

# MHS Holds Annual Art Show

Sophomore Larissa Eteson Honored as Most Promising Young Artist

By: Alissa Dering

Manasquan's aspiring young artists have an opportunity each year to display their best artwork for friends and family. The annual Art Show was held on January 25th in the Media Center.

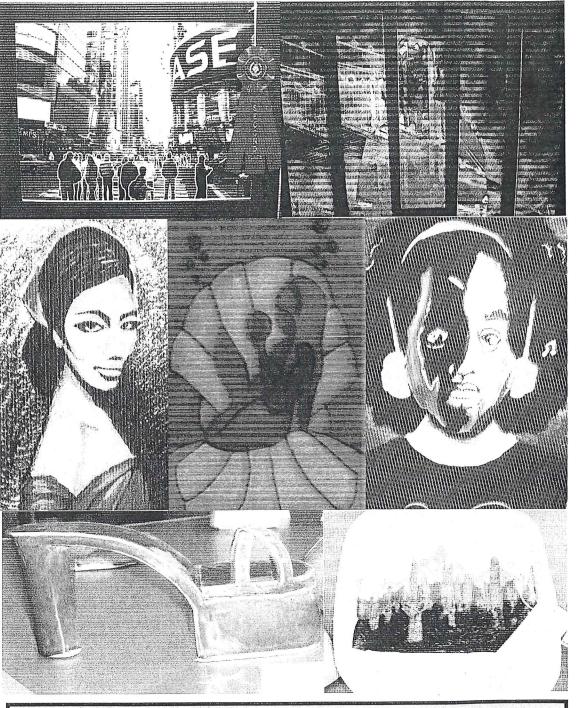
Any student taking an art class may contribute work to the art show. Students from the Crafts, Ceramics, Fine Arts, Graphic Design and AP Art classes participated. Mrs. Monaghan and Mrs. Caci encouraged all students to present at least one piece of artwork, although there were many students who submitted more than one piece for display.

Artwork was judged in two categories: Fine Arts and Crafts. First, Second and Third place prizes were awarded to outstanding artists in each category. First place winners will receive an inscribed plaque while the others received ribbons. considerable number students of acknowledgement received Honorable Mentions.

The most prestigious award was presented to Larissa Eteson, a sophomore from Belmar. Larissa was awarded the "Most Promising Young Artist". She will also receive an inscribed plaque.

"Larissa has incredible talent," says Mrs. Monaghan. Her artwork has been displayed in the case on the first floor near the Library throughout the school year. One of Larissa's most popular works is her dramatic sketch of famous actress Audrey Hepburn.

The Art Show was a huge success. If you missed the show check out the case near the Library to see some of the winning artwork and immense talent of MHS students.



#### Most Promising Young Artist Larissa Eteson

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Larissa Eteson (Sophomore)

#### Fine Arts

1st place: Jared Schwartz 2nd place: Pat Grady 3rd place: Agata Jenczelewska

#### Crafts

1st place: Caitlin Walsh 2nd place: Lisa Bartholomeu 3rd place: Lee Kresge

#### Honorable Mentions

Fine Arts: Julie Colrick, Ted Weiland, Jackie Tozzi, Krista Duerr, Jon Baker, Eileen Langan, Genevieve Guoin, Alanna Marion, Chloe Anselmo, John Donadeo, Kory Schulz, and Jason DeFillippo

Crafts: RJ Read, James Geiger, Ben Ortiz, Leslie Labruto, Diane Mantlick, Katy Szakal, Phil Lewis, and Lauren Hansen

#### Gay Straight Alliance Steps Up Looks to Promote Tolerance Among Students

By: Katya Palsi

The mission statement of Manasquan High School's Alliance Straight proclaims, "We strive that each student in our school is valued respected regardless orientation sexual gender, identity/expression." Roughly 15 to 20 courageous members of the Gay Straight Alliance dare to challenge the way our society views "different." those who are

Contrary to popular belief, not all members are homosexual. Some are gay, some are bisexual, and some are straight. All share the same goal: to promote the tolerance of all peoples' preferences.

The Gay Straight Alliance was first brought to MHS by Liz Skokos and Kelly McConnell who got the idea from their close friend Christian Fuscarino. Christian is very involved in his school's

program. **GLYSEN** which stands for Gav Lesbian Straight Education Network.

When the group was first started, the Gay Straight Alliance the name

groups or activities. doesn't Alliance just sit around and talk. The group of active teenagers is constantly doing fundraisers and activities to make the

Empowering students to be allies against anti-LosT bullying, harassment and name calling in K-12 schools. Sign the Pledge www.dayofsilence.org/ally GLSEN Gay, Leshian & Straight Education Netv

with Dr. Mills." "Meetings Elementary school Student Assistance Coordinator Dr. Millie Sollecito is the group's facilitator. She explained that "Meetings with Dr. Mills" group's the original name while they waited to be approved first, like all

world more aware of their mission. Currently, members are spreading their message of tolerance. According to Liz Skokos, gathering signatures on pledges will show "how open or closed minded the students in the school are" to supporting gay rights. The

pledge states that whoever signs it will not use LGBT slurs (gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender), will intervene in situations where LGBT's are victimized, and "actively support safer school efforts".

The Alliance also plans to hold an art show sometime in the spring to promote the group and raise money for the AIDS foundation. And in April there is a national Day of Silence, when members or supporters do not speak all day long. It symbolizes the pressure and fear many were put through to keep their sexual orientation a secret. McConnell says the purpose of the Day of Silence is to "make an impression."

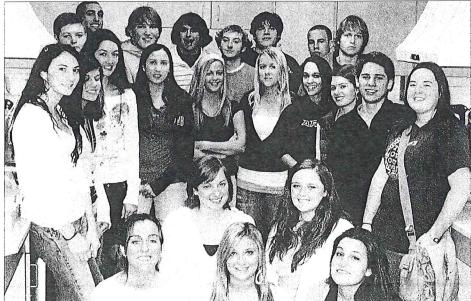
So open your minds respect people and matter what their race, gender, sexual preference, or orientation. What's the big deal? People are people.

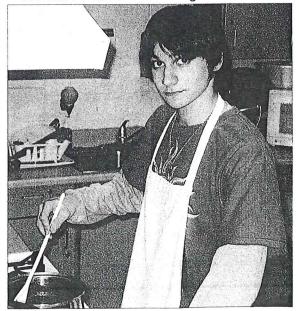
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Left: Ms. Yuhas honors her "Chefs of the Block." Students were selected from the three Gourmet Cooking and Catering classes. Decisions were based on achievement, attitude, skill development, and growth.

Yuhas said this has been a very competitive semester with numerous students who have excellent skills, which made the decision tough.

Right: Brandon Dzwonkowski was named January's Chef of The Month. According worked Yuhas. Brandon has and is a very hard to improve his skills Brandon! dedicated student. Congrats





# Mock Trial Participates in Annual Competition

By: Alissa Dering

On January 30th and 31st Manasquan's Mock Trial team participated in their annual competition at the Monmouth County Courthouse in Freehold. This year, the topic of the mock court case was E. Coli.

Mrs. Gmitter, the club advisor says that "each year the club prepares weekly to plan their case and practice questions." Mock Trial allows students to gain an understanding of the court system. The team splits into two groups of five; plaintiff and defense. Within these groups, the students practice their roles as lawyers and witnesses.

The competition consists of country, regional and state phases before moving onto the national stage. Last year, the team advanced to the third round within the county level. At this year's competition Manasquan was up against teams from St. John Vianney and Long Branch. Manasquan presented their case very well, but did not advance in the competition. Despite their loss, Mock Trial members walk away with valuable oratory skills and knowledge of how our country's legal system operates.









# Mrs. Elms Leads Fight for Women's Health

"Thank You,
Thank You, Thank
You," Mrs. Elms said
to everyone who
contributed to the
Student Council's
American Heart
Association fundraiser.

Mrs. Elms was thrilled to announce that the fundraiser far surpassed her hopes. Between the efforts of the elementary and high "denim school student day" cafeteria council's \$800 heart sales. raised, exceeding was

Many people are unaware that heart disease is the number one cause of death among women, so in addition to raising money, the effort helps to raise awareness of this deadly disease.

last year's total of \$600

"Your generosity never ceases to amaze me." Mrs. Elms said.





#### Mr. Hannah

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off to students as approachable and not just a "teacher figure". Mr. Hannah's ultimate goal is to teach kids to be better people rather than just teaching a specific subject.

Now that he is back at MHS Mr. Hannah coaches girls' soccer and basketball. Since sports were a big part of Mr. Hannah's experience here at Manasquan, he feels good about giving back. "Coaching is fun. If you've played a sport it's good to go back and coach it. It feels good to be part of a group that is striving for goals," he said.

He also enjoys seeing teachers who taught him, and now being able to sit down and have lunch with them.

Mr. Hannah is engaged to be married as of September and his wedding is set for August 8, 2008.

In the end Mr. Hannah decided to come back to Manasquan because, as a student he felt that the faculty was very welcoming and accommodating. Now as a faculty member he experiences the same atmosphere.



Students morn the loss of their three classmates at the scene of the accident.

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to know how his future just drifted away when it was facing him the whole time.

Ruth MacArthur was a 68-year-old woman from Old Bridge who lived her dream of having a large family and making a lot of friends. A mother of four children and 14 grandchildren, MacArthur loved children and was more than proud of her beautiful family. The former school nurse had the job of transporting handicapped children from school. Her family received phone calls from parents of students she transported, showing that she was greatly loved and appreciated, and will be terribly missed.

Now imagine if this awful event happened to students in our tightly knit community. Picture in your mind: a young, newly licensed teenager driving their new car from school without a care in the world, not expecting to find themselves screaming for their lives in a flaming mess that they cannot escape.

A huge majority of deaths in teenagers occur due to unintentional injury. It barely takes a moment to affect a lifetime. We have to be cautious on the roads and realize that when you put the key in the ignition, you are assuming a tremendous responsibility.



Pall bearers carry the body of Ruth A. MacArthur, the fourth victim in the crash, out of a funeral home.

# Panel Recommends Abolishing Death Penalty in New Jersey

By: Lauren Speirs

On Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, a legislative commission released a report that would make New Jersey the first state to abolish the death penalty since states began reinstating their capitol punishment laws 35 years ago.

"Based on our findings, the commission recommends that the death penalty in New Jersey be abolished and replaced with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, to be served in a maximum security facility," the report said.

The report came a year after New Jersey joined Illinois and Maryland in imposing laws on executions and amid growing unease among politicians and the public about capitol punishment.

New York, along with eight other states, has suspended executions in recent years, mostly because of court decisions. In 2003, Maryland stopped executions for a year until a court reinstated it last month.

According to death penalty experts, New Jersey was the first state to receive an official recommendation that capital punishment must be abandoned.

Governor Jon S.
Corzine embraced the report
"as someone who has long
opposed the death penalty,"
and that he is looking
forward to working with the
legislature to carry it out.

If the New Jersey Legislature decides to abolish the death penalty, it would be the first to do so since the United States Supreme Court halted all executions in 1972. After this, 38 states rewrote their laws to reinstate the practice and NJ restored the death penalty in 1982.

A poll taken in 2006 revealed that Americans are almost evenly divided when asked whether a death sentence or life without the possibility of parole was the chosen punishment for murder, after years of previous polls in which the majority supported the death penalty.

A professor of political science and law at Amherst College in Massachusetts, Austin D. Sarat, "I believe what's happening in New Jerseywill have a tremendously galvanizing effect."

Even in the last few months, public opinion has taken a great shift. example, a failed execution in Florida led to doubts in lethal injection. The same day, a federal court ruled that California's lethal injection procedures violated the constitutional ban on cruel unusual punishment.

Mr. Russo, a former prosecutor, believes the death penalty should still be available in cases of serial killings and terrorism.

Timothy Bal of Belle Mead, New Jersey stated, "It is not an accident that most civilized nations have rejected the death penalty. And I applaud my state for taking the first step toward repealing this barbaric law."

# MHS Students Gain Early Acceptance to Impressive Institutions

By: Almy Egan

Following the trend nationwide, a record number of MHS students applied for Early Action or Early Decision to college and universities across the country, and have received many acceptances already.

Although every student who has been accepted to any school deserves recognition and congratulations, four seniors in particular earned extra-impressive acceptances.

Katelyn Perkowski, Gage O'Connell, Jenni Pretz, and Austin O'Malley have been accepted into most competitive schools and top programs of study.

Katelyn was accepted to the highly competitive School of Nursing at Boston College, which accepts only 100 applicants from a pool of over 1,000, Gage will attend University of Pennsylvania, and Ivy League school Jenni and Austin have been accepted to highly competitivive school, Bucknell and New York University, respectively.

MHS should be proud of their numerous students' accomplishments so far and eagerly anticipating more good news and acceptances on the way!







(From Left) Katelyn Perkowski, Jenni Pretz, Gage, O'Connell, and Austin O'Malley

Katelyn Perkowski: When Katelyn received her letter of acceptance to the Connell School of Nursing at Boston College, she jumped up and down, her mom cried and her dad looked shocked. Katelyn is looking forward to meeting new people and watching the BC football games, in which her classmate Brad Newman will be playing! After college, she plans to pursue a career in medicine and wants to make a difference in people's lives.

Gage O'Connell: When Gage opened his letter of acceptance to UPenn, he smiled as a wave of relief washed over him. It was the only school that he had applied to. His mom cried and his dad wished him congratulations. Gage is looking forward to meeting new people, having great experiences, and living on his own. He imagines himself driving a Lamborghini and having a successful career after graduating.

Jenni Pretz: When Jenni opened her letter from Bucknell, she was with her mom and sisters. Jenni screamed, feeling it was like a dream come true. Jenni's parents were very proud that she was accepted to her first choice school. Jenni intends to take advantage of the science program. She can't wait to use the buildings and materials. After college, she will possibly go on to graduate school or pursue some type of medical career but knows that she will definitely continue with science.

Austin O'Malley: When Austin received her letter of acceptance to New York University (NYU), her brother picked her up on his shoulders and spun her around. Her parents were equally ecstatic. Austin is looking forward to taking advantage of all of New York City's amazing opportunities She plans to stay in the New York City after graduation, living and working a worthwhile job in the place and city she loves.

# Looking Back at Squan's Past

By: Kaitlyn Turi

As we move into the New Year, The Blue & Gray has gone back into its archives to find articles from historical issues of the newspaper. In 1925 the first year of our school's newspaper. "The Scribe", was sold to students for only five cents. It was printed only twice a year and hand typed on a typewriter, covering school, local and state news. Since then we have come a long way. In following years the name had changed from "The Scribe" to "The Blue and Gray". Here are some stories from past issues in increments of five to ten years, fifteen to twenty, and twenty-five to fifty. So, welcome to our new column, which shows different news stories from the past.

5-10 Years Ago: "One-Way Staircases: Do They Really Work?" This article contained an introduction explaining how in an attempt to minimize hallway crowding, the two staircases on the ends of the main hall would be used to travel up only, while the center hallway staircase would only be used for descending. Gabrielle Pettineo then asked the question "How has the new stairway policy affected you and the time it takes you to get to class?" to which she received varied answers.

15-25 Years Ago: This 1991 issue of "The Blue & Gray" was titled "War in the Gulf". This newspaper contained political cartoons and opinion editorial articles written by students about their opinions of the war our country was engaged in. We can relate to this, with our current war in Iraq.

25-50 Years Ago: "Blue and Gray Will Hold Sock Dance February 11<sup>th</sup> In Manasquan Gym" was the title of an article on the front page of the 1950 edition. This "girl ask boy" dance was fueled by records and cokes sold in the home economics room.

## Former President Gerald Ford Dies at 93

By: Lauren Speirs



The swearing in of President Ford by Supreme Court Justice Warren Burger on August 9,

On Tuesday December 26th, at the age of 93, Gerald Ford died of natural causes at his home in Rancho Mirage, California. Mr. Ford is remembered as a modest man who repaired a broken government after the pain of war and scandal.

In a tribute to Ford on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, politicians and dignitaries gathered at the Washington National Cathedral. President Bush told Americans, "Amid all the turmoil, Gerald Ford was a rock of stability."

He also said that in Ford's 1970's administration, some acts that were criticized are now considered wise in a historical perspective, including his pardon to Richard Nixon.

Mr. Ford's honorary pallbearers included Donald H. Rumsfeld, Alan Greenspan, James A. Baker III, Brent Scowcroft, and Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger, who served as secretary of state to Ford, said that he, "had the virtues of small-town American," and George Bush Sr. said that Ford was "a Norman Rockwell painting come to life."

The ushers who directed the crowd of 3,700 people to their seats were uniformed Boy Scouts, which was a tribute to Mr. Ford's youthful achievement of Eagle Scout.

Gerald Ford's coffin arrived by motorcade to the cathedral from the Capitol. This was a final journey through the city where he served as thirteen-term congressmen, vice president and finally president. He was the only person to hold the country's top two offices without being elected to either position.

After the 90-minute Episcopal funeral service, his body was flown from Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington to his hometown in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A burial service was later held, and he was laid to rest in a plot beside the museum that shows his name.

Ford had asked Tom Brokaw to address the funeral as a representative of the press corps. Brokaw praised his character, "Gerald Ford brought to the political arena no demons, no hidden agenda, no hit list or acts of vengeance."

After the service, the plane carrying Mr. Ford's body circled over the University of Michigan football stadium, where he had been a standout center and linebacker before graduating from Yale University law school.

About 200 friends and local dignitaries were invited by Mr. Ford's family to attend a brief ceremony before the 13-mile motorcade to his presidential museum in downtown Grand Rapids. They passed billboards and thousands of residents who lined the streets holding signs to welcome home the 38th president of the United States.

Gerald Ford is survived by his wife of 58 years, Betty Ford and their four children: Michael Gerald, John Gardner,

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# Senator Hillary Clinton Announces Presidential Canidacy

By: Kailtyn Turi

As of January 22, 2007 Hilary Rodham Clinton started her first week as an official Presidential "contender". She publicly spoke of her confidence that she can win the Democratic Nomination for the 2008 election. On her web site Hilary said, "I'm in, I'm in it to win and that's what I intend to do." Hilary is leading in the polls; they show her to be the lead among many Democratic candidates. For this election, while Hilary is hoping to become the first woman president, she



is up against Senator Barack Obama, who is hoping to become the first black president. Hilary ruled the polls when it came to female voters; but more surprisingly also took a majority of African-American voters as well.

Although Hilary has some obvious strengths, there are many people who are left questioning whether or not Hilary has the ability to win the general election. One of the issues Clinton promises to address is the expansion of Children's Health Insurance Programs to all families who need it, regardless of their income. Needless to say, it will be interesting to see what will become of Hilary and Obama in their quests for Democratic candidacy.



William 'Ben' Ownby, left, and Shawn Hornbeck, center, were returned to family after being abducted and held captive by Michael Devlin, right.

#### Four Year Kidnapping Case Finally Solved Two Young Boys Happily Returned to Loving Family

By: Lauren Speirs

On Friday, January 12th, police responding to a tip entered an apartment in St. Louis, Missouri, in search of a 13year-old boy who had disappeared about four days before. They found him and were shocked to find another Missouri teenager, Shawn Hornbeck, who had been missing for more than four years.

After returning home, Shawn said, "There was a time when I was thinking about giving up, but then I just thought of what they were doing and searching for me and looking for me. And then I knew they weren't giving up so I figured I shouldn't."

Officers found William Ownby, who was abducted on a typical Monday afternoon by a stranger just moments after walking off a school bus about 500 feet from his home. Michael Devlin, 41, has been in custody since January 11th, charged with Ben's kidnapping and awaiting arraignment.

Families want nothing more than to return to their normal, everyday lives. It would be an understatement to say that these boys' lives have been changed forever. It is very difficult to return to when television and news normal cameras come to your home everyday.

father, William Ownby, reflected on the joy of his son coming home and said, "Now it's the beginning of all new things. We're all very happy, just thrilled that this had a happy ending. It's all so overwhelming."

Mr. Ownby has so much to handle found right now, as he deals with the media and and seeks counseling, but all he wants weeks is to make the right choices for Ben. "When should he go back to school? said her son is stuck in her mind as Should he take the bus? How much should they expect him to talk about his days in captivity? Will he ever heal?"

Although Ben has not talked about his abduction, he has been visiting with family and playing video games and enjoying time with his parents and sister. Mr. Ownby did not want Ben to speak with the press and he did not take him to the news conference.

"We're trying to get the best and one count of armed criminal action. possible advice we can and listen to the experts," Mr. Ownby said. "He was only gone four days, but they were four very long days. He's taking it as well as can be expected." His parents just want his home and was also 11-years-old. him to be a boy and live a normal life.

hospital for evaluation and they were both thrilled to be reunited with their families. "The boys were smiling and appeared very pleased to be with their families," Hospital Spokesman Bob Davidson said.

parents have devoted Shawn's themselves to bringing missing people home ever since Hornbeck's disappearance over four years ago. The couple set up a Web site and listened to anyone who offered a tip on the whereabouts of their son.

volunteers dozens sniffer dogs searched Hornbeck after vanished.

Pam Akers, Shawn's mother. an 11-year old boy. years," she said. "But for me, it's just been one long continuous day."

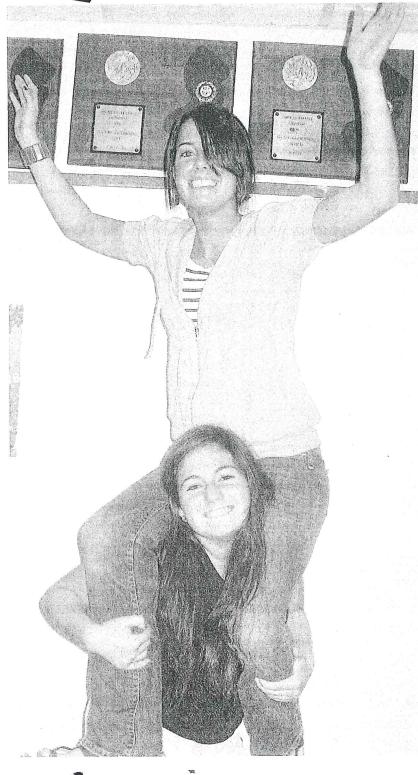
Prosecutors charged Mr. Devlin with kidnapping and using a deadly weapon, claiming Shawn Hornbeck, 15, may have faced a handgun when he was abducted. Devlin is held at \$1 million bail and faces two counts of kidnapping

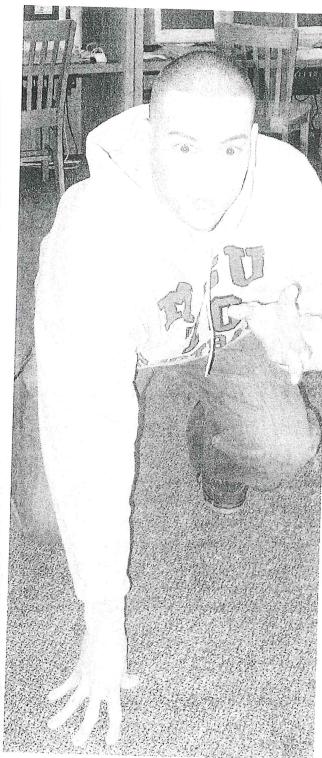
Mr. Devlin is a possible suspect in the 1991 disappearance of Charles Arlin Henderson who, like Shawn, vanished while riding his bike near

to authorities According Ben and Shawn were taken to a Henderson's mother, Charles looked a lot like Shawn and Ben. "His coloring, his face, his build, his smile, he looks a lot like Ben," Ms. Henderson said.

Along with the happy ending of the boys being reunited with their families, a classmate was also rewarded. boy that goes to school with Ben gave such an accurate description of the abduction vehicle that authorities thought he was making it up, but it led them straight to the kidnapper. Chevy A retired police officer volunteered gave the classmate's family a brand to work on the case until Shawn was new car to recognize his heroism.

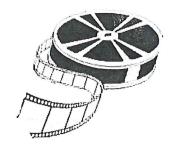
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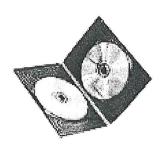














# Marie Review

#### Night at the Museum

By: Jamee Shea

Museums help us to better see history. Often in museums, history even comes to life. In this museum it literally happens.

Divorcee Larry Daley (Ben Stiller) is a man who cannot keep a job for more than a few weeks. He is a dreamer and an inventor who lives a carefree lifestyle. His ex-wife feels frustrated and thinks he's a poor role model for their son. And his son seems to admire his new step-dad, and his rich, corporate life.

So Larry takes a job as the overnight security guard at the Museum of Natural History. He plans to settle into a real job and set a better example for his son.

It is his first night alone when he realizes that every historical exhibit comes to life due to an ancient curse. Using only a list of instructions from the previous night crew, and the guidance of Theodore Roosevelt (Robin Williams), it's up to Larry to keep the huge museum under control.

You'll love watching all the time periods come to life. From the cowboys of the American west fighting with the soldiers of ancient Rome, to former president Teddy Roosevelt falling in love with the Native American guide Sacagawea, craziness is everywhere.

This movie was able to fit in satirical lines, making it funny and enjoyable. Also being able to view the relationships between all the different timeperiods make you wonder if it could really happen.

This movie will appeal to almost everyone including families, children of all ages, and maybe a few history buffs.

Night at the Museum out in theaters now!







#### **DIRT!** New Hit TV Series

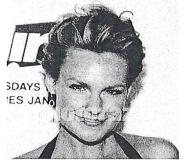
By: Jackie Kaufmann

The new hit show Dirt on FX has created a buzz in the media. The controversial show depicts explicit sex scenes and excessive drug use in each episode. It portrays shallow characters who are unfortunately very realistic, yet it all adds up to very intriguing TV.

Courteney Cox (who also is an executive producer of the show with her husband David Arquette) plays one of the main roles, Lucy Spiller, as an editor in chief of two top tabloid magazines, Now and Drrt. Other leading roles include Ian Hart, a schizophrenic photographer; Josh Stewart, a struggling actor trying to make a name for himself; Laura Allen, a drug addict and actress; 'Garbo', a drug dealer played by Carly Pope; and Shannyn Sossamon, playing in the role of Kira Klay.

The first episode of the season starts out with Drrt, the magazine, prying too far into Kira's life. Kira (a new celebrity) ends up overdosing as a result of a revealed pregnancy. The morals of the magazine may be questionable yet the unmatchable entertainment and publicity of this best seller magazine never is doubted. Lucy Spiller (Courteney Cox) is willing to stop at no boundaries to get the news that she wants.

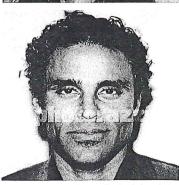
FX is learning, as HBO learned a while back, that as hit series become harder to create, the standards of the television keep pushing the limit.













#### Sudoku

By: John Zimmerman

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#### Jumbles

By: John Zimmerman



Unscramble the letters to look back at 2006 and the memories it left behind.

1. On this day you express your love for others.

#### LINNETSTAV ADY

2. This person's New Year's special has gone for the past 35 years.

#### KIDCKLRAC

3. This former president died on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

#### REGLAD ROFD

- 4. Phone, MP3 player, Touchpad and more. **HOPINE**
- 5. Wings and bow, he will find love for all.

#### DICPU

6. New US Defense Secretary.

#### **BORRET TAGES**

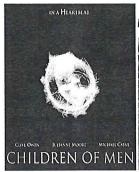
7. This team upset Ohio State to win the college Bowl Championship.

#### RIDFOALAGSORT

# Marie Review

#### Children of Men

By: Jamee Shea





Imagine what the world would be like if no one ever heard the precious laugh of a baby or young child. In the dystopian thriller, *Children of Men*, the world as we know it becomes a catastrophe.

Taking place in the year 2027, every country experiences warfare, and terrorism, But nothing could be as harsh inability have children. females' to Eighteen years after this curse fell upon

the Earth, nothing but increasing violence and the annihilation of the human race looms for the future, and everyone has given up hope.

Suddenly, British political activist turned bureaucrat Theo Faron (Clive Owen) agrees to assist in the protection and transport of a young woman who mysteriously becomes pregnant.

Theo finds that he must face his personal demons while helping the world in its last remaining hope, preserving the human race, and creating peace.

this slightly found that movie is in places, but overall proves confusing some excellent thriller with great intensity. be an lf you like adventure, history, and movie to then this the right suspense, is currently Children of Men is theaters.

#### Valentine's Day Fun Facts

- -Approximately 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent in the US each year.
- -The United States, Canada, United Kingdom, France and Austrailia all celebrate Valentine's Day.
- -Red roses are the single most popular flower to give on Valentine's Day.
- -Although they may all look the same to the untrained eye, there are actually more than 900 varieties of dark-red and medium-red rose, according to the rose lovers' web site, everyrose.com.
- -Cupid, another symbol of Valentines Day, became associated with it because he was the son of Venus, the Roman god of love and beauty.

# Movie Review

## Alpha Dog

By: Maggie Ward



Alpha Dog. inspired by true events. portrays the story of teenage drug dealers living "perfect" lives in Southern California. Johnny Truelove, played by Emile Hirsch, controls the drug scene in his neighborhood. Johnny is the popular one in his crew; where Johnny gets his drugs, numerous girls, and his loyal gang follows.

Raging hothead Jake, played by Ben Foster, double-crosses

Johnny when he doesn't come up with \$800 in a drug deal. Johnny and his gang see Jake's 15 year old half-brother Zack, played by Anton Yelchin, walking along the side of the road and decide to kidnap him, seeking revenge on Jake. With no parents in sight, the gang grew used to having the kid around as he enjoyed illicit summer fantasies of drinking, girls, and new experiences.

Out in the desert, Johnny and the boys realize returning the kid wouldn't be that simple and would mean jail time for all involved. As the days rolled on, their options of returning Zach start to disappear. Good times start to turn bad, and bad times turn worse as Johnny finds himself out of his league with no idea how to fix it.

All these events led the group to come to a shocking conclusion that they never saw coming. This film, with a powerful cast including Sharon Stone, Justin Timberlake, Bruce Willis, Ben Foster, Shawn Hatosy, Emile Hirsch, and many more, will leave you stunned. To find out what happens to Zach and to Johnny and the gang, go see *Alpha Dog* today.



# You've Gotta Be Kidding Me!

Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The Second child was named May. What was the third child's name??

By: Tina Carbone



Tanya Desko:
"Johnny, because he's the third child."



Taryn Fink: "June"



Amylee Sanders: "June...obviously. Or it could have been March."



Andrew Pinnella: "June"



Nigel Lee- Turner: "June"



Rob Camidge: "June"

Answer: It has to be johnny. He's the third child!



Horoscopes

You are too hard on yourself. If things have not gone exactly as you had planned over the past few days, there's no sense berating yourself for it. As long as you did the best that you could, then what's the problem? All signs indicate that your goals will come to fruition, although it may take longer tan you had anticipated.





Aquarius (Jan20-Feb18)

You are especially intuitive today. Only you can know for sure, but it likely would help enormously to reflect upon changes that you'd like to make. With your keen insight of the day, you will almost be able to read his or her mind, thus allowing you to anticipate any objections.

Leo

Leo (July 22-Aug 22)

Your life seems seriously out of balance.

Today provides an opportunity to rethink what is truly important to you.

Try considering exercise as a priority in improving your health and managing your stress level. Once you get started with a healthy regimen, you will see how it helps you to gain a perspective.



Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)

Today's planetary aspects indicate a day of excess for you - some of it good, some of it not so good. On the not so good side: take care not to overindulge in food. It could be that you are merely acting out your stress with this behavior. On the good side: money is likely to come your way today, possibly a lot of it!



Virgo (Aug23-Sept21)

You enjoy feeling needed but today even you may throw up your hands and shout, "Enough already!" You have been giving so much of yourself for so long now that friends and loved ones tend to think of your largesse as a right rather than a privilege. Today you can remind them of the error of their thinking.



Taurus (Apr 20-May 20)

You will be rethinking some of your fundamental values and are unsure if they are still relevant to your life. It is clear that some soul-searching is in order for you. There are no right or wrong answers here, only what is in your heart. Think things all the way through before taking action.



Libra (Sept23- Oct22)

You could be overwhelmed with information today, dear Libra, as you receive more phone calls and e-mail messages than you could possibly respond to. Today is a day to be clear about your priorities and stick with them. Take a lot of deep breaths throughout the day in an effort to keep your temper in check.



Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19)

Today you should make a real effort to be patient and tolerant. You will have to take a lot of deep breaths but there is not much you can do but ride out the day. Remain focused on your work and trust that the day's end will have everything resolved. In the meantime, take care not to step on anyone's toes, as your colleagues' nerves are raw.

Regardless of what you may be thinking at the

moment, you actually do have a terrific life.

Stop and count your blessings; if necessary,

make a list of them and keep it in your wallet



Scorpio (Oct23-Nov21)

Your mind is like a sponge today, eager to absorb all sorts of information. However, take care that the information you are absorbing is accurate. There is a high probability that the fascinating news you hear is a mix of fiction and fantasy.



Gemini (May 20-June 21)

to refer to at low moments. Force yourself to be festive tonight. It will do you good to get out.

A particularly tricky situation may be occurring at work, and if you are not careful, you could lose your cool. Keep to yourself



Cancer (June 23-July21)

A particularly tricky situation may be occurring at work, and if you are not careful, you could lose your cool. Keep to yourself as much as possible today. At home, claim a headache and retire early. Relax with a hot bath and a good book. All will be calmer tomorrow.



Sagittarious (Nov22-Dec21)

If you are not careful, there is a strong possibility that you will overindulge today. Your frustrations may manifest themselves in the form of overeating, excess drinking, or reckless spending. If you can take some time to meditate, you will find that your nerves calm and the root of your frustrations are revealed.

#### Can you picture..!?

#### Enjoy these tid-bits about our senior class.

- Steve Clark eating food with mustard on it.
- Erika Librizzi not being her crazy self.
- Megan Fitzgerald not reading "Gossip Girls"
- Leslie Labruto receiving an "F" on a research paper.
  - Mandi Salkeld with short hair.
- Martin Marshall with straight blonde hair.
- Jenny Pretz and Adam Smith separated for a week.
- Natalie Nighland without her digital camera.
- Matt Cook going without video games for two days.
- Kathryn Shinn screaming in the middle of class.

#### Answers to Senior Guess Who

- 1. Molly Donovan
- 2. Lindsay Ayers
- 3. Lee Kresge
- 4. Megan Caughey
- 5. Margaret Brendle.
- 6.Chris Ramirez
- 7. Chelsea Bailey

#### Answer To Word Search

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## Marie Review

## The Good Shepherd

By: Almy Egan



consisting of Matt Damon, Angelina Jolie, Robert De Niro, Joe Pesci. Alec Baldwin, and Michael Gambon, Good The Shepherd seems like it would be a knockout film. It is Robert DeNiro's fictionalized account of the birth

early years of the CIA. However, the movie is interminably long and extremely confusing.

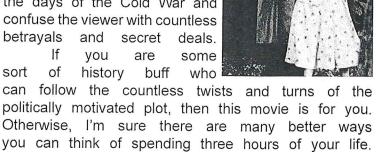
First of all, every ten minutes or so the year flashes back or jumps ahead five to ten years. When a movie is 165 minutes long, that is a lot of jumping around. The film starts out in April of 1961 concerning the events following the Bay of Pigs debacle. Matt Damon plays Edward Wilson, a big deal CIA ringleader. The characters talk very fast and quietly in a technical language that baffled me.

Then, the plot flashes back to Wilson's days at Yale and the secret society there that he joins. It follows him through his marriage to Clover (Angelina Jolie), the birth of his son Edward Jr., and his acceptance of an overseas post for the wartime OSS (Office of Strategic Services).

After WWII, the OSS evolves into the CIA, and Wilson is asked to accept a position of power and influence in the agency.

Throughout the story of Wilson's college days and his ascension up the ladder of the secret service, the story continues to jump forward to the days of the Cold War and confuse the viewer with countless betravals and secret deals.

lf you some sort of history buff



#### Answers to Jumble

- 1. Valentines Day
- 2. Dick Clark
- 3. Gerald Ford
- 4. I-PHONE
- 5. Cupid
- 6. Robert Gates
- 7. Florida Gators



# College Acceptances

#### As of February 5, 2007:

Travis Gassner

Penn State University

Ursinus College

Kelli Golding

Coastal Carolina University East Carolina University Florida Atlantic University

John Gorlinsky

West Virgina University

Emily Govel

Roger Williams University The College of New Jersey

Pat Grady

Delaware College of Art and Design

Steven Greib

Albright College

Jamie Gyftakis

Elon University

Lauren Hansen

Centenary College

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College of Mount Saint Vincent Fairleigh Dickinson University College of New Jersey

Paul Harley

United States Merchant Marine Academy

Andrew Hayek

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Samantha Holod

Coastal Carolina University Caldwell College

Virginia Wesleyan College

Allysa Homer

College of Charleston Towson University Rutgers University

David Hyde

Salve Regina University

Veronica Impellizeri

Albright College Neumann College Salve Regina University

Lauren Joyce

Wesley College

Agata Jenczelewska

Montclair State University

Jackie Kaufmann

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Elise Kelly

College of Charleston

Colleen King

Fordham University

Mike Labaugh

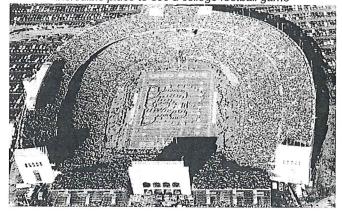
Coastal Carolina University

Susanna Leonard

Saint Joseph's University University of Miami University of San Diego Uniersity of South Florida University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

Above: Rutgers University

Below: The horseshoe stadium at Ohio State University, an incredible place to see a college football game



Richard Lewis

Woodbury University

Erika Librizzi

Ramapo College

Caitlyn Livingston

Fairfield University
Loyola College in Maryland
Quinnipiac University
Saint Joseph's University

Towson University

Elizabeth Lowes

Georgian Court University Manhattan College Rowan University Ursinus College

Kayce Lustrino

DeSales University Hofstra University

Paige Mace

University of Bridgeport

Kelly Mahon

Manhattan College

Evan Marx

Arizona State University Towson University University of Arizona

University of Colorado at Boulder

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Abigail Scribner

Indiana University
Michigan State University
Purdue University
University of Connecticut
Unniversity of Pittsburgh
University of Wisconsin Madison
Villanova University

Jeffrey Sieminski

Penn State

Benjamin Sisti

Rider University

Chip Smith

Lynn University

Thomas Snyder

West Virginia University

Cleveland Standard

Brookdale Community College

Caroline Sweeney

Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania

Monmouth University

Jaqueline Tozzi

University Rhode Island

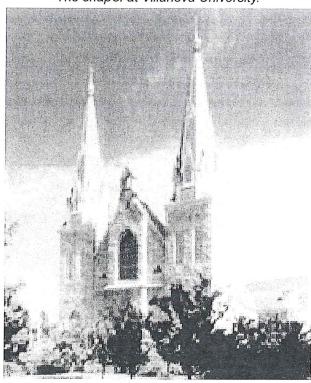
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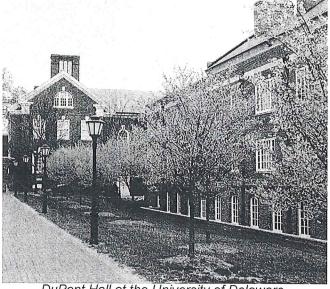
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Katelyn Twasutyn

Coastal Carolina University Rider University

The chapel at Villanova University.





DuPont Hall at the University of Delaware.

Jeanne Valente

University of Rhode Island University of Scranton Drew University Drexel University Fordham University Pace University

Alex Vasilenko

East Stroudsburg University Fairleigh Dickinson University Western Connecticut State University William Patterson University Susquehanna University

Jeremy Vincent

Rutgers University

Caitlin Walsh

College of Charleston University of North Carolina

Brendan Ward

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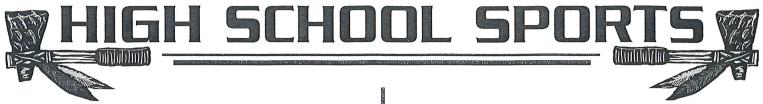
Maggie Ward

Monmouth University Marist College Philadelphia University

Brendan West

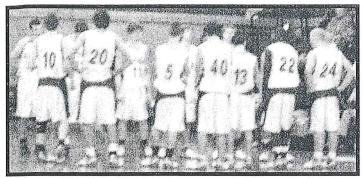
Cabrini College Fairleigh Dickinson University

Rider University



# Boys' B-Ball Turns Around Season

By: Boomer Ward



The Warriors line-up for the pre-game player introductions.

The 2006-07

Manasquan Boys' Basketball team did not get off to the start it envisioned. The Warriors started off 1-7.

Their first victory came over the Colonials of Freehold Boro during the Jack Kuhnert Christmas Tournament.

Despite the rough start, the Warriors did not give up on the season. Over the span of the next ten games, Squan went 7-3 against some of the top competition in the Shore Conference. They achieved victories over Rumson, Red Bank Catholic, Matawan, Raritan, and Holmdel.

Heading into Raritan on 1/29, Squan was looking to avenge a 60-57 loss to the Rockets earlier in the season. The Warriors got off to a slow start and found themselves down by 5 at the half. However, the second half was all Squan en route to a big 68-56 victory. At the time, the Rockets were ranked #6 in the Shore. Senior center Brad Newman lead Squan with

17 points and 12 rebounds.

Before the Raritan game, the Warriors lost two heart-breakers. On 1/22, the boys faced a tough and talented St. John Vianney team. After a tight game throughout, the teams went to overtime. Unfortunately, Squan did not have enough left, and they lost 67-59.

Then on 1/25, Squan played another formidable foe in Red Bank Regional. Coming into the game, RBR only had one loss. However, they didn't scare Squan as they played the Bucs tough and forced overtime when Corey Lee hit a three-pointer with 4 seconds remaining regulation. Towards the end of the 1st OT, Squan found themselves in a similar situation, down 3 with the clock running out, and the Warriors once again came through. This time it was junior Kieran Halton who hit a three-pointer with time expiring to force a second overtime. However, Squan's magic ran out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> OT as

# Girls' Basketball Still Playing Hard

By: Tyler Toole

Losing four of its five starters is a lot for any basketball team to overcome. For this year's Manasquan Girl's Basketball team, it has proven too much to handle.

So far the girls have a 4-10 record, but they are optimistic with their next couple of games.

"We have to start playing as a team," said Junior Kiersten Amberg.

According to other team members, the team must do much better if they want to win more of the remaining games.

The squad got its first win of the season against Red Bank Regional. With strong play from senior point guard Ryan McGrath from the outside, and the inside presence of Kelly Gepp, the Warriors achieved commanding win by a score of 46-39.

Even though the team has been struggling, they have played hard. There has been no shortage of contributions from players such as McGrath, Amberg, Gepp, Andrea Early, Eileen Langen, Katy Sakal, Liz Bryznda, Tori Grille, and Caroline Moore.

The team hopes to get it together and play like they expected they would earlier this season. Their goal now is to make a late push and win some more games.

The girls' faced a tough and talented team, the Wall Knights, on February 3rd. After playing a close game throughout, the girls couldn't pull it all together in the closing minutes, and they lost 35-32. The strong perimeter play of Ryan McGarth and the inside presence of Kelly Gepp wasn't enough for the Lady Warriors as their record fell to 4-11.

RBR went onto win 59-52. Lee led the Warriors with 17 while Boomer Ward and Halton each added 12 points apiece.

After a 53-47 win over Holmdel, Squan faced their rival, the Wall Knights, on February 3. Squan looked dominant against the Wall Knights, building an 11-point advantage heading into halftime. In the second half, Squan pulled away and ended up winning 66-46 to

extend their winning streak to four games. Senior point guard Corey Lee was on fire all day long, finishing with 22 points, inlcuding 15 first half points. Junior forward Benny Tumas controlled the glass all day long en route to a game-high 12 rebounds.

The win left Squan with a record of 8-10, and their recent streak has proved that they can play well against good teams.

# GH SCHOOL SPOR **Swimming Falls To Wall**

By: Kaitlyn Turi

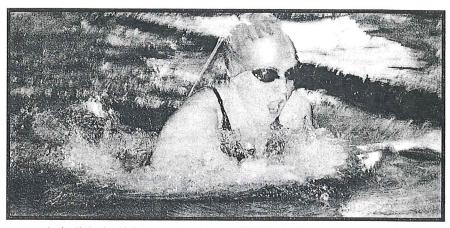
The Boys' and Girls' swim teams have been swimming strong; and it shows with a handful of students headed to participate in Shore Conference. They are also looking forward to participating in States as a team on February 13th. Teams are considered for invitation to States by their times in different events, not their overall record.

On January 25th, the girls' team beat Holmdel for the first time in eight years. On January 29th, they boys' and girls' teams lost to Point Beach/Boro by only eight points, in a very close meet.

The highly anticipated Wall meet on Thursday, February 1st ended in a Wall victory over Squan. intense meet earned rave reviews from all onlookers. "They swam so well," said Athletic Director Ron Kornegay, despite the three point loss.



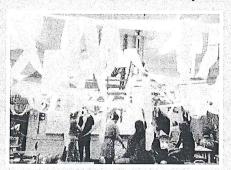
Mr. Murin, the coach of the swimming team, concentrates on the swim meet against Wall.

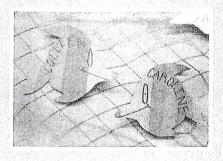


Junior Katherine Kelly impressively wins the 100 individual breaststroke against Wall.

# **Dedicated Swimming Decorators Hit MHS**

By: Kaitlyn Turi



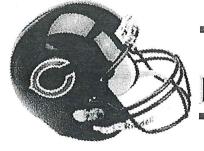


seen sporting their homemade t-shirts

of fish covered the walls, each displaying their responsibilities.

Just as the Wall Thanksgiving rooms in order to decorate them isn't as football game is a big deal, the night easy as it may seem. A math teacher before the Wall swim meet brings and Mr. Ravioli let the swim team into hoards of decoration to Mr. Murin's room 206 and the guidance offices in room, Miss McCarthy's office and this order to complete their tasks at five year, even Mr. Murin's house. The thirty the night before. They didn't finish day of the meet, swimmers can be up decorating until about eight thirty.

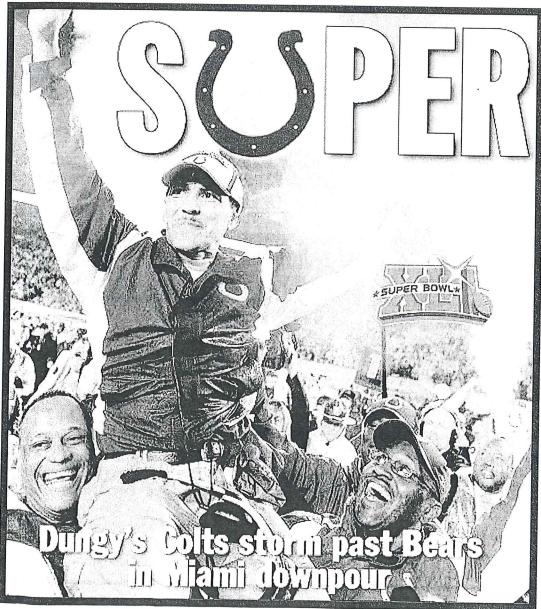
After the school was adequately with slogans, names and pictures decorated, three determined seniors In Mr. Murin's room, paper cut-outs headed off to Mr. Murin's house to finish The swimmers the name of a student on the swim team. wanted to decorate his house and car, Balloons were in abundance in both but had to settle for leaving a Squan Murin's room and Miss McCarthy's office. Swimming poster on a stop sign after Gaining entrance to these being chased by the neighbors' dog.

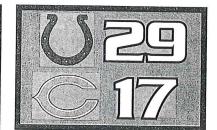


## MIAMI, FLORIDA FEBRUARY 4, 2007

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By: Travis Gassner





By: Boomer Ward

On a wet and rainy Miami night, Peyton Manning showed that he can indeed win the big one.

The Super Bowl MVP, quarterback Peyton Manning, led the Indianapolis Colts to a 29-17 victory over the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XLI.

Manning wasn't the only one who achieved something special on February 4th. Head Coach Tony Dungy became the fist African American head coach to win the Super Bowl. He, along with Bears head coach Lovie Smith, also became the first African Americans to coach in the Super Bowl this year.

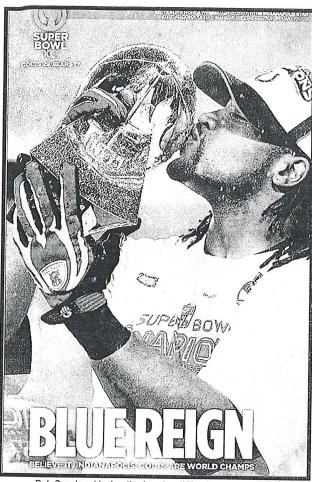
Despite the victory, it wasn't all easy sailing for Manning and the Colts. The Bears were the ones who struck first when rookie sensation Devin Hester returned the opening kickoff 92 yards to give "Da Bears" a 7-0 advantage. It was the first

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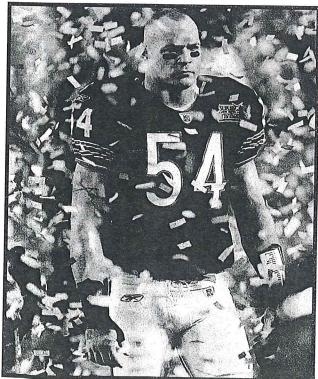


# SUPER BOWL XLI





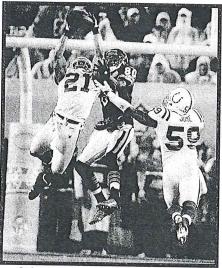
Bob Sanders kissing the Lombardi Trophy on one of the headlines found across the nation.



Bears' LB Brian Urlacher walks off the field in disappointment following the loss.



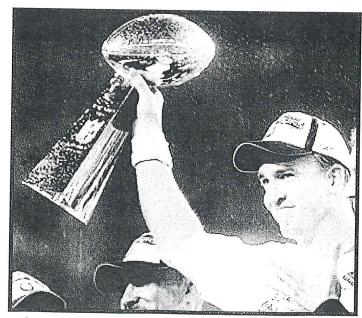
Head Coaches Lovie Smith and Tony Dungy greet at 50-yard line after the conclusion of the game.



Safety Bob Sanders makes the 4th quarter interception to seal the victory.



Reggie Wayne celebrates his 1st quarter touchdown catch.



Super Bowl XLI MVP Peyton Manning hoists the coveted Vince Lombardi trophy amongst his teammates following the huge victory.

# MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

# **BECK IN THE USA**

Global Icon David Beckham Signs \$250 Million Deal.

By: Travis Gassner

Soccer megastar, fashion icon, tabloid fixture, and marketing giant, David Beckham, has agreed to a five-year deal to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy this upcoming August. He will join the MLS team as soon as his existing contract with European powerhouse, Real Madrid, expires June 30.

The most recognized soccer player on the planet is thought to make around \$250 million in salary and commercial endorsements over the five years of his contract in the States.

This enormous paycheck will make him the second highest paid athlete behind Tiger Woods. a result, Major League Soccer had to change its rules on salary caps to make way for Beckham. The league pays the first \$400,000 player contracts. while the individual teams pick up the rest of the tab for anyone who makes more than that.

In reality, Beckham will be getting paid \$10 million year by the Galaxy, but David Beckham Inc., a multinational corporation with links to Pepsi, Gillette, Motorola. and Adidas, will rake in the cash for the

sports icon. Despite all the money being shoved in his face, Beckham claims his central focus is to revolutionize the sport of soccer in the United States. "The main thing for me is to improve the soccer, to improve the standard, and to be part of history really because I think soccer can be a lot bigger in the U.S.," the 31-year-old former England captain told ABC's Good Morning America.

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Don Garber fully
supports Beckham's
quest saying,
"David Beckham is
a global sports icon
who will transcend

the sport of soccer in America."

Beckham turned down a twoyear contract extension from Real
Madrid, where his fading skills resulted
in him starting only five of 25 games

this season. Recently, Real coach Fabio Capello said at a news conference that Beckham will practice, but not play

again for the remainder of his contract.
People back

in London were not too impressed by Beckham's move either. "He's

rubbish," said Steve Didcott, a consultant mulling the deal from a pub. "And if you're rubbish, you go to the States."

Beckham has not found much success since he moved to Madrid in 2003 from Manchester United, where he won six league titles, two FA Cups and the Champions League title. He has no major trophies with the ninetime European Cup champions. "I've played now for two of the biggest clubs in the world and played at the highest level for 15 years, and now I think that I need another challenge," he said.

Beckham will become the biggest star to play U.S. professional soccer since Pele in the 1970's. The Galaxy team, who sold 1,000 new tickets after the morning Beckham announced his move, is anticipating major changes in its fan base, especially among women.

"He appeals to so many different people," Galaxy general

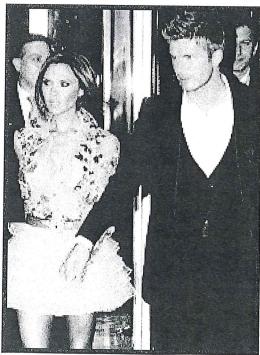


David Beckham struck a pose after one his teammates scored for England off of his corner kick against Sweden in the 2002 World Cup in Japan.

manager Alexi Lalas said. "There is going to be a curiosity factor. There are going to be many people who are going to come to their first MLS and first Galaxy game to watch David Beckham."

Already in the works is a 2008 Galaxy tour of Asia, where Beckham is wildly popular. A new team logo will be unveiled this summer, with the help of the Galaxy's new sponsorship deal with Adidas.

Beckham, his former Spice-Girl wife, Victoria, and their three sons, Brooklyn, Romeo, and Cruz are sure to take the U.S. by storm this August.



Glamour couple -David and Victoria and Beckham and their three sons are sure to get a lot of attention from the media when they come to Los Angeles this August.

BOWL Standout Performances

 Dwayne Jarrett (WR USC): Jarrett

caught 11 passes

for 203 yards and

Russell (QB LSU): Russell threw for 332 yards and two

touchdowns and

in LSU's 41-14 Sugar Bowl win. · Colt McCoy (QB Texas): McCoy threw for 308 yards and two TD's in a

rushed for another

two TD's in SC's win over Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

JaMarcus



South Florida 24, East Carolina 7 San Jose State 20, New Mexico 12 12/23/06 - Benjamin Williams



**NEW MEXICO** 12/23/06 - Adam Tafralis

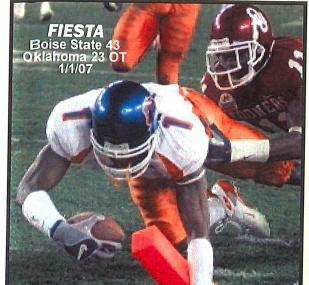


ARMED FORCES Utah 25, Tulsa 13 12/23/06 - Caleb Simpson





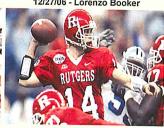
Hawaii 41, Arizona State 24 12/24/06 - Colt Brennan



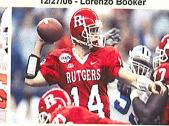
**MOTOR CITY** Cent. Michigan 31, Tennessee St. 14 12/26/06 - Dan LeFevour



**EMERALD** Florida State 44, UCLA 27 12/27/06 - Lorenzo Booker



**TEXAS** Rutgers 37, Kansas State 10 12/28/06 - Mike Teel



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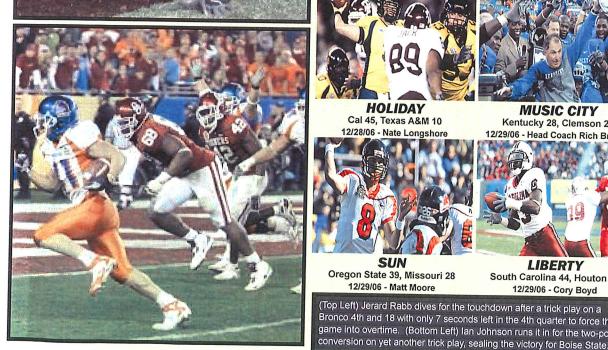
· Lorenzo Booker (RB Florida St.): Booker ran for 91 yards and two TD's while also making 5 catches for 117 yards in FSU's victory in the Emerald Bowl.

· Pat White (QB West VA): White threw for 131 yards and ran for 145 more en route to 3 total TD's for West Virginia in the Gator

 Omar Haugabook (Troy QB): threw for 217 yards and four TDs and ran for 92 yards and an additional score.

Bowl.

 Mike Teel (Rutgers QB): threw for 245 yards and two TDs to lead Rutgers to their first bowl win ever.



INDEPENDENCE

Oklahoma State 34, Alabama 31

12/28/06 - Bobby Reid



SUN Oregon State 39, Missouri 28 12/29/06 - Matt Moore



**MUSIC CITY** 

Kentucky 28, Clemson 20

LIBERTY South Carolina 44, Houton 36 12/29/06 - Cory Boyd

(Top Left) Jerard Rabb dives for the touchdown after a trick play on a Bronco 4th and 18 with only 7 seconds left in the 4th quarter to force the game into overtime. (Bottom Left) lan Johnson runs it in for the two-point



*ALAMO* Texas 26, Iowa 24 12/30/06 - Colt McCoy



MEINEKE CAR CARE Boston College 25, Navy 24 12/30/06 - Steve Aponavicius



**CHAMPS SPORTS** Maryland 24, Purdue 7 12/29/06 - Sam Hollenbach



INSIGHT Texas Tech 44, Minnesota 41 OT 12/29/06 - Graham Harrell