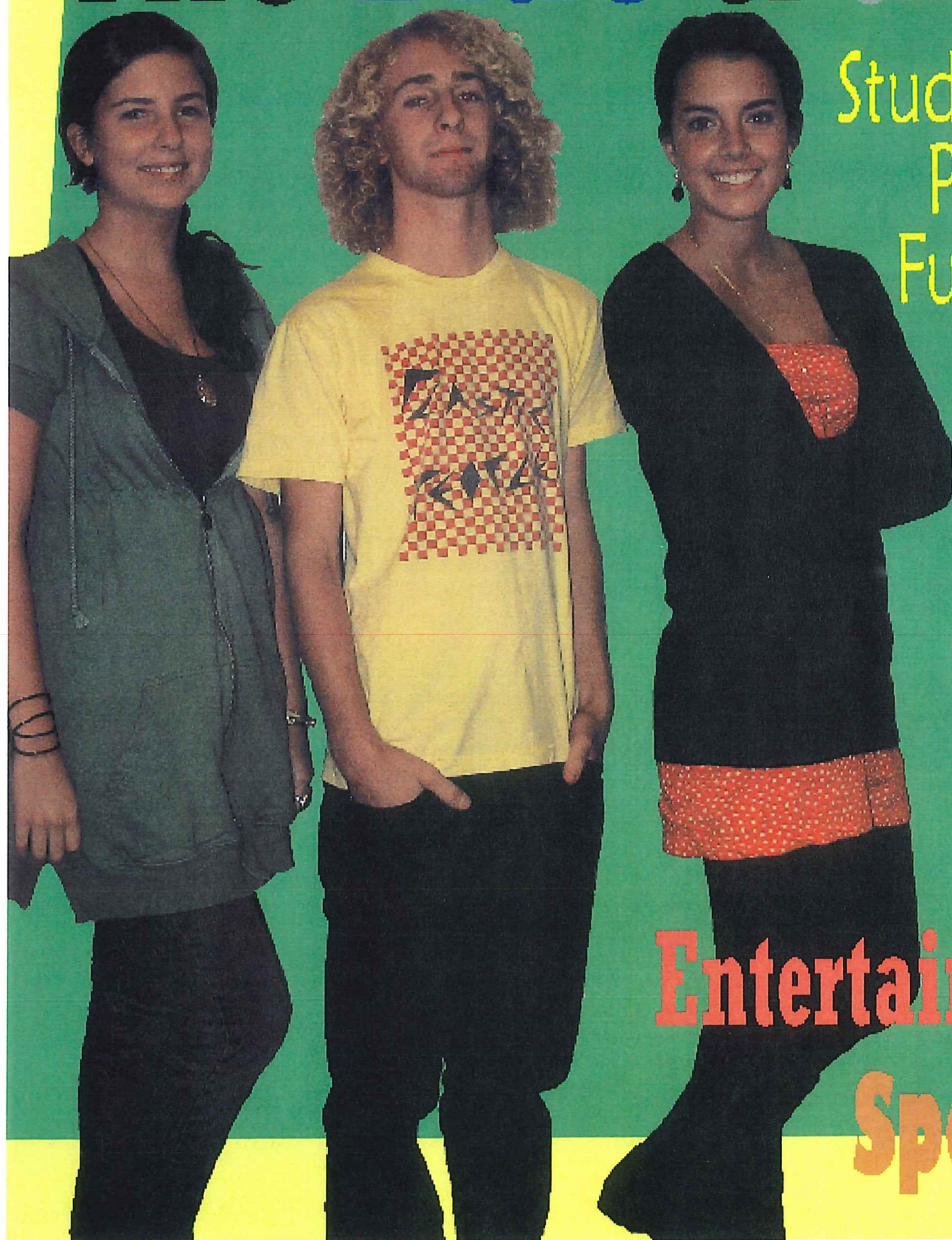


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Cover Story

Students Pursue Future Careers

By: Almy Egan, Alissa Derring, and Kaitlyn Turi

The campus of Parson's College in New York City, made famous by the reality television show Project Runway, is not only open to college students, but ambitious high school students as well. Manasquan High School Seniors Carly Burrus, Molly Donovan and Pat Grady are taking advantage of this.

They enrolled in an eleven week course and now attend Parson's on Saturday mornings for three hours, taking design and drawing classes. Their classes end on December 16th but until then, they have plenty of work ahead of them.

Carly and Molly joined a design class. By their own admission, it is much harder than expected. "It really puts the industry into perspective," said Molly. The girls have to design their own collection of clothes for a designer, along with making an inspiration board and researching currently popular designers weekly. They also take trips to visit other design studios, and models come in to be sketched.

Pat takes a drawing class and plans on following fine arts as a major in college. "It really fills the gap between high school and college," said Pat.

Carly and Molly don't plan on being designers because it is so competitive, but they both want to attend school for fashion merchandising.

At their class they had the opportunity to meet Project Runway's Design Supervisor – Tim Gunn. He came into their class to give words of wisdom, telling the girls not to be overwhelmed, because when you start out you can't expect the world of yourself.

Although it's a small step toward their future careers, these students are taking measures to prepare themselves for life after high school and are getting a step up on fulfilling their dreams. Good luck to all three of you!

The Blue & Gray Adopts New Look

The first issue of this year's *Blue & Gray* looks dramatically different than years past. As we examined our newspaper product, gradually we felt strongly that we are more of a news magazine than a newspaper. After considering changing our look last year, we decided to wait, and start off the new year with a bang.

We publish once a month. It is impossible to cover news stories on a timely basis, as they occur. We typically publish stories two to three weeks after they "break." Therefore, we decided to look more like the magazine we feel we are.

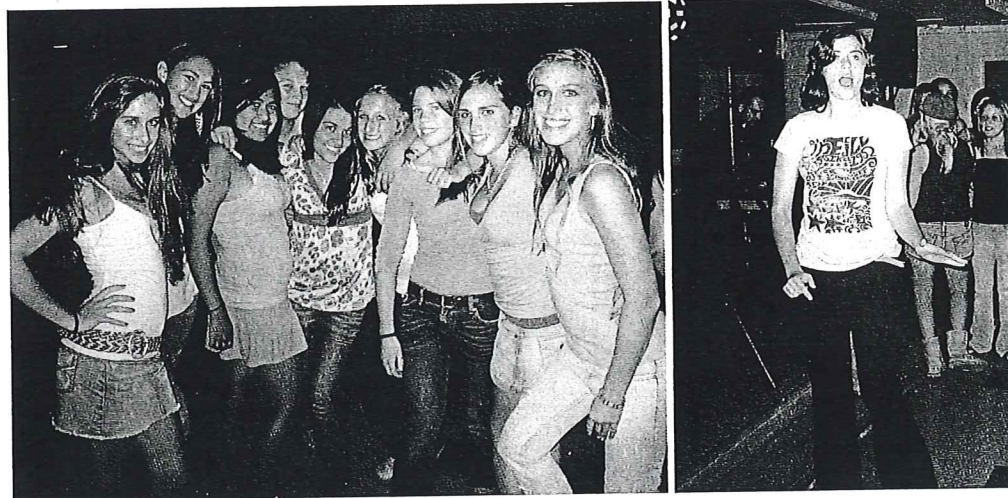
In addition we felt we could achieve a more updated and modern appearance. Each month we plan to highlight a single story on our bright and everchanging front cover. Other changes in font and design have also improved our Sports section. Check it out on page 29.

The additions of Travis Gassner and Maggie Ward to editorial positions in Sports and News, respectively, has further changed our appearance. They bring their unique styles, skills, and creativity to *The Blue & Gray* layout. Tina Carbone and Boomer Ward continue in their roles as editors of Entertainment and Sports, respectively.

Please tell us what you think about our new look. Drop a note in Mr. Mawn's mailbox, or send your comments and suggestions to TheBlueandGray@gmail.com.

Caroline Sweeney, Editor-in-Chief
Mr. Mawn, Adviser

Lively Crowd Rocks Back to School Dance



By: Jamee Shea

Friday, October 6, 2006 was a day of extreme rain and wind. But that didn't stop some students from attending the Back to School Dance held in the Manasquan High School cafeteria, sponsored by the Academy of Information Technology.

The crowd was small, but very enthusiastic. As soon as the lights were turned off, everyone danced, starting with the wildly popular song *Sexy Back* by Justin Timberlake.

During the first hour, people started busting out moves to their favorite songs, and sweating profusely as a result. But the dancing never stopped.

Junior Kaitlyn McLaughlin was

pumped to dance to the Michael Jackson classic, *Thriller*. Her crazy moves made the whole throng of people gather around her, cheering her on. Many jumped in and danced with her.

The night ended with the Queen classic, *Bohemian Rhapsody*. The crowd formed a big circle around the DJ and sang in chorus to the mellow beginning. As the sound built up, everyone screamed the words, and dancers started jumping everywhere.

People left the school and stepped out into the cold windy air, feeling satisfied of an enjoyable Friday night out with their friends.

Drama Club Announces Fall Production: *The Butler Did It*

By: Kaitlin McGuiness

Coming up in the first week of November is the Drama Club's fall production, *The Butler Did It*. Drama Club adviser Mr. Weisert told the Blue & Gray, "It's a great show...everyone will enjoy it".

Auditions were held on September 26. Drama club

we've done in the past, and we've got a really amazing cast." It promises to be an entertaining performance.

Following auditions, Mr. Weisert announced that two of the parts have been allotted to two different actors each. It remains to be

The play will be showing November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Jack Nicholson Theater. Admission will be five dollars. These hard working students deserve a big audience. Will Fonda adds "It'll be a great show, don't miss it". Good Luck Cast and Crew!



Stage Manager, Nicole Klindtworth



Above: Drama Club veterans Amanda Czerminski and Will Fonda look forward to their roles in *The Butler Did It*;

members and aspiring actors were invited to try out. Ten parts were given out for this ensemble play, five to girls and five to boys. Understudy parts were also assigned. The stage manger for the production is Nicole Klindtworth

"The Butler Did It", a phrase originally coined by mystery writer Mary Roberts Rinehart in 1930, is a spoof on the traditional British-Agatha Christie-style murder/mystery. The play has it all- comedy, mystery, and suspense- as well as several satirical references to old, popular detective-story characters.

The characters gather at an outing hosted by "Miss Maple", played by Amanda Czerminski, in an old Victorian mansion in the late 30's. Club president Will Fonda, who plays "Louie" in the play, says "It is a much more humorous show than the ones

decided over the first week of rehearsals which actors receive the parts. Senior Tanya Desko and Junior Anna Klindtworth are each up for the part of "Haversham". Freshman Thomas Semprevivo and Junior Anthony Silverman are vying for the part of "Father White". The actor who is not chosen will be the understudy for the part.

The Drama club produces a play and a musical each year. They also put on several one act plays. Anyone who is interested in theater can join. Contact club president Will Fonda.

The cast is working hard all this month for the premiere of the play. Rehearsals are every Monday through Friday after school for the month of October. Set construction takes place on Saturdays mornings, followed by further rehearsals.

Leslie Labruto

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working as a personal assistant for the former owner of the Old Mill Inn, as a cook on Spring Lake Beach in the summers, and volunteering her time at the Monmouth County Food Bank.

When asked how Leslie felt about being named Student of the Month, she said she was thrilled and it was an honor.

She desires to hold her current student rank and continue

to participate in the clubs aforementioned this year. Being at the top of the class, she is going to apply to Yale and Duke University, with the hopes of majoring in geological engineering. In the future, both near and far, she wishes to utilize her choice of major and help the world in some way.

With all her talents, we can only imagine how much of a difference Leslie can make!

Gabby Naimo Named Chef of the Month



According to Mrs. Yuhas, "Gabby always follows through on tasks, her skills have grown immensely, and she is very talented."

Good Job, Gabby!

Manasquan Student Alliance Wins \$500 Prize

A Beautiful Day at Liberty State Park

By: Maggie Ward

What could be better than getting some exercise on a beautiful day while having a great view of our Lady Liberty and the New York City skyline? On Saturday, September 16th, some students from Manasquan High School's Student Alliance Club attended a recovery walk. The two mile walk, sponsored by Friends of Addictions, was held at Liberty State Park in Jersey City.

The bus left the high school at around 11:00 am, filled with eighteen students and six chaperones, including the club's advisor, Mrs. Sanders. She commented, "...what a better way to spend your Saturday afternoon by supporting such a wonderful cause and getting outdoors and reaping the benefits of some exercise!"

The wonderful sunny day not only included the two mile walk, but guest speakers touching on topics of addictions and drug use and a banner contest. *Discovery is Recovery at the Jersey Shore...* is what the Student Alliance's banner read, allowing them to win the first place prize of \$500! The banner contest was divided into two groups: halfway houses and community groups. The Student Alliance entered as a community group.

The \$500 prize is currently being held in the club's fund and will be put to use in future events and causes. The Student Alliance Club and Mrs. Sanders are always looking for and recruiting new members to participate in the club and its great activities, including Thursday night volleyball games, which all students are invited to attend!



The Manasquan High School Student Alliance Club [above] with their club banner before the Recovery Walk at Liberty State Park on Saturday, September 16th.

Language Department Creates "Buddy" Program

English Students Apply Knowledge of Spanish to Non-English Speaking Students

By: Caroline Sweeney

The beginning of the school year at Manasquan High School is always hard, especially if you are new. What if besides a new environment, classes, and peers you also had to deal with a language barrier?

This fall Mrs. Kerensky, the head of the Foreign Language Department, has created a program called "Language Buddies" to help students who experience a language barrier get accustomed to Manasquan High School.

She added, "It just seems that this year there are more non-English speaking students than previous years."

There are fifteen Spanish speaking buddies signed up. Twenty English speaking counterparts who study French and Spanish also enlisted for the organization, which held a kick-off breakfast in the library on

Thursday morning, September 28th.

The goal of the breakfast was for buddies to get to know each other. Most of the buddies don't speak any English at all. Gestures and students fluent in both Spanish and English helped with the introductions.

"It's a really great thing to try and help other people who don't speak English as a first language. If you know Spanish there's no reason not to do it."

-Elise Kelly

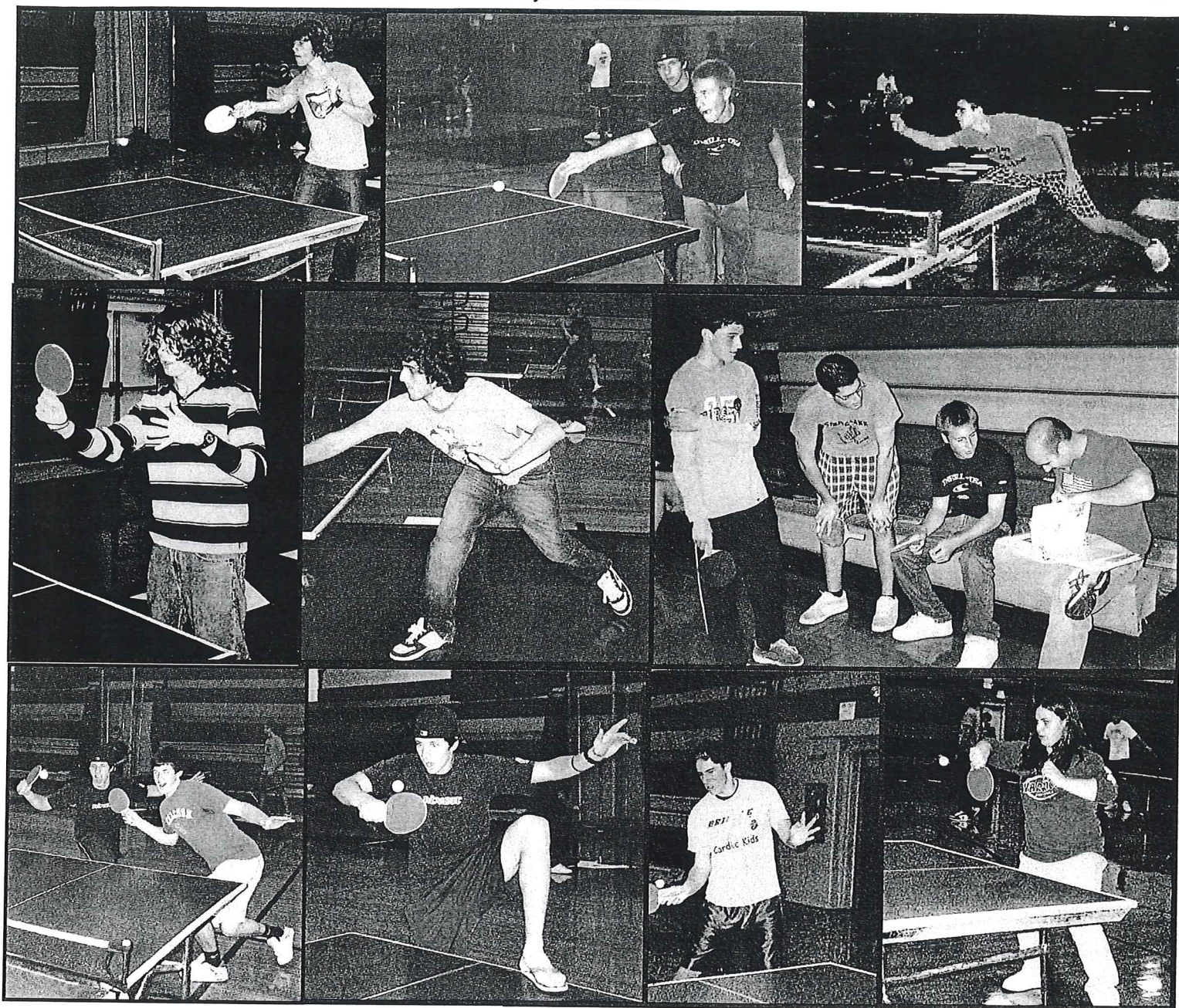
The main goal of the program is to create friendships between "buddies." Language Buddies are expected to help show their assigned student around MHS and jointly participate in after school activities such as the Student

Alliance volleyball nights, Ping Pong Club, monthly morning breakfasts, and even socializing outside of school.

Tina Carbone, a Spanish V student, stated, "I joined Language Buddies so I could finally put my Spanish knowledge to use, and help other students."

"Backhand Bryson" Wins September Singles Tourney

By: Arvis Kirkland



First Row: Kyle Woodward, Steve Schatzman, Nick Cilaberto, Kent Ochse. Second Row: Jason DeFilipo, John Pavia, Kent Ochse, Nick Cilaberto, club adviser Mr. Harvey. Third Row: Steve Schatzman, club president Travis Gassner, Steve Schatzman, "Backhand" Bryson McTighe, and Kaitlin Maxwell.

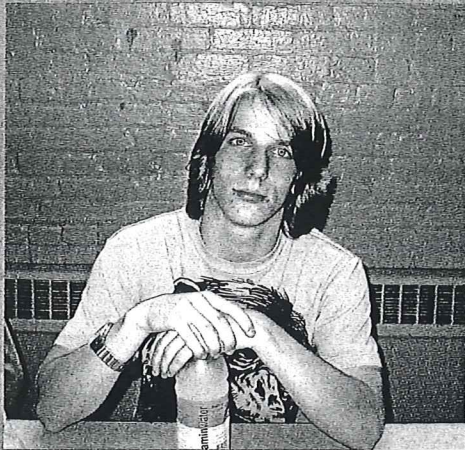
"Magical" and "electric" are two words used by this year's new Ping-Pong Club president, Travis Gassner, to describe the Ping-Pong Tournament held on Wednesday, September 20th. Senior Bryson McTighe earned the September Singles Tournament Championship.

This competitive tournament featured many players, and according to Gassner, 25 pongers came to the high school gym to play. After dominating the early action and going 8-0 to win his division, Gassner choked in the first round of the playoffs. As the night went on, so did the competition. One by one players were knocked out, and only the best survived. Some hot players that night were Ben Tumas, Jason Defilipo,

Steve Schatzman, Brendan West, and Brendan Quigley. But the night belonged to the man with the big backhand. In the deciding match, sophomore Kyle Woodward battled against Bryson, the senior. Kyle put up a good fight, but was no match for Bryson who had dominated all day and beat Kyle three games to none.

Although Bryson McTighe showed that he was clearly the ultimate Ping-Pong player that night, the tournament was about so much more. These table tennis players know that Ping-Pong isn't just about hitting a pint size ball across a table, and it isn't always about who is the best, but it is about having a great time, socializing, and enjoying yourself with your friends.

Do you think the country has moved forward in a positive way since September 11, 2001?



Ryan McConnell:

"If it's a war on terror, where are all the locked up terrorists?"



Elise Kelly:

"No, I don't think we're safer, especially our national security."



Yanni Kasman:

"Yes because [the country] is more protective."

ARTWORK: EILEEN LANGAN



ARTWORK: PAT GRADY



REMEMBER

9/11/01

Country Wide E. Coli Breakout Linked to California Spinach

By: Lauren Speirs

Who would have thought that the spinach greens that are so good for your health could cause abdominal cramps, diarrhea, fever and, in rare cases, fatal kidney failure? Well when it is infected with the stomach acid-loving bacterium of E. coli O157: H7, over 100 people will experience these symptoms. On September 18th, the Food and Drug Administration announced that a second company in California has been implicated in the E. coli outbreak linked to spinach. The number of identified victims is still rising.

This new identified company, River Ranch Fresh Foods, received salad that included spinach from the first infected company, Natural Selection Foods of San Juan Bautista. The spinach that passed through the River Ranch was sold under brand names such as, Farmers Market, Hy-Vee, and Fresh and Easy.

State and local health officials received reports of illness and asked people what they ate to search for the source. To identify the new company, officials examined Natural Selection's records and found it had supplied River Ranch.

Tracing a case of illness to its source, including the time required for DNA analysis of the E. coli, takes about two weeks, Dr. David W. K. Acheson, director of food safety at the F.D.A., said Sunday in a conference call. Dr. Acheson called the process "trace-back and trace-forward."

The investigation is in its early stages. "At this point we have not found E. coli O157 in any bags of spinach

that have been tested," Dr. Acheson said. "Our link back to Natural Selection comes from the epidemiological studies." But after questioning the victims about what they had eaten, he said, "bagged spinach has risen to the top of the list."

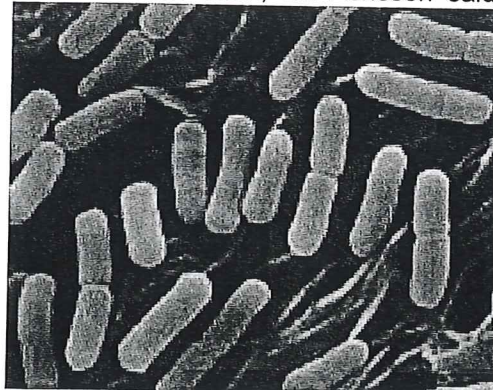
The federal health authorities are advising consumers not to eat fresh spinach. They said frozen spinach had not been implicated.

The number of reported cases of E. coli infection rose by seven on Sunday, to 109, but officials said that the real number was probably higher and that reporting was probably delayed because some health departments were not staffed on weekends. They also said they expected the number of states in which cases had been reported, 19 on Sunday, to rise.

So far, 16 cases of hemolytic uremic syndrome, a serious kidney complication from E. coli exposure, have been reported in 20 states. One death, in Wisconsin, has been linked to the outbreak.

The cause of the outbreak is still not clear. It could be irrigation water, Dr. Acheson said, or it could be a processing problem in a factory. In the humid environment of a sealed bag of spinach or salad mix, E. coli can multiply rapidly if the bag is allowed to get too warm, he said.

Some processors expose spinach to chlorine to kill E. coli, which can kill the bacteria on the leaf surface. But if the bacteria are in irrigation water they can enter the plant, and the chlorine will not reach them, Dr. Acheson said.



E. coli infected spinach caused a mass recall from grocery store shelves and sickened almost 200 people.

Did You Know?

By: Caroline Sweeney

- The red traffic light contains some orange color and the green traffic light contains some blue color making it easier for people with red-green color blindness to decipher signals.
- The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.



- The Great Pyramid of Giza is the only Seven Wonder of the Ancient World still in existence today.
- If you run through rainfall you will get 10% less wet than if you walked.
- The word "tip" is an acronym meaning "to insure promptness" and dates back to London coffee houses.

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Student

New Homeroom Or a Longer Second Block?

By: Almy Egan



When Manasquan High School students were sent their postcards this summer telling them where to report to homeroom, they were undoubtedly puzzled. Instead of the room number, they said a class such as Calculus-212.

The reason for all of this confusion is the newly instated homeroom policy. Developed to cut down on the overwhelming amount of

tardiness, this new policy has students reporting directly to their first block class each morning. Usual homeroom activities such as taking attendance and the morning announcements are conducted at the beginning of second block instead.

Also, the unexcused absence policy has become much stricter this year. Instead of the old policy of one whole day absent without a note equals an unexcused absence, students will receive unexcused absences if they are less than ten minutes late to a class three times, or more than ten minutes late to a class once. Also, classes will count individually for credit. For example, if you skip fifth block more than eight times, instead of receiving only detentions, you will lose credit for that class.

The administration began formulating the plan in the middle of last school year. The amount of students arriving late to school each day was becoming a serious problem. "The amount of tardiness last year was ridiculous."

"The amount of tardiness last year was ridiculous," said Mrs. Marklein when asked why the school decided to change their homeroom policy.

The teachers were very receptive to the idea according to Mrs. Marklein. Once the administration began to formulate the plan, there were no real reasons not to try it out.

This school year, there has still been tardiness, but hopefully it will not be anything like last year. Last year, students felt that it was acceptable to be late because they were only missing homeroom. This year, however, you will be missing an actual class.

However, there are some drawbacks to not having a real homeroom. The freshmen homeroom which was usually held in the gym no longer exists. It was a great way for new students to meet each other and mingle before school began. Also,

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Opinion

New "Survivor" Format Causes Major Controversy

By: Alissa Dering

The anticipated thirteenth season of *Survivor* premiered on Thursday, September, 14th. In previous seasons, creator Mark Burnett divided groups on the island based on age or gender, although this season he made a drastic change, dividing the groups by ethnicity. Is this a publicity stunt or a valid sociological experiment?



Although often referred to as a 'melting pot', American society is really a mosaic of cultures. Despite our countless strides to end prejudice, ignorance still exists today. Mark Burnett's decision to divide the teams on *Survivor* by ethnicity instigates a societal conundrum: are we all racist?

The New York City Black, Latino and Asian Caucus had been so disturbed by this segregation that they went as far to demand the withdrawal of the season altogether. However, is this outrage really necessary? From the beginning, the purpose of *Survivor* has been very clear. The show is meant to be a sociological experiment depicting how real people react and survive in a desolate environment. Now, Burnett has thrown us a curve ball. Mark Burnett states that he "thought [the] racial element of the show could bring out the best in the competitors."

I sincerely agree with Burnett's idea. Think about it—we are a society that has a vast history of prejudice and discrimination. Even today, in 2006, we still experience racism. These prejudices may not have been as obvious as in previous years,

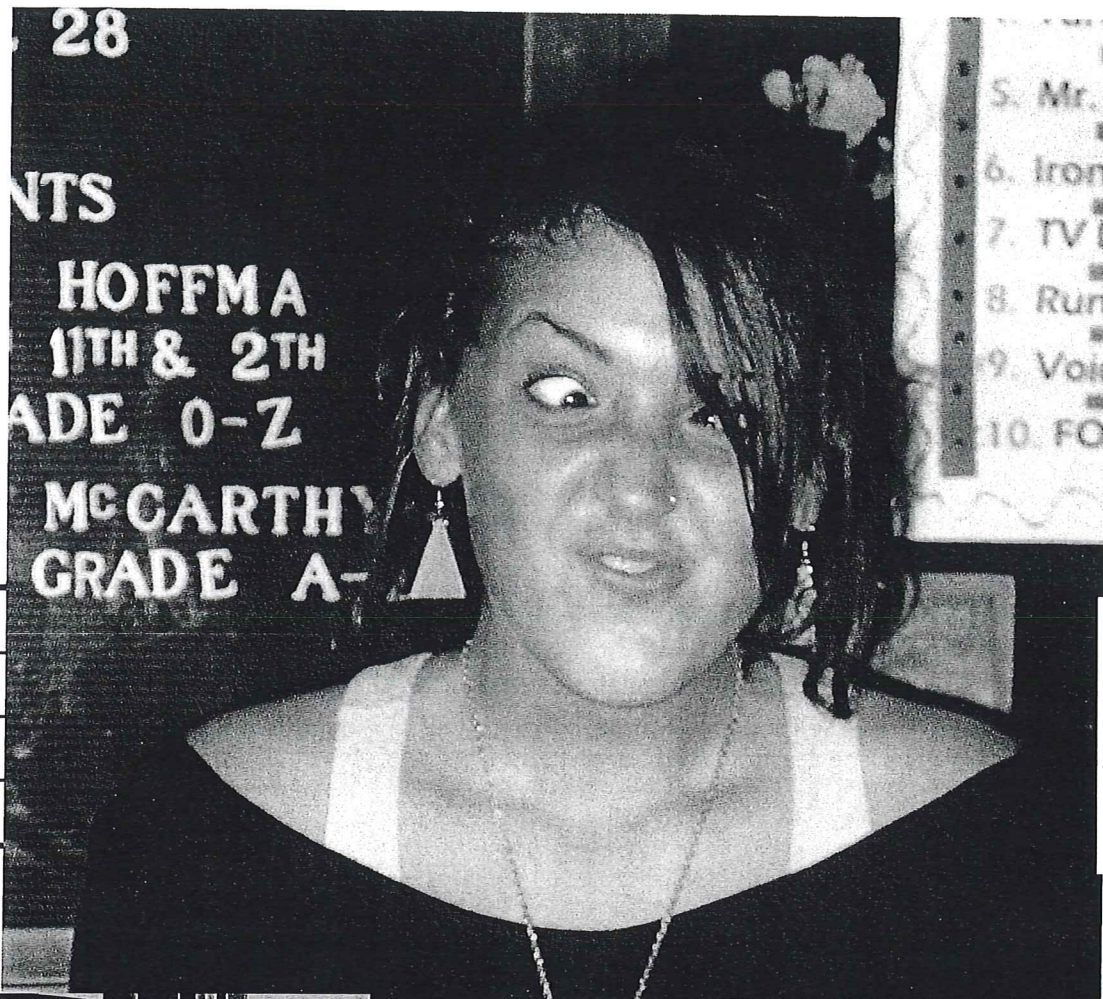


but the impact is still evident. By segregating teams into ethnic groups, Burnett is enabling players to feel a strong sense of unity within their team, while still allowing viewers to understand that prejudice is an inescapable American characteristic.

The American public has taken Burnett's new format completely out of context. Not only is the outrage giving

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Entertainment

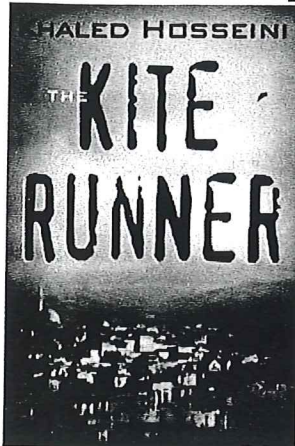


Book Review

The Kite Runner

Khaled Hosseini's
National Best-Seller

By: Kaitlyn Turi



Growing up like brothers in Afghanistan, Amir and Hassan were on opposite ends of the social spectrum. Amir's father was powerful and respected while Hassan and his father lived as servants to Amir and his "Baba". Regardless the boys did everything together, including participating in kite contests in which Amir did the flying and Hassan did the running. But after Amir witnessed something terrible happen to Hassan he decided to never speak a word of it. When the pain

of the secret became too much, Hassan and his father moved away from Amir and his home, devastating both families.

Years later, Amir and his father move to America for the chance at safety from the fighting going on in Afghanistan. After the death of Amir's father, he receives word from an old friend telling him he needs to come home. Amir makes the pilgrimage back to his home land to learn the most shocking news he has ever received. News that sends him on a journey of faith, courage and love that he will never ever forget.

Look for *The Kite Runner* due out in movie theaters sometime in 2007.

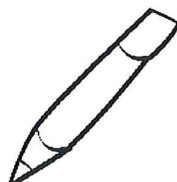
September Word Search

By: John Zimmerman

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N C G E E Y R O T S I H U S R
Z V T M B N U P M T B Q C Q Q
K X O E I R E H S Y X Q L V R
W E I E S N A Y Y T G D A J Y
G W R H G Q L S D Q P A C K C
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Q B I Y I O M C D O S Y L X G
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O N T P N W B R J F Q L B M G



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CALCULUS HISTORY
ENGLISH LABORDAY
GEOMETRY PHYSICS



Answers on page 28

You've Gotta Be Kidding Me!

Why is it so hard to open a
piano?

By: Tina Carbone



Abby Scribner:
"Because there are so
many keys to choose
from"



Agata Jenczelewska:
"Because it's heavy"



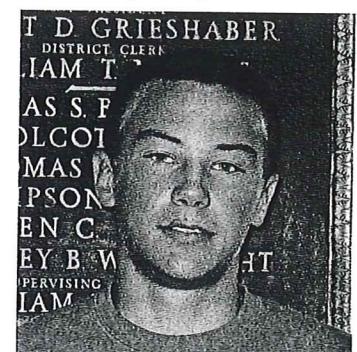
Chris Van Stolk:
"Because there is a
latch"



Drew Scharff:
"It's not hard, you
just open it"



Rose Veilleux:
"Because you don't
have the right key"



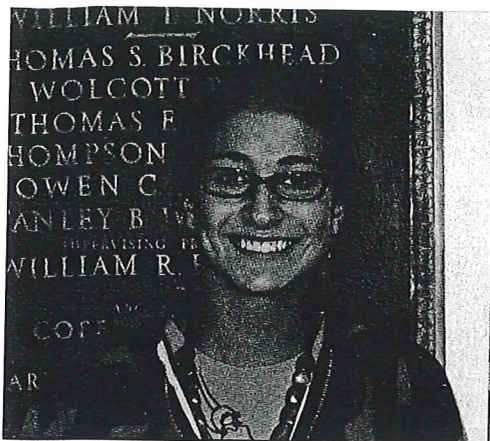
Bryan Colligan:
"Because it is
skewed on"

*Answer: Because the keys
are on the inside!*

Blue Beat

What was the most memorable part of your summer?

By: Tina Carbone



Erika Librizzi:

"Exploring southern California"



RJ Read:

"Having football practice in the middle of August"



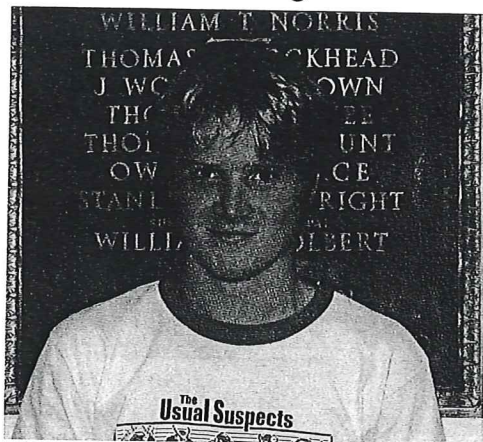
Jill Agoliati:

"Traveling the east coast for 10 Teddy Geiger concerts"



C.J. Holowach:

"A cruise to Cozumel, Cancun, and Grand Caymen"



Brendan Sullivan:

"Going to Ireland"



Inga Sinneck:

"Going to Omni Camp, where I went sailing and water skiing"

Concert Review

The Who

-At PNC-

By: Kaitlyn Turi

On September 22, 2006 after our half day I attended The Who concert at PNC Bank Arts Center. The reserved seats were full and the lawn was as packed as it could be, full of people on chairs and cushions.

The opening band, The Peeping Toms, came on at seven-thirty. They weren't appreciated though and were booed off of the stage by eight. Then the real anticipation came, the wait for The Who to set up and start playing.

When they finally came on, the crowd went wild. The two original members, Robert Daltrey and Pete Townsend, are alive and well. They were joined by Ringo Star's son on drums along with a bassist and keyboardist. They started out strong with some good old songs. After that the audience started to get a little restless when they started playing some of their new songs that no one had heard before.

When the show was over, The Who left the stage, but they promptly returned for their encore, pleasing young and old with four songs from "Tommy" their rock opera. On the walk back



to the car, I decided even though they may be old and slowing down, they still have what it takes, and they delivered.



Get Hot Looks For Less

For this issue, we found new fashion trends can be costly at some stores, but cheap at others.

By: Jackie Kaufmann and Katya Palsi

Fleurish Clothing Tulle Hem Skirt \$44.00 Nordstrom
Tulle Hem Tulip Skirt \$24.50 WetSeal



Lafayette 148 New York
Wool Pencil Skirt \$170.00 Nordstrom



Pin Stripe Pencil Skirt \$18.50 WetSeal



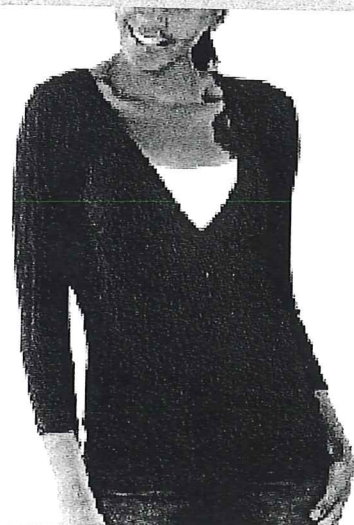
BCBG Sweater Jacket \$256.00 Nordstrom

Doby Stripe Jacket \$24.50 WetSeal



Ezra Fitch Premium Cashmere \$128.00 Abercrombie & Fitch

Mossimo® Red \$14.00 Target



Guess? 'Pillow' Pump \$94.95 Guess and Nordstrom
Ginger Wedge \$29.50 Alloy.com or catalogs



Steve Madden \$185

Rivington Book \$42. 50 Alloy.com or catalogs





Senior Birthday's

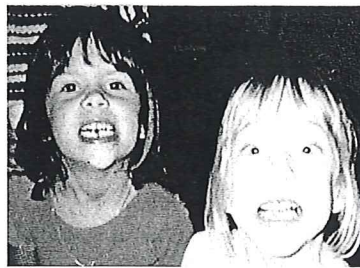
Happy Birthday Seniors!



Kenny Giguere
October 3



Chris Doolittle
October 6



Michelle Jensen
& Kaitlyn Turi
October 6 & 9



Margaret Brendle
October 11



Mathew Ponicsan
October 12



Daniel Shurts
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Paul Harley
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Caitlyn Coyle
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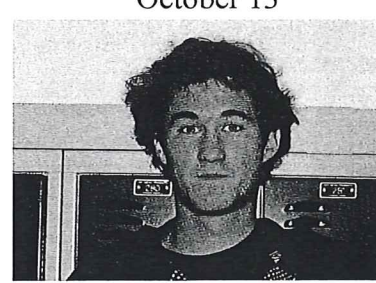
Richard Lewis
October 20



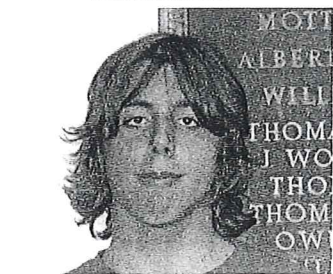
Christina Viguers
October 20



Samantha Ogden
October 21



Dan Coleman
October 24



John Mauriello
October 24



Brytni Edwards
October 24



Erin Miller
October 26



Andrea Earley
October 26



Gage O'Connell
October 25



Kelsey Windas
October 31

Not Pictured:
-Julia Colrick
October 13
-Drew Galinis
October 26

Answers To Jumble

1. Buckley
2. Driscoll
3. Waldeyer
4. Pevovar
5. Ravialoli

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Field Hockey Follows Seniors

By: Boomer Ward

Field Hockey has been a mainstay at MHS. Coach Barnaba always puts out a solid group of girls, year in and year out. This team is no different.

Field hockey team currently stands with a record of 4-6-1. Seniors Lindsay Barton and Margaret Brendle anchor the

squad as the team captains. Other key senior players include Nora Wallace, Caitlyn Livingston, Jess Rogers, Mandi Salkeld, Diane Mantlick, Chelsea Bailey, Alex Lopez, and Courtney Nolan. Unfortunately, the Warriors had somewhat of a slow start.

According to senior goalie Caitlyn Livingston, the team had "a rainy pre-season and not a lot of playing time, (because of that) the team started out with a rough couple of games."

The first game of the season was a good one against Holmdel on September

8. The Warriors played hard throughout and the game went to overtime. In overtime, it looked as though both teams would get out of there with a tie, but Holmdel finally broke the 2-2 tie with 2 minutes remaining in the game. The two



Senior Jess Rogers dribbles down the sideline while being chased by a Raritan opponent.

Warrior goals were scored by seniors Nora Wallace and Mandi Salkeld.

The girls then went on to lose their next two games to start off 0-3, but broke the trend with a big win over Matawan. They followed that performance with a 3-2 win over Red Bank. Senior Jess Rogers, senior Margaret Brendle, and junior Madeline Schatzman each scored for Squan in the Red Bank game.

On September 25, the Warriors took on the Rockets of Raritan in a divisional showdown. Manasquan dominated the winless Rockets with a 3-0 victory. Senior Nora Wallace notched two goals while Madeline Schatzman added another goal for the Warriors. Senior goalie Caitlin Livingston recorded her fourth shut-out.

With the leadership of 14 seniors, the Warriors should only continue to improve as the season progresses, and look forward to postseason berths.



The Warriors attack the goal.

Girls' Tennis Falls In SCT Final

By: Tyler Toole

'Dominance' is defined as having total power over everything, which accurately describes the Manasquan Girl's Tennis team. Entering the 2006-2007 fall sports season, the girls had high expectations with a lot of returning talent.

After sweeping through the first month of their schedule, the girls held the top ranking in the Shore Conference. However they fell just short of the Shore Conference Title, dropping a tight match to rival Holmdel in the finals.

Junior Tahlia Smoke improved her undefeated record, winning in her singles match, but the team as a whole dropped the match 3-2.

Earlier in the season, the Warriors had beaten the powerhouse Hornets on their home court. According to Coach Ravaioli, that was the first time the team had beaten Holmdel in about three or four years.

The girls pulled off a thrilling victory verses Holmdel on Wednesday September 20, where Coach Ravaioli was very pleased with their efforts.

"The girls put their hearts and soul into the win," said Coach Ravaioli when asked about the Holmdel victory.

Junior Tahlia Smoke won in straight sets, 6-1 and 6-0, but she wasn't the only

member of the Smoke family competing. Sister Farrah Smoke won 6-0 and 6-1.



Tahlia (Below) & Farrah (Above) Smoke have led the Warrior Tennis team to a great start and the SCT Final.



With the win, Tahlia Smoke improves to an undefeated record on the season.

Doubles partners Chase Fitzsimmons and Haley McNeel won in three sets 6-3, 5-7, and 7-5. With the win, the partners provided the winning point for Manasquan, who eventually won 3 to 2.

With the win Manasquan stays undefeated this season.

"It was one of the most exciting tennis matches I've ever been at," added Coach Ravaioli.

Despite the loss in the playoffs, the team is still proud of its 11-1 record.



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Gymnastics

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make up this "quadpod" are Ashley Aquilante, Lisa Bartholomew, Katie Golding, and Melissa Voskian.

"Over the three years I have known them, these girls have been like my family" said Ashley Aquilante.

The season hasn't been all smooth sailing though, the girls have faced two challenges, which they have overcome. Katie Golding is out with an injury, but she doesn't let that stop her from contributing to her team. At the matches you can find Katie keeping score and holding the position of manager.

The second challenge they have overcome, is that they don't have a set place to practice. The girls didn't let that stop them. Since they are all close friends, they are able to practice with each other, so they know what will be going on in the matches.

All in all, Coach Gmitter and the girls hope to have a great season, pushing for a season best score of 100.

X Country

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Under the guidance of Mr. Battaglia, the girls currently stand at a record of 2-3. Some of the

leaders of this year's squad include Senior Jenni Pretz and junior Claire Nielsen.

Both the girls and the boys look to improve with upcoming meets against Holmdel, Rumson-FH, and the playoffs.

Girls' Soccer Stuns #6 Red Bank Catholic

By: Brendan Ward

Resiliency is one word that defines the Manasquan girls' soccer team. The Warriors got off to a rough start that didn't look like it was going to get any better with their tumultuous schedule. However, lately things have turned around lately for the Warriors after a 1-7 start.

The girls got off to a rough start this season with three straight losses. However, there was hope for a win against Point Beach on 9/18. Squan was locked in a tight 1-1 tie with Beach when Elise Hemmer buried a 20-yard direct kick with 27 seconds left to lift Squan to their first victory of the year. Senior Courtney Carpinello scored Squan's first goal against Pt. Beach.

After a tough week that saw two overtime losses against SJV and Holmdel, Squan was set to play their best game thus far with divisional foe, #6 Red Bank Catholic.

Squan lost to the Caseys 4-1 early in the season and looked to seek revenge at home on September 28.

The game was tight throughout with both teams playing excellent defense, but the Warriors finally caught a break when sophomore Kendall Malinowski's corner kick deflected off an RBC defender and bounced into the goal. The "own goal" was the deciding factor in Squan's 1-0.

Sophomore goalkeeper, Julia Martz, had an

outstanding game against the Caseys, saving 12 shots while maintaining a shut-out.

"We may have caught them off-guard after they beat us 4-1 the first time we played them," said head Coach Stehle to the Asbury Park Press. "But I don't think this was a lucky win for us. In the past week we lost to both Holmdel and St. John Vianney in overtime, so we were definitely due."

The Warriors followed the stellar performance against the Caseys with a 3-0 victory at Matawan and a tie at Manchester.

Then they played their first night game on the road against Raritan on October 3. It was a physical game throughout. The Warriors played well, but fell in overtime for the fourth time the season. The game got so intense that the team had to be escorted by police out of Raritan.

They currently stand at 3-9-1 with upcoming games against St. Rose on 10/11, Brick Twp. on 10/13, @ Marlboro on 10/16, and their last game in against Rumson Fair-Haven on 10/19.

ATTENTION MHS ATHLETES: Winter Sports Information

All students wishing to participate in a sport must have a comprehensive sport physical exam each year. If you still need a physical done, pick up the packet in the School Nurse's Office and bring it to your private MD to be completed. All students who have had a physical this school year must complete an interim/update report and have it signed by a parent/guardian, before going out for a Winter Sport. All forms must be returned to the school nurse by 11/1/2006 to be cleared for Winter Sport Participation.

PICK UP YOUR FORMS IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE. If you're not sure what you need - ask the school nurse.

Please remember to keep the school nurse informed of any injuries or illnesses



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Squan Sports Schedules

Football (5-0)

9/08	@ SJV vs. Holmdel	W 45-7
9/16	Barnegat	W 56-0
9/22	Mon Don	W 42-6
9/29	SJV	W 44-9
10/07	Rumson-FH	W 33-0
10/13	@ Point Boro	7:00P
10/21	Raritan	2:00P
11/04	Shore Reg.	2:00P
11/11	State Tourney	TBA
11/18	State Tourney	TBA
11/23	Wall	11:00A

Gymnastics (3-0)

9/13	Mon Don @ RBC	
9/15	Freehold @ Wall	
9/20	Lacey	
9/26	Midd. North @ Howell	
9/28	Manalapan @ Brick Memorial	
10/04	Freehold Boro	
10/11	Brick Twp.	4:00p
10/13	Midd. North @ Holmdel	4:30P
10/18	@ Barnegat	4:00p
10/24	Middletown No./Neptune	6:00p

Girls' Tennis (13-1)

9/13	St. John Vianney	
9/15	@ Red Bank Regional	
9/18	Raritan	
9/20	@ Holmdel	
9/21	Point Beach	
9/25	Rumson-FH	
9/27	Red Bank Catholic	
10/03	@ St. John Vianney	
10/04	SCT Final	
10/06	@ Raritan	3:45p
10/09	@ Wall	3:45p
10/11	Holmdel	3:45p
10/13	@ Rumson FH	3:45p
10/20	Freehold Twp.	3:45p
10/26	Middletown South	3:45p

Boys' Soccer (4-5-1)

9/19	Red Bank Regional	
9/21	@ St. John Vianney	
9/26	@ Holmdel	
9/28	@ Red Bank Catholic	
9/29	Matawan	
10/02	@ Manchester	
10/03	Raritan	
10/05	@ Red Bank Regional	
10/10	St. John Vianney	
10/13	Brick Township	3:45p
10/19	@ Rumson-FH	3:45p

Cross Country Boys: (3-1) Girls: (2-3)

9/26	St. John Vianney	
10/03	@ Red Bank Reg.	
10/10	Raritan	
10/17	@ Mon City Meet	TBA
10/23	@ Holmdel	3:45p
10/28	Shore Conference	TBA
10/30	Rumson-FH	3:45p
11/04	@ Sectionals	TBA
11/11	State Group Meet	TBA
11/18	Meet of Champions	TBA
11/25	Footlocker/Northeasterns	TBA

Girls' Soccer (3-9-1)

9/19	@ Red Bank Regional	
9/21	St. John Vianney	
9/26	Holmdel	
9/28	Red Bank Catholic	
9/29	@ Matawan	
10/02	Manchester	
10/03	@ Raritan	
10/05	Red Bank Regional	
10/10	@ St. John Vianney	
10/11	St. Rose	3:45p
10/13	Brick Township	3:45p
10/16	@ Marlboro	3:45p
10/19	Rumson-FH	3:45p

Field Hockey (4-6-1)

9/12	@ Matawan	
9/15	@ Raritan	
9/18	Red Bank Regional	
9/20	@ St. John Vianney	
9/25	Raritan	
9/27	@ Holmdel	
9/29	@ Red Bank Regional	
10/02	@ Point Boro	
10/04	@ Red Bank Regional	3:45p
10/06	St. John Vianney	3:45p
10/11	Middletown South	3:45p
10/13	@ Colts Neck	3:45p
10/16	Wall	3:45p



Senior Dana Tausek serves a heater against her opponent. Dana has been an important member of the girls' tennis team for the past four years. Last year, Dana played doubles with Chase Fitzsimmons, but this year she is at singles.



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Football

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yards rushing on 15 attempts and 11 yards passing on 12 attempts in the first half. "The defense played well the whole game," said Coach Kubu to The Coast Star. "We gave them one first down by going offsidess twice. We rushed well and we did a good job up front. We handled them and got to the ball well."

Now four weeks into the season, Manasquan faced its first "worthy" opponent in St. John Vianney. The Lancers boasted the "best defensive secondary" in the shore according to the Asbury Park Press. However, that was the last thing on the Warriors mind as they rolled to their fourth victory, winning 44-9.

The team had a slow start, allowing St. John Vianney to kick a field goal after a "big circus play" that woke up the defense. It was the first time Manasquan had trailed all season in a game, but that did not last very long. The Warrior defense began to work its magic, which quickly resulted in a ten yard interception return for a touchdown by junior linebacker Steve Kircher. Senior Martin Marshall's devastating tackle was the cause of the interception and the cause of Vianney quarterback Anthony Zambito's early exit from the game.

From then on it was smooth sailing for the football team. Mike Mele led the offense again with 16 carries for 109 yards and

three touchdowns. R.J. Read and Chaz Coursey also each added a single touchdown. Other standout plays included, Kelly Mahon's spectacular, juggling, one-handed catch for a 42-yard gain and a safety by the Warrior defense.

Next, Manasquan faced the formerly undefeated Rumson Fair-Haven Bulldogs. The Warriors came out victorious once again, shutting out the Bulldogs 33-0. After the game Rumson coach Shane Fallon commented on Manasquan, telling the Star Ledger, "They're the best high school team I've ever seen. They force you to make mistakes and they don't give you much, and the rare times that they do make a mistake, you have to capitalize on it."

Manasquan once again relied on its running game and "lock-down" defense to stay perfect this season. Both Mike Mele and Chaz Coursey each ran for over one hundred yards and two touchdowns. Quarterback R.J. Read also had a 33-yard touchdown pass to Evan Ragan.

Two other Squan touchdowns, including a 78-yard run by Mele and a touchdown reception by Brad Newman, were called back due to holding penalties. "I don't think we played that bad, I just think we played sloppy," Brad Newman told the Star Ledger. "We didn't play as well as we wanted to, but our defense picked it up and kept them off the board."

Newman's two sacks helped the Warriors hold Rumson to just 51 yards of

total offense and -3 on the ground. Rumson failed to earn a first down on five possessions in the first half and only managed to get one in the second half. "We feel like our defensive line can dominate and take over games and I think we really did that in the second half," Newman added. "I think we should stop the run every single game."

With a perfect record of 5-0, the Warriors now enter

their toughest part of the season. Their next two games will be against the defending South Group II champions Point Pleasant Boro away on October 13 and a repeat of last season's Central Jersey Group II State title game against Raritan Rockets on October 21. The last remaining regular season games after Raritan are against Shore Regional and Thanksgiving day rival Wall, both are at home.

Warrior Band Adds Spirit To Games

By: Jamee Shea



September 17th was a glorious Sunday; a perfect day for a football game! On this day, Manasquan was preparing to play its first home game of the season against the Barnegat Bengals.

It was not only a big day for the Manasquan football team, but for the Manasquan Marching Band as well.

All band members were instructed to be at the school by 9:30 AM in order to get ready for the afternoon game. Excited and ready for some fun, we gathered in front of the band room, and rehearsed our half-time songs.

Soon after, we took

a break and headed to the Korner Market. We indulged in delicious pork-roll and cheese sandwiches. Feeling a little greasy but energized, we ran back to the band room to get dressed and put on make-up. This chaotic episode involved much laughing, bumping into people, and crashing into instruments. Fortunately no important bones or equipment were broken.

Feeling nervous about marching through town, we felt relieved when Mr. Abraham gave us word that the parade had been cancelled. A hot sun was blazing, and the thought of marching in those heavy uniforms was very unappealing.

The fans were gathering before the game as we lined up to fill our section in the bleachers. We watched Barnegat perform its pre-game show, and then the

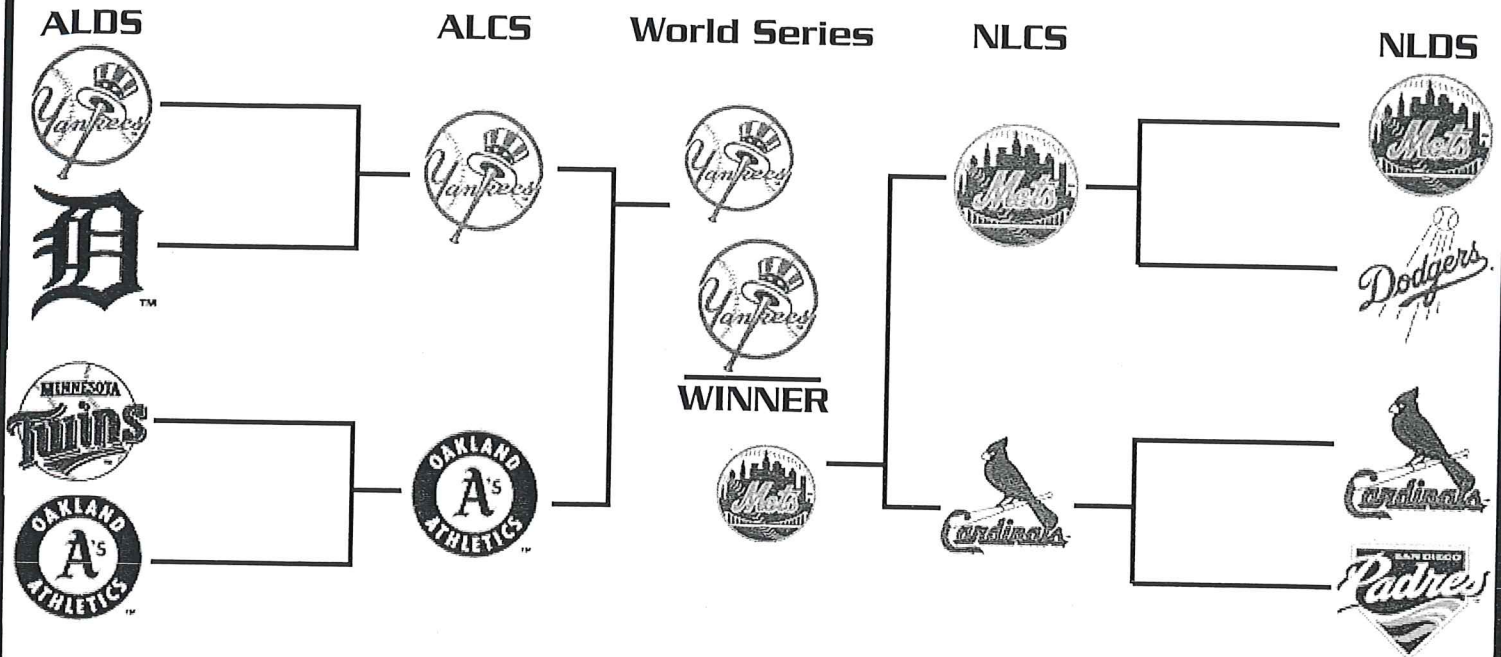
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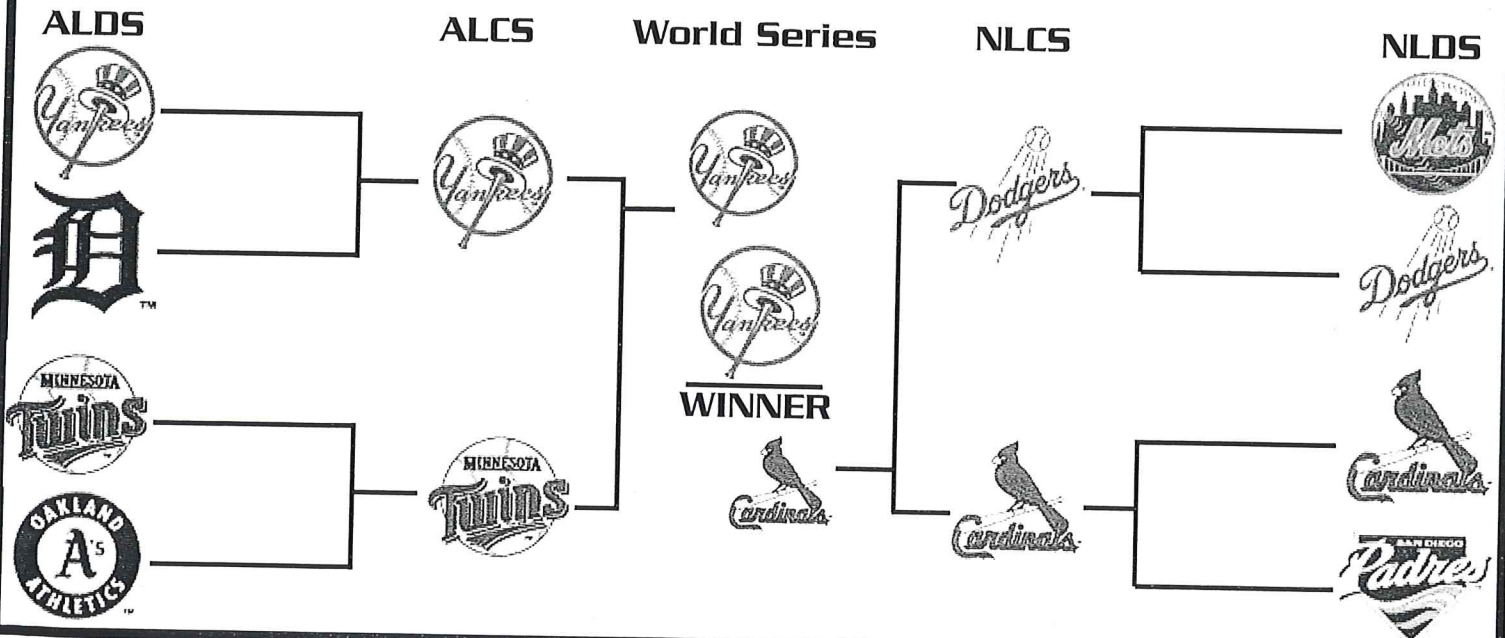
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Travis's Picks



Boomer's Picks



Heisman Hopefuls

By: Brendan Ward

Troy Smith
(QB- Ohio State)

Smith has led the #1 Buckeyes to an undefeated record so far. He played excellent on the road against Texas and Iowa. Stats: 1,259 passing yards; 15 TD, 2 INT, 68.5 CMP %

Brady Quinn
(QB- Notre Dame)

The early pre-season favorite has put up solid numbers so far despite a bad performance against Michigan in ND's only loss this year. Stats: 1,636 passing yards; 16 TD, 4 INT, 64.1 CMP %

Adrian Peterson
(RB- Oklahoma)

Peterson has anchored the Sooner offense as the focal point. He has put up over 100 rushing yards in each of Oklahoma's games. Stats: 751 rushing yards, 8 rushing TD, 1 rec. TD



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Team of the Month

Varsity Girls' Tennis

The Girls' Tennis team has had a fast start in the 2006 season. Despite losing in the SCT Final, Squan still has had a strong year with only 1 loss. The team is ranked #5 in the entire state. The squad is led by seniors Dana Tausek, Chase Fitzsimmons, Sloane Foley, Laura Turner, juniors Haley McNeel, Tahlia Smoke, and freshmen Farrah Smoke.

Photos courtesy of Haley McNeel

