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Blue Jay Lands At Northview

By DANIEL MALIGNAGGI

On December 19, Northview welcomed a spe-



cial guest, in fact a former Viking, Chris Woodward. Woodward currently plays for Major League Baseball's Toronto Blue Jays where he has been given the full-time starting shortstop job for the 2003 year. Impressive indeed it is, as Woodward becomes Northview's eighth former player to go on to the big leagues.

It has not been an easy road for him however. "[While at Northview] I never thought I was good enough to go to the pros," said Woodward. He did enjoy success while a Viking, reaching CIF semifinals as a sophomore and then, after moving from second base to shortstop, receiving First Team All-San Gabriel Valley honors and CIF Second team as a senior. Still, he did not believe he

would be drafted, but surprisingly he was by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 53rd round. Altering his plans, the Class of '94 grad went to Mt. San Antonio Community College (Mt. SAC) for a year, and there he tremendously improved his game.

"I actually think I was better at Mt. Sac than here (Northview)." So maybe that's why he was very surprised by the large reception given to him from Northview. "I just can't believe all this." Woodward was presented with the retirement of his #8 jersey that he wore while playing for the Vikings (the same number of his favorite

ball player Cal Ripken Jr.), and he also gave Northview



his current Toronto Blue Jays jersey. Woodward made a

true homecoming, being born and living out his childhood in Covina. Besides playing for Northview, he also played at Northview Little League and pony league ball at Hollenbeck Park.

This Covina kid has become a humbled star after spending four years in the minors starting in Rookie-Class A ball. He went through all minor league affiliates through Triple AAA until he was once again called up by Toronto this year. But of course, he was star struck once reaching the majors. "My first at-bat I looked back and Mike Piazza, who

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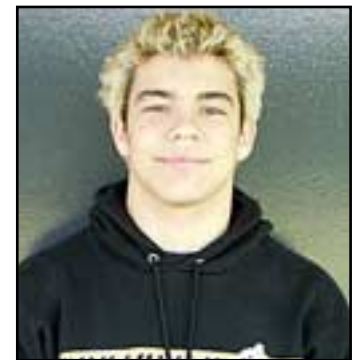
By JESSICA FLORES and SARA ARCE

Recently some Northview students, and even a Northview staff, member had the opportunity to become "stars". Bobby Bellamy, a teacher in the Science Department, was asked to wrestle for an Adidas commercial, and many members of the wrestling team were part of a short film called "Underdog." The movie actually was filmed on the Northview campus, starring our very own Nick Leon. The film was about a wrestler who

was not expected to win against the tough guy, but who actually won the approval of his teammates by putting up a fight and almost beating the star wrestler. The "underdog" was played by Jake Hyand from Fountain Valley High School, while Leon played the tough guy. "It wasn't about winning," adds Leon. "Even though he lost, it's okay because he showed everyone that he tried his hardest."

Freshmen Leon was asked to act in the film by one of his old coaches who was

involved in the production. Leon was picked for the part



not only because of his wrestling talents, but also because of his acting abilities.

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Gaming Industry Steals Innocence!

By LIGIA MORENO

On any tiresome day of the week I come home and turn on the TV and watch the news. This all seems fine until I find that every other story is about a psychotic murderer who went on a killing spree. I always wonder what makes these people tick, when all of a sudden my five year-old cousin runs in the room yelling "Bang! Bang!! I killed a mob boss." One would wonder where a five year-old gets all this madness of killing. I don't think one should really be surprised

when out on the market are video games such as "Grand Auto Theft" and "Duke Nuken."

Sure, many out there like to point the finger at the parents, but they didn't put on the market the video games - the gaming industry does. The gaming industry knows that sex and violence sells, but do they know that little kids like video games and would play any game just to justify their addictions? Children are in the stages of learning and growing. Their brains are developing and they all need

nourishment to grow healthy. Games such as "Doom" only cause kids to be more aggressive and desensitized. The same children who play violent video games could grow up and kill a person and feel nothing since they have murdered for years in their games.

This industry understands the fact that kids are visual learners and that is why they develop games such as "ABC Learning with Elmo" (and games of that sort). Yet there are the games that deal with stealing cars and killing mob bosses. It is medical proof that

kids are affected by violent games. People always say, "But the news! There is violence there." Sorry to give you the reality check, but the news is educational information of the violent crimes which are committed to help find the murderer and/or to prevent this crime from happening again. When they play their games, the kids are the ones murdering while in the news they are hearing and watching ways to prevent the horrible crimes which are committed.

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Video Games Don't Create Violence, Reality Does

By COURTNEY NEWMAN

If I had a dollar for every time I heard someone say, "Violence in video games is effecting the youth," I would be a rich girl. But I don't get a dollar every time, so I'm stuck with a broken backpack and a cheap folder.... The point is, people have been saying there's something wrong with video games

since "Pong" first came out. But is there any real truth behind the accusations?

Every time a new game comes out, there's division in a household: kids love it, parents hate it. And someone always has a Tipper Gore wannabe in the family who starts a campaign against video game companies. Just a few years ago, Sony was a target for their newly released game "Grand Theft Auto 3." Apparently some people don't think car chases and murders are proper entertainment for children, yet those same parents make their children watch the evening new with them. This reporter feel it's not video games, it's the parents.

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Campos Boxes His Way To The Top

By STACI RUBI

There's a new face in the spotlight here at Northview and his name is Jonathan Campos. He is a freshman and is being recognized for his amazing talent in his sport. He is a boxer.

Campos has been boxing off and on from the age of seven until now, age 14. Although he has been boxing since age seven, his father got him started on the basics at the early age of 3 1/2.

His favorite thing about boxing is "knowing that it makes me and my family happy and the satisfaction of being able to do this even though I'm small, and being able to spend time with my father." His least favorite thing? Simply stated- "The running."

Campos has stuck not only to boxing. Throughout his life, he has played numerous sports. "Almost every sport," he says: football, base-

ball, basketball, track, and hockey.

As he has been boxing, his biggest supporter has been his dad. "My father has taught me almost everything I know. He has been there financially, as a coach, and as a dad."

After high school, Campos plans on working towards his goal to go pro. He may just be on his way there! This past year, he won the first tournament he has ever been in-the Jr. Golden Gloves.

Campos plans on contin-

uing boxing until he wins an Olympic gold medal, or when he is "washed up." When asked if there's anything that he's really proud of so far, he responded simply, "Not really, not 'til I get where I want to go."

Funding School Life Is Equal

By GABRIEL HERNANDEZ

As a student at Northview High school you may be aware of all the active sports and extracurricular activities on campus. If not, then you soon find out as rallies arise to promote sports and pump the school spirit. Although, as a student sometimes favoritism crosses the mind and questions begin to be posed: Why does football get so much? Do female sports receive less money than those of males? Who pays for all this? Who decides how much goes where? The school budget distribution may seem unfair at times as some sports programs and extracurricular activity programs seem neglected compared to those of greater popularity. Truth is: the budget system our district employs is fair, even though we may not see it. As Principal Richard Sheehan stated, "It is as equitable as possible."

The Covina-Valley Unified School District allows a certain amount for the extracurricular activities

aside from sports. The athletic budget is divided between the boys' and girls' departments. A system of rotation is instituted as each year the budget may focus on a different sport in need of extra funds, for reasons such as new uniforms, or perhaps new equipment. Last year's budget included attaining new uniforms for softball while this year's emphasis is struck on boys' and girls' track. The action behind closed doors is what we do not see and often question. We may feel that football, being the sport of high school life, is of course receiving the most funds. Wrong! Behind those closed doors lies a system of sport support through coaches, boosters, and students who help in fundraising money to attain all the luxuries we see. As Sheehan admits, "Certain sports just cost more." In football's case, the district itself requires the reconditioning of equipment where it is sent out at the end of each year to be checked for safety. If replacements are required, then the district pays. Even in the

band's case instrumental repairs are paid for the year out, as they do not give band a budget.

In years to come we can expect many changes, including a possible stadium for girls' softball, and the guys' stadium for boys. Although the school budget is light as is, due to the decisions that Gray Davis may make in the upcoming year, we may lose three million dollars in an already accepted budget. Regarding school budget, Sheehan insists that, "If anyone has any questions, ask them" because school budget is "not a secret."

The school budget distribution may have been misunderstood to be one of favoritism. Neglecting to find out, students have been misinformed and truth is that most extracurricular activities work hard at raising their own funds to provide proper gear for the team. So next time these questions are posed, think of how hard a team may work to get what we see and make Northview victorious!



A Nation Gives Thanks

By **MICHELLE CABRERA**

Many of us know the biography of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We know that he grew up to be one of the most influential people in the fight for civil rights not just for African Americans, but for all minorities, during the Civil Rights Movements

during the 50's, 60's and up until his death on January 11, 1968.

When he died, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 still had not been passed. He worked closely with President John F. Kennedy, but after J.F.K. was assassinated during his campaign for a second term

in the oval office, Lyndon B. Johnson, who was sworn into office, did little to support it.

King was one of many influential leaders who spoke at the march on Capital Hill.

He studied the methods of Gandhi and Gandhi's approach to protest without violence. King took that into much consideration when organizing protests.

The late Malcolm X disagreed with the method that King used, but he quickly changed his mind after he became a Muslim. Malcolm even joined King in the protest.

After Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed, many thought that the Civil Rights Act would never be passed.

But after many disappointments, Johnson signed the act, ending segregation.

Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream and he paid the



ultimate price, but he can rest in peace knowing that his dream has become a reality.

Spreading 'The Bad Seed'

By **DAICHI PANTALEON**

"It's a great drama! It's a fascinating story with profoundly interesting characters," raves drama advisor, Ms. Jill Gerber.

Based on William March's novel, *The Bad Seed*, Maxwell Anderson has successfully adapted the noteworthy novel and turned the story into a production of drama and suspense.

First presented in New York City on December 8, 1954, *The Bad Seed* has made its way throughout theaters worldwide. Now after years of production hiatus, Northview High School has taken this masterpiece, and will proudly present the play on our very own campus.

What exactly is *The Bad Seed* about? Here's the gist of the story. It takes place in a small southern town where Olonel and Christine Penmark live with their daughter Rhoda. When one of Rhoda's schoolmates mysteriously drowns at a picnic, Mrs. Penmark grows worried. The boy who drowned was

the one who had triumphed over Rhoda in a competition.

With tickets costing \$5 for students with ID and \$8 for general admission, the poorest of the poor definitely can afford to witness the long awaited performance. No one can afford to miss this drama production.

"I have a strong cast. I have no doubt that they will all live up to the challenge that is before them," brags Gerber.

Gerber proudly promises that *The Bad Seed* will be "an up close and personal 'theater experience.' We will be performing around three sides of the audience. It will be a great experience for the cast and the audience."

The opening day is expected to be on February 27 and will continue February 28 and March 1. On the final note, the cast will be performing in the University of LaVerne festival on February 21.

No Boys Allowed

By **EMILY RIOS**

Girls' League is one of the biggest clubs on Northview's campus. This club exists to help Northview girls become more active here at school and in the community. Sorry, guys, this club is only for the ladies.

Girls' League is led by advisor Ms. Patricia Gonzales and an outstanding team of officers: President Shannon Schmier, Vice-President Jessica Flores, Special Events Amanda Farrar and Lisa Aviles, Publicity Diane Castillo, Secretary Monique Samudio, Historian Shauna Sundberg, and Associate Emily Rios.

Since Girls' League puts on Winter Formal, much

fundraising has to be done throughout the year to make Formal great. Some of this year's fundraisers have included car washes, rummage sales, selling community discount cards, and attending T.V. show tapings such as the Wayne Brady Show. Something new to Girls' League this year is a patch, which Girls' League members can earn through doing community service, for one's letter jacket.

New members can join Girls' League at any time during the year, so listen to the bulletin for an announcement about the next meeting and come join.

“What’s the craziest thing you’ve done for someone you like?”

Cheyenne Hinzo, 12- “I asked the guy if I could give him a kiss, and he said, ‘Yes.’ I asked him to hold out his hand, and he looked somewhat confused, but did it anyway. Then I gave him a Hershey’s kiss. Things went well after that.”

Tina Ngo, 12- “I went online every night until 3:00 A.M. just to talk to him.”

Ryan Dumka, 12- “Took her to church to portray that ‘nice guy’ image. It didn’t work!”

Gio Lerma, 10- “I wrote a song for him and sang it as well!!”

Thalia Torres, 9- “I danced for him oh yeah and sang Brittney’s song, ‘I’m a Slave 4 U!’”

Roxanne Breceda, 12- “I waited until 12:30 A.M., took my dad’s car, picked up my boyfriend and ah...you can try and figure out the rest!”

Stephanie Hernandez, 10- “The craziest thing that I’ve done for a crush would have to be the time when I gave him \$80 for his birthday and I didn’t even know him! He was really cute!”

Coach Dana Craig- “I sent a girl a letter which led her on a mystery solving treasure trail. Every new letter would give her a riddle and only the correct answer would lead her to the next clue. The last mystery led her to where I was waiting. I was scared half to death, but it worked and was a great ice

breaker!”

Valerie Orozco, 10- “The craziest thing I did was go to a party where I didn’t know anyone and I was alone, but I knew my crush would be there!”

Kristen Roberts, 11- “Craziest thing I’ve done (or do) for someone I like is stay up until 3 in the morning just to get a chance to talk to him.”

Catherine Chan, 9- “I think, in elementary I chased

him all over the playground and tackled him! ‘Smack Down!’”

Chris Guerra, 9- “Probably asking her mom if I would make a good ‘couple’ with her! How embarrassing....”

Jessica Flores, 12- “I bought eight people chicken McNuggets, so the guy I liked would stay with us at

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America Has A Long Way To Go

By **ERIKA MAGDANGAL**

Have you ever really paid attention to who you are watching on T.V.? On CBS tonight is that sitcom about the white family. Switch to channel 13, and it’s that sit-

com about the black family. Skip to ABC and it’s the comedy about the Latino family. According to a recent study by *Children Now*, the 8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. television

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Bremmer Takes January Spotlight

By **NEESHA HUNTER**

This educator teaches SAT Prep, AP American History, AP European History and AP Government/ Politics. Can you guess who it is?

If you guessed Sheryl Bremmer, then you ve guessed correctly! Bremmer has been a teacher here at NHS for 30 years. Prior to her teaching job here at NHS, Bremmer worked at the happiest place on earth... Disneyland for five years. She has not always had teaching in mind as a career. As a child she dreamed of being an FBI agent.

Bremmer attended La Habra High School and Lowell High School. She later graduated from Cal State Fullerton. When asked, out of all the local schools, why did she pick NHS? Bremmer stated My mission in life is

to fight ignorance and that’s why I’m a teacher. NHS is an average sized school in a middle class social-economic area. These types of schools are overlooked sometimes. The students at NHS are the country’s future leaders and citizens. NHS is the type of school in which I’d like to make a difference.

In her spare time, Bremmer reads, writes, takes long walks in the park with her dog, reads international newspapers, or grades essays. The thing that bugs her about teaching is people who do not want to learn and are afraid to change. When asked what her most memorable moment in teaching has been, Bremmer replied, Every year I have a memorable moment at graduation when I see people successfully complete high school.

Horoscopes For The New Year

By MICHELLE SUYAT

It's 2003, and time is flying fast as the new year begins. Here is a highlight of what to look forward to at the end of January.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) When you've tried everything else, silence may be the best response. Help someone else accomplish what won't happen for you. Practice now makes perfect later.

Taurus (April 20- May 20) The world beckons with an irresistible invitation. Translate the theoretical into the physical. The only outsiders are people who refuse to be included and they have only themselves to blame.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) You're not buying into someone else's worries, are you? You feel as if you can really make a difference in a tough situation. Some people may doubt that, so you'll just show them, won't you?

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Cancer gets to do what he or she does best. Optimism and productivity are on an upward spiral. The greatest mystery is just another question that you expect to answer soon.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) You can handle it if your popularity takes a dive. Being in the right is more important than having everybody love you. Real friendships can weather a few days of resentment.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You keep saying how

much you want something. That's not happening, so deal with it. Your tastes might already be changing. You may be wondering why it seemed so important. You're still young and flexible.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Friends make a big deal about a minor misunderstanding. Isn't Libra supposed to be the sign of compromise? Distract yourself with laughter to break out of this loop.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Check the attitude at the door. You have your reasons for being proud, but other people need respect, too. And if you had to back up even one of your impossible claims, nobody would ever believe you again.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) If someone else is eager to carry the ball, pass it over. Your mind is busy enough without adding extra physical encumbrances to slow it down. Rejoin the game when you're feeling more present.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Others envy your wild creativity. Promote yourself. Help others without pretense.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) If you don't want to fail, don't set yourself up for it. You know the good stuff is going on somewhere else, but you can't get there from here.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Face the truth, your moment of brilliance has come and gone. You'll get another turn

soon. For now, show up on happy that you're still a part time, pay your dues and be of it all.



Polar Bears Are Left-Handed?

By SILVIA PEREIDA

If you are looking for some fun, then here are some fun facts!

- *It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- *The king of hearts is the only king without a mustache.
- *All polar bears are left-handed.
- *Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks or it digests itself.
- *Right handed people live an average of nine years longer than left-handed people.
- *Every time you lick a stamp you consume 1/10 of a calorie.
- *Banging your head against the wall uses 150 calories.
- *An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- *The name of all the continents end in the same letter they start with.
- *There are more brown m&m's in plain than in the peanut M&M's.
- *A cockroach will live nine days

without its head before it starves to death.

- *Anthophobia is a fear of roses.
- *Children grow faster in the springtime.
- *The most collect calls are made on Father's Day.
- *No piece of paper can be folded more than seven times.
- *You were born with 300 bones, but when you get to be an adult you only have 206.
- *You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching T.V.
- *Women blink nearly twice as often as men.
- *If you lock your knees while standing long enough, you will pass out.
- *A human has a bone just after the spine ends, which proves that humans once had tails.
- *The male scorpion fly gets other males to bring him food by imitating a female fly.
- *Ribbon worms will eat themselves if they can't find any food.

How To Become A Culinary Artist

By **MARK NEVAREZ**

While enjoying your lunch or dinner, do you wonder how the meal you are eating is prepared? Do you wonder what type of food was put into this dish? Do you ever make dinner for your family at home? If so, a career as a chef might be the optimum choice for you.

Since there is a variety of types of food out there, there has to be a variety of chefs to prepare these dishes. You can choose from head chef, who plans the meals and directs the action in the kitchen; one of the many cooks that assist the head chef; a baker; a pastry chef; and many others. A chef has the opportunity to specialize in many different culinary mediums. A chef could focus on one type of area, such as Mexican, Japanese, or Italian; or broaden his range by focusing on everything. A chef also has the advantage of working in different facilities, not just a restaurant. One could work at a hotel, a small specialty shop, or teach at a culinary training school.

A chef needs certain skills and qualities to become successful at what he does. A chef needs to be inventive, creative, quick, able to work well with other people, and have a good sense of smell. There are many schools that teach more advanced skills necessary to get a good job in the culinary industry. Conveniently, two of these places are located in the Los Angeles area.

The California School of Culinary Arts offers the most extensive program. The

course is called Le Cordon Bleu and it covers all areas of the culinary field. The Le Cordon Bleu program consists of classes in the kitchen, which teach hands-on skills, and classroom classes, which teach business and manage-

ment. The course covers all these areas in 12 months. The Art Institute of Los Angeles offers a course in culinary arts, as well. The school also acts as a regular college so you can study a wider range of subjects.

The average starting salary for a beginning chef can vary, depending on what restaurant or establishment a chef chooses to start. For more information on these schools, visit www.chefmgmt.com or www.aila.artinsitutes.edu/

How Would War Impact Us?

By **BRANDY MATTHEWS**

When the events of September 11 took their course it greatly effected our economy. With this event having such an effect, what kind of impact will a war have on our economy, or just our lives? We cannot just put the idea of war away and not think about what it could mean. The United States is on the verge of war, and this could change the everyday lives of Americans.

War will have the biggest effect on our economy. Gas prices will soar because we do get a huge percentage of our gas from the Middle East. This means prices up to three or maybe even four dollars a gallon. There also could be positive effects of a war on our economy. Thinking back on previous wars, such as WWII, during and after the war the economy rose greatly, eliminating the Great Depression from the minds of Americans. Now that Americans face another stagnant economy, perhaps the Bush administration is racing into war to raise the economy.

We need to think about nuclear, chemical, and biological effects of a war too. If

we go to war we need to think of all the different types of warfare an opposing country can use. We need to think of ways that this will effect us during and after the war.

This story has touched only lightly on the impact a war could have on the United States. There really is no way

you can predict all the effects a war will have. To determine that you will have to look at previous wars and see how they effected America, but then you have to add all of our new technology and apply that to the equation. A war will be hard on us, but we will get through it.

Winter Formal Holds Surprises

By **LISA AVILES**

February 1 is just around the corner and if you haven't already been thinking about Winter Formal, then perhaps

you should start now. Every year the Winter Formal is sponsored by Girls' League and held at a different loca-

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Lady Vikes Take Home Tourney Title

By ANDRO ESPIRITU

The Northview Viking girls' basketball team went into the Azusa Tournament with a 2-1 record and were one of the favorites to take home the first place trophy. The team proved they were worthy of such high expectations as they tipped off the tourney against the Gladstone Gladiators. The Lady Vikes controlled the game from the get go, leading by eight after the first quarter and gaining a comfortable lead at halftime, 40-25. They showed no mercy in the second half, and came up with an easy 64-39 victory. Alex Contreras led the way with 17 points. Dana Blue scored 15 points and Desiree Flores chipped in with 13.

The Vikings continued their dominance over the next two opponents. They beat San Gabriel 46-28 and then pummeled South El Monte 53-28.

The Lady Vikes found themselves in the championship game against the Rosemead Panthers, who were 5-0 going into the game. Both teams struggled to put the ball in the basket in the first half of the game. The Vikings made only three shots in 36 attempts, while the Panthers committed 17 turnovers. They were tied at 13 at halftime. The Vikings showed why they had such lofty expectations in the second half. Their hard nosed full court press proved to be too much for the Panthers to handle as the Vikes took a 28-23 lead with one quarter remaining. They eventually stretched the lead to 10, and

won the game 45-35. Contreras, who was named tournament MVP, had 10 points and 15 rebounds. Dana Blue, an All-Tournament selection, had 16 points and 13 rebounds and Flores added nine points and three steals. Crystal Fraijo was also an All-Tournament selection.

The Lady Vikes went into the Arroyo Tournament looking to build on the momentum they gained and played a tough California High squad. The teams were

evenly matched as the game couldn't be decided in four quarters. It took two overtime periods to settle this thriller, as the Vikes came out on top, 58-55.

They played an even tougher squad in the second round when they were pitted against Canyon Springs. The Vikings kept the game close through three quarters, but the eventual tournament finalists blew the game open in the fourth quarter and won, 67-45. The Lady Vikes followed

the tough loss with two lackluster performances. They fell short against San Marino, 44-51, and lost to La Canada, 30-56.

Although the Vikings have a 7-4 record and are rated #9 in the Valley by the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, head coach Todd Quinsey stressed the need to improve before league opens against the Covina Colts. "We need to commit more and focus better on the defensive end."

Basketball Prepares For League

By MARY MAGALING

This year the boys' varsity basketball team is a fairly young squad, but the positive side to this is they have goals and determination to succeed. One thing that runs through every player's mind is having the opportunity to make C.I.F. and they intend to attain this by working hard and working as a team.

Every year, the team is involved in tournaments. This gives them a chance to compete with other high schools in different counties. After placing seventh in the San Dimas Tournament, the Vikings were ready to move past the disappointment. They were off to a good start winning their first game in double overtime: N.V. had 38 against Gabrielino's 47. Their next game, N.V. scored 49 vs. L.A. Wilson 53. Their last

game, N.V. scored 49 vs. San Gabriel 59. They finished in twelfth place in the Alhambra Tournament.

Many players on the team are very diligent, but there is one person who comes to mind when asked who is an outstanding player. Assistant Coach Ryan Reinstra answered, "Lester Williams." During the Alhambra game, in the fourth quarter, Williams scored nine to drive the game into overtime. Williams hit a three pointer at the buzzer in the first overtime. In the second overtime, they outscored Alhambra 11-5 to win the game. "This was one of the biggest comebacks in Northview history," asst. coach Reinstra added. Williams ended the game with 29 points. He also had 19 in the other games during this tournament.

Although they didn't play as well as they wanted to, they were optimistic about playing in the Covina Tournament. Reinstra commented, "Despite having two starters hurt and one player in Mexico, we will continue to work hard and improve as a team to get ready for league." Their scores in the Covina Tournament were as follows: N.V. 49 vs. Wilson 57. N.V. triumphed in overtime against Mark Keppel with the scoring results, 50-48. After their first victory in the Covina Tournament, they won their second straight game against Arroyo, 41-36. They lost the consolation to Downey with a disappointing outcome, 39-60. Although these Vikes experienced a few devastating losses, they are definitely capable of bouncing back. When asked if they were

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17 Place In Northview Invitational

By STACI RUBI

On December 21, 2002, the varsity wrestling team held the Northview Varsity Invitational Tournament. Five teams attended, but they were no match for the Vikings.

In his final match, at 119 pounds, Larry "Boy" Medina got his pin in 22 seconds. Artie Zuniga (112) went into overtime tied 3-3 in his final match, but his skill and determination took over and he won, 5-3. One hundred three pounder Caleb Flores won his last match, 18-8. At 140 pounds, Nick Leon had a tough final match, but won 6-5. Leon also brought the team a TECH, 16-0, earlier in the day. Other TECHs were brought by Luis Cacho, 15-0; Adam Jaime, 18-0; and Max Montano, 15-0. Justin Skidmore won one of his matches, 11-1. Other guys who won by points were Paul Paez, 4-0; Freddy Valencia, 8-7; and Frank Petarra, 3-2. Jacob Leos wrestled fellow Viking Sean Houston and won 8-7. Robert Dominguez was also faced with wrestling a teammate. He beat Sam McGeorge, 13-7. Dominguez also got a pin in 58 seconds earlier in the day. Leos previously had a pin in 50 seconds. In one of his matches, Louie Barcelo got a pin in the first period, and in another he won 15-8. Other pins were brought by James Overstreet (19 seconds), Ronnie Fonseca (1:07), Shad Manigault (48 seconds), Tim Ramos (2:48), Thomas Granger (1:55), and Ruben Zavala (1:22).

Seventeen Vikings placed

in this tournament and six took first: "Boy" Medina, Artie Zuniga, Nick Leon, Caleb Flores, Paul Paez, and Robert Dominguez. Those who took second were Louie Barcelo, Sam McGeorge, and

Frank Petarra. Luis Cacho and Adam Jaime both took third place. Justin Skidmore took fourth, while Tim Ramos took fifth. James Overstreet and Max Montano both took seventh place, and

Jacob Leos and Jose Annachiarico took eighth. Medina took the title of MVP.

In this tournament, Irvine finished with 124, Pemescal Canyon ended with 124.5, *Continued on page 11*

Soccer Scores Third Place

By KELSEY ROSE

With a long preseason ending, Northview's varsity boys' soccer team is leaving victories behind and seeing more ahead as they begin league. The preseason was frustrating for the Vikes, but they have their wins to prove they are up for any challenges. Over winter break, the Vikes played multiple games in tournaments.

Starting with December 12, the Vikings took on La Puente for a 7-1 win. Robert Hendrix took the lead with four goals, Johnny Rojas with

two and Matt Hidalgo scoring the seventh.

On December 14, the Vikings began the Wilson Tournament. They played four games. The first game was a 1-4 loss to Ganesha for the Vikes, but that game was followed by a victory of 1-0 against Sante Fe, and another win of 4-2 against La Serna. The last game was a tie against Walnut, who beat the Vikes the first time. The game went to penalty shootouts, but the Vikes could not hold on and lost 2-4.

Finally, during the break



the Vikings battled many different teams in the San Dimas Tournament. The first team was Whittier. The boys lost 1-4 with Pier Valdez scoring the only goal. Next up was Duarte. Northview took the lead 4-2 with Valdez and Hidalgo scoring for the team. Diamond Bar was next, taking a 4-1 lead against the Vikes. Lastly, they took a 3-2 lead against Montebello to win third place in this tournament.

The Vikes played the whole tournament with only 12 players, opposed to Montebello who had 28. Third place is the highest the Vikings have placed since December 2000-2001.

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Varsity Runs, Kicks, Scores

By JANETTE VANAGAS

Running, kicking, blocking, sweating, the varsity girls of NHS tried their best at Workman High School to make some outstanding goals. Unfortunately, Northview girls' soccer team lost, 0-1 against the Gladiators. Donna Cabral, Niki Garcia, and Daisy Rivera were strong on the

field and put in some good extra effort.

Putting this loss behind them, NHS was very successful at their tournament in Pomona. Two goals made by the amazing Vikings led to a NHS victory against La Puente. Another success at the tournament was against Montebello. The score was 1-0.

Symposium...

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McDonalds. It cost me like \$20, how stupid huh?"

Natalie Meza, 12- "Got back with him after he cheated on me."

Binish Uzma, 11- "I have had many embarrassing moments with my infatuations, but the worst was when I sent him candy and a card and he didn't even know me!"

Emmanuel Arquero, 12- "I wore a Batman outfit on our first date cuz I knew that she liked Batman."

Daniel Trejo, 12- "I bought a real bunny for her for Christmas."

Justin Wallace, 12- "The craziest thing I have done for a girl was rub her feet."

Brett Bullock, 12- "I wrote her name all over my body."

Jade Lugo, 12- I toilet papered his house every week just to get his attention. Hey Freddy!

Oralia Moreno, 12- I started dancing on a table to get Mario's attention.

Bryanna Valle, 10- "I lied to my dad just to be with him. He just recently found out."

John Garcia, 12- "Nothing...I'm too shy to do anything."

Annie Orellana, 12- "I one time went to the person's enemy's house, toilet papered

it and knocked down every trash can on the street."

Chris Woodward

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was catching, said 'Congratulations.' I got my

Katie McDowell, 12- "I ditched summer school and went to the movies (where he worked), and waited for him to get off."

Lauren Estrada, 11- "Made a cheer for him and did it at a rally...in front of him and his friends."

first hit off Orel Hershiser which is incredible because I remember seeing him play in the World Series." Woodward

maintains that in order to be successful he cannot always be awed by the superstars. A good attribute that will help him to excel in the years to come.

Video Games Don't Make Violence

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what clothes you wear, and what shows you watch, why can't they take a little time to read up on the games you play. The warning labels are on the games, so they should be able to tell what they're buying. Let's use a little common sense. What kind of parent buys "Resident Evil" for a five year old. It's up to the parents to teach their kids fantasy from reality, because hopefully parents know their kids better than a game programmer. It's not a company's fault that "little Billy's" parents never told him that just because you can shoot someone in a game, you can't shoot him in real life.

Video games are entertainment, something to do when you're bored. Playing calms you down when you're angry. I don't know how many times I've come home and started mowing down pedestrians with a tank. That doesn't mean I'm going to mow down pedestrians in downtown Covina. If someone has an urge to act out fan-

tasy, it's not a game's fault that person is sick in the head and was going to do something psychotic regardless of playing "Halo" or "Mario Party." Thousands of people own and play games and most of them aren't killing or

sacrificing something to an imaginary monster. People who watch the news and decide to do copycat crimes, on the other hand, are a different story. Video games don't make violence, they just portray what already exists.

Violence Sells

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The gaming industry will always include violence since it sells and kids will still want to buy it. Even if their parents didn't buy them those games, they always have a friend whose parents don't care about the violence.

Unfortunately, the gaming industry will not change since that would cause their sales to plummet. Yet we can change the ways the kids think by just talking to them and explaining to them that there are bad and good things in life and killing is wrong.

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Coach Miguel Canales said his team worked extremely hard to place third. "They were tired and way outnumbered," said Canales, who described his team as

growing, maturing and understanding of how to use your head, heart, and skills. The teams Canales and his boys are looking forward to playing are Ganesha and Baldwin Park.

America Has A Long Way To Go

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viewing "family hour" is the least ethnically diverse, with only one in eight programs having a mixed cast. American values embrace diversity, but why doesn't entertainment and media reflect that?

The majority of television shows showcase primarily white characters. Take, for instance, the wildly popular show, "Friends." This group of six friends living in the middle of New York City is comprised of white people; when in reality, New York City is one of the most diverse cities in the country. Look around your own group of friends and note how many different ethnicities it may be comprised of. For some reason, however, the media hadn't caught on and continue to display same ethnic relationships.

Over the years, the media has gotten better with having more nationalities on television, but there is one mistake they've made: all characters are confined to one race! The WB and UPN has tried to target the African-American audience by creating shows such as "Bernie Mac" on Fox. This is a hilarious show about an African-American family. The problem? Every character is black! Even all the family friends and neighbors seem to be black. Doing this does help the problem of diversity on television programming, but it should take another step by showing realistically the diversity of the world by including other ethnicities.

If ever you do see a

minority character in entertainment, the person seems to be stereotyped. An Hispanic is portrayed as a drug dealer or gang banger, an African-American is portrayed as the typical urban youth or "thug", and an Asian is either a kung fu master or a studious computer nerd. If the character is not that stereotyped, then he plays the role of the "black guy" or the "Asian girl." The portrayal of these stereotypes reinforces negative images of each ethnic group and does not give insight into its real, authentic culture.

One of the most under represented groups in the media are the Asians. There are not enough shows portraying Asian characters or movies starring Asian actors. A few have broken through the barrier, such as Lucy Liu, Chow Yun Fat, and Jackie Chan. While the latter two only star in martial arts movies, Lucy Liu has been successful in landing some non-traditional roles, such as one of the Angels in *Charlie's Angels*; Agent Sever in *Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever*; and, of course, her role as the tough-minded lawyer Ling Woo on "Ally McBeal." That is probably the only Asian-American actress that you have heard of. Are you able to name any others? Chances are that the answer is no. There are many talented Asian actors and actresses out there who need more roles and more exposure. More dramatic roles are rarely offered to Asian actors, and it is extremely hard for them to find good acting jobs.

Some things are starting

to look up. There has been the so called "Latin explosion" when Latin music and actresses have dominated the air waves. Actors such as Antonio Banderas and Jennifer Lopez have paved the way for Latino actors to get into the business. Halle Berry made Oscar history

when she became the first black woman to win the Oscar for Best Actress. Shows such as "ER" and "NYPD Blue" have broken away from the usual formula of having just one race on a television show by presenting a more diverse, unsteriotyped, group of characters. However, America still has a long way to go in the entertainment industry.

Winter Formal

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This year Girls' League officers have decided that it shall be held at the newly remodeled Pacific Palms Resort and Hotel in Industry Hills. Only minutes away, transportation will not be a problem for anyone. The newly built ballroom is enclosed with glass windows and overlooks the twinkling city lights. For the first time, the dancing will not be held inside on a dance floor, but on a very spacious balcony right outside the room. The balcony will be enclosed by heated white tents and accented with sparkling white

lights. As guests arrive, complementary gifts will be given in addition to a delicious three course dinner.

This shall be an unforgettable night for everyone and truly capturing the feel of the night will be the theme of the dance, "A Moment Like This". It doesn't matter if you go with a date or just with a bunch of friends, this night is something you just can't pass up. Tickets cost \$75 w/ASB and \$80 wo/ASB per couple, so start making those timely decisions on what you're going to wear and who you're going with because Winter Formal 2003 will be one that goes down in the books.

Wrestling

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Alhambra- 131, West Covina- 160.5, Dos Pueblos- 184.5, and Northview finished in first place with 256.

On December 26, the team headed to The Lemoore "Bash" 58 Team Tournament to compete over the next two days. On Friday and Saturday, the guys wrestled hard and had seven place.

Flores took first place. Paez took second, as did Leon. Medina took third place, and Zuniga took sixth. Dominguez took seventh and Petarra took eighth. The tournament ended with Lemoore High School in first place with 250, Northview in second at 196 and Tulare Union at 189.

Stars At Northview

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"I've acted before this in several school plays," he commented.

Although the acting is not new to him, he experienced a more professional atmosphere on this project. When asked about the experience Leon replied, "It was cool 'cause they had cameras. People would hold my clothes and bring me bagels. Everyone was really nice."

"Underdog" is just the beginning of Nick Leon's professional career. He hopes one day to attend such prominent universities as Oklahoma State and Iowa University and aspires possibly to be a lawyer or even a doctor.

To Leon the hard week of working on "Underdog" paid off. He adds, "Making the movie was a good experience for me because it helped me realize how hard acting is. I had to keep doing moves over and over again. In a wrestling scene the 'underdog' had to throw me like twenty times."

"Underdog" will be shown at film festivals as early as February and eventually will be burned onto DVDs. It will not be shown in movie theaters because it is a short project, about 20 minutes long, done as a masters project.

Another star from Northview has also made his mark in stardom. Mr. Bobby Bellamy was recently selected to be in an Adidas commercial for cooling down. When shooting for the movie, "Underdog", a representative for Adidas liked Bellamy's look and asked if he wanted

to be in the commercial. The shoot was held at UCLA and it took most of the day, from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Once you see the commercial air, you will see Bellamy tired and warming down. He said

that he would be open to doing another commercial and was asked if he would be open to do another shoot. "They have a vision and they want to see the vision manifest itself," says Bellamy of the directors and producers. He says he values and now realizes all the hard work

behind these productions. Along with being paid, the amount will remain undisclosed, he did receive Adidas gear, such as socks, shoes, headgear and a singlet. So next time you see Bellamy walking the halls, remember to ask for an autograph from the star of Northview.

Boys' Basketball

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ready for league, Milo Dodson, one of the starters,

replied, "I know we're ready for league because there are teams that were more athlet-

ic than us and we still gave

them a good fight and in some cases, defeated them."

