

# Squan H.S. Sports

## Picking Up in the Same Spot



## Football Back on the Warpath

By: Allie Vadas



Squan vs. Wall

After a long summer, the Girls Field Hockey team was ready to go. Starting on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 in the morning, the girls came in ready to work, and most of all ready to succeed. Led this year by 11 seniors, this team is looking forward to continuing where they left off last season at 15-4-1.

As of right now, they have. The lady warriors won their season opener with a strong 6-2 win over Holmdel. The goals were produced by seniors, Allie Vadas and Amy Rea, with juniors Andrea Earley and Jess Rogers contributing a



Courtney Nolan

pair of goals of their own. The offense wouldn't have been so productive without the great performance from the defense. The defense is held down by seniors Kate Dibble, Ali Larkin, Katie McKenzie, Brigid Dudzinski, and junior goalie Caitlin Livingston.

The girls continued their strong play with a 2-1 win over Point Boro. Allie Vadas connected from juniors Mandi Salkeld and Jess Rogers in the second half to put the Warriors ahead 1-0. After the Panthers tied it up, Kelly Glander fed a pass to Andrea Earley who found the back of the cage to increase the Warrior lead.

The team looked forward to their game against rival squad RBC on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The girls put up a good fight, and controlled the game, but lost in overtime 3-2. The Warrior defense kept the Caseys scoreless in the second half, and Squan tied it up with goals from Allie Vadas and Jess Rogers.

Right away, our Lady Warriors bounced back and have won their

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By: Travis Gassner

On August 17, 2005, 57 players showed up for preseason practices with one thing on their mind, bringing the State Championship Title back to Manasquan High. According to head coach Vic Kubu, the 05-06 Warriors are the hardest working team that he has seen in the last ten years. This year the football team is shooting for a 12-0 season to reclaim Manasquan's nickname, "Tittletown USA."

The team's first test came on September 10<sup>th</sup>, against Pinelands. The Warriors wanted revenge for their 6-0 loss to the Wildcats last year. Manasquan came out



Gage O'Connell

The Warriors started their season with a 43-0 shutout.

Major contributions came from seniors Chris White, Ed Savoth, Ryan Manson and juniors Mike Mele and Brad Newman. Chris White went four for four with 82 passing yards, which included a 30-yard touchdown pass to Newman and a 17-yard touchdown pass to Manson. The Warriors running game was unstoppable with Mele and

Savoth rushing for a combined 206 yards.

The following week the Warriors faced off with the St. John Vianney Lancers. The boys put on another great show of skillful and physical play and



QB Chris White scrambles

strong scoring 36 points in the first quarter following another touchdown in the second quarter before the second string was put in.

came out victorious once again. Manasquan gained their second shutout victory in a row with a 44-0 win.

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# Editors' Opinion

Every single issue, Matt Gebhard and Brendan "Boomer" Ward will be bringing their own personal opinions about a hot topic in the world of sports. There will be a new and completely different topic each and every month. Enjoy.

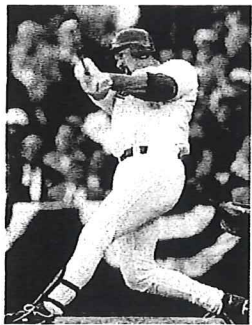
## Should players accused of steroid use be allowed in the Hall of Fame?

### Matt's View

In recent years it has been widely known that some MLB players have been accused and have admitted to using steroids. Most of that population is well known, record-breaking, hall of fame potential, players. Players that include the likes of Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, Rafael Palmeiro, and Jason Giambi. All of these players have admitted to and have been found guilty of using some kind of steroid.

Two of these players, Bonds and McGwire, broke Roger Maris' homerun record (61) in different seasons, hitting 70+ homeruns. Both records now have been seriously eye-balled because of the steroid allegations brought against both players. Some people say that there should be an asterisk next to the record. In my opinion an "RX" drug symbol should be put next to them or they should be taken out all together. Maris broke the record without any help and these players didn't deserve the advantage.

Just this year, Rafael Palmiero who told a committee in a congressional hearing, with a pointed finger "I have NEVER used steroids" was suspended for violating baseball's substance abuse policy. Palmiero this year had a milestone record of 3,000 hits which is

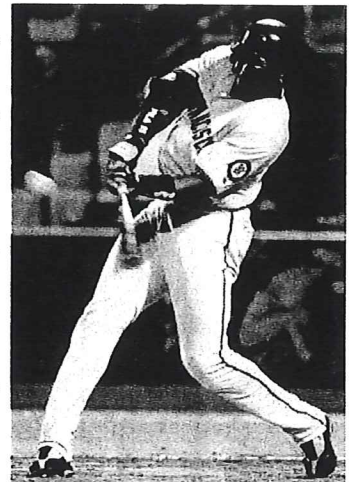


a shoo-in for the hall of fame... normally. Now that milestone is in question because of his steroid use, and his chances for entering the hall of fame are seriously doubted. In conclusion, there is no room for cheaters in the hall of fame. Not only have these players embarrassed themselves, but

they have brought a negative spotlight to our national pastime. In my opinion all records, milestones, even stats should be taken off the books. Instead of glorifying these players with hall of fame credibility, shun them with ineligibility.

### Boomer's View

A major question in sports today is whether or not players such as Barry Bonds, Rafael Palmeiro, and Mark McGwire should be allowed into the Hall of Fame. These players, among others, have been accused of using performance enhancing drugs such as steroids. The only one of these players that actually failed a drug test is Palmeiro. Despite all of their Hall of Fame type numbers, there is question about if they belong in the hall or not.



Barry Bonds

I personally think they should be in as long as their numbers still stand. Barry Bonds will become the all-time leader in home-runs next year or the year after that when he breaks Hank Aaron's record of 755 career home-runs. Bonds already is the regular season home-run king with 73 homers in 2001. In my mind there is no question that Bonds belongs in the Hall of Fame. He has been accused of steroid use but it hasn't been proven.

On the other hand, Rafael Palmeiro, a member of the 3,000 hit and 500 home-run clubs, has failed a steroid drug test. Despite failing the drug test, I still feel he belongs in the Hall of Fame. The same is true for Mark McGwire, who broke Roger Maris' single season home-run record by hitting 70, which was later broken by Bonds.

These players should be in the Hall of Fame despite the steroids allegations. Baseball honors its legends and its all-time leaders. How could Bonds, Palmeiro, and McGwire be left out? I feel that as long as their numbers stand, then they should be in the hall. If for some reason, MLB erases their numbers, then I wouldn't want them in the hall. But for now, I feel they belong there.

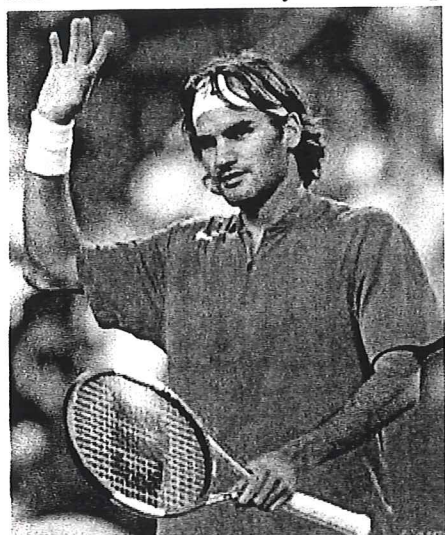


# Pro/College Sports

## Federer Wins U.S. Open

By: Zuri Malick

The US Open is full of phenomenal players, both men and woman. Only four elite players are good enough



to make it all the way. This year for the men, Andre Agassi played against Roger Federer in a very close match. As for the woman it was Mary Pierce vs. Kim Clijsters. Andre Agassi was looking for a miracle to win against Federer to claim the Grand Slam Title. He would have to

Federer Waves to the Crowd fight hard to beat the top ranked player in the world, Roger Federer who has only lost three matches this year. Agassi had not won a single match of the past seven he played against Federer.

As the match began Federer took the first set 6-3. In a set the two players take turns serving each game, the first player to win six games wins the set. Agassi fought back and won the second set 6-2. The third set proved to be tough for both players, between Federer's serve of over 120 miles per hour, and Agassi's dead accurate shots the set went into a tiebreaker. In a tiebreaker the players will play a single game, first player to six wins the game and the set. Federer showed his unbeatable side and won the tiebreaker, making the sets 2-1. Roger Federer ended up taking the title winning the last set by a tiebreaker. Agassi's dream of a perfect storybook ending was smashed by Federer's limitless talent.

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17 year-old Freddy Ado have also joined the United States' major soccer league. Ado also plays on the U.S.'s U-20 (under 20 years-old) team and is alternate for the team that the U.S. will send to the World Cup in Germany.

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Its popularity can be seen in many ways. For one, two expansion teams in the MLS means that there are more fans in America that want to see soccer in their home towns. Also Gatorade has a new commercial, showing kids all over the United States playing soccer, while a sports radio host says that soccer basically has no place in this country. His comments which are obviously sarcastic stop, and suddenly

appears U.S. star DeMarcus Beasley covered in the colored Gatorade sweat drops, who then adds a few soccer moves in at the end of the commercial for



good measure. (Landon Donovan scores vs. Mexico) More evidence of the growing popularity came in the form of a packed stadium that gathered in Ohio to see the U.S.'s victory over Mexico which advanced them to the tournament.

## What 2 Watch 4

### NFL

#### Week 5

New England (2-2) @ Atlanta  
Pittsburgh (3-1) @ San Diego

#### Week 7

Pittsburgh @ Cincinnati  
San Diego @ Philadelphia  
Denver @ NYG

### Col FB

#### Week 6

Oklahoma @ #2 Texas  
#19 Virginia @ #21  
Boston College  
Air Force @ Navy  
#7 Georgia @ #10  
Tennessee  
#12 California @ UCLA  
#8 OSU @ PSU

### MLB

Yankees @ Angels ALDS  
Red Sox @ White Sox ALDS

Padres @ Cardinals NLDS  
Astros @ Braves NLDS



# College Football

## Early Surprises

## Headline College Football



By: Brendan Ward

College football is back under way. The 2005-2006 season poses many questions that still have not yet been answered. Is USC going to three-peat? Are the Irish for real? Is Oklahoma's program going downhill? Who is going to win the Heisman?



The hot topic in college football is the talk about the USC Trojans. USC is trying to win their unprecedented third straight national championship behind the leadership of quarterback Matt Leinart and running back Reggie Bush. Both of them are candidates for the Heisman Trophy. USC, the #1 team in the nation, won their first game easily with a final score of 63-17 over Hawaii. Leinart threw for 332 yards and three touchdowns. USC currently stands at 3-0 with the longest winning streak in the nation of 25 games.

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish have turned heads this year. They started off the season ranked 44<sup>th</sup> in the nation, but after week two, they climbed all the way to the #10 spot. Behind junior quarterback Brady Quinn and sophomore running back Darius Walker, the Irish have beat two ranked teams away from home. The Irish defeated the Pitt Panthers and the Michigan Wolverines

Then they met a detour in an overtime loss to Michigan State at home. The following week, the Irish got back on the winning track with a win over Washington. They are currently ranked 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Oklahoma Sooners started the season ranked #7, but after four weeks they have dropped out of the top 25. The Sooners lost a shocker to TCU 17-10, and then they squeaked past Tulsa 31-15 with the help of running back Adrian Peterson. The following week, the Sooners lost again to UCLA by the score of 41-24. The Sooners had pre-season hopes of a national championship, now they just hope that they make a bowl game.

The Clemson Tigers surprised a lot of people starting the season 2-0, but since that point, they have lost two great overtime games. The victors in those games were Miami and Boston College, both are in the ACC. The one time ranked 20<sup>th</sup> team in the nation, the Clemson Tigers, now find themselves outside the top 25 like Oklahoma is.

The best game thus far has been Ohio State and Texas. At the time, Ohio State was ranked #4, and Texas was #2. Texas went to the Horseshoe

## The Blue & Gray Top 10

- 1) U.S.C
- 2) Virginia Tech
- 3) Texas
- 4) Florida State University
- 5.) Georgia
- 6.) Tennessee
- 7.) Miami
- 8.) Ohio State
- 9.) Alabama
- 10.) Notre Dame



(Vince Young)

at Ohio State and came out with a 25-22 win. Heisman hopeful Vince Young, threw a TD pass with 2:37 left in the fourth quarter to give the Longhorns a 23-22 lead. The game was sealed two minutes later with a safety by the Texas defense.

College football has been great thus far, but it looks like it's only going to

get better. The Heisman chase will get tighter. Contenders will be separated from pretenders. Soon enough, we will find out if USC will be beaten at all.



# Squan H.S. Sports

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last three games against St. Rose, Matawan, and Raritan and continue to play great hockey.

The team is looking to get stronger and stronger as the season progresses and hopes that the success of last season will be repeated this season. Senior Kate Dibble explains "The team is getting more and more comfortable with each other, game by game. We are getting stronger and more positive every day."

One of the most pivotal games in the team's season is always against Wall. It was a rainy and ominous Monday as the girls stepped onto the field. Wall was very aggressive and the girls realized that it wasn't going to be an easy game. The Warriors started the scoring when Jess Rogers put the ball in the cage off a feed from Liz Spinosa. Squan led 1-0 going into the half, but the Knights capitalized on a few miscues from the Warrior defense early in the second half. But the game was far from over. Jess Rogers, Allie Vadas, and Amy Rea backed by their midfielders and backs attacked Wall's defense feverously and never gave up. With about 12 minutes left, on one of Manasquan's many attacks, Margaret Brendle pushed

the ball past Wall's defense and put the Warriors up 2-1. When the final whistle blew, that's where the score stood. Ms. Barnaba told her team, "That's a good win girls, you played your hearts out."

Squan now sits on a positive 7-1-1 record, and is looking to continue one game at a time. Assistant Coach, Ms. K's advice is, "your most important game is the next one," to keep the girls focused on the next task at hand, and so far, it has worked!



Football continued  
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Seniors Chris White, Eddie Savoth, and Ryan Manson all had running touchdowns, while junior Brad Newman scored on a 36 yard pass from White. Mike Mele did not finish with a touchdown; however, he did have a game high 144 yards rushing on 16 carries. Junior Stephen Schatzman also contributed to the win by completing a 36 yard field goal in the second quarter.

If you asked Coach Vic Kubu about Manasquan's first two games, he would have said that they were simple obstacles preparing the team for the more significant possible victories that would lie ahead. The

Raritan Rockets were one of those possible victories that would finally give the Warriors a look at where they stand this season. On September



Mike Mele and R.J. Read

24<sup>th</sup>, two ferocious shore teams were ready to face off for forty-eight minutes in front of about 3,000 screaming fans.

The game was a complete stalemate for more than half of the first quarter. However, senior Joe Florentine ended this with a 60 yard punt return for a touchdown to put the Warriors up 6-0 with four minutes and thirty seconds still remaining in the first quarter. The Rockets were able to drive inside the Manasquan ten yard line twice before the half ended, but they came up short as the Warrior defense shut them down in four straight downs both times.

Manasquan started off the second half with a nine play, 54 yard drive that resulted in a one yard touchdown run by junior

Mike Mele to put Squan up 13-0. The Warriors were able to hold the Rockets scoreless for the rest of the third quarter and more than half of the fourth thanks to an extraordinary effort from

their defense. One of the standout players was senior defensive end Brian Wheeler, who finished the game with five sacks and three other tackles for losses.

However, under the arm of quarterback Andrew Mandeville, Raritan was able to

drive the ball 49 yards for a touchdown with three minutes and thirty-four seconds left in the fourth quarter. The score was 13-7, meaning that another Raritan score could win the game. Raritan got the ball back on their 17 and managed to drive the ball all the way to the Manasquan 34 before junior Evan Ragan sealed the game by intercepting Mandeville's pass with two seconds left to play in the game.

The Warriors had done it. They had snapped Raritan's fifteen game winning streak and proved to the entire state of New Jersey that they were a team to look out for. But if you ask anyone on the team, they still have eight more games to win to capture their most desired prize.

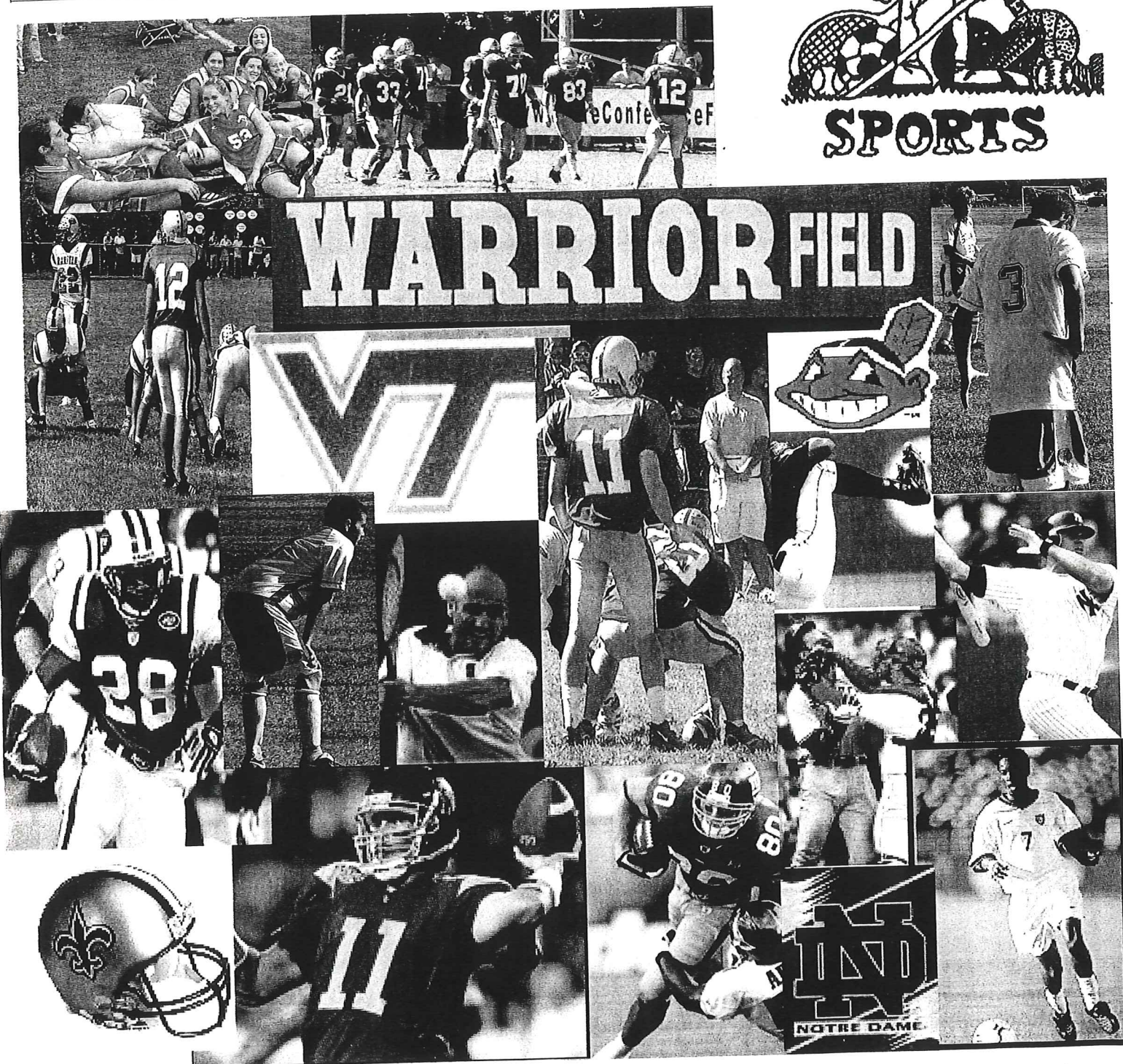






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# Senior Guess Who?

## 1. JR YLECTAN

This eighteen year old senior boy lives in Manasquan. He is on the cross-country team and loves to boogie board. He rides his pink bike to work at Trattoria, where he is a bus boy. His sister, Kim, is a junior and his brother, Kevin, is a sophomore.



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## 4. BOBERI DERIG

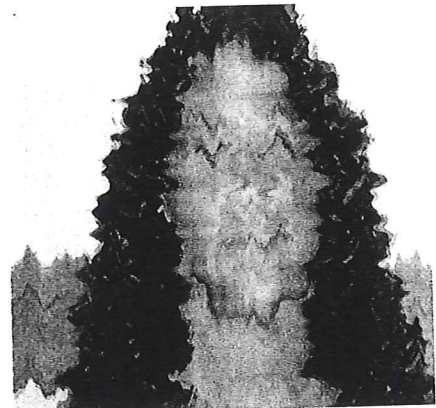
This Heights boy can be seen driving his "hot" 1984 Cadillac Coupe el Dorado. He is always with his best friend/cousin Richie. You can also catch him hanging out with his boys Chuck, Melch, and Sharples. He is captain of the soccer team and can also play a few notes on his guitar.



3.

## 5. LRCHAE STWENO

This blond hair, blue eyed girl can be found working as a bus girl at Union Landing. She lives in Manasquan and is always hanging out with her good friends Delia Beck and Julie Angelicola. She is also on the varsity soccer and swimming teams. Her parents own a fashionable jewelry gallery in Sea Girt.



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# Random Chat

By: John Girard



Well, after a summer hiatus, Random Chat is finally making its triumphant return. For this edition, I choose to speak with two of the craziest teachers ever; Mr. Higgins and Ms. Zdanowicz. This should be entertaining.

**John:** Alright dudes. Let's begin shall we. Higs, you are of course the coach of the throwing team. Now what is your opinion of duck hunting?

**Higgins:** I'd rather stand when I hunt.

**John:** Okay. So Ms. Z, have you ever busted out some funky dance moves in the middle of class?

**Zdanowicz:** Have you ever been in my class? Always.

**John:** Here is one for both of you. Have either of you ever been spit in the face by a llama?

**Higgins:** No, but I have been spit in the face by a walrus.

**Zdanowicz:** Last night.

**John:** Alright, one more question. If the two of you were ever to encounter an albino midget named "Karl", with a K not with a C, what would you say to him and why?

**Zdanowicz:** OH MY GOD, our names start with the same letter.

**Higgins:** OH MY GOD, our names start

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## Answers to

# September

## Word Search

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with the same letter. (Answers question in the same tone as Z and emits a goofy looking grin.)

**John:** Alright cool talking with you. Later.

**Higgins:** You are a sick man.



## Movie Review

### Flight Plan

By: Nicole Bogan

Rated three and a half stars by the "Asbury Park Press" *Flightplan* is a heart-stopping thriller that will keep you at the edge of your seat.

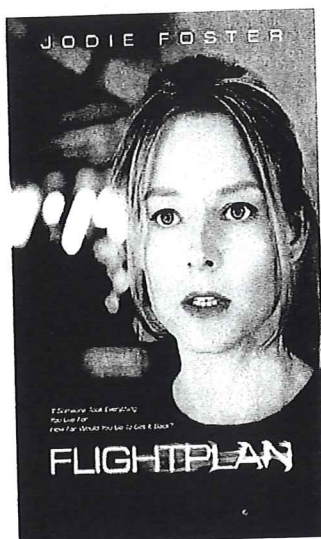
This movie, starring Jodie Foster, Sean

Bean, Peter Sarsgaard, and Marlene Lawston, is action packed and full of suspense. *Flightplan* brought in \$24.6 million right ahead of Tim Burton's "Corpse Bride."

Jodie Foster stars as Kyle Pratt, an engineer for an airplane manufacturer living abroad in Berlin. Her husband has just killed himself, and Kyle is taking her daughter

Julia (Marlene Lawston) back to the States to bury him. Kyle and Julia take a couple empty rows in the back of the plane to stretch out, and after snoozing for about three hours, Kyle wakes up to find Julia missing. She does a brief check through the cabin. Having worked on the engines for the plane, she knows the layout backwards and forwards. She's convinced that she's off playing with other kids, but no one can find Julia. Both the crew and passengers have no recollection of the child ever being on board. From

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## CD Review

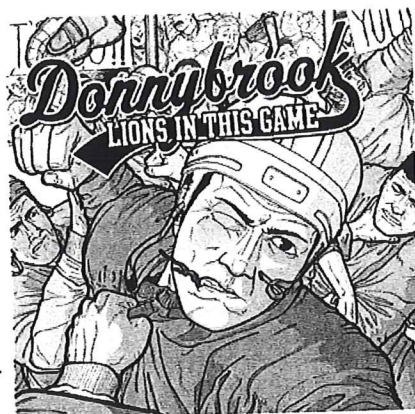
### Lions in the Game

By: Ron Kubik



Donnybrook has come out swinging with a new album filled with tough two steps and breakdowns that will bring the weak to their knees and the strong circling around the pit like

rabid animals. The new CD titled Lions in the Game brings many aspects of hardcore to the table. They bring the old school hardcore that we love filled with two steps and power chords, along with breakdown material to mix blood and sweat in the pit during a live performance. The gang vocals in songs such as "Down for the Core" could even get Britany Spears fans shouting out. If you're a fan of any type of heavy music Donnybrook's Lions in the Game is a must have CD. They can be seen on tour with Hoods, Black my Heart, and New Jersey's fin-



here the movie unfolds becoming, suspenseful and action packed. If that combination interests you, then it's a must see movie! Already the movie has raked in \$24.6 million, ahead of Tim Burton's, *Corpse Bride*.





# ADVENTURES OF RON

By: Ron Kubik



Every month for the rest of this school year I will be taking you to places of true horror. These will be some of the scariest places located in our dreadful garden state. The best part is I will tell you how to get to each one!

So it is now September, the fall is coming and so is Halloween. This month I will be taking you to Mount Misery.

Mount Misery is where the first Jason movie was filmed. Now join me on my trip into the depths of a horror classic setting of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

A group of friends and I headed down into the woods to explore this legendary place. As we walked



around the woods we explored the cabins and the lake. The vibe around the campground

## Concert Review

By: Amy Egon

Jack Johnson

Many students from Manasquan High School could be seen wandering the parking lots of PNC Bank Arts Center on Wednesday,

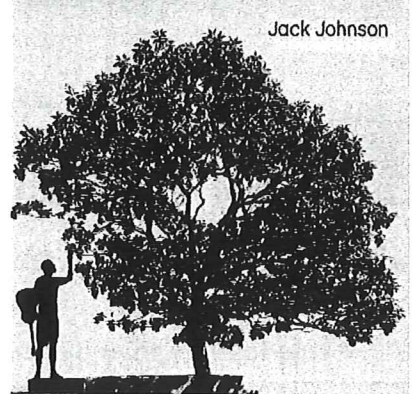
September 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone was there for the Jack Johnson concert later that night.

Jack Johnson plays typical "surfer" music on his acoustic guitar. It is a very laid back style of music that is popular in our area.

The opening acts consisted of the Animal Liberation Orchestra and Matt Costa. When Jack Johnson took the stage, he was greeted with many cheers from excited fans. He announced that proceeds from the event would be donated to the Red Cross.

Throughout his set, Jack managed to segway from song to song effortlessly. He even added parts of other popular songs within his own. He used parts of songs such as "Ramble On" by Led Zeppelin, and "Badfish" by Sublime.

Overall, whether you sat in the stands or on the lawn, a good time was had by all. It was great how he played many old favorites such as "Bubble Toes" and "Flake" along with many of his new songs like "Better Together." No one left the concert without a smile on their face.



was one that could put fear into anyone.

On a clear night the view you get of the stars from the lake is more fascinating than creepy. There are no lights it is completely black, but on a clear night the stars and moon light up the whole place.

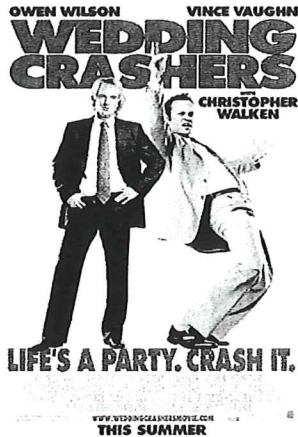
To go to visit Mt. Misery just head down route 70 west until you get to Pemberton. Then you will see the sign for Mt. Misery. Enter the woods until you see the gate, leave the car, break through the gate, trespass, and be ready for the journey of a lifetime.



## Movie Review

### Wedding Crashers

By: Callie Peters



With a scent of buttery popcorn lingering in the air, the room darkens and grows silent as the audience waits in anticipation for the movie to start. If you have yet to see this summer's hit movie *Wedding Crashers*, I highly recommend a trip to the movie the-

atre as soon as possible. It is no surprise this movie won the Teen Choice award for Choice Summer Movie.

Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson, a perfect comical pair, star as Jeremy Grey and John Beckwith. They play two divorce mediators who crash weddings in their spare time to find a woman to spend the night with. At one wedding, which is sure to be the "social event of the year", Jeremy and John set their sights on two bridesmaids who are sisters.



John falls in love with Claire, which is totally against the rules of wedding crashing. She turns out to be engaged, but John will not give up until he gets her.

This comedy keeps you laughing with its unique characters, especially Claire's family, which includes a powerful politician, seductive wife, nutty sister, gay brother, and crazy grandmother. Also, there is a brief, but hysterical, appearance by Will Ferrell. He plays the original wedding crasher

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## Concert Review

### Coldplay

By: Almy Egan

Maybe you're familiar with the line "nothing else compares", in the song "Clocks" by Coldplay. Even if you aren't, there is no doubt that this quote proved true for the concert on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I had been waiting to go to this show



since I got tickets on my birthday in early July. The day was finally here, and together with my boyfriend we made our way to the concert. I couldn't stop thinking about what songs they would play, and how close my seats might be on that 30 minute drive to PNC Bank Arts Center.

Since we got there pretty late, we missed the opening band Rilo Kiley. I didn't mind because I honestly wasn't looking forward to seeing them so much, anyway. The crowd was going crazy as we all waited for Coldplay to walk on stage. Finally, they came out. The band immediately started playing "Square One", a

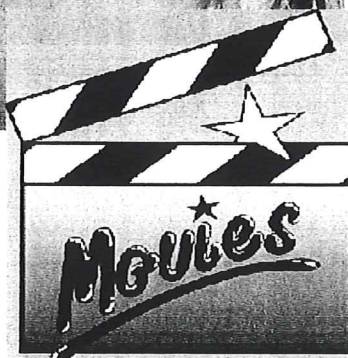
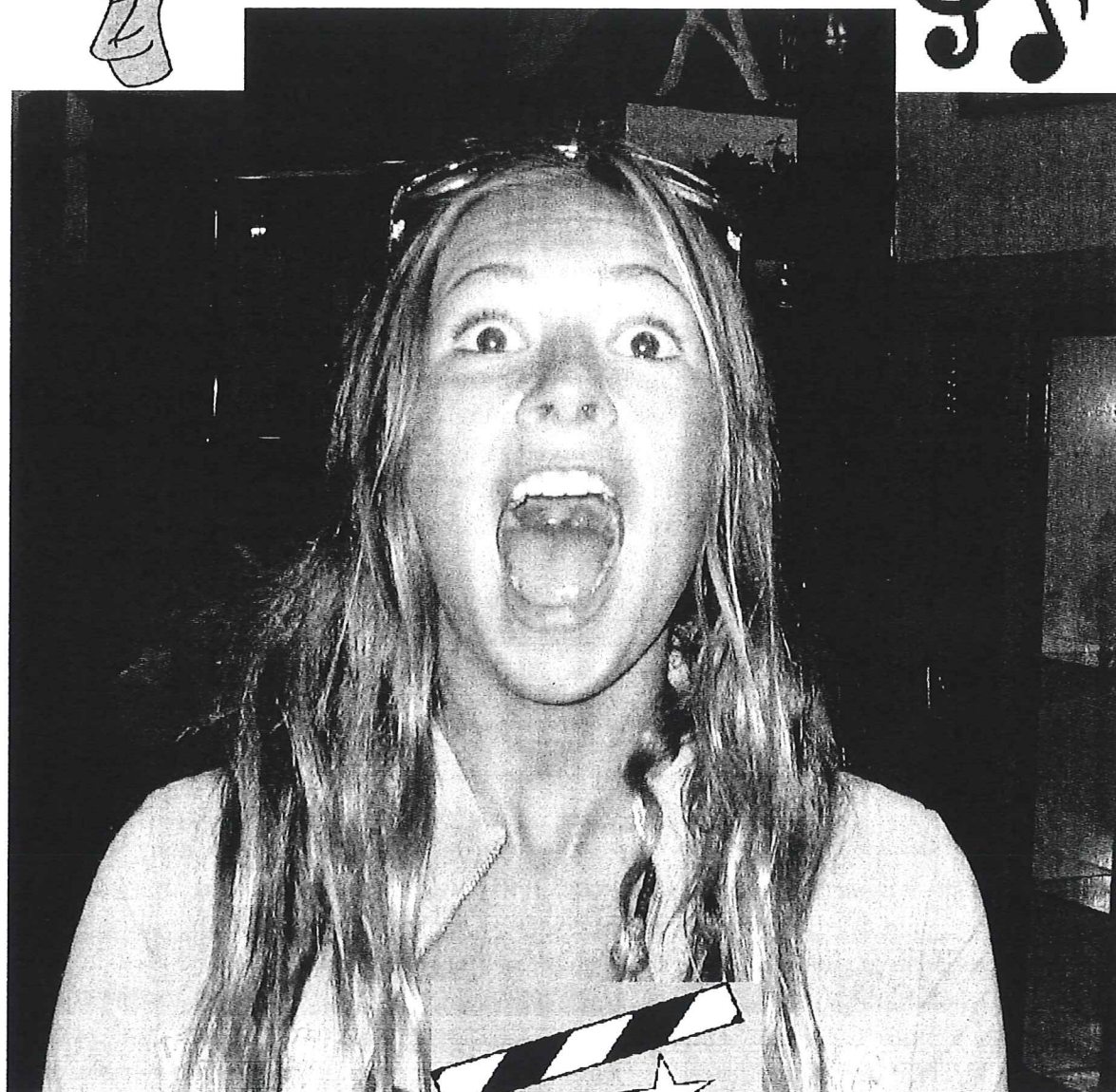
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who has moved on to crashing funerals instead.

If you got a kick out of movies such as *American Pie*, *Old School*, and *Dodgeball*, this movie is for you, but if you aren't in the mood for a good laugh and a touch of romance, I wouldn't suggest seeing it.



# Entertainment







# Surprising News about SATs

## Some Colleges Begin Phasing Out the Feared Exam

By Maggie Ward

Wouldn't it be nice for high school students to concentrate on *just* their school work and grades, rather than what SAT preparation class they're going to sign up for or what day they are taking the test? Good news for future college-goers is on its way... many colleges and universities across the nation are following the new trend of making SAT I, SAT II, and ACT test scores optional for student admissions.

Drew University, Mount Holyoke College, the College of Holy Cross, Bates College, Middlebury College, Bowdoin College, Hamilton College, and many more have taken action in making standardized test scores optional. This, however, does not mean that students cannot submit their test scores. Submitting or not submitting will have no affect on the school's decision and view of you as a student.

In place of extensive screening of test scores, schools like the ones mentioned above, will be a close evaluation of high school records. Admission officers will be looking at the academic record, rigor of the curriculum, class rank (if available), comments from teachers and counselors, written responses on an application, and possible personal interviews.

Admission processes have been discussed and debated over the past several years. Numerous colleges and universities feel that they should place a far greater weight on the academic

experiences of an applicant rather than a single test. According to the College of Holy Cross, "schools hope that this change will help redirecting attention back to what really matters: day-to-day performance in the classroom."

Bates College found an increase in application rates from students of different races, nationalities, backgrounds, and disabilities. Many

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educational professionals hope this change will bring new diversity to college and university campuses, bettering students for the future.

"The SAT does not measure the range of intellectual and motivational qualities that our educational environment requires." "SAT scores presently, in fact, carry only about 10% of the weight in admission decisions," stated the Admissions Office at Mount Holyoke. "The College encourages high school students to focus instead on long-term intellectual and personal growth rather than on time-consuming and expensive strategies to raise their SAT scores."

Drew University publicized

the following statement, "We feel this action will encourage students to focus more on what a liberal arts education has to offer them and less on test scores."

It has become eminent that the schools aforementioned are all along the same lines: have students concentrate on high school educations rather than a single test that may be a waste of their time. This new decision will make many students happy and will hopefully ease the process of college decision-making.

Equality can now be found throughout all high schools. Some students test better than others on standardized tests and should not be punished for their inability. Apprehensiveness and anxiousness can be wiped off students' shoulders as they continue in high school, some not even worrying about SATs. The decision is now up to the student: take the SATs or attend a school that makes test scores optional.

The question now is... will more and more colleges and universities be following this trend? Who knows. But by the time the younger generations will be attending college, SATs may be unheard of and a thing of the past. Wouldn't that be nice?





# Rumors of Gang Initiation Weekend Shake up the Shore

## Gang Activity Increases in New Jersey

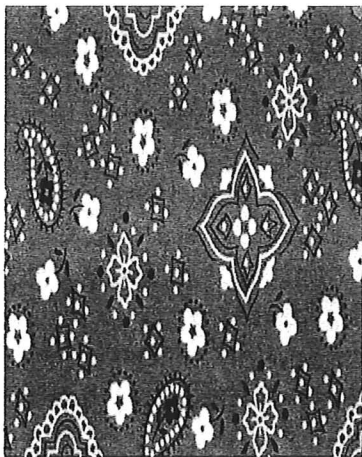
By: Travis Gassner, Ron Kubik and John Girard

Bloods and Crips. Crips and Bloods. These two gangs have clashed and battled in the streets of major cities for many years now. Claiming many lives in the process, the two notorious gangs have made quite the name for themselves. Rappers such as Tupac, Snoop Dogg and the Notorious B.I.G. have been known for their activities in gangs.

Recently, it came to the attention of police stations throughout the country that the weekend of September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> was the initiation of the Blood Gang. One initiation ritual of the Bloods is: potential gang members drive in an automobile at night with the headlights turned off. If another vehicle driver gives a "courtesy flash" to warn the other car that their headlights are off, then the car driven by the gang members must follow the other car and kill everyone in the car. If this event takes place, then the people who committed the crime become part of the gang.

Letters of warning were sent to police stations throughout the country. Police stations in turn

sent bulletins to schools, community groups, and newspapers, such as the Asbury Park Press. Proper precautions were taken by authorities. Warnings were issued not to give any "courtesy flashes" to other cars. Despite some momentary hysteria, the weekend passed without any notable violence.



*The red bandana is the symbol of the Bloods and the blue bandana represents the Crips*

# Special Forces- What's so Special About Them?

By Christian Ries

So we all know them, and we all try to avoid them. Special Forces Police, fresh out of the academy, ravage Manasquan and its sending districts on their bikes. Tales of towed cars, ticketed bike riders, and questioned innocence are not uncommon in the summer months.

New laws this summer include a mandatory light for cyclists after dark, and the enforced helmet law. Manasquan students were ticketed more often than warned and fines were somewhere within the \$60 range. According to his sister Callie, 7<sup>th</sup> grader Rob Peters was ticketed for not wearing a helmet and when he asked how much his ticket would be, the Special responded, "Five-hundred dollars."

Specials not only target those on bicycles, licensed drivers are getting loads of parking tickets. It was not an infrequent sight to see an unsuspecting shopper downtown come back to a car with a ticket under its windshield wiper or to see a Special directing a tow-truck to the offending vehicle.

Another story that proves the uselessness of Specials is that of the Inlet Outlet surf lesson instructors. Manasquan High Alumni Mike Miller,

Justin Taylor, Sal Librizzi and I arrived one sunny day to teach lessons for Manasquan Recreation. There were no parking spaces available and armed with our "DO NOT TOW" parking permit, signed by Manasquan Recreation, we parked in the unloading zone and walked to our lesson. One hour later we walked back to the location of our vehicle and it was gone.

"Uh, Mike, where's your car?" I asked.

"I have no idea," Mike responded.

We called the police and they informed us that it was illegally parked and was towed. We called for a ride to the police station and when we arrived to question the reason behind the unauthorized tow, the Special who authorized it approached us armed with our parking permit, and questioned its validity. A towed truck and four ticked off locals later; we proved our cause to be philanthropic and valid. The tow was rendered unnecessary.

With the end of the summer we no longer have to fear the badged bikers of Manasquan and its surrounding areas. We now have eight more months to break the little rules until the Specials return. Enjoy it while you can.



# Hurricane Katrina Devastates Louisiana

Rita Follows, Delivers Harsh Blow

By Travis Gassner

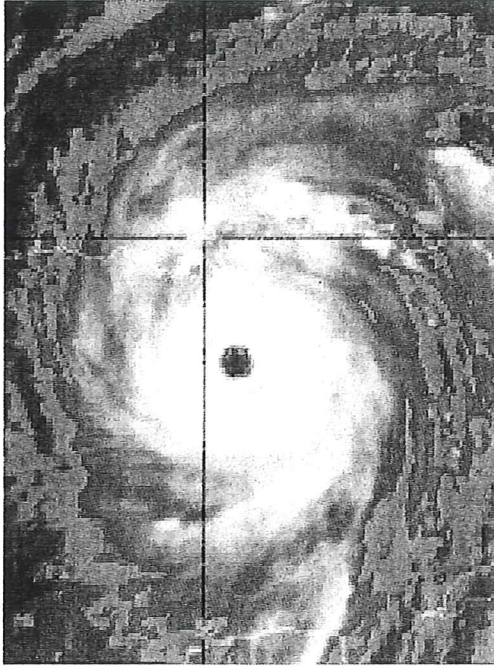
You all may know Katrina as the monstrous Category 4 hurricane that caused massive destruction to the Gulf Port area this past August. However, Katrina didn't just appear out of nowhere as a Category 4 hurricane; like every other hurricane, there was a period of time during which Katrina gained its enormous strength.

On August 23, the U.S. National Hurricane Center reported that Tropical Depression Twelve had formed over the southeastern Bahamas from the remains of Tropical Depression Ten. The depression was upgraded to Tropical Storm Katrina on the morning of August 24. On August 25, Katrina became the fourth hurricane of the 2005 season, making landfall later that day as a Category 1 hurricane around 6:30 P.M. between Hallandale Beach and Aventura Florida.

As Katrina passed over land on August 26 it weakened back down to a tropical storm before growing to a Category 2 hurricane with winds up to one hundred mph. This was when it became clear that

she was headed straight for Mississippi and Louisiana. As a result, President George Bush declared a state of emergency in Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi.

On August 27,



the storm was upgraded to an intense Category 3 hurricane, which is classified as a "major hurricane." On the following day, it grew even stronger graduating to a Category 4. On this day, Katrina gained its full strength in a very short period of time. At this time Katrina's had some frightening statistics. It had maximum sustained winds strengthening to 175 mph, gusts of 215 mph and a central pressure of 23.64 inches. It became the fourth most intense Atlantic Basin hurricane on record.

Katrina finally made landfall again on August

29, near Buras-Triumph, Louisiana, as a Category 4 hurricane with winds up to 140 mph. A few hours later, it made landfall for a third time near the border of Louisiana and Mississippi with Category 3 winds at 125 mph. This is when it caused the most destruction, destroying everything in its path, including innocent residents who chose not to evacuate.

Thereafter, Katrina lost hurricane-strength as it moved more inland. It was downgraded back to a tropical depression near Clarksville, Tennessee and continued to travel northward. Katrina's last known position was over southeast Quebec and northern New Brunswick on August 31.

Katrina's lowest minimum pressure at landfall was 27.11 inches, making it the third strongest hurricane on record to make landfall in the United States. The thirty-foot storm surge at Biloxi, Mississippi, which is the water that is pushed toward the shore by the force of the winds swirling around the storm, was the highest ever recorded in America. Currently, the National Hurricane Center is considering a reclassification of Hurricane Katrina on the Saffir-Simpson scale to a Category 5 storm at landfall.

## Aftermath

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from the cities. It is expected that hundreds, if not thousands, more corpses are covering 40% of the city beneath the floodwaters.

Coast Guard Vice Adm. Thad W. Allen said the recovery's slow start was because "access was made difficult by weather and lack of communication." Thankfully, it is moving along now with Senate providing emergency housing for more than 350,000 who were left homeless.

Congress is moving to pass a new bill that would expand Medicaid, unemployment and welfare benefits for Katrina's evacuees. It would cost from \$5 billion to \$7 billion through 2006.

Overall, relief efforts are currently in full swing to help the victims of this tragedy. It will undoubtedly take a lot of time and money, but America will pull through.





# Back To School

## Foreign Vocabulary

Voulez-vous savoir parler comme les Français? C'est facile. Voici quelques mots qu'utilisent les locaux.

What's up? "Ça va?" Or "Quoi de neuf = ¿Qué pasa ?

Cool "Cool" or "Génial" = Chevere

Guy "Mec" = un muchacho

Girl "Meuf" = una muchacha

Hot for a girl "Bonne" = guapa

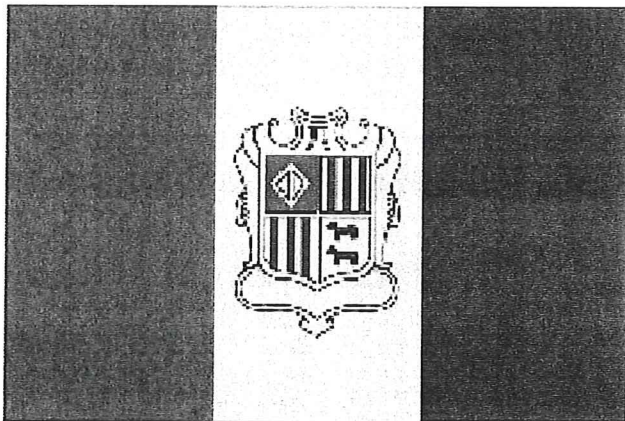
Hot for a guy "Beau" = guapo

Party "Teuf" = la fiesta

High School "Lycée" = la escuela secundaria

Classes "les cours" = las clases

Are you going out? "Tu vas sortir?" = ¿Vas a salir?

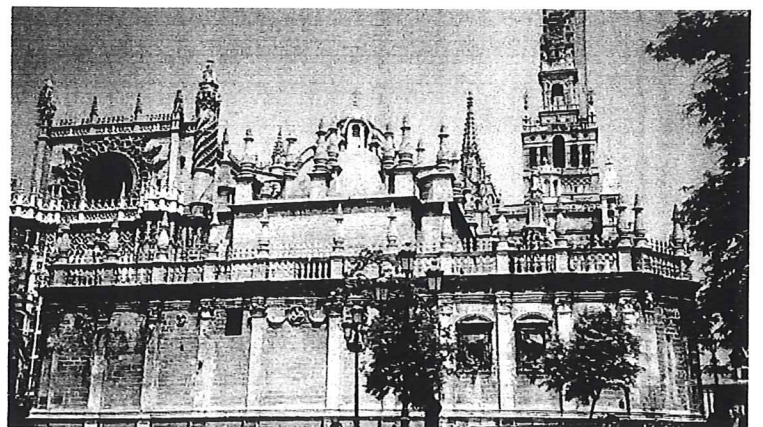
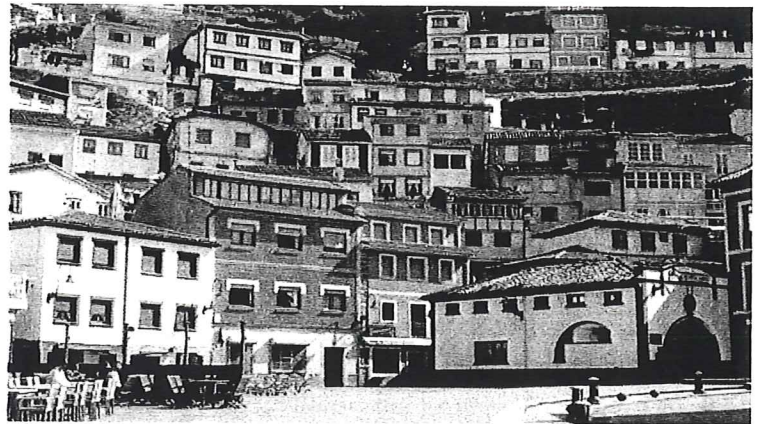


### Latinamerican Schools

Las escuelas secundarias de Latinoamérica varían según el país. Algunas escuelas requieren 4 años y otras requieren 5 años para graduarse. En muchos países las escuelas comienzan el 15 de septiembre y terminan en julio. Todas las escuelas permiten que los estudiantes (muchachos y muchachas) vayan a su casa para almorzar. Ah sí, todas las escuelas requieren usar un uniforme también!

### English Translation

The Latin American high schools vary according to the country. Some schools require four and some require five years of education to graduate. In many countries, schools start September 15<sup>th</sup> and conclude some time in July. All the schools allow the students (boys and girls) to go home to eat their lunch. Oh yes, all the schools also require students to wear a uniform everyday!





# Prices Rise in Cafeteria

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hasn't changed at all." On that note, making a minor raise should be acceptable, but because of the mere fact that it's school, it's not.

As we all know, the gas prices have recently been spiked, so the delivery trucks require more money just to get here. Now the

school

is being

charged

additional

money for

the gas,

resulting

in an

increase

on the

lunches.

Therefore,

it is with

logical

reason that

students are

being charged

more.

Senior Justin

Locantore

commented

with, "It's really not a

big deal, I mean it's just

one more quarter, it's

still pretty cheap". Even

still, while this situation

may seem acceptable to

some, others aren't so

understanding.

"The

price change is annoying

because now when I just

want to bring two dollars

to school I have to find a

quarter somewhere, too,"

according to Daria Cali.

If one really thinks

about the situation, the

school lunch is a good

deal compared to the other

restaurants in Manasquan,

who also receive the same

products from Sysco. For example, the five mozzarella sticks at Squan Tavern are six dollars, and for the same amount at our school, it is just two dollars. The French fries at Manasquan pizza are \$3.25 and for about the same quantity, are \$1.50 here. The Snapple at 7-11



Cafeteria prices were increased to students dismay.

is \$1.35, and here it's \$.85.

Many Seniors are working on their privilege to go out and eat for lunch. Perhaps it will be then that reality will hit and show that despite how much of a problem it seems to be, spending \$2.25 for an Italian sub at school will always out do the \$5.82 you'd pay at Rip Tide.

So, on the short note, the fingers should not be pointed at the lunch staff for the higher prices, but at society. Nothing stays the same forever especially not prices, so next time your eyebrow is raised because it's one more quarter out of your pocket, remember you could be at Squan Tavern, scrounging up sixteen more.

# MHS TV to Air Soon

By Michelle Kurc

Another year has begun, and MHS TV will soon be broadcasting their daily news show. They will not be on air until October, due to the new staff of 10 people, who are learning how to operate the new equipment.

There are about 10 pieces of equipment that are easy to operate for the morning news show. The class will be rotating positions on the staff, everybody will get a chance preform the different positions.

An innovation this year

is that MHS TV members will be trying to get the school to allow a television or computer in center hall announce updates throughout the day. This will help many students remember all the events that are going on. According to Kathleen Keefe, "It would help me out a lot, and I wouldn't forget so many things like I usually do."

Many students believe this new privilege would be beneficial to them. so they can always be up to date on acedemic and sport events.

# MHS Reaches Out to Katrina Victims

By Nicole Hawkins

Tragedy has struck Louisiana greatly and has left so many in a deep depression. Lost lives, lost belongings, lost faith, all of the things nobody can ever truly repair, but it's always nice to know somebody cares enough to try. That's where a few organizations of MHS have stepped in.

National Honors Society has organized a donation to all the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Any clothing or school supplies that can be given will be greatly appreciated. All the donations are collected, sorted, and delivered by MHS NHS.

The French club and French/Spanish National

Honor Society are holding a Katrina Hurricane Relief Fund. Wristbands are being sold for \$5.00, and the National Honor Society will contribute \$2.00 for every band sold.

So, if anyone has items to give or can afford a wristband, please do so. Think about it from their point of view, nobody deserves to live on the roof of what once was their house, in the same outfit they wore when it was destroyed. It's nice to see that our school is contributing to this crisis, because just being that one extra person who made one extra donation could make all the difference, to someone.



