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Illusionist brings magic, anti-drug message to area students

ROSSVILLE—Every day, some grade school student deals with peer pressure to do drugs.

Magician Tom Boz demonstrated that principle to about 350 fifth and sixth graders Tuesday at a special assembly at Rossville-Alvin High School.

Taking a boy from the audience, Boz played a specialized version of the game show "Let's Make A Deal."

Boz held up three envelopes marked A, B and C. He asked the youngster to choose one. "'B'" sure to pick," Boz said, as other students screamed letters from the sidelines. "I want you to 'B' sure."

The boy chose envelope B, demonstrating how students can be influenced to make choices. In this case, as in the decision to take drugs, it was a bad choice: envelopes A and C contained \$100 but B had a note that said the student got a big round of applause.

Boz told the students, from Rossville, Hoopeston, Bismarck, Potomac and Armstrong, that taking drugs hurts them on the inside, leaving scars that often, no one can see. Cutting a rope apart, then putting it back together, Boz told the children, "I want you to be whole."

Students clamored to respond when Boz asked why kids take drugs. Answers included rebelling against parents, peer pressure, curiosity and to get attention.



Magician Tom Boz gets a little help from the audience at an assembly Tuesday at Rossville-Alvin High School. Boz spoke to approximately 350 fifth and sixth graders.

Boz told students the feeling of being high is like putting one's forehead on a baseball bat and turning in circles 50 times, doing it again, then running the length of the gym a few times. "Nobody tells you it makes you lightheaded and sick," he said.

He encouraged students to say no to drugs in five ways. First, he said, "say no like you mean it," he said. "You know that face parents and teachers have when you do something wrong," he asked, making a stern face. "I call that my parent/teacher 'no' face." He urged students to keep saying no, walk away and hang out with drug-free friends. His last method of saying no was

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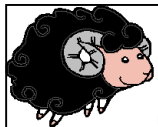
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Library has Kennedy display

It has been 40 years since the President Kennedy assassination. Hoopeston Public Library recently received

New Books at the Library



Fiction:

Betrayal in Paris by Doris Elaine Fell (inspirational)
Bleachers by John Grisham
Promised to Me by Robin Lee Hatcher (inspirational)
The Kill Clause by Gregg Andrew Hurwitz
Soon: a Novel by Jerry B. Jenkins (inspirational)
Fatal Tide by Iris Johansen
The Betrayal by Beverly Lewis
Don't Look Now by Linda Lael Miller
Reluctantly Alice by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (young adult)
Remember When by Nora Roberts and J.D. Robb
The Afterlife by Gary Soto (young adult)
Truth: a Novel by Jacqueline Sheehan
Ilium by Dan Simmons (science fiction)
The Wedding by Nicholas Sparks
Hideaway by Hannah Alexander (inspirational)

Obituaries

HEDLUND - Joan Lloyd Hedlund, 64, of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Hoopeston, died Nov. 4, 2003. Services were Nov. 10 at Christ Community Church, Tucson. Burial was in Eastlawn Palms Cemetery, Tucson. Visitation was Nov. 10 at the church. Memorials are suggested to Christ Community Church or Christian Faith Fellowship.

HICKMAN - Ralph E. Hickman, 88, of Hoopeston died at 7:29 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003 at home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home Burial with military rites will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

a gift of magazines and newspapers saved from November 23, 1963 and the days following. Some of these items will be on display in the reference area of the library.

The History Channel has supplied bookmarks announcing JFK Week from Nov. 14 through the 22nd to bring attention to the week-long tribute to JFK. The display will coincide with these dates.

Library seeks memories

Hoopeston Pubic Library invites you to write to the library and share your memories of home life in the 1950s.

Excerpts of your letter might be included in a *Hoopeston at Mid-Century* video session about local life in the fifties.

Possible examples include what has changed about

everyday household chores, meal planning, holiday celebrations and decorations, family time together, traveling, school activities, home furnishings, favorite restaurants, church activities, celebrations at the park, the typical wedding, favorite pastimes, favorite radio or TV shows, clothing styles and more.

Written memories may be sent or delivered to the library at 110 North Fourth Street by December 1.

Contact Lou Graham at 283-6711 with questions about this writing opportunity.

Students donating books

Maple School is holding a book drive this week in conjunction with "Children's Book Week".

Students are bringing in a new or gently used books to be donated to local organizations for underprivileged children.

Bowling Scores



Illiana-Farmers League

Standings 11/9/03

1. FHHGG	34	14
2. Pla-Mor Lanes	32	16
3. BJ's Pump	25	23
4. High Five	24	24
5. Bacca	24	24
6. CCPCC	23	25
7. Ravens	18	30

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High Series: Chad Bruens 570, Rich Cappellano 565, Joey Compton 564; **High Game:** Rich Cappellano 235, Chad Bruens 227, Brandon Hamilton 224.

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