

The Blue & Gray Sports Section

November Issue
Tribute to Fall Season

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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.

Would you take T.O. on your team?

Terrell Owens is one of the premiere receivers in the NFL today. Why a receiver with his talent would be sitting at home serving a suspension is absurd right? Wrong. Terrell Owens is an egotistical, loud mouth, wining baby, who accuses everyone but himself for the team's problems. In his most recent stint, he was with the Philadelphia Eagles. He often criticized his coach Andy Reid, and his quarterback, Donovan McNabb. Finally the front office told T.O. to apologize to the team, Reid, and McNabb or be suspended indefinitely for conduct detrimental to the team. T.O. stubbornly apologized only to the Eagles and was suspended.

Matt's View

Most think that T.O. has proved to the Eagles and the NFL that his talent is not worth it, because of his disloyal qualities. T.O. never seems to be satisfied no matter what kind of stats he has, no matter how important the team makes him sound, he is never satisfied and makes himself out to be the victim.

However for the sake of argument let's see where Terrell Owens would fit in. We'll start with The Oakland Raiders who showed initial interest in the receiver. Can anyone picture Terrell Owens and Randy Moss on the same team? I'll answer that, no. Terrell Owens and Randy Moss are way too involved with themselves to deal with each other on the same team.

Next on the list is the Atlanta Falcons. Michael Vick suggested, "Hey he can come here as long as realizes this is my team." How about Vick throwing to Owens it seems like the perfect fit. Well sorry Falcon fans, Terrell doesn't play for anybody's team but his own team.

Another team that seems like a good fit is the Denver Broncos. The Broncos could use a receiver like Owens to jump start their aerial attack. Also Owens seems like he would not get himself in too much trouble in a small market like Denver. However T.O. would never blend with Mike Shanahan and his run based offense which gains close to 200 yards a game.

Listen I'm supposed to be making an argument for T.O. and I guess I'm not doing a great job. However that's hard for me, a "die hard" Giants fan, but I tried. I have one suggestion for any team if they pick him up. Call T.O. into the front office, say to him, "Look we'll pay you the league minimum, and that's if you promise to shut your mouth, and if you say anything bad about the team, the quarterback, or the coach, we'll drop you like a bad habit." If he declines let him go because he's not worth it.



Boomer's View

Terrell Owens is a great football player, maybe the best in the entire NFL. However, he is a terrible teammate to everyone including his coaches. As you all know, T.O. was recently thrown off the Philadelphia Eagles because he couldn't get along with his fellow teammates.

Now some people would take T.O. while others would say that they would never take T.O. I personally would not want Owens on my team. I know that he is arguably the best football player in the league, but he is a distraction that is not needed. He causes problems in the locker room and problems in the locker room often result in problems on the football field.

Terrell is a problem, not a great player. I am not saying that he isn't a talented player. All I am saying is that he isn't a team player or a great player. A great player is someone who makes everyone around him better. T.O. definitely doesn't do that. Instead of making people better, he causes problems.

There is no reason why T.O. shouldn't be able to get along with Donovan McNabb. McNabb seems like a personable guy, yet T.O. seems to have beef with him. T.O. nor McNabb has given any clear cut reason why there is a problem. They just blame each other. I happen to believe McNabb who believes that it is T.O.'s fault.

T.O. will cause a problem no matter where he goes. That is why I wouldn't take him on my team. He had problems with the last two quarterbacks he has had. He had a problem with Jeff Garcia when the two were on the 49ers and he also had a problem with McNabb on the Eagles. Who's to say that he won't have a problem with his next quarterback? No matter where he goes, there will be problems that arise. I would rather fill my team with hard-working athletes who aren't overpaid babies that complain about not getting the ball more than 5 times again.

Pro Sports

NHL Standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic

Team	W	L	OTL	PTS
NY Rangers	16	7	3	35
Philadelphia	13	6	3	29
NY Islanders	12	11	1	25
NJ Devils	11	9	2	24
Pittsburgh	7	11	6	20

Northeast

Ottawa	18	3	0	36
Montreal	14	6	4	32
Toronto	14	8	3	31
Buffalo	14	9	1	29
Boston	8	12	5	21

Southeast

Carolina	15	7	1	31
Tampa Bay	13	10	3	29
Atlanta	10	12	2	22
Washington	8	14	2	18
Florida	7	14	4	18

Western Conference

Central

Detroit	18	6	2	38
Nashville	14	4	3	31
Chicago	9	14	0	18
Columbus	6	18	0	12
St. Louis	4	15	3	11

Northwest

Vancouver	15	8	2	32
Colorado	14	8	3	31
Calgary	14	9	3	31
Edmonton	14	11	1	29
Minnesota	10	10	2	22

Pacific

LA Kings	16	8	1	33
Dallas	15	7	1	31
Phoenix	13	11	2	28
Anaheim	10	11	4	24
San Jose	8	11	4	20

NBA Standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic

Team	W	L	CONF	DIV
Philadelphia	8	8	3-8	2-2
New Jersey	7	8	3-4	1-0
Boston	6	8	4-6	3-0
New York	5	9	2-4	1-1
Toronto	1	15	1-7	0-4

Northeast

Detroit	11	2	6-1	1-0
Cleveland	10	4	6-1	0-1
Indiana	9	5	6-4	1-1
Chicago	7	6	2-2	0-0
Milwaukee	7	6	5-1	1-1

Southeast

Miami	9	6	5-5	2-1
Washington	7	7	4-4	1-2
Orlando	7	7	4-5	3-1
Charlotte	11	5	5-5	1-2
Atlanta	2	12	2-1	0-1

Western Conference

Central

Minnesota	7	6	3-6	1-2
Denver	8	8	6-6	2-0
Seattle	6	8	2-5	2-5
Utah	6	9	3-5	1-0
Portland	5	9	1-3	1-0

Southwest

San Antonio	11	3	6-1	1-1
Dallas	10	4	5-2	3-1
Memphis	10	5	6-3	6-2
NO/OK City	7	7	5-3	1-1
Houston	4	11	2-5	0-4

Pacific

LA Clippers	10	5	5-2	2-0
Golden State	11	6	4-4	1-2
Phoenix	8	5	5-4	2-1
Sacramento	7	8	3-6	1-1
LA Lakers	5	8	3-5	0-2

What 2 Watch 4

- NCAA Basketball: December 10th #1 Duke vs #2 Texas @ the Meadowlands
- NCAA Football: BCS Bowl Games: Rose Bowl (Championship Game), Fiesta Bowl, Sugar Bowl, and Orange Bowl.
Heisman Trophy Presentation

- NFL: Week 14: Chicago @ Pittsburgh
Week 15: Kansas City @ New York Giants
Tampa Bay @ New England
San Diego @ Indianapolis
Atlanta @ Chicago

Pro Sports

Surprise of the League

By: John Schaff & Jess Sinkhorn



The New York Rangers' off to surprising hot start



Coming into the season, the New York Rangers had lost four out of five of their leading scorers and had a roster filled with rookie players. ESPN Magazine and Sports Illustrated picked them to finish last in their conference.

These supposedly credible magazines were proven dead wrong by the week of November 15th, where the Rangers held first place in the Atlantic Division with the record of 11-5-3.

It only took one spark for the Rangers to explode at the start of the season. That one spark was Jaromir Jagr who



Darius Kasparaitus

has lifted the Rangers to early success. He has played to a phenomenal level, as the NHL's leading goal scorer. Also contributing to the Rangers success are forwards Martin Straka,



Jagr celebrates after a goal

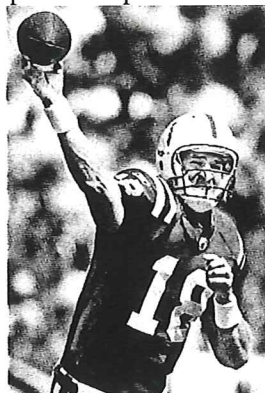
blue line, with a string of top-notch goaltending by Kevin Weekes and Henrik Lundqvist behind them.

The Rangers are now a hard working team with high aspirations in contrast to previous seasons when they would just load up with high profile players who didn't always work well together. Every rookie feels as if they have something to prove out on the ice. Many of them do not have a full contract which means they can be sent back to the minors if they don't work out.

At the start of the season many Ranger fans were doubtful, but now they have reason to believe in their team.

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from special teams with a blocked punt that led to an Amani Toomer touchdown reception to put the Giants



Peyton Manning throws the ball to the open defender

up 10-0, they would end up winning 27-17. In a couple of shocking upsets Baltimore (3-7) held on to defeat Pittsburgh (7-3) in OT 16-13. With the game between the Tampa Bay and Atlanta tied up with under 30 seconds to go and tied at 27, Michael Vick dropped back to pass and fumbled. Vick's fumble helped the Bucs (7-3) defeat the Falcons (6-4) 30-27 with a last second field goal by Matt Bryant. The Falcons dominated every offensive category except the most important one, the score. The Game of the Week featured Cincinnati and undefeated Indianapolis team. The Bengal's (7-3) offense showed they could keep up with the Colts' by scoring 37 points. However the Colts won the shoot out scoring 45, and improving to (10-0).

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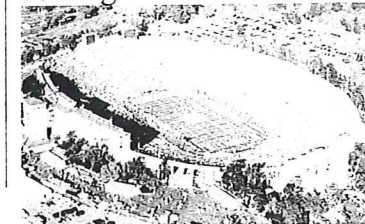
Fresno State in which he had 513 all-purpose yards which is a Pac-10 record. He had a career-high 294 yards rushing with 2 TD's. For the year, he has 1,423 yards rushing with 18 total TD's.



The Heisman trophy

Brady Quinn, the quarterback of Notre Dame, has surprised many people this year. Coming into this season, Brady was not considered to be a Heisman hopeful, but now he's in the top four. Charlie Weis has turned Quinn into most likely the front-runner for next year's Heisman trophy considering that Quinn is only a junior. Quinn, who became Notre Dame's all-time leader passing yards, is having a fantastic year. He has passed for 3,201 and 29 TD's with only 5 interceptions.

Keep an eye on the race for the national championship and the Heisman trophy as the regular season is slowly coming to a close.



The Rose Bowl, the site of this year's national championship

NFL Football

NFL Rolls On

Weeks 8-11

By: Matt Gebhard

Week 8, was a week of firsts in the NFL. The Houston Texans (1-8) nabbed their first win over the struggling Cleveland Browns (3-6). While both teams scored touchdowns on their opening drives, it came down to the legs of both teams respective kickers with Houston's Kris Brown emerging the winner. The Eagles fell out of first place for the first time since Week 1. Despite 14 unanswered points early in the third quarter to bring the eagles with in a touchdown, Donovan McNabb, threw a pick in the end zone that would have tied the game. The Broncos (7-2) went on to score 21 unanswered of their own in a 49-21 loss. Finally the New York football Giants capitalized on the horrible play of the Redskins and got the NFL's first shut-out victory of the season 36-0. However players and fans alike were devastated by the death of Giants' co-owner Wellington Mara earlier that week. Tiki Barber rushed for 206 yards in the 36-0 route.



Donovan McNabb

with backup Bollinger themselves eight. a failed



Brooks to bring with in However 2-point

conversion left Jets (2-7) down by two. The Chargers ended up with the "W" 31-26. The Giants visited the 49ers for the first time since their playoff loss in 2002. The Giants won 24-6, and for the second straight week the Giants hadn't allowed a touchdown. The Eagles, who lost T.O. due to suspension, played their first game without him on Sunday night. The Eagles lost their second straight as well 17-10 as McNabb once again once again threw a critical pick in enemy territory to lose the game.

Week 10, The Giants allowed a punt, kick-off, and interception returned for a touchdown all in the same game, for the first time in NFL history. Despite a comeback in the fourth quarter to tie the game, the Giants (6-3) still lost 24-21 to the Vikings (4-5), who extended their winning streak to two games. Chicago (6-3) won their second straight, 17-6, over the 49ers (2-7). The game included a 108 yard missed field goal attempt by Nathan Vasher, which is also an NFL record. Also, Tampa & Green Bay (2-7) ended losing streaks beating heavy favorites



Mike Vick eludes the defense

Atlanta and Washington (5-4). The Eagles (4-5) allowed 14 points in the final two minutes in a loss to the

Dallas Cowboys (5-4) who claimed a share of the NFC East Crown.

Week 11, the Eagles were facing an almost must win situation. With T.O. and Donovan McNabb nowhere near East Rutherford on November 20, the Eagles sent out Jim McMahon at QB to try and get the win. The Eagles (4-6) put up a good fight but the Giants (7-3) had help

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Players of the Week



Week 9: Shaun Alexander, RB of the Seattle Seahawks, on 23 carries rushed for 173 yards, 2 TD's; including an 88 yard score in a 33-19 win over Arizona.

Week 10: Buffalo Bills LB, London Fletcher, had 20 tackles; he also had a sack and forced a fumble.

Week 11: Chiefs RB Larry Johnson had 36 carries for 211 yards and 2 TD's.

Week 12: LaDainian Tomlinson, Chargers RB, earns his third player of the week honors, rushing for 118 yards in the fourth quarter and overtime (189 yards total). Including a game winning 41 yard touchdown run against the Redskins.



Brooks Bollinger

Week 9, the Carolina Panthers (7-2) won a huge NFC South battle against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 34-14. The Bucs who seemed playoff bound were slipping from the ranks while Carolina won its fifth straight. The Jets who fell in a whole early to the Chargers (5-4) worked a comeback

Squan H.S. Sports

Individual Athletic Accomplishments

Girls' Tennis

Dana Tausek and Chase Fitzsimmons - Juniors



Dana and Chase, 2nd in the state in first doubles, are first in ping pong

victories, including three wins over Wall and a win over Holmdel in their last match. Their great teamwork led them to become the first Shore Conference doubles partners to reach the State Finals.

Dana and Chase finished their season with an outstanding 26-3 record. They were also named to the First Team All-State. During this season, they recorded

many key

Field Hockey

Amy Rea - Senior

Amy Rea had an extraordinary year, scoring 20+ goals and having 25-30 assists. She was one of the field hockey captains. Her highlight game was against Raritan where she gave an assist to Jess Rogers for a goal in the last 40 seconds to get the win.

Allie Vadas - Senior

Allie Vadas played center attack for the Manasquan field hockey team extremely well, tallying up 13 goals in the season. Two of those goals were scored in a game against RBC when they were down by two almost the entire time. The rally unfortunately didn't succeed but it was a valiant effort.



Accomplishments

Boys' Soccer

Taylor Weiss - Sophomore

Taylor Weiss had an outstanding season, in his first as the Warriors goalie. He had his best game against Lakewood, making and creating excellent saves for team. He ended the 2005 season with 10 shutouts.



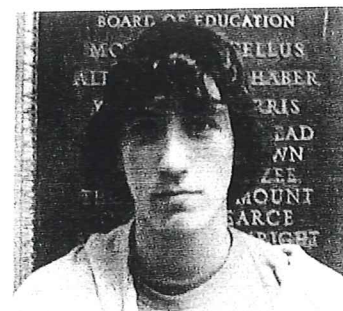
Robert Sopko - Senior



Robert Sopko, captain of the boy's soccer team, was chosen as an All-Conference player this season. The seven goals and eight assists helped him achieve the honor. His best play during the season was against Colts Neck, where he scored the only goal of the game, winning it for his team.

Kevin Fitzgerald - Senior

Kevin Fitzgerald was one of the leading scorers for Squan's boy's soccer team with six goals. In the team's game against Manchester, he scored two out of the four goals in a Manasquan shutout. Kevin also had four assists throughout the season.



Squan



VS.



Wall

By: Travis Gassner

The third Thursday of November, the day two football teams and two towns have looked forward to all season. The traditional Thanksgiving Day game between Manasquan and Wall had finally arrived, and on that frigid Thursday morning both teams had nothing else on their minds than to deliver a loss to their opponent.

Manasquan was looking to end a two-year losing streak to the Wall Crimson Knights, who have won four of the five games since the Thanksgiving Day rivalry was reestablished in 2000. The last time the Warriors defeated the Knights was in 2002, when they surpassed Wall 14-7 on Warriors Field in front of more than 10,000 people. Since then, Wall has held Manasquan scoreless.

This annual meeting between these two powerful teams has always been an

school kids that will ever have another chance to play in front of six, seven, or eight thousand people in their sports careers.

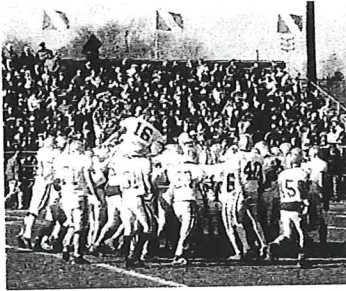
Manasquan and Wall are both teams whose foundations lie in strong fundamental football, good execution, and strong defensive play. Also, Chris Barnes, Wall's head coach, was a former player for Manasquan's head coach Vic Kubu, back when Kubu was head coach at Middletown North.

For Wall, this was their final game of the season, since their state playoff run was ended by a loss to Ocean in the semifinals the previous week. However,

unlike the Knights, Manasquan was ten days away from their State Championship and final game against Raritan.

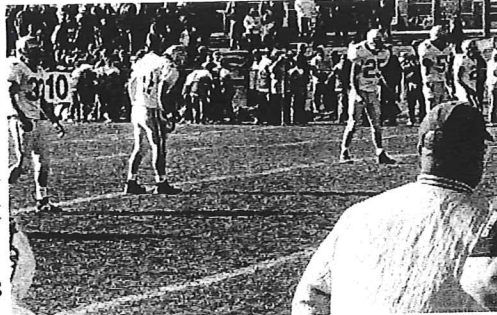
Before a roaring audience of 6,500, the Warriors strong running game

and stifling defense helped them claim an outstanding 21-7 victory over the Crimson Knights. The first possessions of the game for both teams set the tone for the remaining



Squan comes on the field

three quarters. Instead of punting the ball into 25-mph wind from their own 35-yard line, the Knights decided to go for the first down on a fourth-and-one. Chad Tirpack attempted a quarterback sneak, but was stood up at the line of scrimmage, where the Warriors took control of the



The kickoff team lines up

ball. After moving the ball 33 yards down the field, junior Mike Mele ended the six-play drive with a three-yard touchdown run to give Squan a 7-0 lead.

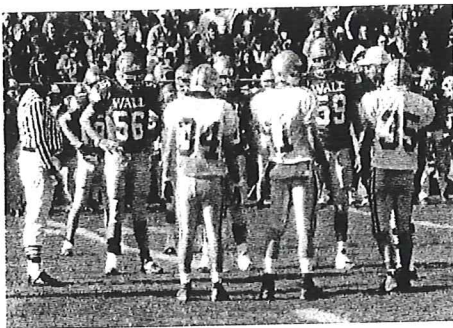
Just three minutes later, Mele broke an attempted tackle by Tirpack at the line of scrimmage and proceeded to run 46 yards for a touchdown to put the Warriors up 14-0. Mele finished the day with 168 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries. Senior Ed Savoth also contributed 100 yards on 16 carries, as Manasquan totaled 278 rushing yards overall.

As always, the Warrior defense was close to perfect in this game. Wall didn't cross midfield until two minutes remained in the first half. The Shore's best run defense held the Knights to 52 yards on 29 carries and had Tirpack scrambling on every pass attempt.

Manasquan finished the game with four sacks and two interceptions, the last of which resulted in a touchdown.

During the fourth quarter, junior defensive end Alex Iachetta deflected Tirpack's pass into the arms of senior linebacker Ed Savoth, who returned the ball 26 yards for a touchdown. The Warriors had a 21-0 lead with 4:12 left to play in the game.

However, Wall did succeed at one thing during this contest. Their lone touchdown allowed them to avoid becoming Manasquan's fifth shutout victim of the season. During the final minutes of the fourth quarter, Tirpack completed five of six passes on a 66-yard drive, which resulted in a 16-yard diving touchdown catch by wide receiver Adam Mancino. On the following possession, Manasquan proceeded to run out the clock and seal the victory for not only the entire team, but for the entire town of Manasquan.



The pre-game coin toss

important event. The fact that Manasquan and Wall are neighboring towns, means bragging rights are always up at stake. Plus, there aren't many high

Blue Bear

By: Sam Baddle and Tina Carbone

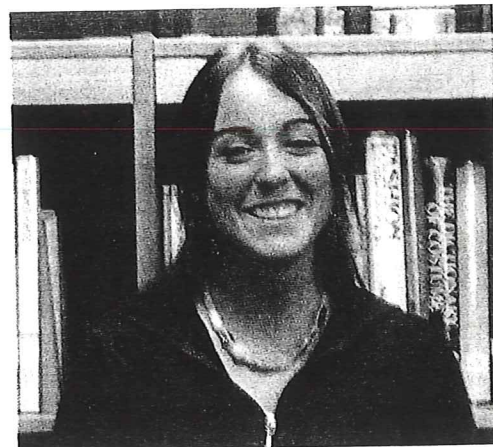
"What was your favorite part about Thanksgiving?"



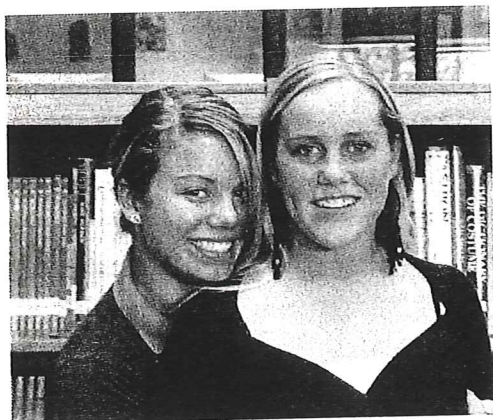
Kelsey Scribner:
"Listening to funny family stories."



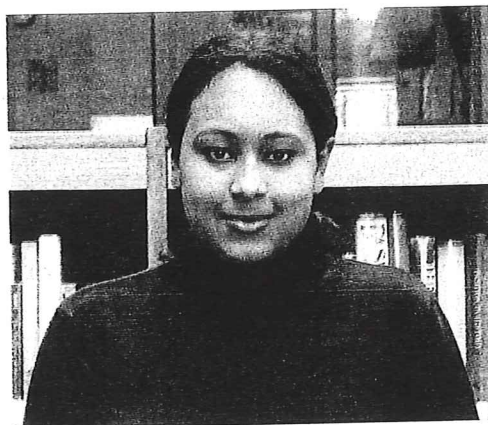
Jane Wenthe:
"Tailgating with Mr.P at the football game."



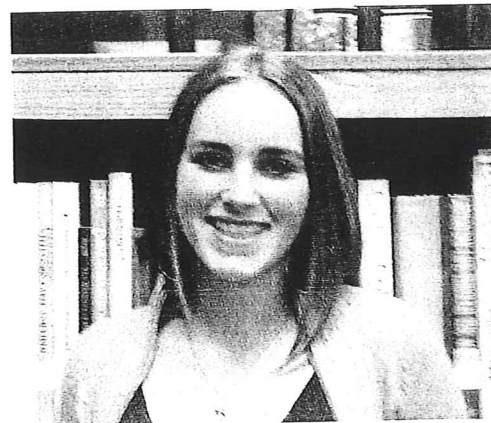
Kelsey Windas:
"Squan beating Wall at the football game."



Kelly Glander:
"Tophurky and roastbeef."



Nicole Pettit:
"Eating the sandwiches the next day."



Mary Sisti:
"Watching Charlie Brown."



Key Club Sponsors Christmas Wish Tree

By: *Almy Egan*

Also in the holiday spirit, the Key Club has organized its annual Christmas Wish Tree again this year. Led by senior Kathleen Woods, the WishTree allows members of the MHS community to provide holiday gifts for the less fortunate. On each ornament is a gender and age

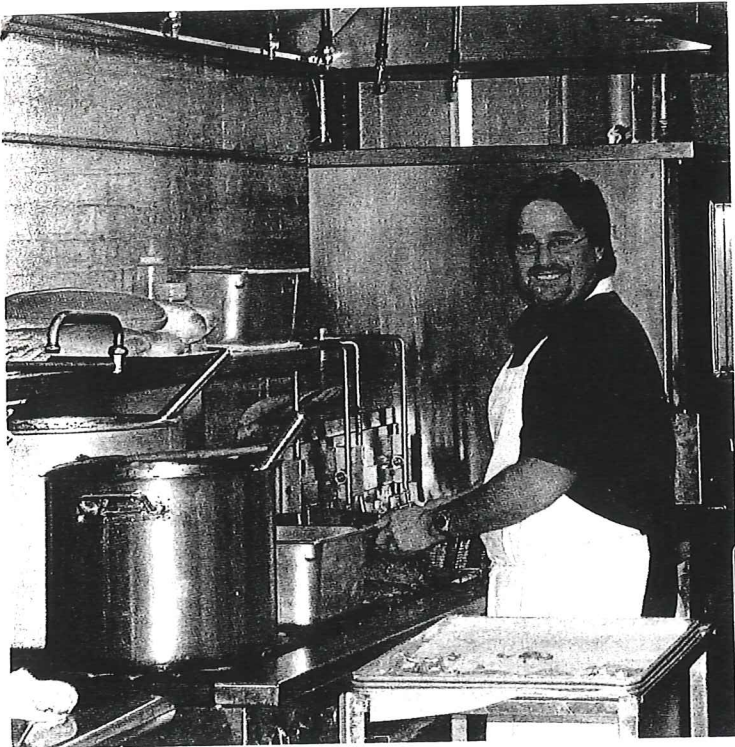
of the recipient of the gift.

The tree is located in the library. Sponsors take the ornaments and buy suitable presents. The Tree allows 21 needy families to have presents this year.

Do your part and provide one less fortunate person with a present this holiday season! Gifts must be wrapped and placed under the tree by December 15.

Random Chat

By: John Girard



For this issue, I figured that I would speak with a living legend. A man that we all know and love. Walter Wall, the lunch man.

John: Alright Walter. Have you ever found a rat or some type of vermin in the kitchen?

Walter: No, absolutely not.

John: Okay. What is your least favorite meal to prepare?

Walter: There's nothing really. If I didn't like it, I wouldn't serve it.

John: Has anyone ever sent food back to you asking for you to cook it more?

Walter: I don't think so.

John: Good, I could imagine that being an inconvenience. What is one random food concoction that you have always wanted to make and serve?

Walter: I don't think of crazy things to serve because you wouldn't eat them.

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Movie Review

Get Rich or Die Tryin'

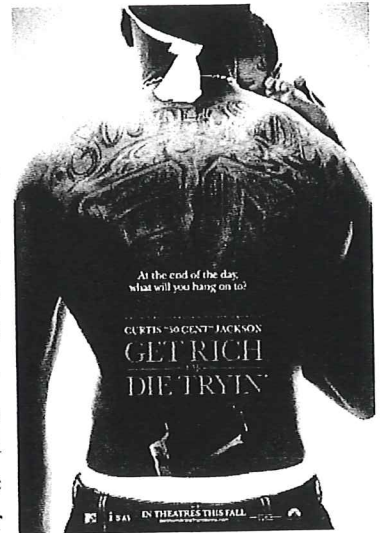
By: Callie Peters

Many people believe in the common stereotype that singers can't act. However, Curtis Jackson, who is widely known as 50 Cent, just proved the general population wrong. In a film that is inspired by his own life story, Jackson stars as the main character, Marcus.

Like 50 Cent, Marcus's mother is killed when he is very young. He doesn't know who his father is and he resorts to selling drugs on the streets of New York City. After getting into some trouble, he is sent to jail, where he starts writing lyrics. A man named Bama befriends him right from the start, and offers to be his manager when they get out of jail.

After being released, Marcus takes himself out of the drug-dealing business to pursue his dream as a rapper. Angering his old "boss," he puts his life, as well as his family, in danger. Betrayed by a friend, he is shot nine times and is rushed to the hospital. Somehow he survives and is determined more than ever to reach his goal.

With a mixture of action, crime, and drama, this movie keeps you interested. If you liked movies such as *8 Mile* and *Scarface*, I suggest heading to the movie theatres soon.



John: Do you enjoy the insanity that occurs when deluxe Philly cheese steaks are served in the cafeteria?

Walter: Oh yeah. It's great. We turn the music and go for three hours straight. We cook non-stop.

John: Alrighty then Walter. Check you later.

CD Review

Late Registration

By: Dania Cali

It's safe to say that when Kanye sings, the world will listen. We all loved "College Dropout", and now he's come out with something new for everyone to obsess

over.

"Late Registration" is Kanye West's newest work of art. This album, like the last has guest appearances on most of his songs. Adam Levine of Maroon 5 appears on the first track called "Heard 'Em Say", where the two sing that

"nothing ever promised tomorrow today". Jamie Foxx sings in "Gold Digger", the first single off the album. Other artists who joined Kanye on the CD were Cam'Ron, Brandy, Common, and Paul Wall.

Not all the songs are as good as you'd expect, but the great ones make up for it. This CD is good for anyone, since his style is so eclectic, and the songs are fun for everyone to listen to.



New Movie Releases

-Yours, Mine & Ours
-Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
-In the Mix
-Just Friends
-Rent
-Walk the Line

Nicknames

By: Nicole Bogan

Match these student's names with each of the nicknames listed.

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Burrito Bert | A. Julie Whille |
| 2. Little D | B. Joul Bridge |
| 3. T-Dawg | C. Richie Grieb |
| 4. Dubbs | D. Jon Baker |
| 5. Mal | E. Dru Chernesky |
| 6. Wonder bread | F. Kenny Mundie |
| 7. Milky | G. Charles Pisano |
| 8. Ritty-Bang | H. Alberto Chavez |
| 9. Ounces | I. Kendall Malinowski |
| 10. Bunker | J. Joey Dahrouge |

Answers To November Word

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+ N + + + + W + A T + E + + Y
G R A V Y + + E + + + S + L +
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You've Gotta' be Kidding me!?

A doctor and a boy were fishing.
The boy was the doctor's son,
but the doctor was not the boy's
father...who was the doctor?

By: Tina Carbone and Sam Buddle



Kendal Hostnik:
"The Step-dad?"



Mary Kate Duggan:
"The Doctor"



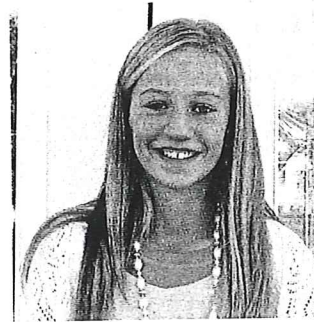
Jillian Hanley:
"The Mother"



Richie Fort:
"The Uncle"



Timmy Fetzer:
"The Grandfather"



Devon Golding:
"The Mother"

Answer: The Mother

College Review

College of Charleston

By: Almy Egan

Over our four-day weekend following midterms, I traveled to Charleston, South Carolina for a college tour. My family and I have been to Charleston countless times as a vacation spot, but I had never checked out the college.

The College of Charleston has become a popular destination for college-bound high school students in our area. Our tour guide even commented on the unusual number of prospective students from New Jersey lately.

It is easy to see why C of C has topped the lists of colleges for many people. Without even looking at the college itself, the city of Charleston would make anyone



want to spend four years there. Steeped in history from Fort Sumter to Rainbow Row, it is a fascinating city to tour. Most C of C classes are even taught in gorgeous historical buildings. However, if history isn't your thing,

Charleston has shopping to rival New York City. King Street houses your basic designer stores such as Gucci and Caché mixed with some more affordable shops like Express or Quiksilver. Also, you have to be sure to check out the Market or you haven't shopped in Charleston.

Rumored to have once been a slave market, the open air market now sells everything from jewelry and cooking supplies to knock-off Polo and Lacoste shirts. You will find something different daily from the vendors there.

Another great aspect of the city is food. Even the pickiest eater can find a restaurant to satisfy his or her taste. You can find fine American dining at Cypress and The Peninsula Grille, seafood at Carolina's and Tristan, or French food at Mistral. If you want a more relaxed, Southern meal, try the famous fried green tomatoes at Jestine's, or the lowcountry cooking of 82 Queen.

If you are looking for a unique urban setting, yet not overwhelming like New York, Charleston might just be the place for you. Take a trip and check it out, maybe you will fall in love with the city like I did.

Healthy Living

Cleanse Your Body

By: Callie Peters

Last month we covered the importance of eating healthy and balancing your meals. Besides eating right, another way to improve your healthy lifestyle is by "cleansing" your body. Meditation and yoga are two popular ways of doing this.

Meditation leads to deeper levels of relaxation and a stronger body. When you achieve deeper relaxation it helps to prevent anxiety attacks and build self confidence. It also enhances your immune system by increasing the activity of "natural-killer cells." These cells protect you against harmful bacteria and cancer cells.

In our bodies we have a chemical known as serotonin, which influences mood and behavior. Low levels of serotonin can lead to depression, insomnia, and many other problems. By meditating, you increase the production of serotonin in your body.

Yoga is excellent for both your body and your mind. It flushes out toxins and fills you with energy. Not only does yoga stretch your muscles and joints, but it massages your organs as well. By massaging these organs, your risk for disease is decreased. Yoga can bring about mental clarity and increased emotional health. It is a complete and natural means of detoxification.

Cleansing your body gives you the energy needed to perform every day activities. If you are focused and less stressed, you will be able to concentrate better on school work and other activities.

Live healthy!

Your Favorite FAs

311 Rocks Convention Hall

By: Christian Ries and John Girard

Just to begin this article, for all those who know 311 as that new band that sings "Don't Tread on Me" or only know them as the band that sings "Amber", "Down", "All Mixed Up", and "Love Song" then just skip over this article. Don't read this. You are a poser. "Love Song" wasn't even written by 311.

November 11, 2005 was quite possibly one of the best nights of our lives. This concert was the next step up from being amazing. Our evening started by watching a so-called "band" that calls themselves The Exit. They should have showed themselves the exit because my God they were horrible.

The first song sounded appealing. Sort of like a Sublime vibe. Then they just went downhill and took the audience's respect with them. In between songs you could clearly hear screams of vulgarity, completely making fun of The Exit. We finally heard the lead singer announce that this would be their last song. Finally some good news. The song concluded and after long last, The Exit left the stage.

The lights went on in Convention Hall. Ah, downtime. I felt like I was deaf after listening to The Exit. There was a section of the hall where many kids from Manasquan High School were gathering. Amongst the mob were Douglas Homan, Zuri Malick, Travis Gassner, Courtney Magee, ourselves and a few others.

The room without warning suddenly went black. We will never forget the roar of the crowd when the "Are You Ready" intro blazed throughout Convention Hall. They opened with "Freak Out". Tim Mahoney's guitar

sent tingles down our spines. We all felt the vibrations of P-Nut's bass, echoing throughout the entire venue. The set remained strong, mostly consisting of old, classic 311. The 311 that we, or most of us, all know and love.

At a certain point of the show, front man Nick Hexum said that he wanted everyone in place jumping. After saying that, we knew that it was time to play "Applied Science."

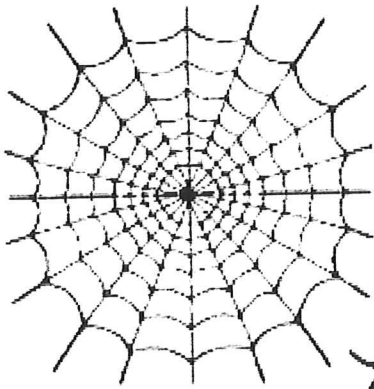
Halfway through the song, everyone but drummer Chad Sexton left the stage. Chad, still playing the drums, looked as though he was in another world. The rest of the band came back on stage with their own mini set

of drums. They all joined in on the extended drum solo taking place.

The band played for a little while longer and concluded their last song that due to its explicit name, it cannot be mentioned. 311 left the stage for a brief moment and came back on for the encore. The intro to their classic hit "Omaha Stylee" began to play. Words cannot describe what was going through our heads when they began to play this song. Simply amazing to say the least. The final song in the encore was dedicated to the all of the "old schoolers." It was none other than "Down", a song that they often close with. After the song ended, 311 triumphantly left the stage. The crowd began chanting for one more song but the lights in Convention Hall lit the room and the crowd began to leave.

This concert rocked. And probably rolled. Let us hope that it won't be long until 311 returns to the legendary Convention Hall.





ADVENTURES OF RON

By: Ron Kubik

The drive was long and exhausting. We drove all the way down to exit 48 on the parkway. The darkness held us tightly while on route 9. This was the night we would search for the jersey devil.

That night my crew was my friends Dave and Dan. We decided to visit some local shops and see what we could find out. The first stop was the local bar.

They told us many stories of the jersey devil and how the owner has heard wings flap from outside the bar. They told us to visit the Smithville Inn to hear from some relatives of the jersey devil.

These small town people were very creepy. They had never left this small town and their family tree runs far back. After visiting these people it was time to enter the woods of where this legendary creature was born.

We parked our car on Hammock Street. We walked down the street with no flashlights on. We had a fear of getting caught and our journey being wrecked by local police. Once we entered the woods we needed the light.

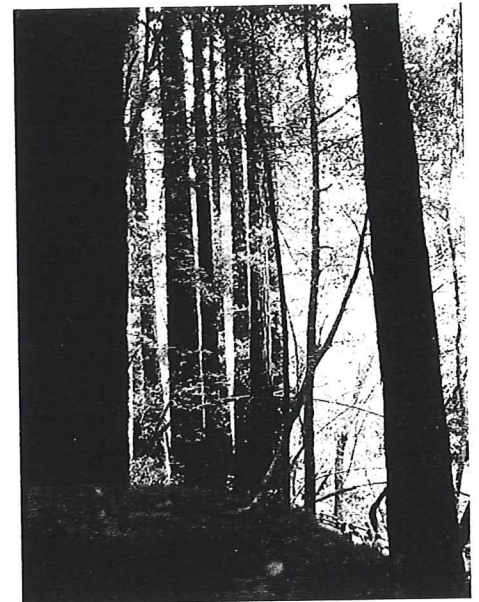
As we walked around the woods the vibe changed greatly. The rustling of the leaves started to play tricks on our minds. Then we began to hear voices coming from the woods. As we started walking down trails fear began to even strike me.

We had made so many turns we no longer knew which trail we had started on. My heart began to beat faster. Then we heard it. The shriek came out of nowhere. Dan began to run and he had the flashlight so Dave and I followed. While we ran the flashlight started to flicker on and off.

Running faster and faster and getting caught by sticker bushes I began to feel blood on my legs. Not knowing where we were but knowing we could not stop running we continued down the trails.

Once we found the street it became a full sprint back to my car. A lady had screamed that we had better leave and we did not hesitate to jump in my car and get the hell out of there. Next month I will take you deep into the tunnels of the gates of hell.

I will be attending this place with a good friend of mine Max who has been there once before. Let me end this with a quick story from Max. He was down there with a few friends when they heard someone running toward them. When the object was right in their faces it disappeared. They saw nothing. Don't believe it? See for yourselves.



The Bearded Bunch

By Jon Scharff and Zuri Malick

Traveling through the halls at Manasquan High School you may see some people who look like the rugged individual. There aren't many of them but most of us know who they are. The kids I am talking about are the ones that sport the Grizzly Adams look of a full beard.

Many of us can remember the man that revived the so called "beard fad" in our school. That man, Tim Burke who graduated last year, will be remembered as the kid with the craziest beard ever. However this fad can be traced back for many years. Ask your parents if they know Harvey Malick, who is a graduate of Manasquan. Mr. Malick is a master of growing his beard and all you out there who think you have the "grizzly look" think again. He has an amazingly long beard, which has

stopped growing at 17.5 inches exactly. Us beard growers can only imagine the dedication it took to achieve such a feat.

The reasons for growing a beard are debatable but for most of us it comes down to not having to bust out a razor every other day to keep that clean look. Some grow it out to look older, while others might be following superstition. It is common for hockey players to grow out their beard during the playoffs in hopes of winning it all.

When it all comes down to it growing out your beard is a beautiful thing. No shaving everyday, you look older, and shows just how rugged you can be. So get out there and grow those beards Manasquan High School!

Opinion / Editorial



Ramblin' On Anything about Everything

By John Girard



Issue numero trois. Yeah I know French and Spanish. I am amazed that I am still allowed to print this article. Due to some comments from certain people, this may not be as funny as previous issues. I hope you all still read this and think I am cool. I love you.

Have any of you readers had any contact with the biker cops in the summer? They are ridiculous. Fresh out of the police academy then BOOM! They are riding a bike with absolutely no authority. I love their helmets though. A goal of mine was always to steal one and run away. But that probably wouldn't go over too well. I personally have had some interaction with one of these "cops." Ha-ha, that sounds really funny saying that since they aren't cops, but an inconvenience. Anyway, back to my story. I was standing outside of 7-11, one of my homes, and I was eating a sandwich. I was standing on the edge of the curb when a cop rode up on his stupid bike. I lost my balance and one of my feet touched the pavement. The cop looks at me and says, "Excuse me sir but are you intoxicated?" I looked at him and began laughing, then took out my car keys and drove away. There was another experience when I was on the beach at night just hanging out with a few people. A cop walks up to us and shines his annoying light in my face and asks,

"Do you have any drugs?" Yeah like I am actually going to confess to that. Not like I had any on me. I should have been like, "Yeah man. What kinds are you looking for?" Idiots.

I was writing something the other day. Something important. Then my pen ran out of ink. Then John got mad. I can't think of anything more frustrating than when a pen runs

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There are also some cases when the pen has plenty of ink, but it decides to be stubborn and won't disperse the ink. A pen running out of ink can lead to so many other problems too. You could be writing with a blue pen, which might be the only blue pen in the house. It runs out of ink and you are left to continue what you are working on with a different color ink. That just looks stupid and no one will take you seriously. If a

pen of mine ran out of ink, and it had a face, I would punch it in the face.

The other day I was doing my wash. I took a load of clothes out of the washer and placed them in the dryer, and then it occurred to me to check the lint filter. I hate doing that. Emptying the lint filter is so awkward. I mean really, its just lint. Nothing really to worry about. It's just so annoying. Let this scenario run through your noggin. Someone who is a real idiot, like a person who doesn't know how to toast a pop tart, takes out the filter. After that, they don't know which way to put it back into the dryer. That is a disaster waiting to happen. There would be an anxiety attack for sure.

I hate having to use a public bathroom. I can't think of something more awkward then having to urinate in a public bathroom. Why is everything wet? If I ever met the janitors to a public restroom, I would have some words for them. Like "you" and "are" and "a JERK." Take a freaking second and clean the darn bathroom. I mean number one is one thing in a public restroom, but number two. Now that's a completely different story. Because if you have to make number two in one of those bathrooms, you very well know that the seat is going to be wet. Ew dude, ew.

Well thats's enough for now. Turn the page and continue reading.

Opinion / Editorial

Students Debate Daily Bell Schedule Block Scheduling For the Better

Five Days a Week, Four Classes A Day

By : Matt Gebhard



On November 15th I attended Wall High School with my fellow classmates Sam Buddle and John Girard, in order to discover what it's like to be a Crimson Knight for a day. One obvious difference is the scheduling; Manasquan has block scheduling as opposed to Wall's traditional schedule. What does that mean? While Squan students experience five class periods per day, each one consisting of 77 minutes, Wall students attend nine, 42 minute class periods each day.

Maybe it's just my Squan pride, but our block scheduling is far superior to the nine period day. Just as I seemed to settle into my classes, the five minute bell would ring (a warning bell when five minutes are left in class). Assuming

it takes 3-5 minutes for students to settle in and the teacher to begin a lesson, that warning bell rings only about a half hour later. Therefore class is ending, when in a block schedule things would just be heating up. Typically, a half hour into a Manasquan class, discussions are thriving and groups of students are teaming to finish a project or solve a problem.

This is just one reason that block scheduling is favorable. Here's another. In our five period class day, a typical student has three or four academic classes. In the traditional schedule, students may have up to eight academic classes every day. For us, fewer classes means we can focus on our subjects more effectively. Think about it, as the end of a marking period approaches and the work is piling up, we can truly concentrate on a much more manageable workload. As a result, we learn material better. How realistic is it to juggle seven or eight academic classes, and really absorb

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Block Scheduling For the Worst

Four Classes a Day, Boring Waste of Time

By: Tim Macko



Most of us have never had to endure the almost 80-minute periods brought on by block scheduling and, in our high school career, never will. On my visit to Manasquan High School, however, I was able to see block scheduling in all its glory – or lack thereof – and I can say with the utmost of confidence that our current traditional method is, by far, much better.

One of the classes I attended during my visit was Calculus. That's right, I was forced to sit through 77 minutes of Calculus. Most people I know can barely seem to handle Calculus in 40-minute clips. How on earth can the students of Manasquan endure 77 minutes, everyday, of Calculus? Not only is that

far too much Math in one sitting for a student but, after 77 minutes, the teacher probably even needs a break. Meanwhile here at Wall, we do our work for 40 minutes and that's it. Sure we learn and do work, but we learn and do work in less time and don't eventually feel like we're going to die of boredom. Simply put, there is just no way to fill up that much class time in one week and still manage to keep the average teenager awake. It's not a knock on the class or the teacher, it's just that we are still kids and don't like having to sit still for a full 80 minute class period.

Also, and maybe it's just me, but I enjoy my schedule now. I really like having nine different classes everyday. I don't think I'm alone when I say that I enjoy the variety of our current schedules. At Manasquan you have four, maybe five classes in one day. Sure, that sounds nice but, right now, think of your five hardest and/or least favorite classes in a day. Now imagine having those classes and nothing else, everyday, for five months.

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Science/Technology

Virtual Vacations

The Newest Trend in "Traveling" and Meeting New People

By: Larissa Reto



Imagine a place so perfect that all the stresses of everyday life subside the second you arrive. This place is paradise and with the click of a computer mouse, you can get there. It's called Second Life. This idyllic place is a vacation spot for millions of people around the world. Residents of Second Life log on every day to interact with others, and join in on things like virtual dance parties and yachting events. In Second Life, you can do anything you dream possible. More and more people around the world are logging on, and being sucked into this new form of life.

In Second Life, residents have the chance to meet new people and even develop relationships

with these people. There are many places where people can interact, like nightclubs and auto races. There are discos, casinos and parties that members can go to. There are also private sites that members of Second Life can rent out. Members

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rent out these sites for things like private parties and even virtual weddings! Businesses are even starting to spring up in their profits because of Second Life. This is because people pay money to host private events, and the businesses profit from it.

Second Life has brought

many people together. Recently, a couple from South Dakota got married after meeting on Second Life. They had the real ceremony a couple of months

ago, and are planning to have a virtual ceremony on Second Life soon. They will pay money to rent out a site and

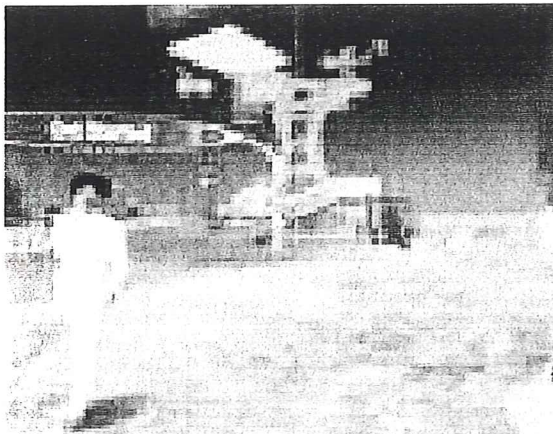
have a private wedding. They will invite all of their friends that log onto Second Life, and the second wedding will take place.

Entering a world like Second Life is extremely easy. Free trial memberships are available, and the software is simply downloaded over a cable modem or other connections. Once you become a member, people find themselves at a place called Orientation Island. Once you've arrived there,



you can pretty much do anything that you want. Almost everything in Second Life was created by its residents, not by the company that made it. Members have created everything from movie theatres and night clubs to bars, coffee shops, automobiles and clothing stores. There are even libraries and museums.

People use virtual worlds like Second Life to escape from real life. These worlds are becoming extremely popular as relationships between members are starting to develop. It is a perfect way to keep in touch with loved ones. However, most people simply use it as a casual getaway. Second Life could eventually be a huge thing, but for now the trend is just blooming.



Students and Their Ambitions

Where Will You Be When Your Four Years at Manasquan are Over?

By: John Zimmerman

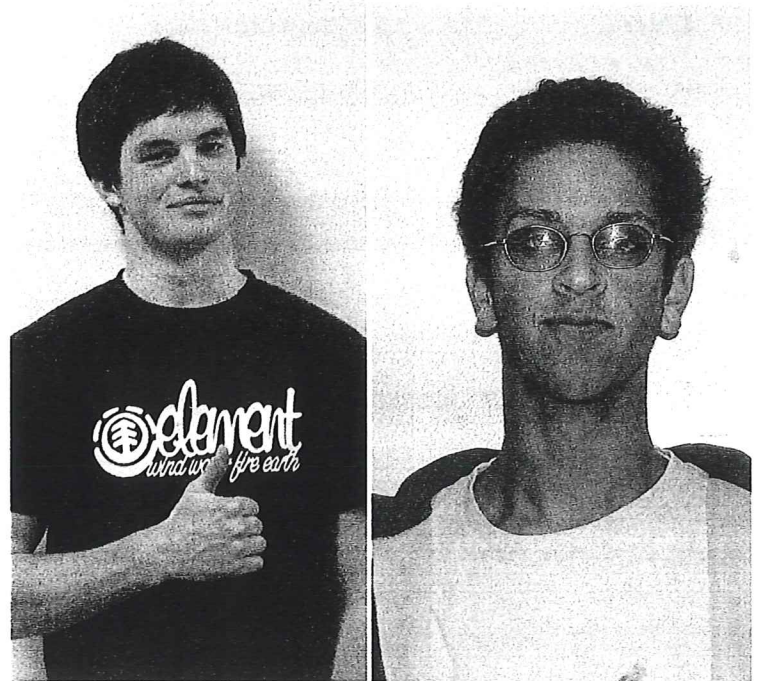
Who among you have ambitions and dreams for the future? You walk the halls and go to the same class as your friends, but when high school is over, what will you do? Some of your peers are ready for this time, and some are not. Whether you are ready or not, it is coming full speed ahead for you.

Junior Benjamin Sisti has a plan for the future. Ben wants to retire by the age of thirty as a millionaire. Though far fetched, with enough drive and ambition anything is possible. Ben's entrepreneurial ways are showing in his self run business, Lawns by Ben. Even though his business does not stretch past four blocks, he is starting early on his road to be a millionaire.

Similarly, junior Travis Gassner also has a plan. He hopes to grow up to be an architect. Travis has taken classes provided by MHS to help in his future dream. He hopes to attend Boston College after his four years at MHS are done. The goals set and initiatives taken by Travis show his desire to succeed.

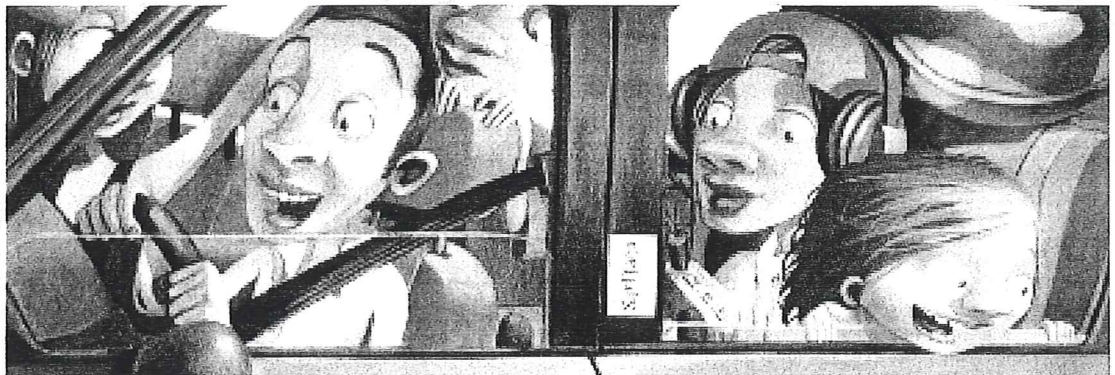
The future is

something not to be feared. Rather, one should think about what he or she loves in life and try to pursue a future in it. Whether you want to be an architect, construction worker, or teacher, there is a job out there for everyone.



Above: (left) Travis Gassner and (right) Ben Sisti are students at MHS with admirable "Future Ambitions".

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Manasquan's Thanksgiving Parade a Stage for Class Float Contest

Community Enjoys School Spirit

By: Nicole Hawkins and Michelle Kurc

Thumping music, crazy excitement, and tons of gathered people accurately describes the atmosphere of the annual Thanksgiving Parade on November 23rd. A float from each class was arranged at the Squan Plaza at 5:30 p.m.

All along the tree-lit sidewalks of Main Street, tons of anxious onlookers awaited. Then, with a loud roll of the drums, the familiar white and blue uniforms, and the rattle of the MHS band turning the corner, the parade had begun. The cheer from the crowds could be heard from miles away, as the children yelled and dashed for the candy being thrown from the floats. The swarm of people moved through the Christmas ornamented town with the parade all the way down to Mallard Park, where they could get snuggled up by the warm bonfire.

First place winners for the float contest were the Senior class, who decorated with a horse, haystacks, cacti, and

wooden gate doors for their theme "Senior Showdown". Congratulations Seniors!

Runner up was the Sophomore Class with their Jungle like "Survivor Sophs" theme. They garnished their float with real trees, stuffed animals, and music. Great job!

Third place was the Junior Class, who exemplified their theme of "Ninjuniors" with pizza boxes, ninja turtle costumes, wall enemies, and posters. Well done!

Coming in last place were the freshmen class, who represented their "Time to Shine" with pretty lights, white and blue balloons, coconut trees, and Hawaiian skirts and lei's. No worries, they still have time to catch up. Nice job freshmen.

The floats and the candy throwing were a hit, and everyone was happy. Thanks to the teamwork and dedication from all the students - everything looked fabulous. From Main Street to Mallard Park things really looked snazzy.

Key Club Kindness Helps Families in Need

November Food Drive a Success

By: Callie Peters

The Key Club a few turkeys for some recently held their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. It is one of their more important activities and Mr. Mawn says, "We take a lot of pride in it." The food is donated to local families who are in need. This year twenty families received the Key Club's gift.

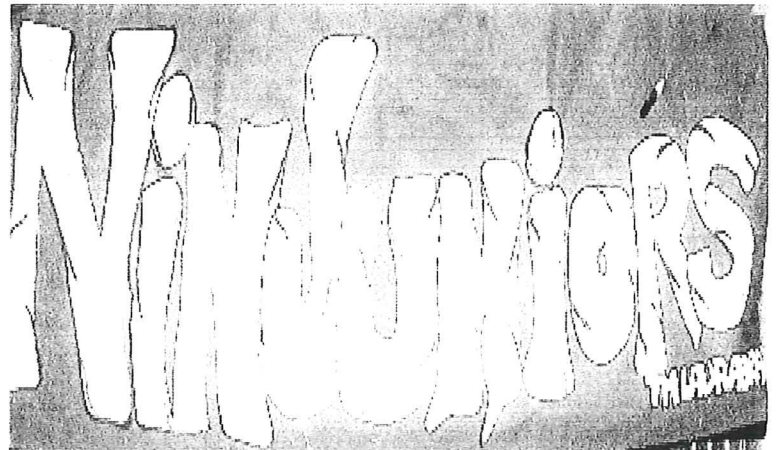
Much effort goes into this food drive. Key Club Members were required to bring five items of nonperishable food to their October and November monthly meetings. Also, collection bins were placed in center hall and the library. Students received merits if they brought in food. Manasquan Elementary School also collected food in their homerooms.

Usually local supermarkets contribute turkeys, but this year the Key Club couldn't find a business to donate them. Acme was able to provide

of the needy families this year. Therefore, Key Club purchased the majority with their funds raised from other activities. Mrs. Boodey was kind enough to give two turkeys.

The Key Club also purchased laundry baskets to deliver the food in. The families were able to keep these baskets as an extra gift. Typically, Key Club Officers are in charge of delivering the food, but this year many officers were busy with other activities, so treasurer Rachel Weston and active member John Girard made the deliveries.

Groundskeeper Sal DiChiara drove them to the houses. Even though the awful weather made it more difficult, they were still able to bring warmth to the families. John Girard said, "It felt good to get out there and give something back to the community."



Homecoming Dance a Hit Despite Changed Date

John Girard and Amy Rea Named
Homecoming King and Queen

By: Larissa Reto and Courtney Magee

On an ordinary school day, the Manasquan High School gymnasium is filled with students playing basketball, volleyball, and other sports. But on Saturday, November 19th at 7:15 pm, the gym was transformed into something magical. Excited students started lining up at the doors to attend the annual Homecoming Dance. After standing outside in the cold students were finally allowed to enter, and quickly checked in, eager to get the night started.

As students entered the gym, they were surrounded by colorful lights, balloons, and exciting music. About 600 attended, helping the Yearbook staff to raise around \$7,500. Senior Courtney DeSantis stated, "The DJ was awesome and played the best songs. This was the best Homecoming dance I have been to in my four years at Manasquan High School." Many students agreed that the song "Living on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi had the biggest reaction. Huge groups of students were dancing and singing along to the words.

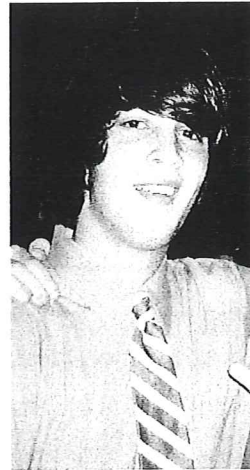
Sophomore Brianne Apicelli said, "Homecoming was an awesome dance and I had a lot of fun dancing the night away with all my friends."

Towards the end of the night the homecoming nominees arranged themselves in the front of the gym. Everyone was waiting anxiously to hear the winners of homecoming court and king and queen. Jill Burgy and Jake Hostnik won court for the freshman class; Jamee Shea and Joey Pisano won court for the sophomore class; Erika Librizzi and Louis D'Avanzo won court for the junior class; and Katie Suchniak and Owen Boyle won court for the senior class.

The crowd patiently waited for the big announcement of who won King and Queen of the dance. Finally, John Girard and Amy Rea were crowned King and Queen. Homecoming was a fun night for everyone who attended. It was a night that will stick out in many peoples memories as they await next year's most memorable dance of the year.



The Homecoming dance, sponsored by The Treasure Chest was a huge success this year.



The Duties of the

By: Owen Boyle

Meet in Mr. McCormick's office Monday morning after homeroom. Meet with Mrs. Elms Tuesday after school. Meet in band room Wednesday by 5:15 P.M. Meet at gate entrance on Manasquan sideline two minutes before pre-game show. From the instant the court members are crowned, a hectic schedule, much like that of a celebrity, is mapped out for them. They make an appearance at the pep rally, participate in the balloon popping game, ride in convertibles at the Thanksgiving parade, and walk out onto the field at the annual Manasquan-Wall football game. Not only do they have to do all of these things, they need to be dressed appropriately as well. No casual clothes for these kids. For the parade, the boys are required to wear a shirt, tie, and an overcoat. The girls are required to wear a top, dress pants or a skirt, an overcoat,

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huge locker rooms, an amazing new gymnasium, high tech computers used by the *Crimson Courier* staff, watchful security in the hall ways, and the electronic lunch cards used instead of money in the cafeteria.

As we followed our guides to Phys Ed class, we noticed their facilities in the locker room and the brand new gymnasium were superior to that of Manasquan. They have not only one gymnasium, but several. One, in fact, features a rock climbing wall. This impressed us. When we entered the locker rooms, we were surprised to find something we didn't mind smelling, as opposed to what we endure at Manasquan.

The three of us also ventured to Journalism class. We were dumbfounded by the technologically advanced, flat screened work stations, as well as the comfy rotating chairs.

Throughout the day, however, we found it awkward that every time we left a class room we were closely monitored by an everpresent security staff. Being something we were just not used to seeing, we felt a little uncomfortable.

Lunch introduced us to some major differences too. We ate at 9:40 in the morning, leaving us hungry in the afternoon. Even more surprising were the electronic identification cards which many students use in place of money. In comparison, Manasquan remains in the Stone Age.

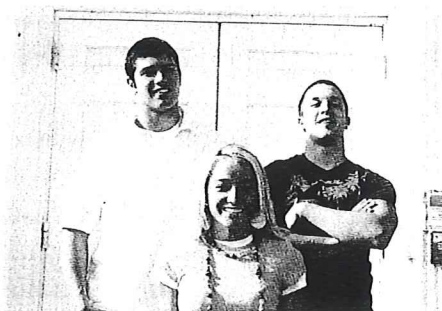
Yet despite these differences we came to the conclusion that the students from Manasquan and Wall are oddly alike. We may look a little more like hippies, but we like our laid back look. Still, we found that everyone was very nice and accepted three kids from Manasquan with open arms. We received a warm welcome, which stayed that way throughout the day. Although we got some stares of

confusion in the beginning of the day from the students, they eventually realized why we were there and started to ask questions and interact with us.

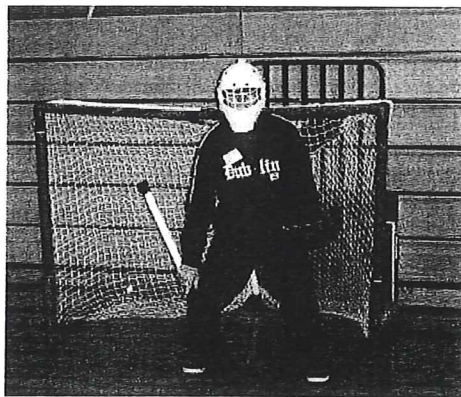
So what about this so called rivalry? In our opinion we found no rivalry, but only some talk. We believe the communities build up the "rivalry" to be more than it actually is. This isn't surprising, considering the immense amount of pride both towns have. John reported some minor trash talking in the locker room, which stopped when it was revealed that John is not a football player. All in good fun.

Although we had an awesome experience and it was great to be able to switch schools for the day, we prefer our home sweet home at Manasquan High School. Our catered lunch service, our "ghetto" Journalism lab, and our stinky old locker rooms and laid back environment are familiar and comfortable.

Thank you Wall High School and administration for allowing us to exchange places for the day; we had a great time, but still we must stick by our alma mater. Go Squan!



Above: Blue & Gray staff member Ron Kubic plays tour guide, taking Wall's Tim Kukucka and Brittany Sheklian under his wing for the day.



Above: During the swap students discovered the differences between Wall and Manasquan gym classes.

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of Wall and Manasquan like haze on a boiling summer day.

I have to admit, I was scared for the well being of Kukucka, a senior Wall defensive end as he entered a territory with many challengers. To my surprise, Kukucka and Macko were greeted with a "pound" and the occasional high-five. As a girl, the other girls gave me polite smiles and offered to help me find my classes. Students were open to meeting three new faces despite the fact that we were their alleged arch rivals.

On that day, it seemed as if a shower had washed away the heavy rivalry haze and that a rainbow hung over Manasquan High School. We were welcomed by Principal Cary McCormack, and shown the TV Studio right away. Kukucka and I went live on their morning announcement show, starting off the day by announcing our arrival in this unfamiliar place. Surprisingly, after my guide, Callie Peters, 17, showed me to our first period Advanced Placement English class, I felt comforted by how friendly students were.

The block schedule rather than our nine-period schedule is the biggest difference between the schools. I woke up in the morning (a half an hour later, mind you) dreading having to sit in a class for almost 80 minutes. The thought alone bored me and seemed ludicrous compared to a 40-minute class. Once again, I was proved wrong. I came to realize that 77 minutes was the perfect amount of time to really grasp a lesson taught in class. Teachers gave their students time to work on something personal, like a journal entry to get them thinking about the lesson, followed by a lecture. Afterwards, there was still plenty of time for group work or questions that

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Foreign Language

French

Les Souffles

Une présence manquée
 Vous blesse le cœur
 Vous pensez que la vie
 N'a plus de sens.
 Mais celui que vous voulez
 N'est pas du tout loin.
 Vous ne vous rendez pas compte
 Qu'en fait il sera toujours là
 Son âme ne part pas,
 Mais il veille sur toi
 De partout, dans les arbres, dans les buissons.
 Si vous écoutez, vous entendrez les sons
 Des voix de nos aimées parties il y a longtemps.
 Car la fin n'est pas la fin
 Ce n'est que le début.
 Ne regrettez pas la vie ratée de celui là,
 Car il est toujours là,
 De partout

Spanish

Les Gens Que Nous Aimons

Les gens que nous aimons ne partent jamais
 La mort est juste un autre chemin
 Un que nous tous devons prendre

Nous voyons les morts partout
 La beauté de la terre reflète leur amour
 Quand ils nous manquent, la nature peut nous
 calmer

Leurs sourires sont le lever de soleil
 Ils nous protègent avec la lune
 Nos mémoires entrent dans l'océan agité

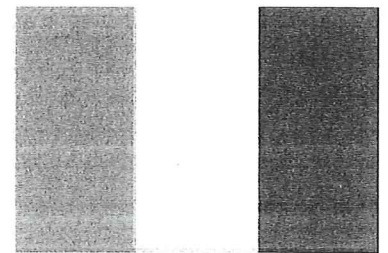
Toutes les fois que nous avons besoin de leur amour
 Nous pouvons regarder tout autour de nous
 Pour nous rassurer que le cycle continue à jamais



Francais

English Translation

Your heart aches for those who have left
 You think that life no longer has meaning
 But those that you miss
 Are never very far
 You don't realize that they will always be there
 Their spirits never leave
 They watch over you
 From everywhere
 From the trees, from the bushes
 If you listen, you will hear the sounds
 The voices of the departed
 Because the end is not the end
 It is just the beginning
 Don't feel sorrow for their unfinished lives
 Because they are still there
 Indeed everywhere



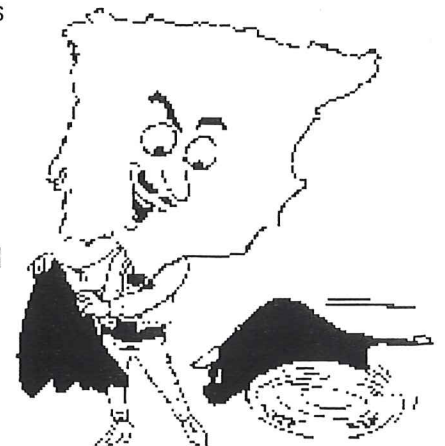
English Translation

People we love never truly leave
 Death is just another path
 One that we must take

We see "les morts" everywhere
 The beauty of the earth reflects their love
 When we miss them, nature can soothe us

Their smiles are the sunrise
 They protect us with the watchful moon
 Our memories flow in the turbulent ocean

Whenever we need their love
 We can look all around us and be satisfied
 The continuous cycle rolls on



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Student Spotlight

Rachel Weston Named Student of the Month

By: Larissa Reto and Courtney Magee



Rachel Weston, a senior from Manasquan, was named Student of the Month for November. Rachel thought it was very cool and was happy about receiving such an honor. She is a member of environmental club, health careers club, student council, Spanish club, and key club. Rachel plays soccer and swims for MHS. Outside of school, she also works at Weston Gallery and Union Landing in the summer. In her free time she likes to sleep, exercise, and hang out with friends. She also enjoys watching movies. When asked about how she felt about being picked for student of the month, Rachel stated, "I feel honored that all the time and hard work over the years has paid off." Congratulations, Rachel!

Congratulations Mr. Hyland

Vincent John, born April 19, 2005. He was six pounds, nineteen ounces, and nineteen inches long.



Teacher Feature

Mr. Gordon: Sarcasm is His Middle Name

By: Owen Boyle

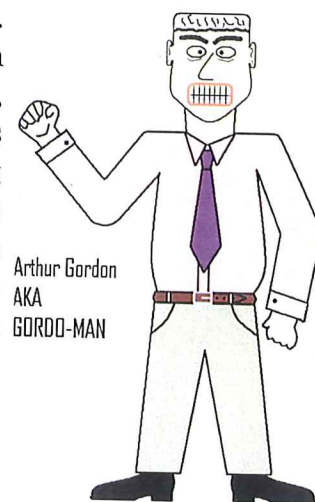
Anyone who knows Mr. Gordon knows that he is not "smart" or "well". However, despite his craziness, he is really a normal guy. The "once six feet two inch, now five foot eleven inch" business/computer teacher leads a normal life.

He gets up at 5:15 every morning, goes to the gym for an hour, and then is off to school from 7:00 to 2:30. During school hours, he generously spreads his "Gordonisms" around the school. Mr. Gordon explained, "A Gordonism is a theory of life through my own eyes." After 2:30, he can be found coaching football in the fall and baseball in the spring.

On weekends, when he is not yelling at his players, he is *trying* to be the best father and husband he can be. During the summer

he works at the Atlantic Club and bartends. But what about Gordo-Man?

Gordo-Man is Mr. Gordon's alter ego. Gordo-Man only comes out on Halloween, which makes the holiday even "specialer" (like Mr. Gordon). For those of you who have seen Gordo-Man, consider yourself blessed. Gordon stated that the inspiration for Gordo-Man



Arthur Gordon
 AKA
 GORDO-MAN

By Travis Gassner

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