, weekdays 9-3 p.m.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

There will be an orchestra and band concert on Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Weyrauch Auditorium.

The choir holiday concert will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 3 p.m. in the auditorium.

The concert features Swing Choir, the Freshmen and Sophomore Choirs, the seventh and eighth grade choir from the junior high, the guys' octet, Madrigals and the Concert Choir.

Please support the music department and come enjoy the concerts!

2 NEWS

A Little Help Goes A Long Way

by Kristin Bedow

For over 36 years, Marklund Children's Home has been providing care for non-ambulatory, severely handicapped children.

The increasing number of handicapped individuals requiring permanent 24-hour care has brought the need for expansion of Marklund's facilities.

In the spring of 1990, Marklund began "Capital Campaign", a fund raising plan to bring in \$10.1 million.

\$1.6 million alone is needed to expand The Learning Campus located in Roselle. This would enable TLC to incorporate more children in their learning program.

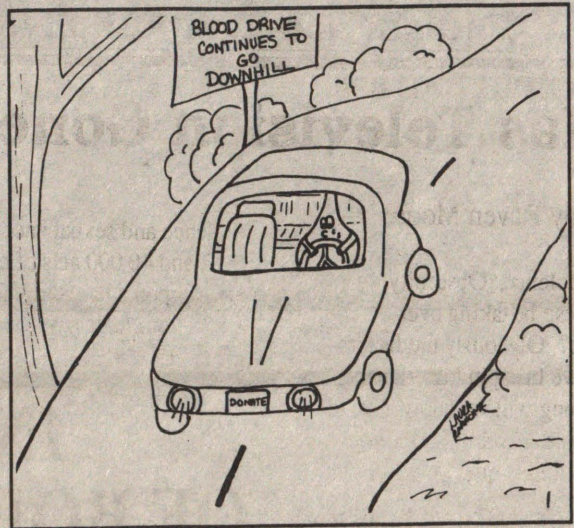
The government has mandated Marklund Children's Home in Bloomingdale to allow only four children to a room rather than eight.

The estimated cost of expansion of Marklund is \$8.5 million. With this money Marklund hopes to increase the number of children in care by 33%.

Since its start in 1990, Capital Campaign has raised \$1.9 million.

President, Pat Pearce says, "We are pleased with the campaign results to date, but we know we have a substantial way to go before reaching our ultimate goal."

Donations can be made to Marklund Children's Home by send check or money order to: Marklund Children's Home,



BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS?

By Cory Christiansen

The We-Go annual blood drive was held on October 28, 1992. This year the blood drive was quite different from the ones in the past.

We didn't receive even one-third of the blood we expected to be donated. This was due to many minor problems.

Head of the blood drive, Ann Shim, said this turnout was expected. She said the number of donates over the previous years have slowly been decreasing.

Some of the reasons for the decreasing donaters are due to sickness at the time of donations, many had

their ears pierced in the last year, some think they can get AIDS, and overall, many people are afraid.

After adding up all the pints, we ended with a total of 81. 4 of these pints were deferrals, or rejected. Our main goal was to receive 148 pints total.

For next year's blood drive, it was said the students should be more informed about it. Shim had an idea of possibly having an assembly to mainly inform the 16-17 year olds so they know exactly what is happening and to know the facts.

And The Winner Is...

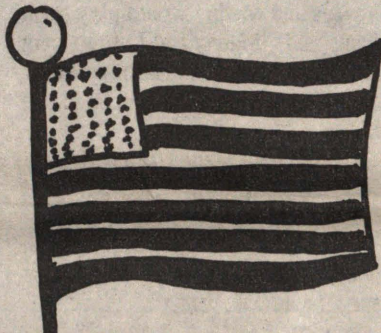
By Paul Abella

Everyone screamed for change this election year, so isn't it ironic that in DuPage county, everything stayed the same?

In the two important political office positions that were open this year, Dennis Hastert was re-elected to the 14th congressional district, and in the state representative race, Republican Tom Johnson took the majority of votes in the 50th representative district.

There were also three referendum up for vote in Illinois. The first was a proposed amendment about the rights of crime victims.

All of the items in this amendment were already part of Illinois law, and was thusly voted down.



The second was a bill that would raise taxes in order to give money to schools, but stated no way that it would use the money. This bill was also voted down.

The last one was a referendum that would allow The DuPage park district to use \$17,000,000 to acquire Mayslake, a marsh in Warrenville, Illinois, to save its place as a forest preserve, and not a parking lot. The Mayslake issue won by a landslide.

Statewide, Carol Moseley Braun, the first female black senator in the United States won by over 10 percentage points.

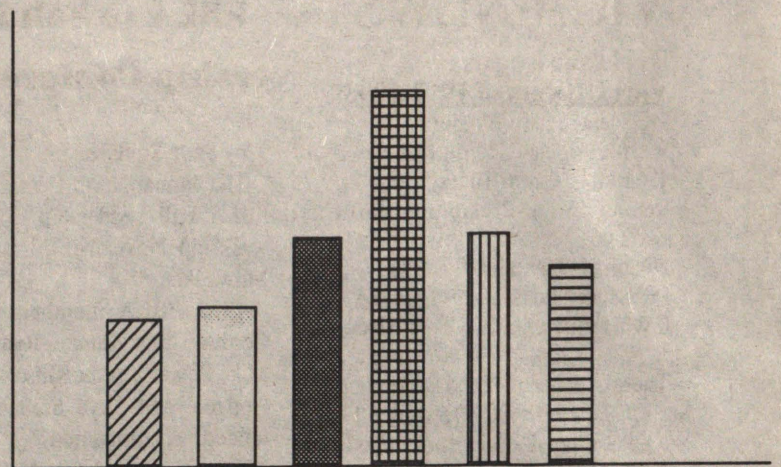
Nationwide, Bill Clinton beat incumbent George Bush and independant candidate Ross Perot to become the next president of the United States.

BLOOD DONATED IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS

BY: CORY CHRISTIANSEN

PINTS

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YEAR

New Insight for Our City

By Derek Barton

At the end of the upcoming summer, West Chicago will be opening a new library. The library will have many "features" for the public to the size increase from 5295 to 27000 sq. ft.

The 4.5 million dollar project began this fall, and has gone well with the exception of a two week setback because of poor soil.

The construction workers feel they can make up the time when work is started inside the building.

The public will be accessible to a computer room, a story room, and a study group room.

Also an Info-Track system will aid people with periodicals. Seating and parking will increase greatly so there will be room for everyone to do their work.

Eventually there will be an automated circulation public access system. This will allow people to use library information from their home through their computers.

In order to complete the project the old building had to be sold. The only problem now is the lack of money for operating which will delay the opportunity to employ people for about a year.

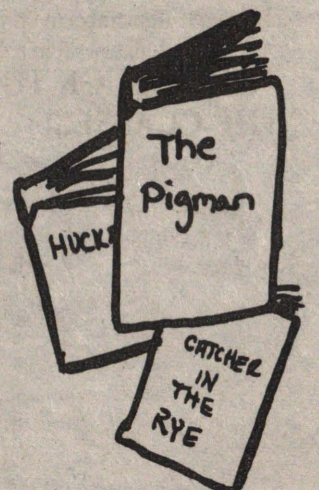
The new library will better serve the community as a whole, and also be a huge asset to students.

A Grand Opening will be celebrated sometime in late summer. City officials are hoping that a lot of people will show support and interest in West Chicago's newest and smartest building.



OVERDUES

What do I do?
What do I do?
This library book is 62
Years overdue.
I admit that it's mine
But I can't pay the fine—
Should I turn it in
Or hide it again?
What do I do?
What do I do?



3 Editorials

Has Television Gone Too Far?

by Raven Moore

Sex. Violence. Obscenity. Should these be taking over primetime? Obviously the factors listed above bring in high ratings, but how long will we allow T.V. to interfere with children's welfare?

I'm worried about young children who look to T.V. as a role model and all they see is people having sex, drug deals taking place, and gang fights.

It was estimated that by the age of 18 children see 250,000 acts of

violence and sexual encounters on T.V. and 40,000 acts of murder.

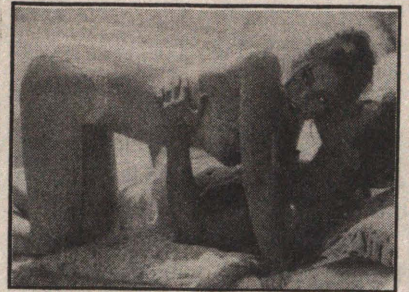
I've seen a bare butt and a bare chest, both male and female, most often in a sexual scene. Soap operas are really known for these type of scenes which children do not need to see because these shows often over dramatize such scenes.

I've heard everything from bitch to ass. Very often real life shows like Beverly Hills 90210 and Roseanne say such words. Children are being exposed to very vulgar, abusive language.

I can't tell you how many times I've turned on the T.V. and seen a murder or fight, usually with weapons. Crime is on the rise because adolescents are being shown it's all right to kill, fight with or abuse someone.

Children are shown things on T.V. they should not know about for several years. Too often television promotes murder, teenage pregnancy, and gang violence.

What can be done? Parents responded to this dilemma saying this "mature" viewing should be aired later at night and many realize



it is their "job" to censor their children's viewing.

It is unfortunate that the morals in our country have been lowered by television viewing. What ever happened to such quality, family viewing as The Partridge Family and The Brady Bunch?

Let's Talk

About SEX

by Veronica Chavez

Have you ever wondered what pornography really meant? According to Webster's dictionary pornography is "a written, graphic or other form of communication intended to excite lascivious feelings." Lascivious will produce lewd emotions.

Madonna's new book "SEX" came out on October 28, 1992. On the first day "SEX" was on the shelves it sold 150,000 copies out of 500,000 printed for American distribution.

Todd Green from Crown Books in N. Wheaton said, "Some people like it, but then again a lot of people say it's gross and disgusting. Many under age students are trying to buy it."

Jeff Natley from Walden Books in Charlestowne Mall said, "Many people come in here to buy the book but will refuse to pay \$49.95 for it." He also said, "I've seen a lot of teenagers trying to buy the book, but I really haven't seen that many adults trying to buy it. I think the

teenagers are mostly the ones that are interested in purchasing the book." Jeff waits to see people's reactions after viewing some of the book and asks the customer if it is worth buying it.

An article from Newsweek (November 2, 1992) had an interview with Madonna on her new book. She was asked, "Do you really think that you can change people's attitudes with this book?" Madonna answered by saying, "I think that it can start the machinery going for change. I do in a way see myself as a revolutionary at this point. I think it will open some people's mind for the good, and that's enough as far as I'm concerned."

Newsweek asked Madonna, "What's the distinction for you between eroticism and pornography?" Madonna said, "A snuff movie. The issue is consent, mutual consent."

I think it's amazing how someone like Madonna can come up with so many different ideas and still be admired by so many people.



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Kristin Bedow Don't Be A Butthead

What is wrong with smoking? Aside from emphysema, cancer and heart attack, it's a cool habit right?

Unfortunately a lot of teens seem to think so. In recent years, more and more facts about the risks of cigarette smoking have been discovered.

How ironic. With all the information on smoking, the number of teen smokers continues to rise.

According to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion almost 3,000 teens start smoking everyday,

averaging over 1 million new smokers a year.

With other epidemics such as AIDS stealing the spotlight, the dangers of smoking have been put aside.

This is sad, since smoking kills more people than drugs, alcohol, car accidents and AIDS combined.

Two-thirds of all smokers begin smoking before they turn 18.

Although stores are prohibited by law to sell tobacco products to persons under the age of 18, the numbers are only increasing. If today's teens continue to start smoking at the same rate that adults currently smoke, 5 million will die from smoking related diseases.

Just think about it. Do you really want to be just another statistic? Don't be a butthead.



4 IN-DEPTH

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT CHARLESTOWNE

By Adrienne Yule

With Christmas lights already up and Thanksgiving around the corner, one can't help but think of shopping.

Recently my sister Sharon and I, looking suspicious with notebooks in hand, went to a variety of stores in Charlestowne mall to find out what's new, unique, and selling the best.

The two sports stores we visited, Fan Fair and Footlocker agreed that Starter jackets are the hottest thing on the market. They range in price from \$100 - \$150.

Also a big seller are Starter hats, priced from \$15 - \$30. Fan Fair also has, new for the holidays, authentic football jerseys for \$127.99.

Footlocker is displaying it's new Starter line of clothing which doesn't have any team logos. They also commented on the popularity of outdoor lifestyle shoes which are about \$70.00.

Journey's said Vans, a brand of shoes, are their best sellers.

GAP clothing said denim and flannels are their hottest items. Their new flannels run about \$38.00. Also popular here are their women's sweaters and rugbys.

Structure, a men's store, said their tastest-selling items were silk shirts and swiss flannels, which sell at about \$30. Winsor Ties, also a men's store, says that Michael Jordan ties, Where's Waldo ties and M.C. Escher abstract design ties are very in this season.

For women, Contempo Casuals and The Limited agreed that bodysuits are the biggest sellers, ranging in price from \$30.00-\$40.00. Contempo is introducing a new velvet line for Christmas and The Limited is having a promotion on cable knit sweaters.

B-Dalton Books is carrying Madonna's new book SEX, which is expected to be a big holiday hit.

Kaybee Toy Store said their best-selling item is the Sega CD player which is about \$250. Teen-Age Mu-

tant Ninja Turtles and Batman figures are still very popular.

Kaybee, The Chocolate Factory, and Claire's Boutique said that one of their new fast-selling items is trolls. They have all sorts of troll-wear such as watches, pens, earrings, etc. The Chocolate Factory also has solid chocolate porsches, chocolate champagne bottles and other assorted candy.

Another specialty store, Victoria's Secrets has a new fragrance called "Rapture." This is the follow-up to their fragrance "Victoria," the third best selling in the nation.

Saturday Matinee said Beauty and the Beast is their most popular video. The best-selling watch at Carson Pirie Scott is the Scuba watch by Swatch, priced at \$50.00.

5th Avenue Coffee has the Twelve Flavors of Christmas. Two other popular coffees are French Vanilla and Cinnamon Nut Swirl.

Imaginarium had the Find Elvis Space Tube, a baton filled with glitter and a tiny Elvis.

Impulse said the car discman by Sony runs for about \$230. Treats-N-More talked about the popularity of their Jelly Belly's.

The Disney Store has Bow Biters to keep your shoe laces tied for \$4.50. The Mickey Mouse Umbrella with ears costs \$32. Another hot item is the Minnie Mouse Paisley Tie which is priced at \$30. Mickey Mouse silk boxers are \$25.

The Hallmark Store wins my prize for the most innovative item. They now have personalized cards which are just like the regular cards but they can be put through a computer to put the person's name in the blank provided.

Seeing all of these new items gave me some great ideas for Christmas. So with the day after Thanksgiving Sales coming up, I leave you with only this advice, shop 'til you drop.

WHOWJLLBETHE TURKEY TEACHER????

by Maria Mendoza

All ESL teachers are running for Turkey Teacher. Who will it be? Go and find out for yourself. Attend the International Club's activities.

The club is celebrating Thanksgiving on Tuesday November 24, 1992. They are going to have a big Thanksgiving feast. It will take place at the Sandpiper restaurant. There will also be a turkey dinner drive on Wed. November 25, 1992. The food will assist needy residents from the West Chicago Community.

The International Club plans to create a sharing fun image activity among the staff here at West Chicago High School! And get ready for Christmas.



Chris Altman & Nichole Cordin share a shake while shopping at the 3-block Milwaukee mall.

Photo by Skye Studabaker

Christmas Shopping

By Mike Campbell

Everyone knows that Nov. 26 is Thanksgiving. Did you know that Nov. 27 is just as popular as Nov. 26?

Nov. 27 is the busiest day of shopping because that is the first day of the Christmas shopping season. The malls are packed with people shopping for the perfect Christmas gift. From then on, it is a countdown for Christmas shopping days.

These gift hunters cram the nearest stores searching for gifts for relatives and friends. They will probably end up running into these same people at the mall!

Many people think they will get all of their shopping done before the rush, but all they do is run into the person in front of them.

If you are trying to decide whether to go to the mall or to individual stores outside the mall for your shopping, you might be better off going to individual stores. There won't be as much of a crowd and no hassle of running store to store with a mob of shoppers.

So don't expect to get your shopping done early on Nov. 27 because it is one of the busiest days for Christmas shopping.

Wordsearch

By: Mike Aigner

The words go across, diagonal, up, down, and backwards.

colonies	gobble	meat	tradition
corn	gravy	settlers	turkey
cranberrys	Indians	stuffing	
eat	Mayflower	sauce	
family	pie	thankful	
friends	Pilgrims	Thanksgiving	

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QUIJEN SERA LA MAESTRA PAVO????

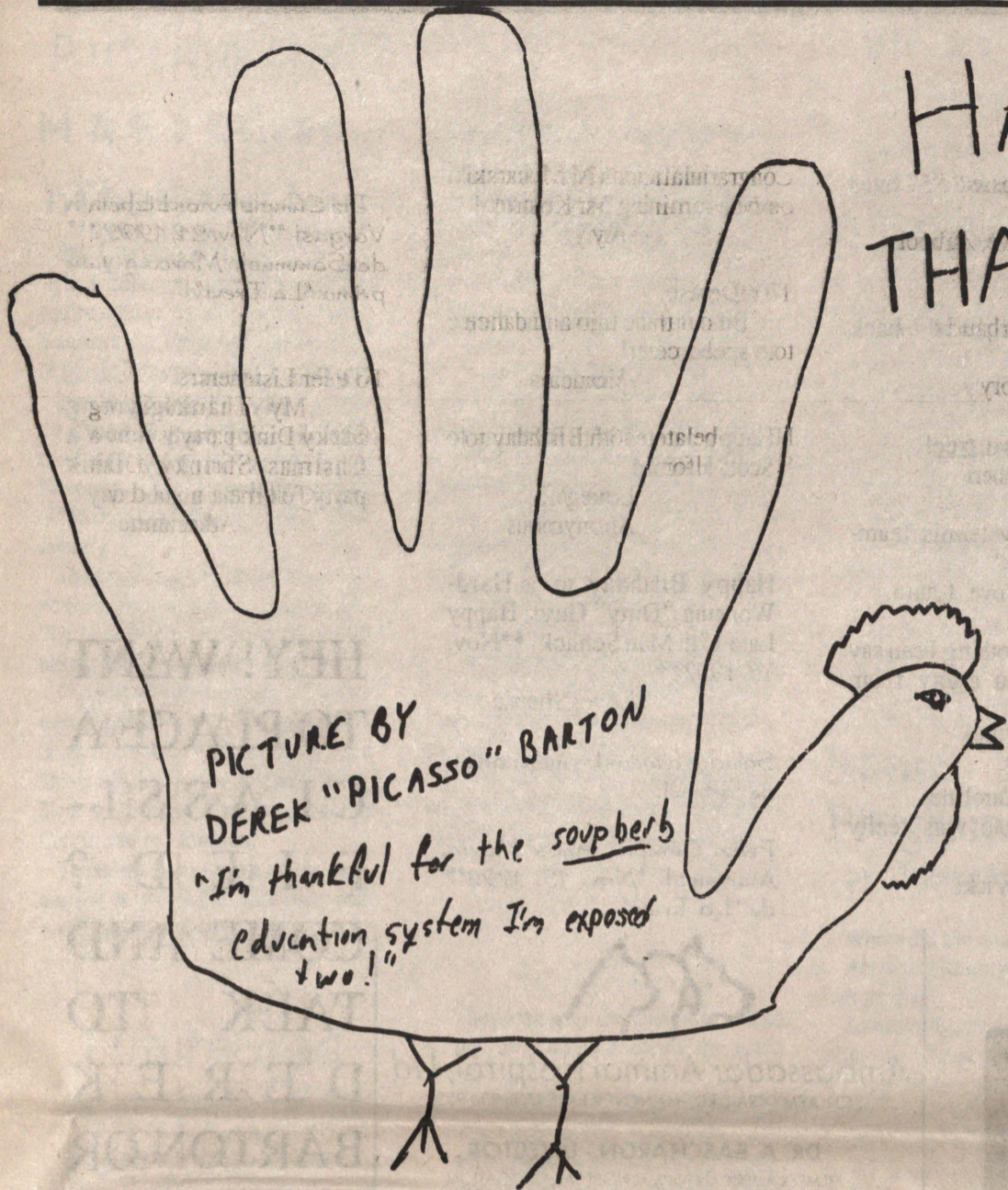
by Maria Mendoza

Todas las maestras de ESL son elegibles a ser maestra pavo. Quien sera? Vayan por ustedes mismos y atiende los activides del Club International.

El Club celebra el dia del pavo el martes Noviembre 24, 1992. Van a tener una gran fiesta. Se llevara a cabo en el restauran de Sandpiper. Tambien si quieren donar comida para los necesitados de la comunidad West Chicago, son bien recibidos.

El Club International planea hacer un imagen divertido para las gran maestras de West Chicgo! Y aggarenc para Navidad.

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PICTURE BY
DEREK "PICASSO" BARTON
"I'm thankful for the souperb
education system I'm exposed
to!"

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Quotes I'm Thankful
For:

- ① "One small step for man;
One giant leap for man-
kind" -Neil Armstrong
- ② "Shamu? Shamu the
whale?" -Mr. Coyner
- ③ "It's not worth a bucket
of spit." - Mr. Reem
- ④ "Silence or Violence! The
choice is yours!"
"My way or the highway!"
-Mrs. Monahan
- ⑤ "P-p-p-p-p-p-p-percisley!"
-Mr. Wiggin
- ⑥ Hey! Where you going? You
got a pass?"
-Mr. Walters
- ⑦ " $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ "
-Mr. Carter
- ⑧ "Hey Jones! Where did you get
those cloths? Good will?"
-Dr. Jones's childhood friends

Top Ten Things You'll Most Likely Hear Dan Quayle Say In '93

By Raven Moore

10. "Welcome to McDonald's, may I take your order."
9. "Please Murphy, let me be your anchorman."
8. "Marilyn, let's go back to Indiana.
At least the Hoosiers still like me."
7. "Stan, pick up in aisle 4."
6. "How many more potatoes do I have to peel?"
5. "It's time to make the donuts."
4. "Please George, can I keep Millie?"
3. "Welcome to Lenny's-I mean Denny's."
2. "Please Murphy, name your baby Dan!"
1. "You mean we didn't win?"

Top 10 most wanted things for Christmas

By Adrienne Yule and Damon Carlson

- 10) A para-pro walkie-talkie to hear the latest gossip
- 9) Wonder Woman pez dispenser
- 8) Edible underwear
- 7) A full year subscription to the Wildcat Chronicle
(including summer editions)
- 6) A framed picture of Mr. Dow
- 5) "A peer listener"
- 4) Mrs. Kostro's wedding album
- 3) Al Jone's diary
- 2) Dan Quayle speak and spell (for all ages)
- 1) A new Pom sweater

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FILL INS? NO WAY!



Nichole Cordin (Officer Pudney) slicks back J.
Shwan's hair (Glenn Cooper) before Rumors.
Photo by Skye Studabaker

COACH'S CORNER

More than a candy store!!

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- *Sweets for a special
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- *Special gifts for Mom
or Dad,
- *Peace offering after
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Thanks for a supportive season Wildcat fans, especially the Dog Pound!

-Richi Fikis

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Ryan 682-1832

LET'S GO TO CICERO

Welcome Home, Lisa! We missed you!

-Ho

To: Kelly MacAdam
From: Molly Statz
"Don't forget your sticks and leaves!"

To: Jenni Bloniarz
From: Kristin Bedow
Happy 18th Birthday!

Remember: My birthday's on Saturday! I love you all!

-Raven

The **blowfish** posse "5" lives forever!

Love, Zabool

Murph-
I want my Girbauds back pronto!!

-Cory

Diana- One, two, tree!
Cheri

To the varsity tennis team-
"You are sick!"

Love, Laura

To Nichole- Nothing I can say will take you away from Bandy!

-Skye

To Gina and Caroline:
"That solo was really Gould!"

-Vicki

Congradulations Ms. MocarSKI on becomming Mrs. Kostro!

-Amy

To Denise
Bust out the banjo and dance to speed racer!

-Veronica

Happy belated 16th Birthday to Scott Halford

Love ya!
Anonymous

Happy Birthday to a Hard-Working "Dirty" Guy! Happy Late 17th Matt Schlick. **Nov. 16, 1992**

Love, Sherrie

Saludos a todos los mexicanos, de la trevi.

Feliz Cumple Anos Marta Martinez! *Nov. 13, 1992** de "La Trevi"


Feliz Cumple Anos Lizbeth Vargas! **Nov. 21, 1992** de Sammuel, Marco y tu prima "La Trevi"

To Peer Listeners:
My Thanksgiving Shrinky Dink party is now a Christmas Shrinky Dink party. Tell me a good day

-Adrienne

HEY! WANT TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED? COME AND TALK TO DEREK BARTON OR MRS. KOSTRO FOR DETAILS. MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!

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Putting the MAGIC Back in Theatre

by Carolyn Mertz

"It's a different kind of show than you're used to" is how Rachel Owens describes the Thespians' production of *Magic Theatre*.

Magic Theatre is a children's play the Thespians performed in an audition for the Illinois Theatre Festival on November 19. Their goal is to be part of the showcase at the festival in early January.

The show is unique in that there are no costumes, no scenery, and no set. The only things on stage are a few blocks and the actors themselves.

The performance features Thespian members from recent We-go productions, including Rob Scott, Jessica Shinofield, Joe Guetler, Rachel Owens, Skye Studabaker, Chris Leck, Nicole Cordin and Jen Johnson.

Thespians began work on the production at the end of last year, and continued to perform at churches, day-

care centers, and the County Fair during the summer.

According to the director of *Magic Theatre* and president of Thespians, Steve Broido, "It's aimed at kids between the ages of four and ten."

The production consists of a variety of "skits", which show children how to use their imagination and be their own person. The eight-member cast changes characters every scene, and the focus of the show is to teach kids valuable "life lessons."

Jessica Shinofield believes that the program's message is important, "It talks about fears little kids have and things that are mysteries to them."

The play has been beneficial to the actors as well. Cast member Joe Guetler claims the play helped him learn "how to work with an audience."

Broido also feels that the production has been a good experience, "It taught me a lot about theatre and performing."

They look over the student's work to find progress and decide the grade together.

Larson started this system because he said, "It's been my experience that when a student gets a grade they only see the grade." Also, because "when you put a number of papers together and look at what's accumulated you have a much more complete picture of the student's skills and ability levels."

One of Larson's students, Scott Weihofen said, "The problem with Mr. Larson's grading system is that you don't know for sure the grade you're getting. To me it seems that he's using this system to make his life easier."

However, Amy Mastro said, "I think this is better than just getting a letter grade because now we know where we need to improve."

When told of Mr. Larson's system, Dr. Jones thought it was a good idea. He agreed that it helps the students challenge themselves rather than others to achieve an A.

Since this new system is only experimental, it could help or hinder students. However, it might be a new way to grade in the future.

lowing week. The great new salad only costs \$1.45.

The prices of the school's food has become a big issue to some students. Some say the prices rise every year. The cost for line "A" (Hot Lunch), hasn't changed in 3 years. It has been stable at \$1.40. Mrs. Tinnes, manager of the kitchen says, "District schools are cheaper and are a non-profit organization." Some Jr. High schools charge \$.75 for an ice cream, when our school charges \$.40. The school's Board of Education is responsible for putting prices on food.

Oh to be a Hero

Molly Statz

Heroes are a very important part of life. They are shown in movies, books, T.V. and in real life. To most people to be a hero someone has to save someone from dying, or rescue a person from a burning building.

A hero does not necessarily have to save another person's life. A hero can be someone who did a favor for a friend, or a person who is looked up to.

Anyone can be a hero and no one has to risk their life for someone else. To a cat or dog at the animal shelter you could be their hero and their best friend.

Last month over 290 cats and dogs were brought to the animal shelter in

Du Page county. The cats and dogs were either unwanted by their owners or strays. Of those brought in only 36 dogs and 49 cats were adopted. 5 cats and 62 dogs were claimed by the original owners.

The sad thing is 67 dogs and 165 cats were euthanized or put to sleep. The animal shelter will put the unclaimed cat or dog to sleep to control the population of strays.

It is almost guaranteed that if someone adopts a cat or dog they will be loved. The attention a cat or dog gives may be all someone needs to fill an empty space in their life. The only difference is no one can understand barks and meows.

New Location, Same Strong Program

by : Richie Fikis

Where did the tutoring rooms go?
Answer: hidden behind the study hall rooms.

So basically, the majority of upper classmen who don't have study hall have never seen these rooms.

Many people are totally unknowledgeable of the fact that there still is a tutoring department in our school.

The fact is, the department has continued to be very strong, helping students from all walks of life.

The department was started in 1984 by Mrs. Gail Aronoff, who is currently the head of the department. She is assisted by numerous people, most notably Michael Arenberg and Pat Kroger. Kroger has been with the program for six years now. Arenberg, who is also a well trained marathon runner, has been with the program for 3 years.

The program was coordinated as a service for regular kids who need monitoring. Aronoff explained it as,

catching the kids who fall through the cracks."

The majority of these kids are those who transfer from other programs such as special education, hospital stays, the bilingual program, or from other school districts.

Some of these kids need extra academic help, however, many of them just need some extra "push" to get them on the right track.

These teachers make the perfect combination for getting kids on the right track. There is a definite seriousness in the classroom, but there is also a definite togetherness to go with it. The teachers do a great job of associating with the kids and getting to know them on a personal level.

They not only give academic help, but they give insight on many other topics also. I have experienced first hand some pointers concerning athletics from Arenberg, who just finished 1,066 out of 27,732 in the New York Marathon. He is hoping to do better in the Boston Marathon come March.

I'm not the only one who has received some of this insight. It is given to anyone who needs it. So, if you need help or you just want to see what the new tutoring rooms look like, stop in at the study hall room and take a look.

Top Ten Reasons To Go To School on Monday

By: Scott Weihofen and
Mike Aigner

1. To see if you still have a buzz
2. Place bets on Monday night football
3. See if you can out-run the para-pro's
4. Free use of school facilities
5. Play cards in commons
6. See who you can offend the most
7. See if the cafeteria food tastes like Cocker-Spaniel
8. Catch up on sleep
9. Just to get out of the house
10. To see all the women

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THE NEW CHICKEN SALAD by Maria Mendoza

There has been an addition to the school's menu. It was Rose Mary's idea to have this change. The cafeteria workers said it was becoming a popularity. In fact, the production was increased tremendously by the fol-

Who are The Ramones?

By Heidi Herold and Cheri Winkler

Well let me tell you...

In 1974 a group of strange-looking young men identically dressed in leather jackets, T-shirts, ripped jeans, and sneakers were booked for their first performance in a small club called CBGB.

The manager booked them even though their music was very loud, very fast and the only thing separating the songs was the bass player's shouts of 1-2-3-4.

From that moment, Rock 'n' Roll was never the same! The Ramones inspired many other punk rock bands, like the Sex Pistols, Pixies, Beastie Boys, and Sonic Youth.

They made many tapes, one almost every year since 1976, but Joey Ramone says some of their best songs are on their new tape Mondo Bizarro.

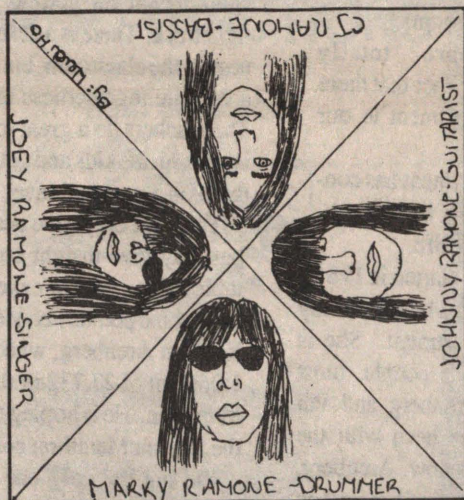
Joey explained that the reason they started their own group was because they were bored with everything they heard in 1974. The Ramones tried to play songs by their favorite bands like Gene Vincent, the Beatles, the Beach Boys and Alice Cooper, but they

couldn't figure how to play them. So, they wrote their own music.

It's obvious that The Ramones have influenced a lot of people. Joey said, "Ever since we started back in '74, everybody's adapted our trademark sound and style as their foundation, from the Sex Pistols to Metallica, and now Nirvana. And some people, you know, they want to hear the original. The type of fans we have now are kids who are into metal and thrash and hardcore and alternative. There's no barriers. It's great because it's like one big melting pot of different kinds of taste."

"If you want change, you can make change. The kids are the ones that made it happen. They made the improvement in Rock 'n' Roll," said Joey Ramone. The other three members of the band, Johnny Ramone, CJ Ramone, and Marky Ramone, feel the same.

Their music is finally accepted 18 years later. So don't be an "Outsider," get into the Ramones. You won't regret it.



For Your Health

Molly Statz

Teen pregnancy and STD's are a growing problem for teens. One girl out of ten girls under the age of 20 will become pregnant every year. Only a few other developed countries have a higher adolescent pregnancy rate. The reason comes from having a younger marriage age.

Teen pregnancy is not the only risk involved with unprotected sex. STD's are also common in teens. 86% of all STD cases occur among 15 to 29 year olds.

What is even worse than an STD is that an estimated 34,000 teens are already infected with HIV. The number of cases doubles every 14 months. Most STD's are curable, however; HIV has no cure.

The Health Department at 111 County Farm road offers several programs and services for teens. The Health Department offers birth control, STD, AIDS, and pregnancy testing. Parental

permission is not needed for anyone over 12 years old.

Examinations needed to get birth control are done at the clinic. The Health Department has condoms, diaphragms, and birth control pill ready for distribution. STD testing is done confidential and any information they discover is kept between them. Treatment for STD's are given at the clinic.

After any testing a person will get counseling from a staff member. Clinician consultant Candace Crossley said, "counseling differs for each person because each person has different needs. Although there is a ten dollar charge, no one is denied because of ability to pay."

The AIDS testing is done anonymously. Only a first name is taken for the register book. After the appointment a number is given to the person. To get a test answer the numbers match up and not names.

Test results can be obtained over the phone. The only one that can not be given over the phone is AIDS results.

TOYS FOR TOTS

by Dina Bascharon

What does the end of November signify? Not only does it signify Thanksgiving and the beginning of the holiday shopping season, but it signifies the beginning of Student Council's annual Toys for Tots Drive.

This year the Student Council would like to encourage everyone to help donate presents or gift wrapping to less fortunate children. These donations will go to children whose families can't afford to buy them gifts or to children without families.

Presents can be in the form of toys, coloring books, posters, etc. The presents should preferably be new or used items in good condition.

Amy Garceau, senior class representative and chairman of the Toys for Tots committee stated, "A huge box will be placed in the library for people to drop off their donations."

The Toys for Tots drive is scheduled to begin in the last week of November until the last day of classes before Christmas break.

Remember donations need not be elaborate and expensive. If after shopping for relatives and loved ones you have a few extra dollars, there are many items which can be purchased for only a dollar or two.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated, not only by Student Council, but more so by the children who will be receiving the gifts.



Sane Larry is More Fun Than Hunting Deer

by Skye Studabaker

Thought you were finished reading about the adventures of Brian Levake and Eric Schlotzer? Wrong!!

Instead of doing the writing, our past *tootsie* editors of the late *Bridge* are starring in a *full-on* feature in the *Wildcat Chronicle*.

Many of you have already heard of Sane Larry, I'm sure, but for those who have no idea what I'm talking about, Sane Larry is a local band that plays what they call "grunge-funk-core." It is held together by West Chicago grads Brian Levake (guitar) and Eric Schlotzer (bass and vocals), as well as Mike Weaver (drums) from St. Charles.

Sane Larry was born two and a half years ago and included singer Brian Rutzen from St. Charles. Rutzen was booted out of the band after one year.

The band recorded the first version of their first tape *Choose Again* ("Try Again" as they like to refer to it) last winter in a friend's basement in Wasco. This tape included songs like "Carn-evil," a psychedelic interpretation of the band's fear of clowns.

Although the band recently submitted their slick demo tape *K is for Sucker* to Electra Records, they won't be signed with the company this year. They are, however, "negotiating with Hot Tamale Records out of Berwin," says Levake.

Sane Larry's most recent live performance was held November 6 at the YMCA Youth Bureau in Dekalb, and it was a disaster. According to guitarist Brian Levake, "We set up, started to play and they hated us. A kid in the back screamed, 'Get some lessons!'"

Many West Chicago students have a different opinion of the band. Junior Nichole Cordin goes so far as to say, "Sane Larry is great. Eric Schlotzer is Elvis in disguise."

Levake adds that "being in Sane Larry is a creative way to hang out with my best friends. I get to smell Eric. He has a nice smell. I get to hang out with Mike's dog Spud."

Besides the fun times, being involved in the band has its darker side. "It's not a real job," Levake says. "You lose weight because you starve to death because you have no money. Sometimes Eric smells bad, and Spud has fleas."

For those who still love Sane Larry after this article, the band will be playing at C.O.D.'s Battle of the Bands on January 29. Copies of *Choose Again* and *K is for Sucker* can still be purchased for \$4 from Brian Levake at 231-8375.

Coach Of the Year

by : Richie Fikis

A season has ended. The awards assembly is over and the players have received their awards.

There is one person who deserves more awards than could've possibly been given out.

This person is head football coach Bruce Donash.

Every individual award should be considered an award for him.

He is the person who is responsible for this past "winning" season.

People may argue that the success came from the players, but he is the one who made each player more successful. He put each player into a new computerized off-season weight program, got the players involved into summer leagues, and analyzed hours and hours of film.

He never did this for himself, but for the future of each and every one of his players.

After a loss he didn't blame players (as Mike Ditka would), but he took full responsibility when in truth it was the fault of his players.

His hard work and dedication to our football program has made him deserving of each and every victory. He deserved a play-off birth more

than anyone. He didn't get it, but he gave it everything he had.

I was recently asked on a yearbook questionnaire, What are you going to remember or miss the most about football?

Answer: Coach Donash, his hard work, enthusiasm, and respect for each and every player.

All-State Siglin Keeps On Running

By David Vingren

Brett Siglin's high school cross country career ended at the state meet; but Siglin plans to continue running in the future.

Siglin finished tenth at the state meet on November 7 in Peoria to make him all-state.

The senior finished a three mile course at Detweiller Park in 15:13.

Siglin became only the second all-state cross country runner in Wildcat history. Rick Montalvo did it in 1990

finishing fifth. Individuals who finish in the top 25 are named all-state.

Stevenson's Pat Joyce, who was the only individual to beat Siglin this year before the state meet, placed first for the second strait year.

Although Siglin finished where he was expected to, he wasn't satisfied.

"It was probably one of the worst races I've run this year," said Siglin.

"I was pretty upset afterwards. I pictured in my mind I would be closer

in front. I wanted to be in the top three.

"Now it doesn't bother me that much. I just think about what's ahead."

Ahead for Siglin is the Mideast Championship in Kettering, Ohio on November 21. The meet features the top ten senior runners in Illinois and four other states.

Siglin also plans to try out for the Kinney Midwest Regional in Kenosha, Wisconsin in late November.

"I just want to run the best race I can," said Siglin of his future meets. "I'm not going to put a lot of pressure on myself. That's why I think I didn't do so good at state; because I put too much pressure on myself."

Siglin also is looking to bring his cross country career into college.

"I'm looking at a lot of eastern schools," said Siglin. "I would like to get into a good Division I school."

Just another day at the Races

By: Mike Aigner

Do you want to lose all of your money or try to double it?

The horse races are the place to go.

The place that I think is fun to go to is Hawthorne Park. Hawthorne Park is located right off Cicero Ave in Cicero, next to Sportsmans Park. Hawthorne isn't the nicest or the cleanest place to hang out, but they still have good horses that can win you money.

The betting procedure is the same as any other track. You can bet for win, place, or show which is first, second, and third place. These bets don't pay off very high when a minimum bet of two dollars is made. Better choices for more money are the perfecta and Daily Double, however, you won't have the odds with you.

A perfecta is a more complex betting procedure. Let's say you bet the 6

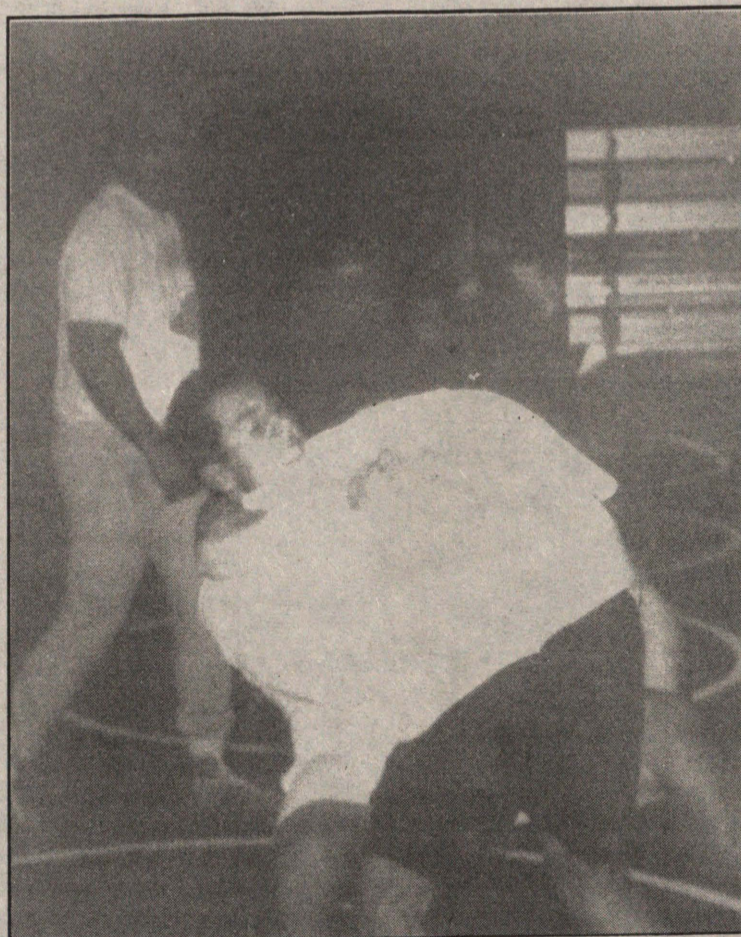
and 3 horses for a perfecta and it comes 3 and 6; you lose. But you can box the pair so it doesn't matter who comes in first or second as long as they both do. When this wins it pays about fifty dollars on a five dollar bet.

A daily double is when you bet on the winners of the first and second race. But both horses have to win in their races or you don't win.

Some days are more crowded than others. Sometimes there will be about 10-15 people standing in line and other days you can just walk up to the window.

You have to be 17 years or older at Hawthorne to be able to bet. It is only about \$2 to get in and \$1.50 for a program.

Whenever you are bored you can get a couple of your friends and go. I'm sure you will have a good time, even if you come out losing.



Seniors Carlos Ayala and Tate Knutson go head to head at practice. Wrestling season opened up Thursday at home.

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Looking To End Regional Jinx

by : Kevin Baldus/Richie Fikis

With a new season underway, the Wildcat basketball team hopes to accomplish goals along with ending a four year jinx.

The boys began practice on November 9th.

Their major goal for the season is to improve on last years 14-14 record. Another goal is to overcome their post season problems that have hampered them over the last four years (they lost their first regional game each of these years).

After losing Dupage County scoring champion Eric Heinz and starting guard Travaris Sullivan, the 'Cats are going to be more of a balanced team. Opposing teams won't be able to key on one or two players as in years past.

Key returners from last year are seniors Kevin Baldus, Wallace Sullivan,

and Eric Lasky. Transfer student Dave Valenti, from Batavia, is looking to fill the point guard spot. Juniors John Lammers, Donta Norwood, John Jovanovich, and Tom Suss are also looking to be very important factors for the 'Cats this season.

The 'Cats have been preparing for their first challenge, the Oswego Thanksgiving Invitational, where they hope to repeat last years championship. They will face Yorkville in the opening round on Tuesday, November 24th.

They will play two more games in Oswego on the 26th and 27th, so come out and show some support for your Wildcats.



Seniors Kevin Baldus (40) and Wallace Sullivan (50) go toe to toes for a rebound for a rebound.

Photo by Richie Fikis

LADYCATS OUT TO ATTACK

By: Dana Sabol

This season, the Varsity girls basketball team is determined to go all the way in the DuPage Valley Conference.

Senior captains Shannon Mason, Amy Barnes, Tiffany Smith and Christy Murphy shed some light on the upcoming season. These seniors are looking to achieve the goals they've set for the team. They are confident this season will be successful and memorable.

Barnes says "We are looking to win the DuPage Valley Conference. The four of us have been playing varsity for 2 years now. We are working on fast

breaks, and pressing defense on opposing teams. We hope to see more improvement."

"I feel that we will have the best record we've ever had," says Murphy, "we just have to stick together. Basically our team goal is to work on the defense since it's the key to success."

Smith comments "I think we have the potential to be a winning team. It will take a lot of hard work and dedication. We can't assume we'll be successful, we have to work at it. Success as a team is our most impor-

tant goal. I think we need to stay confident in ourselves and our teammates. Playing as a team is what we have to do to live up to our potential."

Mason states "I really feel that this year will be a success. We have been working on new strategies to get ourselves through conference with a winning record. We have to be a team and work from there. We have a lot of talented players that will help us win conference."

The team motto for this year is "Next year is now". The past 2 years Barnes, Mason, Smith and Murphy have been on Varsity, always saying at the end of each season, "We always have next year too". Well there is no next year for these seniors, so that leaves them with one thing left to do.

The Ladycats' first tournament is November 25, 27, and 28 at Lyons Township. Come out and support the Cats! Your presence can make the difference towards a successful season.



Senior Tiffany Smith is one of four returning starters who will make a strong impact for the ladycats.

Photo by Richie Fikis

Fans Have Faith In Wildcats

by Kristin Bedow

Another football season has gone by and the Wildcats have given West Chicago a year to remember.

Friday nights were centered around We-Go football games. The fans packed the stands at home and away, and the excitement on the field was contagious.

What aided the Wildcats in their tremendous winning streak? The fans. This season seemed to turn out more support than West Chicago's bleachers have seated in a long time.

Why? Perhaps the spirit of the team and the faith the players had in themselves rubbed off on the rest of us. Whatever it was, it paid off.

The Wildcats led We-Go to a 21-14 win over long time rival Glenbard North, and took Wheaton North 13-12.

Quarterback, Richie Fikis says, "I think our victories had a lot to do with

the fan support, especially at away games. It's great to look in the stands and see so many of our friends and classmates cheering us on."

Defensive end Jimmy Briggs agrees. "It definitely helped. At the Glenbard North game we had more fans on our side of the field, and it was at their school."

Coach Bruce Donash says, "There was definitely more support throughout the whole season this year. I noticed that especially at away games. That's when you can tell you've really got fan support, when the students and parents attend away games as well as home games. It makes our work a lot more rewarding."

The Wildcats did a great job this year, so let's hear it for a great season of football, and a great team! Congratulations guys!