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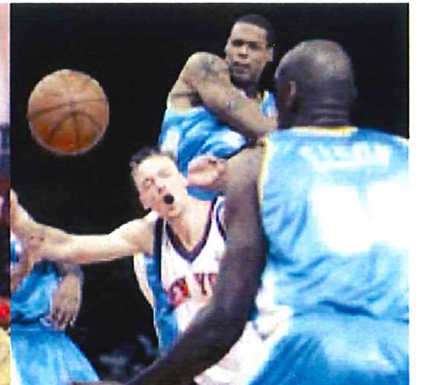
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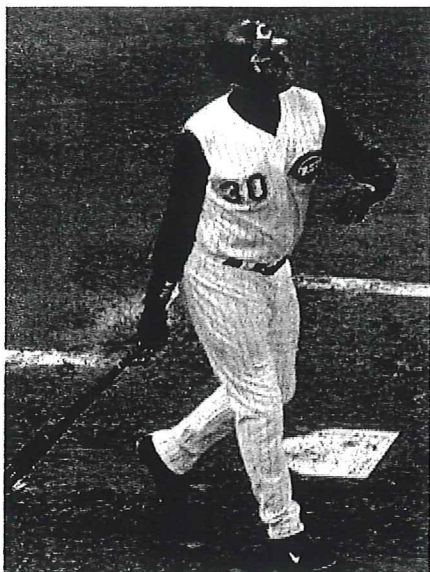


Editors' Opinion

Every single issue, Matt Gebhard and 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.

Will the Tigers and Reds Be Able to Last As Contenders?

Boomer's View



According to Boomer, Griffey Jr. is one of the reasons why the Reds can contend for the NL Central crown.

The Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati Reds have surprised the entire league with their play. Both teams are at the top of their divisions even though no one gave them a chance coming into the season. Can they keep going and stay in the race throughout the entire season? The answer is no for the Tigers and yes for the Reds.

I like seeing the Tigers do well, but I personally don't think they can keep it up for the rest of the season. First off they play in a division with the Chicago White Sox, the defending World Series champs. As of right now, the Tigers are sticking with the Sox, but they won't be able to keep it up the entire season. There will be a stretch when the Tigers' pitching staff goes cold. The Tigers' pitching has been awesome so far, but most of the starters are young and

inexperienced enough to keep up their hot streak. What the Tigers lack is a superstar who can carry them through a time when the pitching isn't there. They have Pudge Rodriguez, but he can't carry a team like say Albert Pujols or Alex Rodriguez. The Tigers will eventually go on a cold streak, and I don't think they have the star-power or the pitching to recover and stay close with the White Sox.

The Reds on the other hand are in a better situation, but it is still not a great one to be in. The Reds' division is weak as of right now with Pujols out for the Cardinals, so they must take advantage and build a pretty nice lead, which they can do. First off, they have the offensive needed to win even if the pitching isn't there. With a line-up featuring Ken Griffey Jr., Adam Dunn, Austin Kearns, and Rich Aurillia, the Reds don't have to worry about offense. The Reds also have decent pitching with Bronson Arroyo, Aaron Harang, and Eric Milton. Arroyo has been dynamite so far, boasting a 7-2 record.

As for now, both the Reds and Tigers have a chance of making the post-season, but in most likelihood neither will. However, I feel that the Reds have the best chance to contend in their division rather than the Tigers.

Matt's View

As most baseball fans know the Detroit Tigers and the Cincinnati Reds have been the surprise teams so far. Both teams are in fact on top of their respective divisions.

The Tigers have gone from the worst two years ago, to having the best record in the majors. And the Reds, who have battled the Brewers for last place for about 7 years, have catapulted to a tie for first with reigning division champs, the Cardinals.

Now before any bold predictions are made we have to realize some things. First and for most, baseball has the longest season in any major sport, 162 games. It's a marathon not a sprint. Second teams that will threaten each team will be getting better. The Cardinals and Astros can ruin the Reds, as each team promised back Albert Pujols and Roger Clemens respectively, and teams like the Yankees and Red Sox hurt not only each other but the Tigers as it seems that they both make the playoffs every year.

So for the Tigers that means they will probably have to win their division. The Tigers are 23-9 v. the AL Central this season which means they are playing well against the defending world

champion White Sox and play-off contenders of last year the Indians, suggesting that their chances of a division championship are high.

The Tigers are not really getting it done on the mound but are making up for at the plate. Rodriguez and Granger are leading the way as they are both having phenomenal seasons so far. But what will really push the Tigers into the play-offs will be their team togetherness. It is reminiscent of the '96 Yankees.

The Reds are using pitching as their main weapon. Arroyo and Harang each have seven wins which is tied for third in the MLB. Harang is also second in strike outs and Arroyo is second in ERA.

But the biggest pair to their success is staying healthy so far. Ken Griffey Jr. and Adam Dunn, the two biggest sluggers in their line-up, are not being plagued by injury and it looks up hill for them.

The Reds however do play in a strong, six team division so it looks like the Cardinals could make a run and the Reds will sneak in as wild card team, because everyone is two far behind the Mets in the east, and the West is too close to produce the wild card.



Ivan Rodriguez will try to lead the Tigers to the World Series, like he did with the Marlins in 2003.

MLB

Major League Overview

By: Matt Gebhard



Barry Bonds hits his 715th homerun

The MLB kicked off inter-league play with a few rivalries. The Giants played three with the Athletics. The Cubs and the White Sox had a, to say the least, heated rivalry, and the Yanks and Mets played 3 great games.

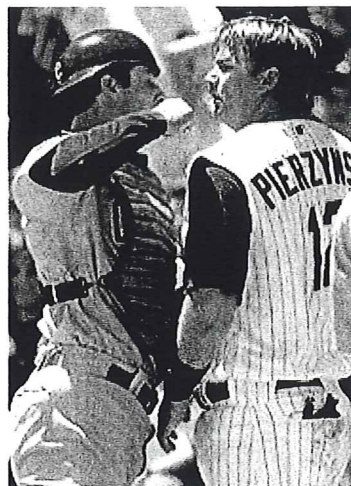
In the battle by the bay San Francisco took two out of three from Oakland, and the biggest highlight was Barry Bonds tying Babe Ruth on the home run list, (he now stands alone at the number two spot with 715 homers through June 6th).

The Cubs dropped two out of three games to the White Sox in a series that displayed a benches clearing brawl. Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski slammed home

the plate after beating a tag from Cubs catcher Michael Barrett. Barrett proceeded to shove Pierzynski and the benches cleared. The next day Pierzynski

wasn't done. After hitting a homerun off pitcher Carlos Zambrano, he mocked Zambrano's celebration, and the benches nearly cleared again.

The Yankees headed into Shea to resume the sub-way series. It was a much anticipated series, because many think it could be the World Series this year. The Mets would take game one in the bottom of the ninth with a walk-off double by David Wright. In game two Martinez pitched a beauty leading the Mets to a 4-0 lead into the ninth. But the Yankees came firing back in the ninth tying the game at four and eventually winning in the 11th on an Andy Phillips single to center scoring Cairo. Aaron Small pitched in the final game for the Yanks and for that



Catcher Micheal Barrett and Catcher A.J. Pierzynski battle in North Side/ South Slde rivalry

matter fairly well but it wouldn't be enough as poor hitting by Yankee sluggers and Carlos Delgado and David Wright would go back to back catapulting the Mets to a 4-3 win.

Shortly after their series with the Mets the Yankees headed to Fenway to take on Boston. And lately the Yankees have been beating up on Red Sox. Through June 6th, the Yankees have taken 4 out of their last meetings 5 from bean town. The Yankee bats have recently awoken from a slumber against Sox pitching, putting up 7, 8, and even in their recent route 13 runs. Right now the Yankees have recaptured 1st place and lead by a game and a half.

The Detroit Tigers who have

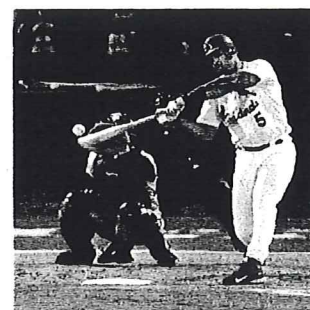
been the surprise of the league thus far have gone from the worst team in baseball two years ago, to owning the best record in the majors. Or at least that was until they were put to the test against the Yankees, Red Sox, and



Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez has led the Tigers to the top of the A.L. Central

White Sox. Yankees walked into Detroit, and easily took 3 out of 4 including and 11-6 extra innings win, the Red Sox took 2 of 3 easily, and in AL central where they are 22-8 they have begun to struggle against the White Sox. Maybe the clock is getting close to mid-night on their Cinderella story.

The Cardinals were plagued with a huge injury, as their premier first baseman Albert Pujols went down with a oblique injury and was placed on the D.L.



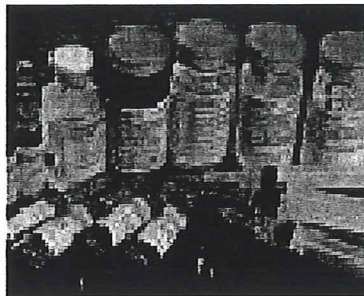
Pujols' homerun chase has delayed due to a oblique injury

However the injury has opened the door for the Reds who have taken over 1st place. While on the topic of injuries, the Yankees, have been plagued with the injury bug more than any other team this season. At certain times key players like, Matsui (season ending injury), Sheffield (on the D.L.), Posada, Jeter (day to day), Giambi, and A-Rod, have all been out of the line-up. Now even tough some of theses players aren't back, the Yanks still managed to grab 1st and go 5-2 on their most recent road trip.

Derek Jeter is one of the many Yankees who have been bit by the injury bug.

More On The High School Steroid Testing Law

Consent Form That Must Be Signed By All Student Athletes



A List of All the Banned Substances

Date _____

2 for testosterone – if administration of testosterone or use of any other manipulation has the result of increasing the ratio of the total concentration of testosterone to that of epitestosterone in the urine of greater than 6:1, unless there is evidence that this ratio is due to a physiological or pathological condition.

Squan H.S. Sports

Individual Athletic Accomplishments

By: Jess Sinkhorn, Travis Gassner & Allie Vadas

The *Blue & Gray* would like to congratulate all Spring Sports and Athletes that made it to their respective Shore and/or State Conference Tournaments.

Below are some of the athletes that displayed great performances game after game, match after match, and meet after meet all season long. So congratulations to all those selected to the *Blue & Gray's Athletic Accomplishments*. We couldn't include every outstanding athlete but here are some that made noise not only in Squan sports, but throughout the Shore Conference.



Girls' Lax

Meg Wallace -
Senior



S e n i o r
Meg Wallace has done an amazing job for the girls' lacrosse team. Her speed and stick skills have helped her

become a very dangerous player on attack. Over her four year career she has accumulated some incredible offensive numbers. She recorded over her one hundredth career goals and career assists this season. She now holds the new school record for career assists with 101.

Boys' Lax

Doug Homan -
Senior



S e n i o r
Doug Homan was a huge part of the boys' lacrosse team this season. He played every position,

except goalie for the team and was also the Sneakers Plus Athlete of the Week during the season. He finished the season with 28 goals, 30 assists, and 58 points. He also scooped up 119 ground balls. Doug also made, 1st Team All-Shore, 1st Team All A-North, and 2nd Team All State C Division. He was also declared the Offensive Player of the Year by the Coast Star.

Kelly Mahon -
Junior



J u n i o r
Kelly Mahon led the boys' lacrosse team in scoring this season with 51 goals. As an attackman, he also

recorded 11 assists for a total of 63 points and had 82 ground balls. This season Kelly scored a career and game high eight goals against Toms River South and Southern Regional. He now has over one hundred career goals for the Warriors and still has another year to go. Kelly was also awarded 1st Team All-Shore, 1st Team All A-North, and 2nd Team All State C Division.

Ryan McGrath -
Junior

J u n i o r
Ryan McGrath has done an outstanding job for the girls' lacrosse team this season. Playing attack, she has been



a huge role in the offensive play of the Lady Warriors. During the season she averaged around four goals and three assists per game. This helped her break the one hundred career goals mark as only a junior. She also set a new school record for most goals scored in one season with over sixty goals.

Nick Melchionna - Senior

Senior Nick Melchionna played a very important role on the boys' lacrosse team. Playing longstick middle, he once again led the team in ground balls with 165. This total is a new school record that broke the previous record Nick

set last season. He also recorded 7 assists over the season. Nick was named the Defensive Player of the Year by the Coast Star and made 1st Team All-Shore, 1st Team All A-North, and 2nd Team All State C Division.



Squan H.S. Sports

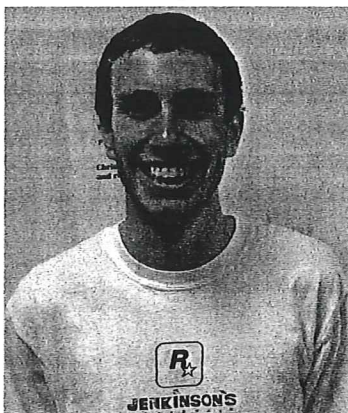
Spring Track Stars

Boyle, Aquilante, and Sweeney
Rise to Top of Shore Conference

By: Brendan Ward

This year has finished 3rd. Owen also did featured some out-standing really well in the Group 2 performances by members Sectional Championships. of the Spring Track team. By He won the 3200m with a 9:

now, most of Manasquan High School has heard of the name Owen Boyle. The senior has been a w e s o m e again this year. Not to be out-done are the pole-vaulting duo of junior



Senior Owen Boyle

Caroline Sweeney and sophomore Ashley Aquilante. All three advanced to the Meet of Champions held on Wednesday June 7. The Meet of Champions featured the top 6 competitors from each group, basically the elite of New Jersey.

Both Ashley and Caroline finished with jumps of 10 ft, and were unsure about where they placed because they left early due to bad weather. Meanwhile, Owen struggled slightly but still had a pretty good showing.

Throughout his high school career, Owen Boyle has been dominating the running scene in the Shore Conference. This past spring track season has been no different. One highlight of OB's season was placing 1st in the Shore Conference 1600m with a time of 4:27, while getting 7th in the Shore Conference 3200m. Also in the 3200m at the Monmouth County Championship, Owen

He won the 3200m with a 9:40.49 time and he placed 2nd in the 1600m. He then advanced to the Group 2 Championships for the 3200m where he placed at 3rd, a great feat for any runner, with a time of 9:31.15.

Believe or not, OB actually improved over the course of the season, especially in the 3200m. He finished 7th in the Shore Conference 3200m before winning first in the 3200m at the Group 2 Sectional Championships.

Then he dropped 9 seconds off his time in the 3200m to place 3rd at the Group 2 Championships.

Two other rising stars for the spring track team are junior Caroline Sweeney and sophomore Ashley Aquilante. They two have come together to combine one of the best pole-vaulting duos in the entire state. Both have had unbelievable seasons en route to Wednesdays' Meet of Champions.

Caroline has been nothing but consistent throughout the season. She placed 4th in the shore with a height of 9.6 ft. Then she advanced to the Monmouth County Championships where she placed 3rd with a jump of 9 ft. At the Group 2 sectionals,



Golf

By: Jess Sinkhorn

The Manasquan Warrior Golf Team ended its season with 13 wins and 6 losses. They dominated teams during the spring and had an excellent final game.

Jason Pappas was chosen as the first student from Manasquan to go to the Jersey Shore Cup Challenge. He played in a Ryder Cup format match on the first day of June. It was a match where Monmouth and Ocean counties squared off in 27 holes.

Squan defeated Point Pleasant Beach on May 24th, 164-201. It pretty much summed up their season because of how well they played as a team. Sam Gordon shot the best during the match with a 39.

In their second to last game, Squan trekked to Pinebrook Golf Course on Tuesday, May 23rd to oppose Matawan. The game ended in a victory for the Warriors 152-184.

On May 17th and 18th, Manasquan ventured

to Howell Park to play consecutive matches against Howell and a dual match against Colts Neck and Long Branch. Squan lost to Howell 180-164 in their last loss of the season. Then, during the dual game it began to rain which resulted in only five holes being played and counted. The Warriors defeated both teams and handed Colts Neck its first division loss of the season by the score of 93-92. Manasquan topped Long Branch 93-112 also.

Pappas and Leslie LaBruto faired decently well in each of their Tournament of Champions. On May 22nd, Pappas didn't make it to the top 25 competitors but succeeded in receiving a 90 for the day at the Metedeconk Golf Course. LaBruto traveled to Atlantic City's Sea Oaks Golf Course for the Girl's Tournament of Champions which took place on May 24th. She golfed against 49 other girls from around the state on the nine hole course where she shot a 46.

she finished at 4th to advance to the overall Group 2 Championships. In the Group 2 Championships, she finished at an impressive 5th with an outstanding jump of 10. Because of her top 6 finish, Caroline advanced to the Meet of Champions. Caroline will be back next year to improve her already extraordinary feats.

Ashley performed just as well throughout the



Junior Caroline Sweeney & Sophomore Ashley Aquilante.

season. She placed 6th in the Monmouth County Championship. But she only did better in the Group 2 sectionals with a jump of 9.6.

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Horoscopes



Gemini
(May 20-June 20)

Unwind in a different way.

Hit the mall and shop away your stress on the 12th when busy Mercury puts you into stress mode. While there, buy that shirt that you wouldn't usually go for... you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Lucky days: 9th, 16th, 23rd



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Go wild.

Ditch your reserved plans and let loose with your friends. The fun will be so worth it. Envious Venus makes you jealous of a friend's killer body after the 25th. Dress in your skinny jeans to counter the green-eyed monster.

Lucky days: 14th, 18th, 25th

Don't blow it.

You're impulsive, but resist snap decisions about a love issue after the 21st. Also, plan a weekend getaway road trip by month's end, when Jupiter irons out travel details.

Lucky days: 2nd, 20th, 29th

Live in the now.

Sensualize your pad with candles when you're crazed before the 9th. The added calm at home will help you loosen up throughout the day.

Lucky days: 3rd, 20th, 30th

Break a barrier.

Opening up (like revealing a new secret) strengthens a bond with a friend. For the girls, you love shopping, so splurge on a glamorous halter top when the social Moon puts you in party mode after the 11th.

Lucky days: 5th, 22nd, 27th

Stick to your guns.

A coworker or fellow student's advice around the 8th is totally off base, so don't let it bother you. Wait until after the 10th to dole out dough for a major purchase, when money-bags Jupiter improves your cash flow.

Lucky days: 4th

Let instinct guide you.

Trust your gut when making relationship choice under the Full Moon on the 11th. Confident Venus says to go out on your own near the 22nd, people will flock to your warm vibes.

Lucky days: 2nd, 10th, 29th



Capricorn
(Dec 21-Jan 19)

Spill all.

Talk to a family member by the 5th to ease your mind about a worry. Thanks to surprising Jupiter, a pal's visit midmonth inspires a life change.

Lucky days: 7th, 12th, 26th

Branch out.

You always want to expand your horizons, so take a new class, like samba, under engaging Jupiter before the 5th. Stick to the truth on the 14th, even though gossipy Mars and Venus encourage you to exaggerate a juicy story.

Lucky days: 1st, 15th, 23rd

Move on.

Midmonth, you get an e-mail from an ex who betrayed you. Tell them that they're history. Also, dreams will provide insight near the 2nd under intuitive Mercury and Neptune.

Lucky days: 6th, 17th, 28th

Sleep late.

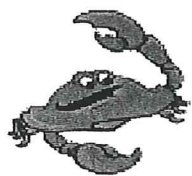
Indulge your lazy side so you don't burn out with tough Mars in control after the 9th. Go to the beach and meet some potential summer friends near the 25th.

Lucky days: 11th, 19th, 26th

Score a fun rush.

When edgy Jupiter has you craving thrills after the 12th, hit up Six Flags with some friends. Also, try to use Uranus's inventiveness to solve a problem at work around the 15th.

Lucky days: 3rd, 21st, 25th



Cancer
(June 21-July 21)



Leo
(July 22-Aug 22)



Virgo
(Aug 23-Sept 21)



Libra
(Sept 22-Oct 22)



Scorpio
(Oct 23-Nov 21)



Sagittarius
(Nov 22-Dec 20)



Aquarius
(Jan 20-Feb 17)



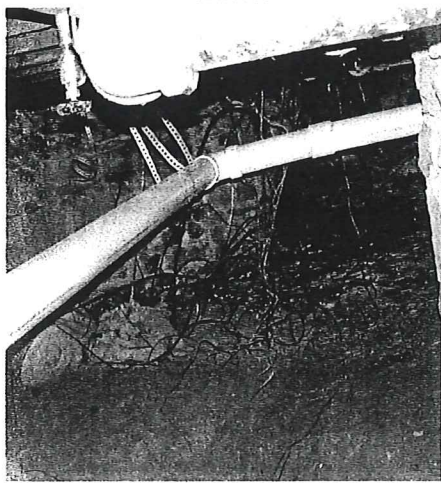
Pisces
(Feb 18-Mar 20)



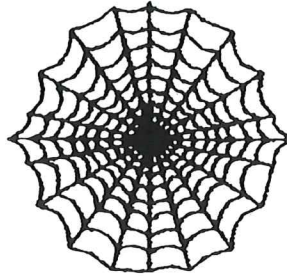
Aries
(Mar 21-Apr 19)



Taurus
(Apr 20-May 19)



ADVENTURES OF RON



“The last Adventure”

By: Ron Kulik

History tells a story. Sometimes the story is better left untold. Thirty two Manchester kids learned that the hard way out in West Virginia.

We stayed in a house called The BlumeHaven Inn, which Doctor M. Malcolm and his son continue to live, even after dying back in 1919, and 1932.

During this year I have been to some pretty amazing and pretty scary places. BlumeHaven Inn possessed more than I have physically seen in any place I have ever ventured to.

We arrived early in the day and crept all around the house. The basement and room three were both locked. We found this mysterious, but felt no need to cause a commotion about it.

Then darkness began to fall all around us and I knew I had to get into the basement and room three. I am a journalist and I was determined to find a story in West Virginia because I have run out of

places in New Jersey. Well I got the story I needed my first night in West Virginia.

We all started to get a little rowdy and my friend Kevin decided it was time to uncover the attic. He unscrewed the bolt and he and I walked down the steps. We had to stop toward the bottom because it had been flooded and there was about six inches of water on the ground.

Then it happened. Splash! “What the \$%^& was that, why are you throwing things at me!”

It looked as though something had been shot into the water, but it was just him and I and neither of us dropped anything.

Then we saw something where the water had splashed...it was a key! Now we were both bugging out, grabbed the key and ran inside.

O.D, the one who rented the house, flipped out on us for breaking into the basement, but was dying to

see what the key was for as so were we. Then we took the key and went upstairs and tried using it in room 3.

Crick. Crack. Crick. Crack. Open.

It worked, the water splashed in the basement revealing a key which gave us access to room three. We all immediately bugged out, and a dead bird laying on the floor with all closed windows was not much comfort. O.D closed the door locked it and threw the key and forbid us to go in their again during the trip.

After that everything hit the fan. Everyone got out of hand, people fought that night, couples broke up that night, and people got hurt that night. I am not saying that any of this had to do with a ghost, but spirits have been known to oppress the living when disturbed.

The next morning we all woke up and agreed not to venture back into the unknown and just enjoy the rest of our trip, and that is what we did.

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Set 1: Alabama Getaway> Greatest Story Ever Told, They Love Each Other, Mama Tried> Big River, Althea> C.C. Rider, Tennessee Jed, Hell in a Bucket> Day Job

That set lasted for nearly two hours. After Greatest Story Ever Told, I heard my name being called and I saw Lou and Mr. Wasnesky in the aisle. They came and sat with us for the rest of show.

The lights dimmed again signifying the start of the second set. I heard an

extremely familiar guitar riff and it was none other than Scarlet Begonias. I was going insane at this point. And the one thing that would have made this better was if DSO were to jam into Fire on the Mountain. Wouldn't you know it? To my delight that's exactly what they did. The jam in Fire on the Mountain was so incredibly psychedelic. It was too good. The rest of the second set went as follows:

Set 2: Scarlet Begonias> Fire on the Mountain,

Estimated Prophet> Eyes of the World> Drums> Spanish Jam> Other One> Stella Blue> Sugar Magnolia

With the conclusion of Sugar Magnolia, the members of the band triumphantly walked off stage and quickly returned for their encore. The came out again to play quite an amazing U.S. Blues. They left the stage again and the crowd thought the show was done until Rob Eaton came back out on stage. He said that they had until midnight to play and that there was still six

minutes until they couldn't play anymore. To fill the time, Dark Star Orchestra played the world known Rolling Stones hit Satisfaction. Wow. That was all I could say at that point.

This show as all of their shows was phenomenal. If you're a Deadhead and haven't seen this band, then you are missing out. But have no fear. They are coming through New Jersey again on this tour. They added another show at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park on July 22nd. I strongly suggest you go and be amazed.

Concert Review

Rascal Flatts

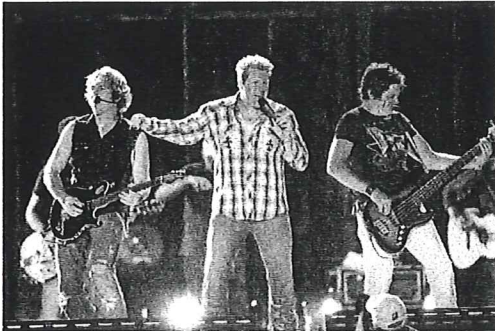
By: Allie Vadas

On Friday, May 26, 2006 to kick off Memorial Day weekend, I was heading north to PNC Bank Arts Center for a little country music. The parking lot was filled with cowboy hats and cowboy boots. I made my way up to the gate around 7:30.

The show started at approximately 8 o'clock with opening acts The Wreckers featuring Michelle Branch, and Gary Allen.

The show really got going when Gary LeVox, Joe Don Rooney and Jay DeMarcus took the stage as Rascal Flatts.

They played hits "I'm Movin' On", "Fast Cars and Freedom" and "Bless the Broken Road". They also sang "Me and My



Gang" and one of my personal favorites "I Melt". They played an ode to their fans in the song, "Here's to You". Another song in their line up was the slower song, "Skin", whose lyrics outline a teenager, Sara Beth's, struggle with cancer.

Because of noise restrictions in the Township of Holmdel, "The Flatts" played for about an hour and a half. They encored with "I Melt".

This was a great way to start the first weekend of summer. If you have never heard Rascal Flatts or even heard of them prior to this article, I strongly suggest you give this country band a chance. It will surprise you, because chances are, you will like it!!

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around two hours downloading files before you can begin playing; needless to say, the game is worth the wait.

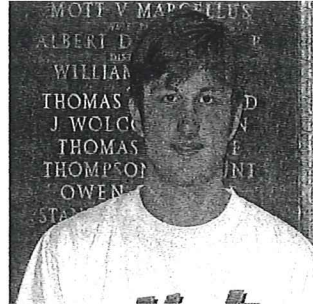
Since Half-Life 2 follows the format of its predecessor and is basically one huge level with no cut-scenes or breaks in-between, when you reach the end of one section, the game stops to load the next. Unfortunately, the load times between the sections are pretty horrendous -- it takes a few minutes to load every new part, and because each part is relatively short, this becomes rather tedious very quickly.

At the end of the day, Half-Life 2 is one of the most outstanding games I've ever played, and will probably serve as a textbook for aspiring action-game designers for years to come. Since the ending is somewhat abrupt and doesn't really tie up the story too well, it seems inevitable that a third Half-Life will someday be released, and when it is, gamers across the globe will be more than ready for it.

If...

You could have chosen your own first name, other than your current one, what would it be?

By: Tina Carbone and Sam Buddle



Steve O' Malley:
"Xavier"



Kelly Mahon:
"Joe Florentine"



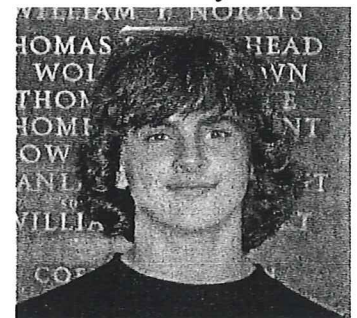
Caitlin Walsh:
"Gabby"



Brendan Quigley:
"Owen Boyle"



Kerri McCann:
"Latina"



Jake Novack:
"Bob"

Answers to Senior Guess Who

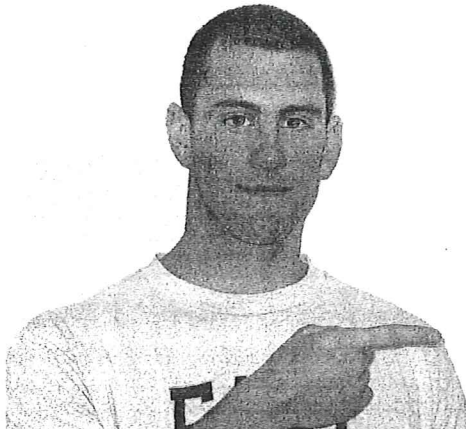
1. Caroline Carr
3. Richie Brand
5. Pat Buckley

2. Brittany Cioffi
4. Sara Colbert
6. Sara Strout

Blue Beat

"What are your plans for the summer?"

By: Sam Buddle and Tina Carbone



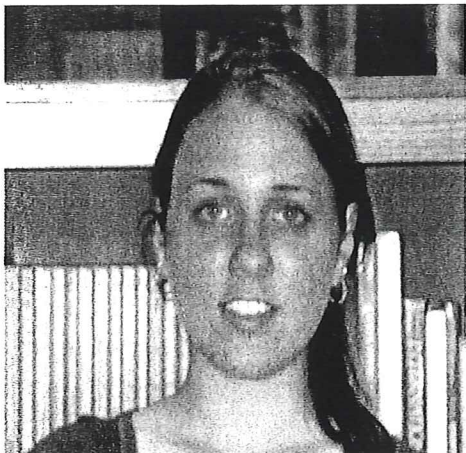
Billy Drew:
"Hanging out with Fitz"



Kevin Fitzgerald:
"Sleeping a lot"



Heather Saake:
"Working a lot at the beach"



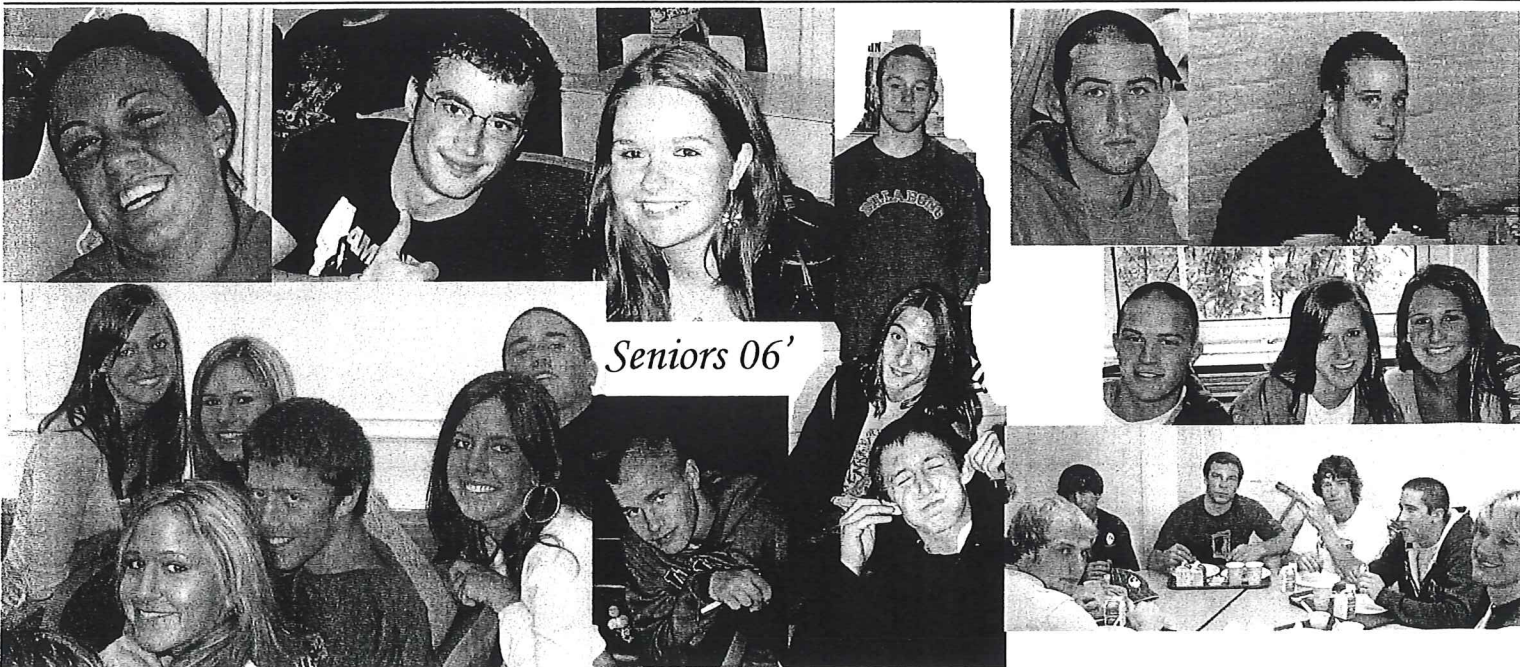
Emily Bessemer:
"Working a lot"



Liz Peters:
"Going to the beach everyday
and going to North Carolina"



Mickey Donofrio:
"Going to the beach and having a
lot of fun"



Random Chat

By: John Girard



Well kids, this here is the last Random Chat. Unlike Ramblin' On, if someone wants to continue this then go nuts. I couldn't think of anyone to talk with for this edition. But I took a test in one of my other journalism classes and a portion of the quiz was to write a news broadcast. Like what you read on the news you idiot. The Blue & Gray staff had the opportunity to read my broadcast copy and enjoyed it. So, they recommended that I should use that as my last Random Chat. Why? I guess because it was funny and random. So it fits the profile. May I also add that the following is completely made up. It is fiction.

"Bennie Killed by Local"

LEAD ANCHOR: Poster Nutbag

Poster: A North Jersey tourist was murdered by a Jersey shore local today. Good evening, I'm Poster Nutbag and welcome to the POOP News at 6. Ron Kubik, Brielle local, killed summer weekend resident Tommy LaFatone over an argument about music. POOP reporter Buttmunch Tabletop has the story.

CUT TO POOP REPORTER: Buttmunch Tabletop

Buttmunch: Ron Kubik, well known music enthusiast and shore local killed Tommy LaFatone today when Mr. LaFatone said that techno is his favorite type of music.

CUT TO INTERVIEW FOOTAGE/ SUPERIMPOSE RON KUBIK (TOOLSHED)

Ron: No tourist in this town will say techno is their favorite music. Techno does not shred.

CUT TO REPORTER BUTTMUNCH TABLETOP

Buttmunch: Other locals are looking at Mr. Kubik as a hero. John Girard, a local Manasquan resident of 18 years spoke his praise about Ron Kubik.

CUT TO INTERVIEW FOOTAGE/ SUPERIMPOSE JOHN GIRARD (THE MAN)

John: That crazy bastard is the man. I hate techno and I hate bennies. Especially bennies with the last name LaFatone.

CUT TO REPORTER BUTTMUNCH TABLETOP

Buttmunch: Believe it or not, Ron is also not being charged with murder. Manasquan police chief Kenneth Noisewater had feelings of his own on this matter.

CUT TO INTERVIEW FOOTAGE/ SUPERIMPOSE CHIEF KENNETH NOISEWATER

Kenneth Noisewater: Ron is a hero. I don't have the guts to arrest him. To be honest, I am almost afraid to.

CUT TO REPORTER BUTTMUNCH TABLETOP

Buttmunch: Well, that's that. I'm Buttmunch Tabletop, POOP News. Later dude.

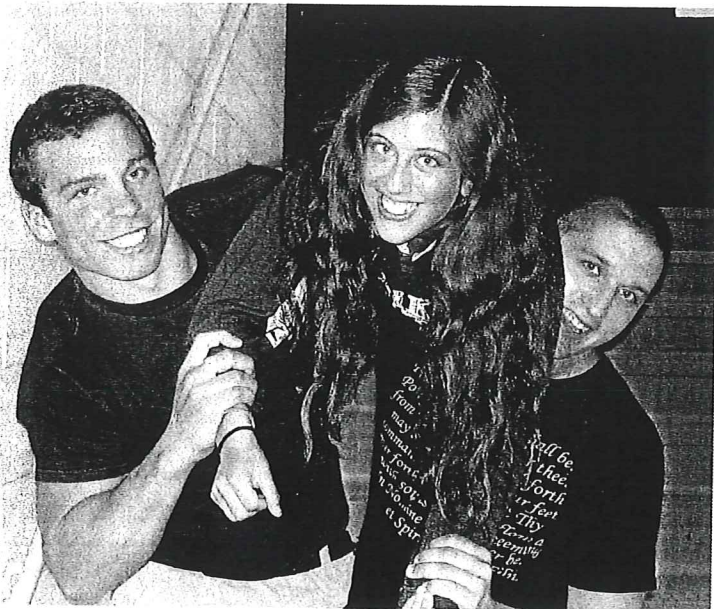
I know what you're thinking. You're thinking that I am fit for a straight jacket. You're probably right. Well, no more Random Chat. No more until next year when some student just as psychotic as me takes on this column. Been a real fine pleasure doing this. Bye bye.



25 Things That Shred

By: Ron Kubik

- 1.Canada Shreds
- 2.Seaside Heights Shreds
- 3.Franz Kafka Shreds
- 4.Violin Shreds
- 5.Full Moons Shred
- 6.Sharpies Shred
- 7.Gourmet Cooking Shreds
- 8.Julie Angelicola Shreds
- 9.The Armed Forces Shred mad face
- 10.School plays shred
11. Rambling on shreds with the extremist of ease
- 12.Art Shreds
- 13.2 stepping shreds
- 14.Drill teams shred
- 15.Swimming shreds
- 16.Applebee's definitely shreds
- 17.Unnatural hair color without a doubt shreds
- 18.Roof Hopping Shreds
- 19.Individuals Shred
- 20.Concerts Shred
- 21.Homemade clothes shred
- 22.Coffee Shreds
- 23.Dumb people shred dumbness with ease
24. Charmin Toilet paper shreds mad softness
- 25.Last but not least Baby Born Shreds



Where are they now? -Ru Paul-

By: Christian Ries

Most of us remember Ru Paul and her, I mean his, antics. Ru Paul was the show tune singing, celebrity grilling, and gender crossing drag queen who paraded on television in the early and mid 1990's. This shemale's antics were known all across the globe, and suddenly, she, he, or it, whichever you prefer, dropped off the radar. Where the hell did Ru Paul go?



Born Ru Paul Charles, Ru Paul had a childhood marked by divorce, drug use and bitterness between family. Ru Paul struggled as an independent filmmaker and musician in Atlanta. He moved to New York City where he immediately became a fixture in the club scene. He was known to gallivant around the city, in full drag, promoting numerous events. He hit the limelight at Wigstock, a cross gender event, where he



debuted his new album *Supermodel of the World*. This album was an unusual hit. "Supermodel (You Better Work)" spawned a dance and a music video that even appeared on MTV, topping at 45 on Billboard Charts.

In 1995, Ru Paul signed a contract with MAC cosmetics, making him the first transvestite supermodel to strut his stuff down the runway. This landed him his VH1 show in 1996, appropriately called *The Ru Paul Show*, which lasted for two years. After VH1, Ru Paul performed (as a man), in numerous made for TV movies and was even nominated for an Emmy Award for his performance in "A Mother's Prayer" with Linda Hamilton. Then Ru Paul dropped of the radar.

Ru Paul today has been a strong advocate for gay rights and transsexual acceptance. He released his newest album, entitled *Hot, Hot, Hot* in 2004. It failed to reach the top 200 on Billboard. Ru Paul today is almost out of the general public's eyes, but thanks to the enormous transsexual and gay fan base he established, he has almost a cult following.

Let me conclude by saying that I am extremely disturbed after researching the life of Ru Paul Charles. Hopefully he does not make a comeback, even though his antics were comical, the shock factor has worn off of his act which leaves him sick and demented to most of the public. Not that ANY of you were wondering, but that is where Ru Paul is now.

Answers to June Jumble

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| 1. Ice Cube | 2. George Bush |
| 3. Tobey Maguire | 4. Wayne Brady |

Restaurant Review



By: Callie Peters



Smoking or non-smoking? - a question you no longer hear when you walk into New Jersey restaurants. The ban took effect on April 15th, 2006, making New Jersey the 11th state to prohibit smoking in restaurants and bars.

Out of all the restaurants in the area, Applebee's is by far the most popular among high school students. Located nearby in Wall, this restaurant offers half price

appetizers after 10 p.m. and guarantees great food and service.

With a kid's menu that offers Chicken Fingers, Macaroni and Cheese, and other items, and a bar with margaritas, martinis, specialty drinks, wine, and beer, this restaurant is appropriate for all ages.

Applebee's has so many different appetizers, making it difficult to choose just one. Some include: Boneless Buffalo Wings, Nachos, Potato Skins, and Mozzarella Sticks. The Appetizer Sample is also a very popular choice because it includes so many different selections.

One of my personal favorites at Applebee's is the Oriental Chicken Salad. With a sweet dressing and golden fried chicken, this salad really hits the spot. Some other salad selections are the Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad and Santa Fe Chicken Salad. Because you can get either a half size or full size, you are able to get the portion that most satisfies you.

The menu has an enormous selection including wraps, burgers, sandwiches, steak, baby back ribs, fajitas, shrimp, and so much more. You can always find something you like and will never be disappointed.

For those who are watching their weight, the menu includes a WeightWatchers section. Some of the choices include a Southwest Cobb Salad, Tortilla Chicken Melt, and Teriyaki Steak 'n Shrimp Skewers. For dessert, they offer a Chocolate Raspberry Layer Cake or Berry Lemon Cheesecake for only \$4.99.

Other desserts on the menu for those who want to splurge include the Sizzling Apple Pie, Triple Chocolate Meltdown, Apple Chimicheesecake, Blue Ribbon Brownie, and a few others.

The service is friendly, the food is great, and the prices are affordable. What more could you ask for? So next time you are ordering take-out or going out to dinner, keep Applebee's in mind!

Movie Review

The Da Vinci Code

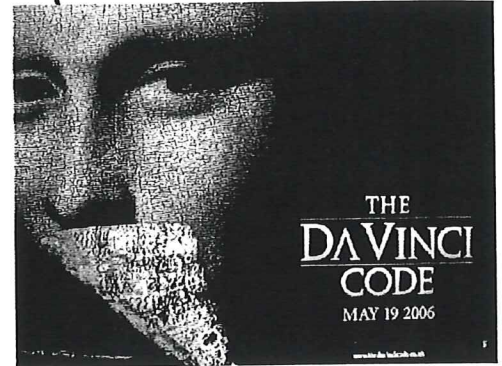
By Kaitlyn Turi

A murder in the Louvre and some more than disturbing markings in the crime scene lead to a heated investigation. The death was linked to members of the Opus Dei Church, a group of "by the book Catholics". Opus Dei followers are willing to do whatever it takes to get their hands on "the rose" better known to mankind as the Holy Grail; which has been guarded ever since the time of Christ by a secret group called the Priory of Scion.

The plot thickens when it is discovered that the dead priory member was killed by a single bullet wound and carved his body himself

before he died, leaving a message in symbols on the floor for Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) to decipher.

With bouts of ten minute action-less explanations of Christian history and the legend of the priory, parts can get boring. I didn't read the book and I enjoyed the movie, but people who have read the book say that the movie adds sections that were not in the book, because of the book's anticlimactic ending. However, the movie wound up ending anticlimactically as well, creating a bit of disappointment. Overall, I liked the movie and suggest it to anyone who enjoyed the book or is interested in a movie that makes you think.



June Jumbles

By: Greg Hanuilla

1. This rapper/actor celebrates his 36th birthday on June 15th

- **cie ebuc**

2. Born in 1924, this former U.S. president turns 81 this month

- **greego shub**

3. This high-flying actor turns 30 on June 27th

- **yobet regaumi**

4. Born in June, this man is most widely known as a friendly TV talk show host, but surprised audiences by cursing and killing people in an episode of the sketch comedy hit "Chappelle's Show"

- **nawye drayb**

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The local front

By Ron Kubik and Jon Scharff

We decided to take a look at the local band scene here in Manasquan. To our surprise we found many musicians that spend time practicing with their band in hopes of making it big some day; or if that fails, just to have fun. In our search we found that most of the bands that contributed to our article play mostly metal and hardcore music. If you are interested, these bands can be found playing this summer at local venues in Asbury, and Belmar. Come out and support local music!

Name: Embrace the Fall

When the band started: January 2005

How many shows have been played: About 10

Summer Plans: upcoming shows, battle of the bands, new songs and recording.

Website: Myspace.com/embracethefallhxc

Members: Kevin Ryan, Matt Mielke, Steve Clark, Evan Swingle, and George Vahmonde.

Influences: Iron Maiden, Unearth, Bullet for My Valentine, etc...

Genre: Metalcore

Bio: Consisting of Kevin Ryan on vocals, Matt Mielke on lead guitar, George Vahmonde on rhythm guitar, Steve Clark on Bass and back up vocals, and Evan Swingle on the drums, Embrace the fall has a tight sound. Claiming "riff is their weapon" they are out to show off their intricate songs full of guitar harmonies, pinch harmonics, and guitar solos.

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Name: Living a Lie

When the band started: 3 years ago

How many shows have been played: About 25-30

Summer plans: Play shows and record a full length

Website: Myspace.com/livingalie and Purevolume.com/livingalie

Members: Justin, Dan, Bob, Josh-Wall, Jon Scharff-Squan

Influences: All kinds of music not limited to hardcore or metal.

Genre: Metal/Hardcore

Bio: Started with 5 kids from wall. Last summer recorded a 3 song demo, kicked out a guitar player and took in Jon Scharff. They recorded a new song and started playing shows. Two of the five members are going off to school in the fall, so this summer they hope to live it up. They want to play as many shows as they can and record as much as possible. They like to bring the riffs, but still love having breakdowns. They are also always ready to throw in some guitar harmonies, or straight up guitar solos.

Name: A Void Within

When the band started: 4 years ago

How many shows have been played: About 40

Summer plans: Play shows

Website: Myspace.com/avoidwithinnj

Members: Ronnie K-Squan, Bill, Ron G., Ryan, Cliff







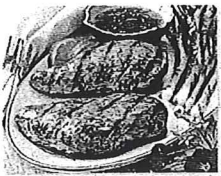

Influences: Old school hardcore, Metal, Chaos, Scary movies, beat down breakdowns, and the pits.

Genre: Hardcore/Metalcore/Chaotic/Death Metal/ 2step etc. Keep it eclectic

Bio: AVW started 4 years ago in Ron K's garage. Many shows have been played. Plenty of blood has been shed. Members have been arrested. Members have gone to jail. For 8 months AVW called it quits and turned their backs on the music. Well now they are back and bringing the 2steps, and the beat down breakdowns to make the crowd tear the roof down. AVW has played alongside From a Second Story Window, 25 to Life, and Reflux, and plans on adding to the list this summer. Time 2 Shine.



Nicole and Callie's Beach-Food Dos and Don'ts

Instead of these:	A regular cheeseburger 450 calories, 23 grams fat 	Chocolate Chip cookie 110 calories, 5 grams fat (1 cookie) 	Fried Chicken 364 calories, 18.5 grams fat (1 breast) 	Regular potato salad 358 calories, 20.5 grams fat (1 cup) 
Try These:	A cheeseburger with ground turkey breast 239 calories, 15.5 grams fat 	Fruit 72 calories , .2 grams fat (1 apple) 45 calories 1 gram fat (1 orange) 	Grilled boneless, skinless chicken 140 calories, 1.5 grams fat (1 breast) 	Macaroni Salad 226 calories, 3 grams fat (1 cup) 

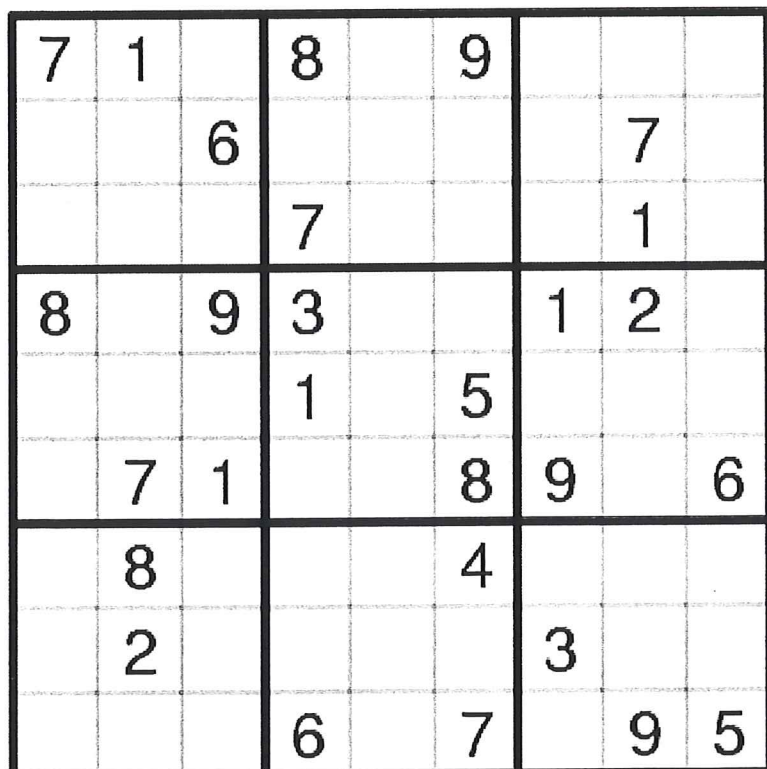
Whether you're at the beach, the pool or the mall, don't make fatty foods your daily meals. You will have no energy and you aren't going to like the way you look or feel. So use the choices above and change your diet around.

In order to enjoy food you need to taste and experience different types of foods, not only candy and fried foods. Nobody wants to look bad for the summer, so plan ahead and eat healthy!

SUDOKU

June Word Search

By: Greg Harvilla



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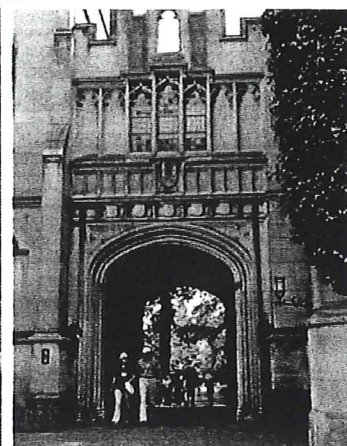
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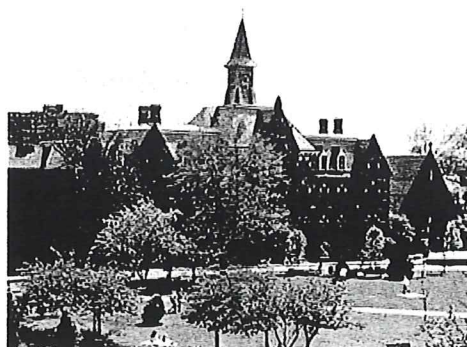
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Robert Krzywicki	Shepherd University
Vincent Kull	University of South Carolina
Ashley La Sala	Pace University
Ashlie Lloyd	Rutgers University
Paul Mackey	Manhattan College
Kyle MacMahon	FIT
Courtney Magee	West Chester University
Zuri Malick	Loyola College In Maryland
Ryan Manson	East Stroudsburg University
Angelica McCormack	Brookdale
Kaitlin McKenzie	Penn State
Eric McLaughlin	Rowan University
Kelly McManus	University of Rhode Island
James McNulty	Neumann College
Ryan McShea	University of Rhode Island
Hugh Meehan	Brookdale Community College
Colleen Moore	Rider University
Robin Morris	Arizona State University
Evan Murphy	Universal Technical Institute
Taylor Nies	University of Rhode Island
Xiamara Pagan	Saint Peter's College
Ashley Palmateer	James Madison University



Above, left: Statue of Archbishop John Carroll, founder of then Georgetown College, on Healy Lawn at Georgetown University;
Above, right: the McComb Arch at Princeton University

Callie Peters	Loyola College in Maryland
Kevin Preston	West Chester University
Brendan Pignataro	University of South Florida
Aaron Price	The University of Alabama
James Price	University of Arizona
Larissa Reto	Rider University
Christopher Rij	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Thomas Scatuorchio	College of Charleston
Dana Schulz	New York University (NYU)
Jess Sinkhorn	West Chester University
Kelly Slattery	University of Rhode Island
Sara Strout	Florida Atlantic University
Jessie Tier	Johnson & Wales University
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Deirdre Venables	University of Rhode Island
Margaret Wallace	Villanova University
Elizabeth Walling	Brookdale Community College
Amanda Walsh	York College
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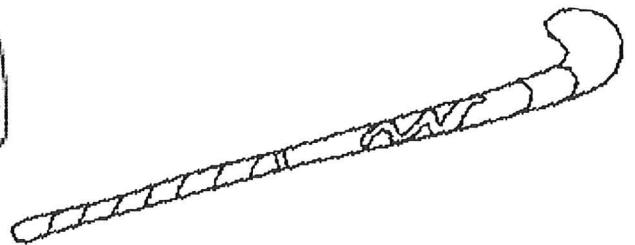
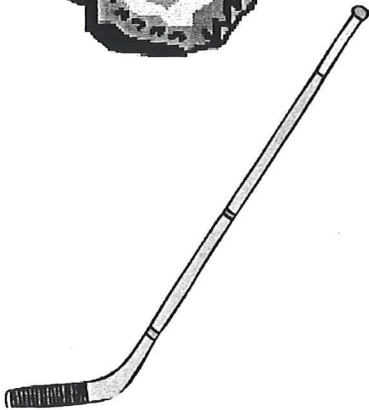
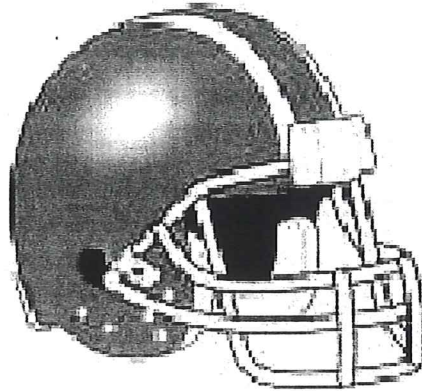


The campus of Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey

Congratulations, Seniors!

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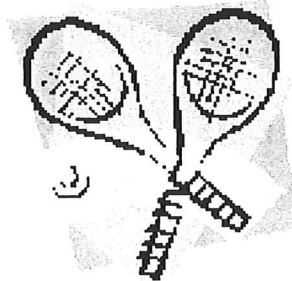
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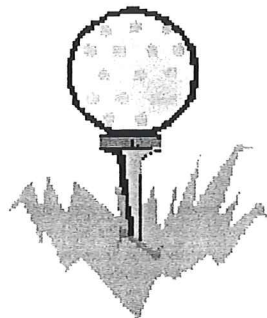
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Opinion / Editorial

Ramblin' On

Anything about Everything



By: John Girard



Well, this is it. Last one. No more after this. Ramblin' On is finished after you are done attempting to read this page. What a loooooong strange trip it's been. I realized over this past year after writing this column that I am probably going to Hell in a bucket, but at least I am enjoying the ride. And yes, I know that I have quoted two Grateful Dead songs in this introduction.

I can recall a couple of issues again when I rambled about going to the movies and how miserable the people working there are. Well, screw that. I am no longer angry about movie theater employees and how they hate their jobs and everyone involved with it. I found something else that ticks me off at the movies. Have you ever gone to a movie and at some random point in the film or at the very end people begin to clap and applaud the movie? Why? The actors and actresses can't hear you. The director and production team and anyone who contributed to the formation of the film can't hear you. Quit your clapping. That's just stupid, pointless and obnoxious. Partly the reason why it has been included in my obnoxious column. Congratulations movie theater applauders, you've been rambled. Yeah that's right, I'm a loser. I said "rambled."

Does the general thought of being a cross dresser naturally freak anyone out? Sure creeps me out. Makes my skin crawl if I may be blunt and cliché about it. Cross dressing is what the entire world would be doing on Saturday nights if the Nazis had won the war. Alexis Arquette, RuPaul, and Tina C. you go to hell. You go to hell and you die. (For the record, I

know that Tina C. isn't a cross dresser. I just felt the need to include her in one of my rants to both embarrass her and add to her fame. But she is still a nut job.)

I never realized how serious of a problem clogging a toilet was until recently. I will leave it at that. For more details, contact John Girard.

With the passing of Memorial Day, in my nearly blind eyes summer has officially started. This signifies the

"Larry the Cable Guy is the demon offspring of Dolly Parton and Chuck Norris. Should he be sterilized so he can't procreate? I think so."

-John Girard

invasion of what we full-time shore locals call the Bennies. And my how we all hate them. It's hard to think that one species of human possesses the ability to defile such a nice community such as Manasquan or Spring Lake or any other of the sending districts. And one can always tell when they arrive. They "triumphantly" drive on our roads with their unnecessarily gargantuan H2's, Escalades, Ford Expeditions and whatever else it is that these hip Guidos drive. Along with their army of tanks, they are fully equipped with sound systems that are reminiscent to that of an atom bomb exploding. In addition to all of that previously mentioned jibba-jabba, they have a whole variety of body products such as hair spray and hair

gel, cologne and perfume and other stuff that only the Guidos would use. Not to mention their own private stash of steroids and rufies for when they go to clubs.

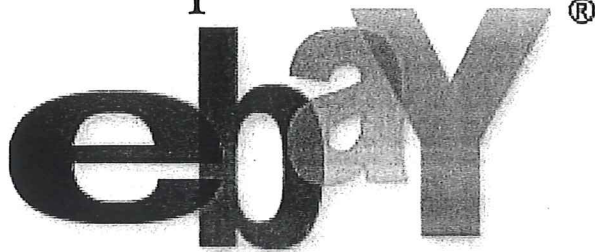
Now, I work at Gee Gees which is probably dumb on my part because the Bennies are the bulk of our business. That job would be great if weren't for the damn customers. They always show up early in the morning to cure their previous night's hangovers. Even when it's 8 a.m., they manage to be their normal loud selves after an extremely long night of alcohol consumption and most likely drug use. They wake up in the morning and embark on the so-called long walk to Gee Gees, which in reality is about a block. They always ask for the most random thing on the menu. It will be about two minutes after we begin to cook and some incompetent drunk decides to order a clam sandwich or a cheese steak. Why? A clam sandwich? From Gee Gees?

Another thing that angers me at work is when I hear the question that all Bennies must ask. "Do you have beer here?" No, Gee Gees does not sell beer yet year after year the tourists who most likely know the answer to their question find it necessary to ask it anyway. And when we tell them that we don't have beer, they get furious and cause a scene. "What do you mean you don't have beer? What are we supposed to drink?" Well let's see you freaking idiot. There's about a million other options for you to choose from. They just get upset that we don't sell beer because they know that they will have to walk another block to go to Leggetts just to get their beer so they get "crunk." Tools.

Larry the Cable Guy is the

Science/Technology

The Strange Things People Sell on



By: Greg Harvilla

In recent years, eBay has become the largest and most extensive online marketplace in the world. Boasting everything from antiques to Z3s, many sellers are taking the auction site's "Whatever it is, you can get it here" slogan to an entirely new level. In this column, I will examine some of the more weird and far-out items currently being sold on eBay.

57-Acre Missile Base –

In addition to being able to withstand a one megaton nuclear blast, the base, which is located in Washington State, also features thousands of feet of connected underground tunnels and buildings. This auction received 101 bids and sold for around \$800,000, but, unfortunately for the seller, the buyer declined to pay for the item because he "thought it was a joke."

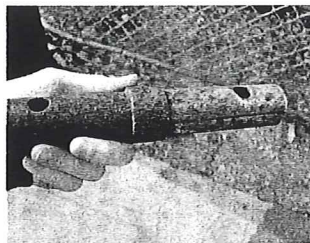


Mummified Sea Monster-

This 20-inch freak of nature, which the seller insists is real, was found washed up on his local beach; his projected sale price is \$45,000.

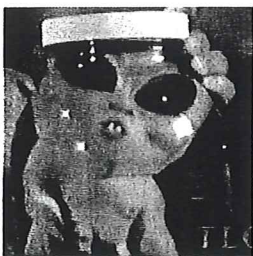
Magical Leprechaun Flute-

The flute, which has been handed down through 27 generations of leprechauns, is said to have supernatural influence over the small creatures, and will lead you their secret stash of gold when played.



Alien in a Jar-

The petrified extraterrestrial, which the seller found while vacationing in Roswell and is now housing in his fridge, is currently at \$58.



Husband for Sale-

The man, who describes himself as "funny, kind, and an overall good guy," wants a minimum of \$1,000 before he will meet any potential brides.

Hurricane Season Returns Surfers Have High Hopes for Waves

By: Zuri Malick

Another hurricane season is here; June 1 marked the official beginning of the season. After last year's busy season and of course the devastating damage a "perfect" storm like Hurricane Katrina can cause, many people can only pray that another killer storm like will never form again.

For surfers and home owners alike I would like to share with you some information about when and where storms may form this year. Some analysts predict that this hurricane season will be one of the worst in history.

During the first two weeks of hurricane season the ocean seems to still be at ease producing only minimal storms in minimal amounts, sometimes barely reaching tropical storm status. These storms are known mostly for the small amounts of flooding they can cause. For the remainder of June we will see most storms forming in the Gulf of Mexico or the NW Caribbean. Since hurricanes need very warm water to develop, it is very rare to see a storm outside these areas in June.

The month of July seems to be a warm-up month for the hurricane season. Most storms will form in the Gulf of Mexico, and the Windward Islands. Some storms may form East of the Windward Islands but this is very rare happening once about every three to four years on average.

By the time August and September roll around the

ocean isn't fooling around anymore, hurricane season reaches its peak during these months. As the ocean water warms more frequent low level and upper level jet streams become established over Africa. The northern progression of the Asian Monsoon over the Indian ocean really brings us into the depth of our hurricane season.

About the middle of September we see the season begin its downward fall. Even though the season is on its downward fall this is the time when we have to look at the whole Atlantic basin for storm formations. This span of time is when we have to worry most about storms forming locally and doing the most damage to our land.

In October we usually see storms in the Caribbean areas again. Towards the end of this month hurricane season is ending. By November, if a storm does form it usually occurs in the Caribbean.

That pretty much wraps up the two week notice before hurricane season begins. Make sure you keep an eye on the news and take heed to hurricane warnings. Lets pray for good surf and minimal hurricane damage!



Banner Year for the Senior Class of 2006

By: Almy Egan

After the graduation ceremonies have come to an end and the caps have landed from their flight through the air, our 2006 senior class will be able to look back on their many accomplishments at MHS. Although their hard work in high school is over, their achievements continue as college draws near.

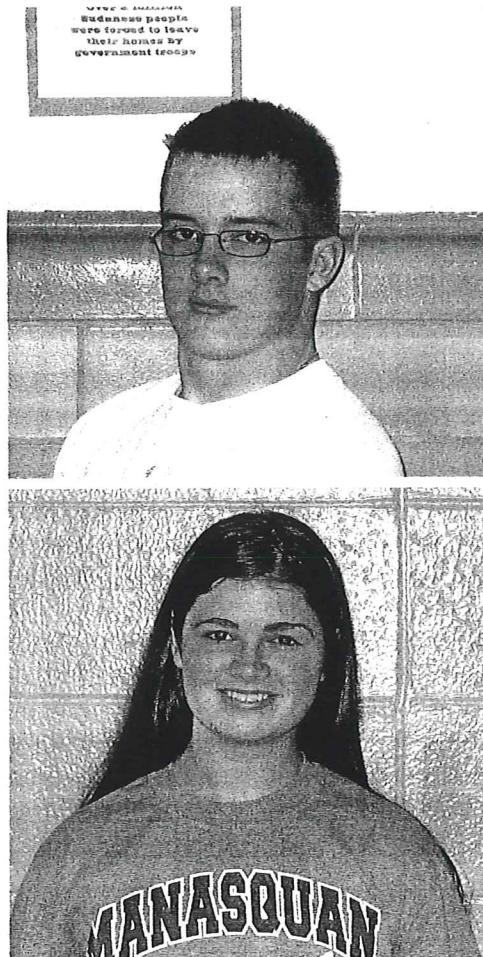
Among the top schools that MHS students will attend next year are Princeton University, MIT, Dartmouth College, and Georgetown University.

According to World Languages supervisor Barbara Kerensky, it was an "exceptional year" for college acceptances.

But how does someone go about getting into colleges of such prestige? Senior Brian Wheeler, who will be attending MIT in the fall, says that it is all about hard work and sacrifice. He said that in order to be successful in high school, he gave up having a social life and friends a lot of the time. Along with schoolwork, Brian plays football, and spends time playing the piano and writing music. MIT should be a good fit for someone who scored a 770 on the math section of the SAT! He plans to become an engineer.

Then there is number one in the class, Kathleen Woods. Kathleen will be attending Dartmouth College next year and has worked constantly to get there. She has always been motivated and worked to her full potential in school. At MHS, she competed on the cross country team and participated in numerous activities such as National Honors Society, French and Spanish National Honors Society, Academic Team, Peer Leaders, Key Club, Mock Trial, and others. With all of these accomplishments paired with a 2290 on the SATs, no wonder an Ivy League school like Dartmouth wanted her. Kathleen plans to become a doctor and travel abroad.

The truly successful students are involved in numerous school activities and have been involved since freshman year. Senior Kelsey Scribner, who will attend Notre Dame, has been involved in sports and clubs all four years at MHS. She was a member of Varsity soccer and lacrosse, National Honors Society, Key Club, Peer Leaders, and



Mock Trial, as well as being the treasurer of French and Spanish National Honors Society, and president of the History Club and Model UN. Kelsey also scored an impressive 1460 on her SATs. She plans to study abroad in college and possibly spend some time in the Peace Corps. She also plans on attending law school and becoming a lawyer.

It seems like many students obsess

over college throughout high school. As senior Don Burke said, "the only reason you do stuff in high school is because you enjoy it or it is for college." Don has a nice combination of things he has done for his own enjoyment along with things that look awesome for college. He has exhibited leadership often in his years at MHS. He helped to organize the blood drive this year; he is the secretary of Key Club, president of the Environmental Club, vice-president of the Spanish Club, co-president of the Drama Club, and a yearbook editor. He says it was a shock that he got into Georgetown University, but with all of his credentials and a 1930 SAT score, it doesn't seem like such a surprise. Although oddly enough, Don was waitlisted at Boston College and Villanova University which truly shows that you can never really know which colleges you will get in to. Don is going to Georgetown for linguistics and plans to study Spanish and international politics. He hopes to work in foreign relations and diplomacy for the government after college.

Another student headed to Georgetown in the fall is Owen Boyle. Owen has worked hard in school consistently since freshman year. He said that it is important to stay consistent and work hard. He specifically kept up with his AP and honors classes even into senior year. He didn't want to become a slacker.

Along with his good grades, Owen is an excellent runner. He said that his running and his good grades combined was why he was accepted to Georgetown, while he said that he wouldn't have gotten in with his running or grades alone. Owen felt that his SATs were the main thing that held him back when looking for colleges, although he got a 1700 which is nothing to be ashamed of. Owen graduated from MHS's Academy of Finance and will be attending Georgetown's business school. He will also be competing on Georgetown's track team.

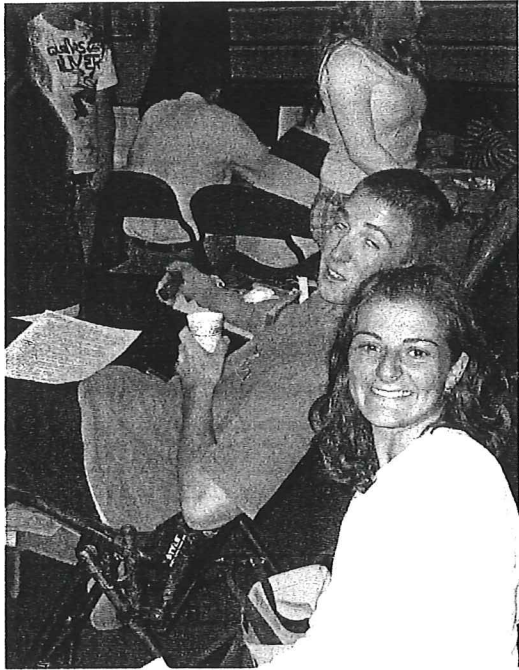
Along with these major accomplishments, other MHS seniors are headed to many other "highly competitive" (as categorized by the Barron's College

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Senior Ball Memories



MHS Blood Drive



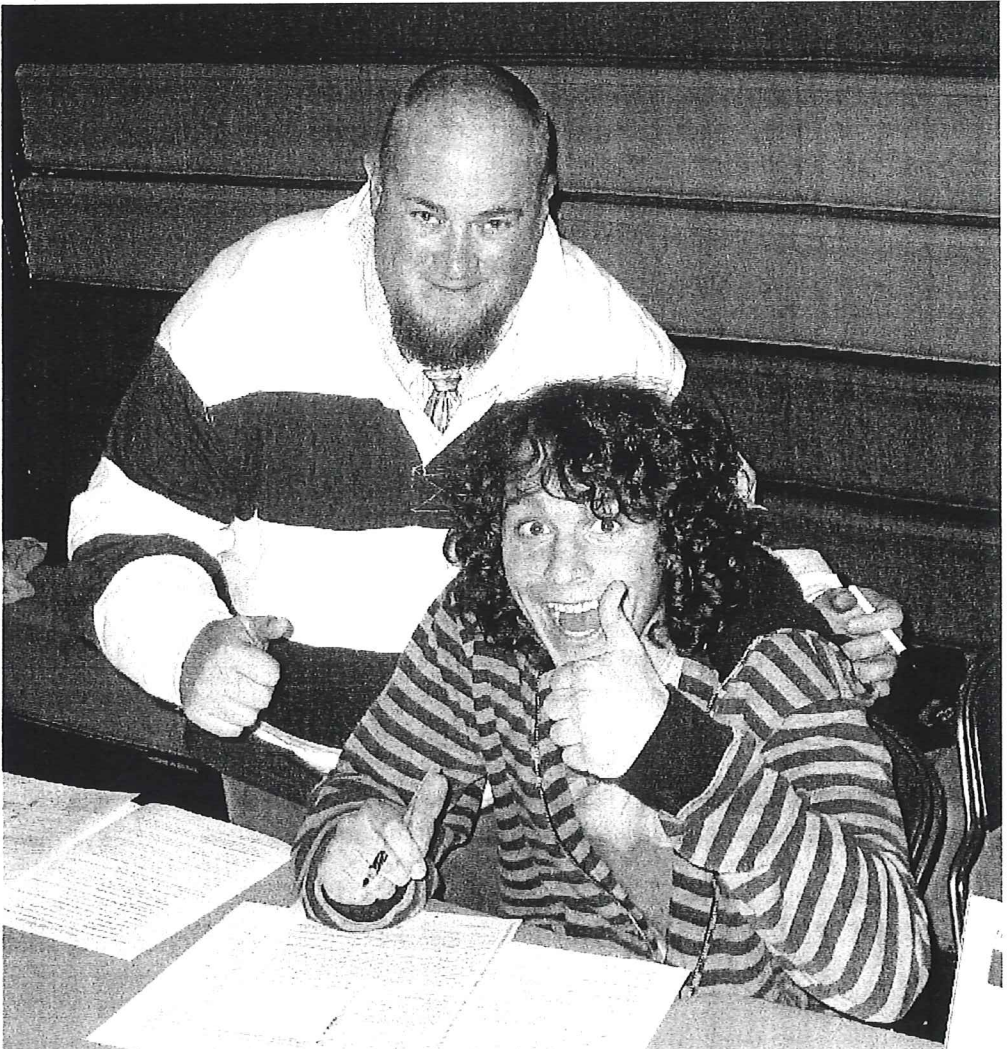
Blood Drive

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There are a few simple processes you must undergo before you are able to give blood. First, you must make sure that you have eaten a full nutritious breakfast or lunch. When you first arrive you are asked to sit down and fill out a series of question to make sure you qualify to be a blood donor. Next, you go over to a separate station where your temperature, iron, and weight are taken to determine if your body can withstand giving blood. Once you pass all the tests, you are officially allowed to donate.

Afterwards, you must drink a lot of fluids and eat something again so you can rejuvenate your body. The volunteers generously provided refreshments for the patients giving blood. The bagels, donuts, cookies, cake, juice, and soda were greatly appreciated.

The Central Jersey Blood Center thanks everyone who contributed to this cause. Donating blood helps people in need due to trauma, motor vehicle accidents, blood dyscrasias and congenital anomalies. If you are 17 or older and weigh 110 pounds or more, you can donate blood every eight weeks at the CJBC in Shrewsbury.



The Genuine Food Lover

Food Connoisseur

Jess Sinkhorn

on Sushi: Heaven Wrapped in Seaweed

Welcome to the delicious Blue & Gray Food Column. As a man with an intense passion for food, I'd like to share my thoughts and views with you.

Ever since the beginning of time, sushi has been noted as one of the toughest recipes to conquer. The rolling and the wrapping have just never been mastered by all, but the superior people who do master this sacred pastime are gods and goddesses among mortals.

While more Chinese and Japanese restaurants are opening up all around the area, more mouths are opening to stuff in sushi. Sushi is undoubtedly a Japanese food but many Japanese and Chinese food connoisseurs have joined forces and began businesses. Some well-known restaurants around the sending district towns are Asahi, Oyama, Isohama, and Szechuan Chinese and Japanese Restaurant.

These kinds of places have expert chefs that are specifically trained to wrap and roll. I have family members that have tried to wrap sushi and create their own custom sushi roll but have not made the grade. I say leave it to the specialists and their ability to create one of the most exhilarating, healthy foods to date.

I will even give you an inside and out tour of the sushi roll. Together we can discover what goes into the sushi constructing. First, you must choose what roll you want. I choose Cucumber roll. The inside of the roll are tiny slices of cucumber and some chunks of avocado for a little zip. Then, that is secured by seaweed called nori. Now, you can leave it like this but most sushi rolls you see a third layer around it. This third layer is sushi rice. It isn't just ordinary rice. It must be sushi rice. This system may seem simple but trust me the wrapping and rolling can be difficult.

Those people who have yet to venture into the sushi kingdom are missing out on a delightful taste bud sensation. They may have not tried it because they are all about tradition, disgusted with seafood, or are allergic. Even if you have allergies you should still take the risk of death and try sushi. Life is all about taking risks anyway, even if you know the allergic outcome. When you do decide to give the rolls a try I suggest ordering the Sweet Potato, Spicy Tuna, and Cucumber rolls. Absolutely delicious.

In all honestly, if the world devastatingly came to a collapse due to food and I was to become the Food President, I would inform the people of a diet that consisted only of two things. These two things would be bread and sushi. There is no need for anything else. Not even any kinds of liquids. The sushi will take care of you. I'll take care of you.

Local News

Spring Lake Girl Wins National Spelling Bee

By: Kaitlyn Turi



"Ursprache" – most people have no idea what this word means or how to pronounce it, more or less be confident that they know how to spell it. That's because we all aren't 13-year-old Katharine Close, an eighth grader at H.W. Mountz School in Spring Lake. "Ursprache" won her the first place spot in the first nationally televised Scripps National Spelling Bee June 1st.

Katharine has competed in this bee for five consecutive years, and was the most experienced speller left by the end of the fifth round (the bee lasted 20). Not only is she the first girl to win the bee in seven years, but she is the first contestant from New Jersey to ever win. Katharine won more than \$42,000 in cash prizes.

Although the bee was televised Katharine didn't display any "reality TV theatrics". Instead she spelled words such as maieutic, poiesis, and tmesis confidently with her hands in her pocket, one clutching her "angel in my pocket" a good luck charm given to her by someone in her town.

Katharine's title comes at a time when spelling bees have reached a new level of popularity. Books, movies and play have depicted the ups and downs of teenage spelling champions. With the movie, *Akeelah and the Bee*, and the hilarious Tony Award winning Broadway play released in 2005, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, spelling bees' popularity is being proven.



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Student Spotlight

Brian Wheeler Named Student of the Month

By: Courtney Magee



Brian Wheeler, a senior from Belmar, was named the MHS Student of the Month for June. Brian was honored to receive this award.

When asked how he felt about receiving this award he said, "Stupendous!"

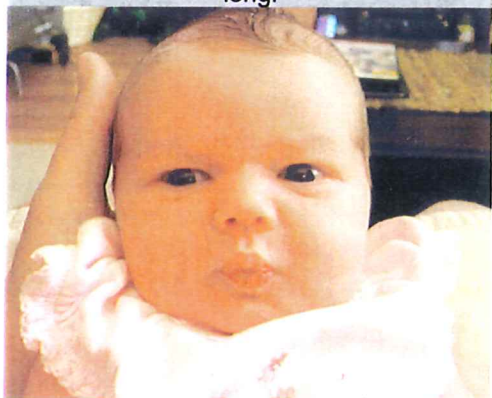
Outside of school, Brian likes to play sports. He was a member of the 2005 state championship football team, earning 2nd team all-Shore and numerous other honors. He also likes to play and write music. His brother is a local rap producer! Brian works at Don's Pizza King, in Belmar, and he does metal roofing with his father.

In his free time, Brian likes to read, myspace blog, and play softball.

Next year, Brian will be attending MIT. He plans to pursue a career in engineering. Congratulations Brian!

Congrats Mrs. Eldridge!

Riley Grace Eldridge, born on May 22, 2006. She was seven pounds and eleven ounces. She was twenty-one inches long.



Teacher Feature

An Indepth Look at Mrs. Martucci

By: John Zimmerman

Over two and a half years have passed since a wonderful teacher joined the MHS math department. She came to Manasquan half-way into the school year two years ago and has been a strong presence ever since. She has worked tirelessly with every student in every class she teaches. This teacher is Mrs. Martucci.

Mrs. Martucci, formally Ms. Spinneli, teaches Algebra 2 and Geometry at MHS. According to MHS junior Matt Van Pelt, "She inspired me to learn."



After originally teaching in Allentown for eight and a half years, Manasquan was a welcome move for Mrs. Martucci because the commute from Bricktown was much shorter. She also liked Manasquan's good reputation for it's school spirit.

After going to Bloomsburg College for her undergraduate degree, Mrs. Martucci graduated with a Math Education Masters from Rutgers University.

Math isn't the only thing Mrs. Martucci loves to do. She is an avid Mets fan and loves to play softball. She also loves her two "wiener" dogs, named Bubba and Reggie.