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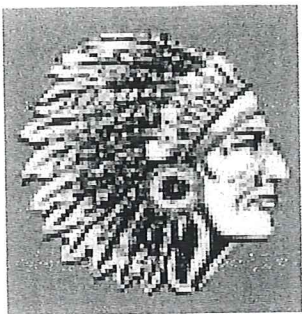
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Warriors Ready to Jump out of the Gym



Boys follow blowout over RBC in season opener with tight victory against Academy Charter

By: Cory Bryant
and Nicole Casey

Being successful in their pre-season scrimmages, the Manasquan boy's basketball team is ready for their season to begin. This year, the team is led by the senior trio of Keiran Halton, Jimmy Barnickel, and Ben Tumas. The remaining Warriors are all very experienced, having played together since their freshman year. This season will certainly be one to remember. The team is lead by Coach Kurt Fenchel, who has been known for successful seasons.

Other contributions will be made by players such as: Sophomores Matt Vadas, Adam Cook, and Dan Sullivan. Juniors such as 6 foot 4 inch Karl Fiske and the talented Kyle

Wehner will also be making big plays off the bench. Each got time last year, and now feels they have the experience they need. Each player has different abilities and skills that will make each game better than the last.

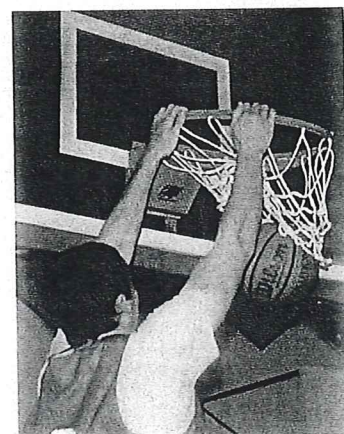
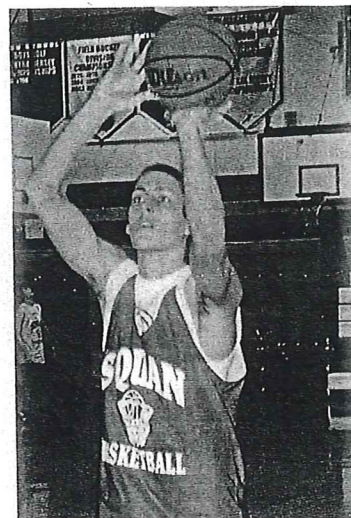
Unlike teams in the past, this year the warriors have great depth. They plan on going anywhere from 10 to 14 players deep off the bench. They may not have all the size in the world, but they sure do have the talent and the speed to run on teams.

"We will be up-tempo," said Halton. "There will be a lot of teams that are bigger, but we are real scrappy. We like to run up and down the court and get the other teams tired."

With the season starting off with the same three

difficult teams in a row as last year (Red Bank Catholic, Academy Charter, and St. John Vianney) the boys are excited to get their season underway. This year they feel it will be a more successful first three. "We are looking to get to a lot faster start," said Halton.

All in all, the boys feel they have the talent and the experience to push it all the way to states. Most importantly, they feel comfortable playing together and operating as a team after last season. "We learned how to win," said Tumas. "Early in the season the games were, close but by the second half of the season we learned how to finish games out." They are pushing for the best, and hope to win their conference, division, and make states.



Athlete Spot Light: Keiran Halton

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kind. Coaches from both the boys and girls basketball teams had nothing but amazing things to say about him. "He's a team player and a very hard worker," enthused coach Hannah. Fenchel feels very good about his decision to have Keiran help lead the new Warrior team. "He has done a terrific job getting us where we need to be before the season opener, on and off the court."

Coach Fenchel is also very pleased with all of his senior leaders. There are three senior boys leading the Big Blue this season, that have been playing together since freshmen year. Ben Tumas, Jimmy Barnickel, and Keiran all work together to

make this basketball season the best it can be. "The three guys are terrific," said the coach, "they should benefit the development of all of the other kids."

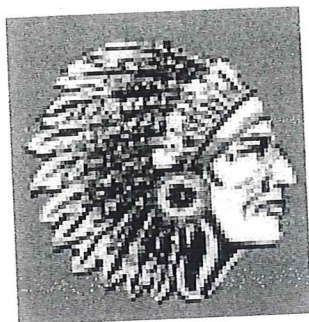
Over all Halton is very excited for the 2007-2008 basketball season and feels that the team is very prepared. "Everyone on the team is getting really good" Keiran said about his team mates. "We want to win the shore conference title, our division, and hopefully states," he said, setting the standards high for the rest of the team.

After the conclusion of this season, Keiran plans on graduating and attending East Stroudsburg University in the fall.

Boys Basketball

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01/07/08	H	HOLMDEL	6:30PM
01/10/08	A	RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN	6:30PM
01/15/08	A	RED BANK CATHOLIC	6:30PM
01/17/08	H	MATAWAN	6:30PM
01/22/08	H	ST. JOHN VIANNEY	6:30PM
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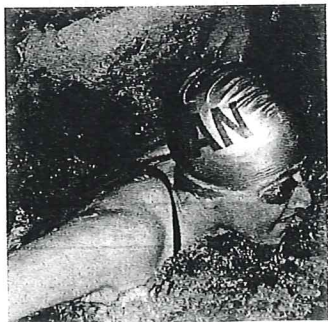
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Swimmers Triumph in Season Openers



Boys' Swim Team Looks to Make Waves

By: Cory Bryant

The Manasquan Boys Swim team is off to a hot start, and hopes to keep it rolling right into States. The team had a solid season last year, but really wants to "step it up" this season.

The team's returning veterans include: Seniors Jack Gramlich (500 meter

Their first of two meets in one week came against Freehold on December 4th, and it was Warrior domination. Next to fall was Neptune on Friday, December 7th.

As KJ puts it, "With our coaching expertise and our sheer depth in both distance and sprinting swimmers I see no obstacle blocking us this season from reaching our

Boys' Swimming Schedule:

12/04/2007	Away	FREEHOLD BORO	2:30PM
12/07/2007	Away	NEPTUNE	3:30PM
12/14/2007	Home	RED BANK REGIONAL	9:00PM
12/17/2007	Away	BARNEGAT.	3:45PM
12/20/2007	Away	SAINT ROSE	8:00PM
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freestyle), Tyler March (50m and 100m freestyle), Kris Pirnat (100m butterfly), and Alex Hendrickson (100m fly). Juniors are: Brian Lemig (100m breath stroke) and KJ Pringle (100m back stroke).

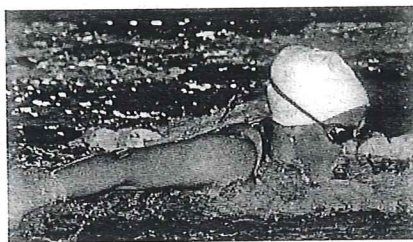
According to junior swimmer, KJ Pringle, the team is more like a swimming family. They would love to "beat the hell out of Wall" and get Coach Murin in the pool afterwards. They are right on track with a current record of 2-0, including wins against Freehold Bureau and Neptune.

goals."

The team has an array of new members, who have also contributed to Squan victories. Freshman Ryan Mccrone has really proved himself, swimming well on the 200 meter freestyle in each of the meets so far. Another freshman, Patrick Petrone, swims the 200 IM for individual medals, and has been very successful as well. Junior Evan Falciani has also joined the cause, swimming mainly in the 50 meter freestyle.

Girls' Swimming Dives into New Season

By: Shannon Kmetz



Swimsuits and swim caps are not the only thing you need to compete on the girl's swim team here at Manasquan. You also need strength and endurance to make it on this squad.

The MHS girl's swim team kicked off the 2007, season on Monday, December 3, in a meet against Freehold Borough in an A Central Division meets. The second match-up took place on Friday, December 7, against Neptune at the Boys and Girls Club. Both were triumphant events, as the girls won on both occasions. Freehold was defeated with a final score of 122-48.

Friday, December 14th, the team faced Red Bank Regional and defeated them, 92-64. Monday, December 17th, was the latest meet against Barnegat, and once again the team prevailed, winning by a wide margin.

The girl's record stands at 4-0, and they anticipate a successful season based on their progress so far.

Last season, the Lady Warriors graduated one senior, so they basically have the whole team back again

this year. Their extent of the season should bring about greatness as everyone has plenty of experience. There are also at least four competitors in each event, which will guarantee a solid line-up.

However, the girls place in a tough division, facing competitive teams like Rumson and Holmdel. January will prove to be a challenging month, as meets will be not only against the previous two schools, but also against Shore, Wall, and Point Beach, which all provide strong competitors.

Key players for Manasquan include captains, Karley Kamaris, Kellyn Mccrone, and Katherine Kelly. In addition, Alex DeMuro, Brigit Carlson, Emily Comerford, Morgan Lander, and Kaitlyn Csogi will put up a great fight against opposing teams.

Kamaris recently recovered from an injury in her right wrist, the result of an ice hockey game. Nonetheless, she is excited for a productive season and is thrilled to be back in the running. She competed at the Monmouth County Championship meet and the Shore Conference meets last year, so she will be a solid contributor to the team.

The team has been practicing vigorously at their

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Fashion

Find the best style for your body!



T R I A N G L E



You have narrow sloped shoulders, slim torso / rib cage. Your hips, legs, and/or booty are larger in proportion to waist. AKA you are bootylicious!

To reduce the appearance of your lower half focus on widening your shoulders, and putting an emphasis on your neck.

Tops: Use cute styles to your advantage! Big sleeves and fun neck lines will bring attention to your delicate shoulders. Try a V, U, or square neckline. Square-cut tops look especially cute with puffy sleeves.

Dresses: Dresses are a great way to accentuate your assets and trim down the look of your derriere! Go for Dolman (also called Batwing) sleeves, or Puff sleeves. Also, Babydoll styled and Empire waisted dresses even out your figure.

Bottoms: Boot cut pants or a small flare are the best to even out your body (however – if you wish to bring attention to your bootylicious bottom- skinny jeans will do the trick!). As for skirts ones with an a-line cut or straight skirts, work well cut right above the knee.

Stay away from: Crop tops- short jackets or tops, or anything that stops before your belly button – it will cut your body in half and therefore highlight your bottom. Also keep away from: high-waisted pants, pockets, folds, or pleats on bottoms.

H O U R G L A S S



Hourglass shape: Shoulders and hips are well proportioned to each other and waist is smaller and defined. Curvy is the best word to describe your bod!

Go for clothes that highlight your classic feminine figure!

Tops: Wear fitted tops like blouses or halters. A trendy accessory you can add would be a belt. Large belts worn in the middle of your torso will emphasize your sexy figure!

Dresses: Anything fitted at the waist will complement your physique best.

Bottoms: Pencil skirts are practically made for your body type! If you want to emphasize your curves, skinny jeans are perfect, however, if you wish to even out your figure try bootcut or a slight flare.

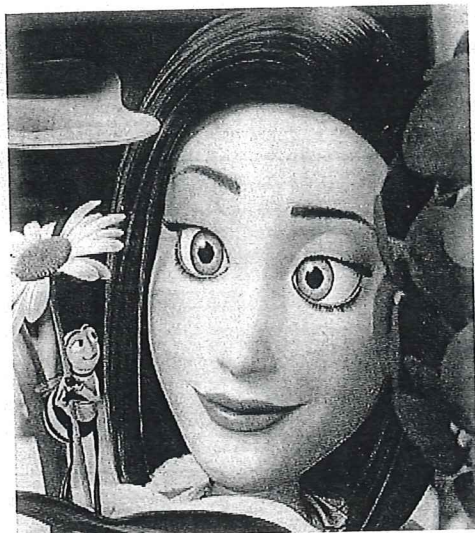
Stay away from: Babydoll shirts and trousers. These articles of clothing are cute but on your body they are obscene and just hide your womanly curves. Embrace them!



Movie Review

Beesley Reviews *Bee Movie*

By: Claire Beesley



unique flicks I've seen in a long time.

The movie centers around a recent college graduate bee named Barry B. Benson (Jerry Seinfeld) who is in search for a job. Instead of settling down like his peers, Barry leaves the hive, for the first time, and learns a great deal about life. Barry winds up in an apartment and is almost

humans. The movie doesn't end here, it continues through twists and turns concerning friendship, tragedies, and our environment. Sure it sounds unrealistic, but how often do you see a creative animated movie with an interesting message?

As much as the movie entertains children, it contains a lot of adult humor that keeps the grownups laughing too. Brilliant one-liners, bees mocking humans' pop-culture, and more bee puns than you can imagine fill the dialogue.

Stars such as Ray Liotta, Sting, and Larry King take on minor roles as themselves, which add to the humor.

Bee Movie is very similar to *A Bug's Life*. Though both movies were comedies, it was interesting to see how much work a typical bug must do, each day, to survive and make a difference in the

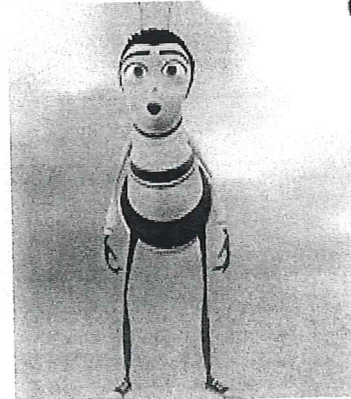
world.

I wouldn't consider *Bee Movie* the greatest animated movie I've seen, because it can't compare to the classics like *Beauty and the Beast*, *Toy Story*, and *Cinderella*, but I would definitely watch it again. It's a great movie to watch if you're home sick from school and I would recommend it to anybody. The humor is defiantly more targeted towards teenagers and adults, but the adorable factor draws in the children. I give it a B.

Who ever heard of bees going to college, driving cars, and changing the world? I definitely haven't until I saw DreamWorks most recent animated movie *Bee Movie*.

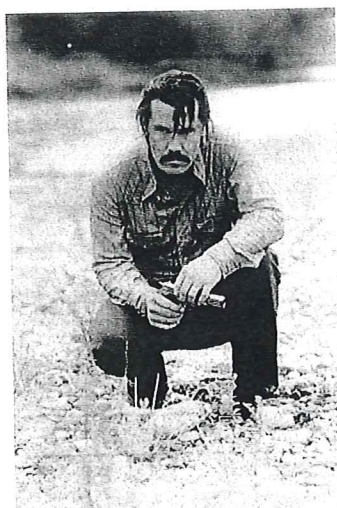
Jerry Seinfeld, writer, producer and actor, makes this movie what it is; creative, funny, and intriguing. I can honestly say this was one of the most

killed when a florist named Vanessa (Renee Zellweger) comes to his rescue. The two quickly bond (yes in this movie bees can talk to humans). Barry soon finds out that humans force bees to make honey and then steal and sell it. Barry is outraged, because making honey is not an easy task, so he decides to sue the



No Country for Old Men Or Young Children

By: Thomas Sullivan



Josh Brolin co-stars as Llewelyn Moss.

Few movies start out with more of a bang than Ethan and Joel Coen's new film *No Country for Old Men*. Within fifteen minutes after the opening credits, four or five people are dead (along with several dogs) and the main character, Llewelyn Moss (Josh Brolin, *Grindhouse*) discovers a pile of corpses, a large stash of heroin, and two million dollars in the desert

near Rio Grande. Moss also discovers a dying Mexican who asks for water, and the story gets moving when Llewelyn eventually returns to help him and take the cash only to be ambushed by a group of gunmen. This sets ruthless hit-man Anton Chigurh (Javier Bardem, *The Sea Inside*) and his large rotund cattle gun after Llewelyn to retrieve the cash. Always a

step behind the two is Sheriff Bell (Tommy Lee Jones, *In the Valley of Elah*). Based on the acclaimed novel by Cormac McCarthy, what follows is quite possibly the most suspenseful and thrilling tales to hit the silver screen in recent memory. *No Country for Old Men* oozes suspense thanks to Javier Bardem's slam-bang performance as Anton Chigurh. Javier Bardem is this movie. The scenes that prelude each of his murders are sheer sus-

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For Your Viewing Pleasure: The 65th Annual Golden Globe Nominations

By: Thomas Sullivan

Best Picture - Musical or Comedy



Across The Universe



Charlie Wilson's War



Hairspray



Juno



Sweeney Todd: Demon Barber of Fleet Street

Best Picture - Drama



American Gangster



Atonement



Eastern Promises



The Great Debaters



Michael Clayton



No Country For Old Men



There Will Be Blood

Best Actress - Drama



Cate Blanchett
Elizabeth: The Golden Age



Jodie Foster
The Brave One



Angelina Jolie
A Mighty Heart



Julie Christie
Away From Her



Kiera Knightley
Atonement

Best Actor - Drama



George Clooney
Charlie Wilson's War



Daniel Day Lewis
There Will Be Blood



James McAvoy
Atonement



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Eastern Promises



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American Gangster

Best Actress - Musical or Comedy



Amy Adams
Enchanted



Nikki Blonsky
Hairspray



Helena Bonham Carter
Sweeney Todd: Demon Barber Of Fleet Street



Marion Cotillard
La Vie En Rose



Ellen Page
Juno

Entertainment



Former MHS Student, Lenny Sullivan, Now Working For *The Boss*

By: Cory Bryant

Think about your boss. To most people, a boss signifies a person of authority, a person who instills fear. A person you always want to impress, for they alone are your source of income.

But what if your boss was something completely different? Perhaps a childhood role-model, a multi-millionaire, and most of all a rock star.

For Manasquan High School graduate Lenny Sullivan, this is reality. That's because Lenny's boss is *the Boss*. The boss as in Bruce Springsteen—legendary New Jersey born songwriter and guitarist. Bruce is currently on his first full scale tour of the US and Europe since 2002-2003, and Lenny is right there with him the whole way. The tour kicked off on October 2nd in Hartford CT, along with the release of *Magic*, Bruce and the E Street Band's first studio recording in five years.

Lenny is a lucky man, in that his mother is Bruce's



cousin. Due to the family link, Lenny hopped aboard Bruce's tour in 03', working and traveling with the band simply as a stagehand man. He would help load and unload the set, set up the stage, tune instruments, position equipment and so on. He has been with the band ever since, now flying on private jets as Bruce's personal assistant, "living

the life," as his father and Mr. Pappas put it.

Phys. Ed. teacher Mr. Pappas has known Lenny since he was in the third grade at Manasquan Elementary School. Lenny was a student of his for many years, both in elementary school, and in high school. In high school, Lenny played on both the hockey team and the soccer team. Pappas describes him as a

"complete character, someone who just has a great sense of humor, and a knucklehead that you have to love."

"I am telling you, in only third grade, us teachers were talking about this class. We were saying it's the worst class ever to go through Manasquan (in a loving, funny kind of way), and they certainly lived up to that reputation."

Well this knucklehead certainly is a successful one. Lenny gets to enjoy private jets, trips all across the country and even around the world. He is, as titled, Bruce's "personal assistant." He makes the arrangements for whatever Bruce needs, and gets to enjoy all the benefits. He even gets a nice salary to go along with it.

Lenny's next trip will most likely be to, Connecticut on February 28th, where Bruce and the boys open up the 08' tour. For someone who didn't even go to college, I would say Lenny Sullivan is most definitely "living the life."

Holiday Gift Ideas

By Katya Palsi

MOM: Get Mom a gift certificate to her favorite restaurant for a night out with her girls for once! Or a stylish outfit to wear when she goes!



DAD: Fathers are sometimes tricky to shop for... so **The Blue & Gray** asked some Dads who know what they want! For Christmas, Mr. Harvey, English teacher and proud father, would like "an 18 volt, battery powered, DeWalt Drill." My father, Dan Palsi, would like a Machete... *sigh* ohh fathers... but if these gifts are too peculiar there's always the traditional tie or sports sweatshirt!



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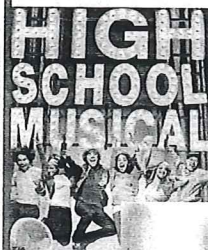
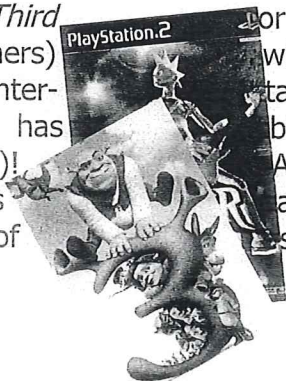
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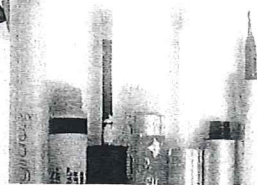
Older siblings: If your older brother or sister is in college or lives far away why not give a gift to bridge the gap of distance! A digital camera can make you feel like your right there with them! Or a gift certificate for gasoline can bring him or her home to you!



BROTHER: You can't go wrong with video games like Halo 3, Call of Duty 4, or Guitar Hero. DVD's like *Shrek the Third* (for teen brothers) will always keep them entertained (Hollywood Video has big sales this time of year)! And if all else fails there is always the classic option of sports gear!



SISTER: Get the *High School Musical* DVD collection that includes a Remix CD, A DVD of the HSM Concert, and both movies! A fun bonding idea for the two of you – why not take her on a makeup shopping excursion and get make-overs together!

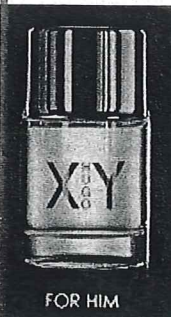


GIRLFRIEND: Wondering what your girl wants? Well that's a no-brainer! Girly stuff like Makeup from Sephora! One can NEVER go wrong with jewelry or gift certificates to Charlotte Russe, Forever21, WetSeal, Nordstrom, or Victoria's Secret!



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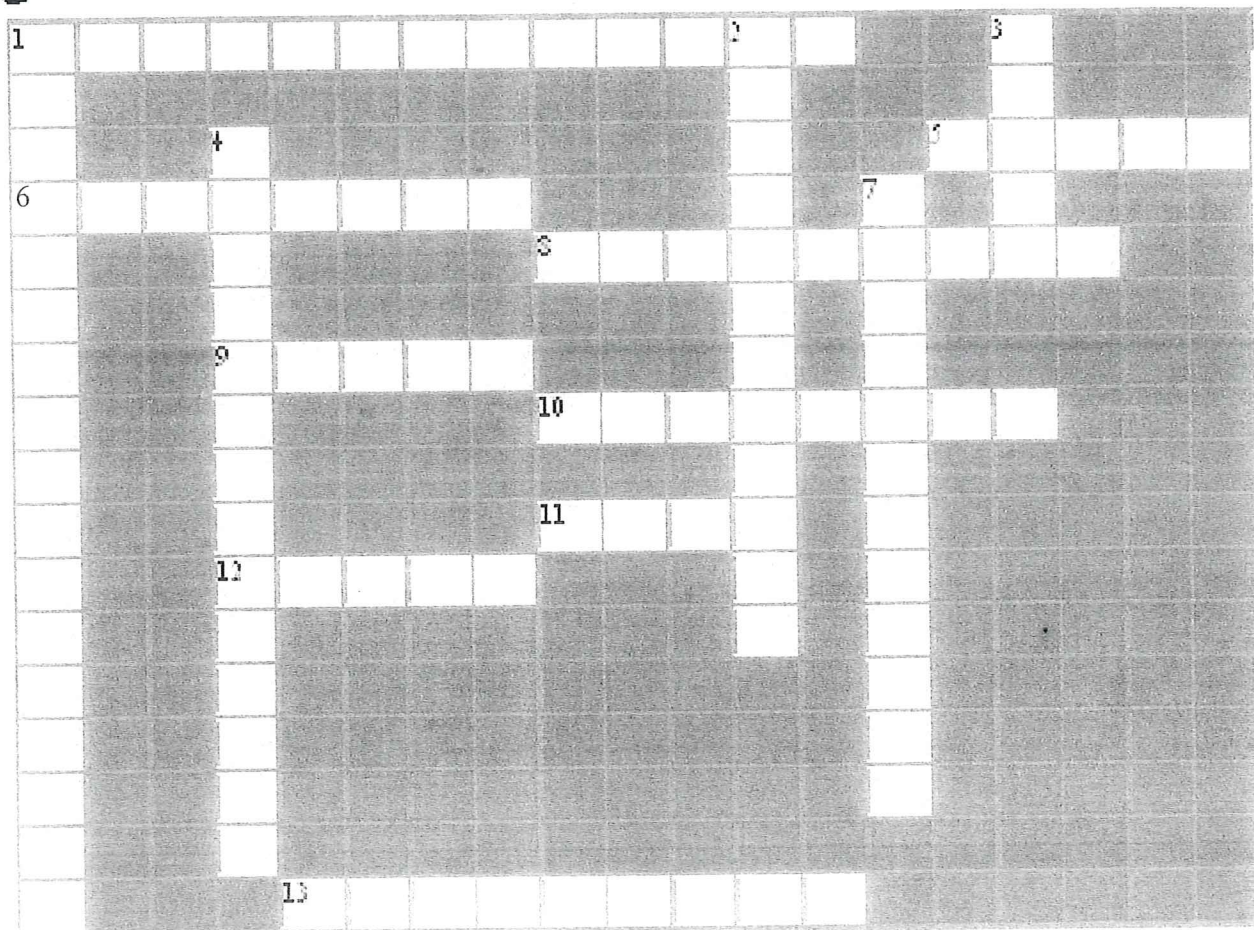
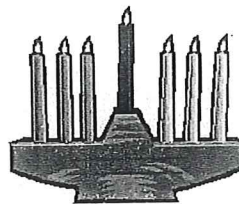
Clothes! Make your man look snazzier than he's ever been with clothes from PacSun, Zumiez, or Heritage. You can go for shirts with cool designs, belts, shoes, or get a nice button-down for when he takes you out to dinner!





Holiday Crossword Puzzle!

By: Sarah Kleinfeld



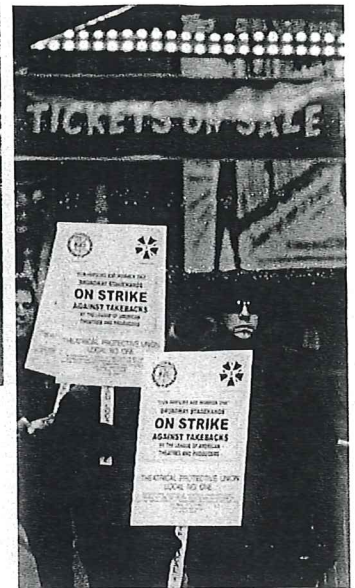
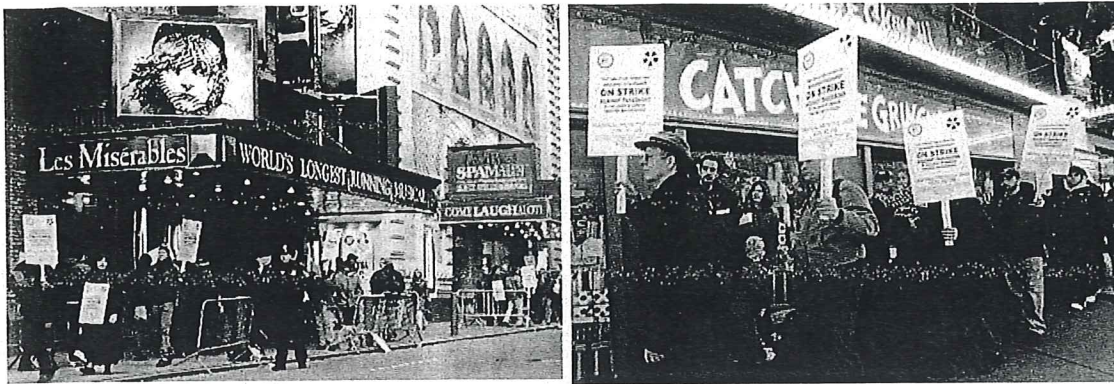
ACROSS

1. Spanish for Merry Christmas
5. Kind of pudding is wanted in the song "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"
6. Scrooge's first name
8. Star who plays a regular dad who becomes Santa in The Santa Clause
9. Number of days in Chanukah
10. Holiday that is called "The Festival of Lights"
11. What Santa brings children who are on the naughty list
12. Number of ghosts who visit Scrooge
13. Plant that is customary for people to kiss under

DOWN

1. On the fifth day of Christmas my lover sent to me _____
2. Comedian who sings the three notorious Chanukah Songs
3. "I'm dreaming of a _____ Christmas"
4. Country that Kwanza almost exclusively celebrated in
7. Name for the day after Thanksgiving





For Now, the Show Will Not Go On

By Kaitlin McGuinness

In November, Broadway went black when the stagehands went on strike, their first in the Theatrical Protective Union's 121-year history. The strike came about after the stagehands were working without a contract under imposed work rules for over five months.

Although stagehands aren't seen during a performance, they perform a vital part. The Actor's Union in New York stated that "in a highly technical and dangerous work environment, stagehands make it safe for us to work. Their craft and expertise may

not be apparent from the audience, but it is absolutely integral to the running of the show"

Broadway is a billion dollar a year industry that is now more profitable than ever before, but theatre owners and producers want to cut stagehands' wages by 38% to increase their own profit. Negotiations have been going on for months, with the producers stonewalling the stagehands and not accepting any of their compromises or counter-proposals. The stagehands negotiated in good faith for months in order to receive a fair contract. Over five months, the producers

refused to consent to any fair agreement and left the stagehands working without a contract.

The Actor's Guild released a statement for Broadway theatre-goers that said what the Producers were doing was "bullying, not bargaining". They also stated that "Theatre is our passion, our love, and our livelihood. We want to perform to you... we applaud the Stagehands for their dedication and professionalism. They have children, families and loved ones to support, and deserve a fair contract".

They also stated that throughout this process of failed negotiation with the producers, "the Stagehands have never wavered in their focus or commitment to do their jobs safely and professionally and serve the loyal theatre audience."

The first show they chose to strike was *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Representative for the producers, Charlotte St. Martin, said "we realized that it was just very appropriate that that's the first one that they would do it for, because they are like the Grinch, stealing the magic of Broadway to all the children and families who are here to see Broadway shows and to kick off their holiday season."

However, it was the Producer's League who threatened the Local One Stagehands' Union with a lockout when contract negotiations stalled and the

stagehands would not comply with their demands. A lockout is the opposite of a strike, where the employer does not allow the employees to work and suspends their pay. After the League introduced this plan to shut down Broadway, the Local One had a meeting where they voted to use any means necessary, including a strike, in order to reach an equitable agreement.

In a release, the stagehands stated that "cuts in our jobs and wages will never result in a cut in ticket prices to benefit the public, but only an increase in the profits for the producers. Unlike the producers, we are not fighting for our second or third homes; we are fighting to keep the one we have."

After 18 days of an extremely costly strike, which was estimated to have lost theater owners and producers \$34.8 million and the city, another \$40 million in revenue, the strike came to a conclusion, with both sides reaching a settlement. The stagehands received a set, fair contract, and both sides made concessions.

This has been the longest strike in Broadway history, and was effective in achieving fair conditions for stagehands. Now they will again fade into the background as Broadway lights up again.



Artificial Tanning Poses Health Risk

By Kaitlin McGuinness

Every day in America, almost one million people visit tanning salons. Of these one million, 70% are Caucasian girls and women between the ages of 16 and 49. Many teens at Manasquan High School go tanning regularly. Tanning is widely known to be unsafe/hazardous, but many don't know the extent of the threat.

According to the American Cancer Society, skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States. More than 59,000 people are diagnosed with melanoma in America each year, and more than 7,000 people die of the disease. Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for women between ages 25 to 29.

A carcinogen is a known cancer-causing agent, and tanning is known to be one of the most significant. However, it is also one of the most avoidable.

Leading Dermatologist James M. Spencer, author of a medical report on indoor tanning published in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, says "indoor tanning is simply not safe. It is practiced solely for cosmetic reasons. Individuals who utilize tanning beds are intentionally putting their health at risk."

According to the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, women who visit a tanning parlor at least once a month are 55% more likely to develop melanoma than women who didn't suntan. Those who artificially suntan in their 20s had about a 150% higher risk than women of the same age who never used tanning beds.

When a person goes tanning, a sunbed emits ultraviolet radiation, typically

95% UVA and 5% UVB, for up to 20 minutes. Melanin in the skin reacts to absorb the UV radiation and protect the skin, creating a tan. A tanning bed has a different ratio of UVA to UVB radiation than natural sunlight. The radiation levels are much greater, and the body is forced to absorb a large amount of radiation in a short amount of time, much greater than from the sun.

More than a million cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year in the United States. The US

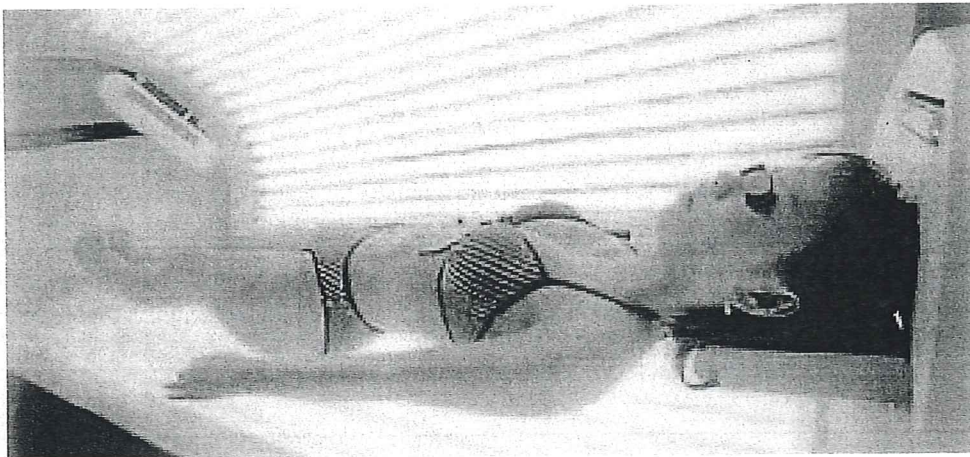
shows UVA light received in a tanning bed may be up to 10 times more than the amount people normally receive from the sun. UVA radiation has recently been connected to malignant melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer.

Some tanning salons also advertise that there are beneficial effects from artificial tanning. However, there are no real positive byproducts. The propaganda that indoor tanning boosts vitamin D levels is largely false. Although

connective tissues beneath the upper layer of the skin, which eventually causes premature aging, such as wrinkles and sagging of skin, sunspots, and loss of suppleness and elasticity.

Tanning is not only dangerous in the long-term, it can cause serious injuries. Sunburns can easily result, and the intense ultraviolet light can cause serious damage to unprotected eyes. The Centers for Disease Control recently reported that there were 700 emergency room visits because of injuries like sunburns, infections, and eye damage from tanning bed use. Our own school nurses at Manasquan have had to treat cases of burns from tanning.

In light of the dangers to the health of indoor tanners, the World Health Organization recommends against tanning for cosmetic reasons. The World Health Organization and The American Academy of



Department of Health and Human Services stated that this UV radiation from the use of sun lamps and sun beds are "known to be a human carcinogen".

Many tanning parlors advertise the UVA form of radiation as the 'safer' version than UVB. This labeling as 'safe' is misleading, as both are cancer-causing. UVA rays penetrate the skins deeply and tans more effectively. Therefore, the exposure to radiation is less. However, the potential for premature and aging and cancer is just as great with UVA then as with UVB. UVA penetrates the skin more deeply than UVB, and causes damage on a deeper level. This promotes the development of skin cancer. New research

exposure to sunlight does produce vitamin D, after a period of time this effect discontinues. Within about 20 minutes of ultraviolet exposure, the concentration of vitamin D produced in the skin reaches an equilibrium, and any further Vitamin D is eliminated. It is much more effective to receive vitamin D nutrient by drinking milk or orange juice, without posing a health risk.

And for those who go tanning for the cosmetic effect, the long-term effects of indoor tanning will produce quite the opposite. Apart from adverse health effects, tanning also causes premature aging of the skin. A study in the New England Journal of Medicine reported that UVA rays destroyed collagen and

Dermatology Association have also been recently been advocating/promoting legislation for protective measures for tanning beds, such as placing Surgeon General's warnings on all tanning devices like cigarettes, and also not allowing minors to use tanning devices without parental consent. They are also trying to eliminate the use of the misnomer that certain ultraviolet tanning products are "safe," using words like "safe tanning," "no harmful rays," "no adverse effect," or similar wording or concepts, which are misleading to consumers.

Until the fad changes, however, they are likely to be many more cases of skin cancer in the future from the use of tanning beds.

Redacted = Overacted

Picture this: Our military persons put themselves in danger each and every day to protect our country and our freedoms, our freedoms of religion, press, and most importantly, speech. Our soldiers, marines, and sailors fight and die to give us the right to say whatever we choose whenever we choose to say it. How ironic is it that some Americans would choose to take this freedom and use it to harm our troops. This is exactly what Dallas Mavericks owner and HDNet chairman Mark Cuban did in his "movie" REDACTED.

Redacted is a movie that attempts to portray the events of the 2006 rape and murder of a 14 year-old Iraqi girl by four United States soldiers. The movie goes as far as to depict an actual rape and murder on screen and does an outstanding job of casting a extremely negative light over our entire US armed services. "I was in Iraq when

By: Nicole Casey

Insurgents ambushed an American convoy and kidnapped American soldiers, claiming it was in revenge for what had happened in Mahmudiyah (a city outside Baghdad where the rape took place)...commented an unnamed United States soldier on Mark

Cubans "blogmaverick".

In today's media we rarely ever hear what good our military is doing over seas and how many hardships they overcome to keep us safe. We rarely see people, such as Mark Cuban or Brian De Palma, the writer of Redacted, making or funding films that show American troops helping Iraqi people or American troops becoming victorious after the capture of an outstanding felon. My question to Mr. Cuban is: where is the movie about the American troops that brought Saddam Hussein to justice or the troops that captured over twenty five key members of Al Qaeda? Cuban has been forced to defend his film on many different occasions but how is it possible for someone to defend a film that is being used to recruit terrorist and claim they are a patriot?

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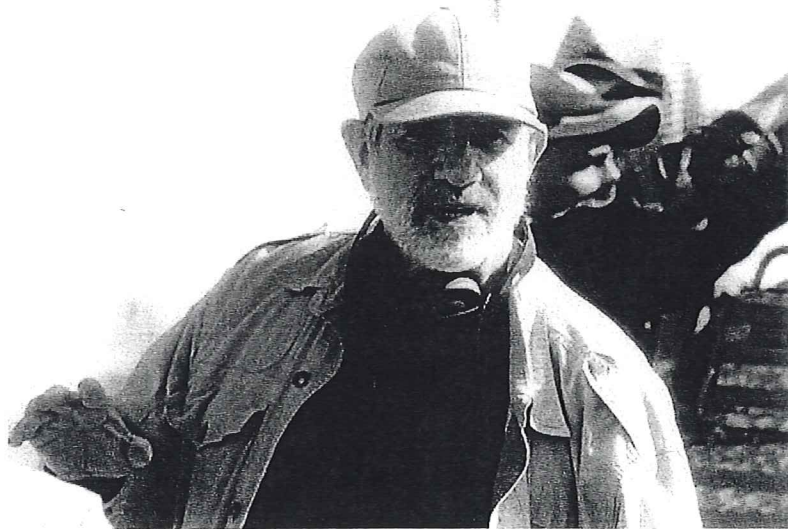
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Redacted: Flawed Yet Important

In the past year, American soldiers in Iraq have killed over 2,000 potential Iraqi "threats" at U.S. checkpoints. After investigation, the US government was only able to prove that sixty of these Iraqis were actual threats to US security. This, among other shocking facts is featured in *Redacted*, the extremely flawed yet important new film by acclaimed director Brian De Palma.

Redacted, through troop video diaries and online videos, tells the true story of the events that lead up to and preceded the Mahmudiyah killings, in which several US soldiers gang-raped, murdered, and set on fire the body of a 14-year-old Iraqi girl before killing her five-year-old sibling and both of her parents due to suspected

By: Thomas Sullivan



Director Brian De Palma on the set of *Redacted*, now in theaters and on DVD in mid-February.

terrorist allegations which were later proved to be completely false.

The film has come under the spotlight due to its controversial portrayal of

the rape and other actions of soldiers throughout the film. Sites such as "www.boycottrredacted.com" and Bill O'Reilly are labeling the film as "anti-American" and "anti-Iraq

propaganda". Nonetheless, they cannot deny the fact that these events, and others, happen with US soldiers, and our government and press don't cover it nearly as much as they should be.

Unfortunately, despite how important this film is, it crashes and burns in the area of cinematic value. The acting could be described as nothing less than atrocious. Barely any of the actors inflect anything past basic emotion in their lines, and the script is filled with all sorts of disjointed sexual remarks and silly "macho-man" dialogue. The cinematography is limited due to the film being entirely filmed on handheld cameras, and is nothing to call home about either.

Despite all of this, I

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Colbert for President? No Joke

By: Kaitlin McGuinness

In October fake TV pundit Stephen Colbert from Comedy Central's *The Colbert Report* entered a bid for candidacy for President of the United States. Every night on his show, Colbert depicts the lack of awareness and arrogance of opinionated TV commentators in his ironic, comical style. He took it one step farther with his bid for candidacy, and although his run was a farce, he served to hilariously depict the whole political process.

Colbert originally worked on the satirical news show *The Daily Show*, also on Comedy Central, which pokes fun at conservatively biased news programs, such as FOX. In 2005 he branched off and started the highly successful spin-off, *The Colbert Report*.

He now appears each night on TV as a faux political pundit, mocking the style of Bill O'Reilly and similar opinionated political analysts. Even the name of the show is a joke, pronounced French-sounding Cole-BARE, poking fun at anti-French feeling from the beginning of the Iraqi war. He delivers daily news and politics with ironic humor and deadpan delivery. He stays in character as an arrogant, personality-driven TV host, and offers hilarious and thought-provoking views on current affairs.

Many of Colbert's fans have been clamoring for him to run for years. After several joking references to running for president on his show, Colbert appeared on the *Daily Show with Jon Stewart* on October 16th and announced

he was "officially considering whether or not I will announce if I am considering running for President of the United States". This bit of hilarity served to ridicule candidates who lingered over an already-made decision to run for president, in order to draw conjecture and attention.

Colbert stated he would announce his decision "on a

more prestigious show", and 15 minutes later he announced on his own program that he was officially running for president. However, he would only be running in his home state of South Carolina, as a 'favorite son'. This means his electability derives from his regional appeal in South Carolina, and he hoped to

easily win the support of his home state.

Colbert visited South Carolina to campaign, declaring to cheering crowds "I love South Carolina almost as much as South Carolina loves me!" The Mayor of Columbia declared him "favorite son", and gave him the key to the city during "Stephen Colbert Day". Colbert's slogan was "First to secede, first to succeed". He explained "In the 19th century, South Carolina was the first to secede. In the 21st we will be the first to succeed. First to secede. First to succeed. I own the copyright on that phrase, if you use it you must pay me a royalty."

Running in only one state left Colbert little chance of winning, but a great opportunity to satirize the American political system and the corruptness of election campaigning.

Colbert announced he was going to run for both the Republican and Democratic ballot. He filled out both application forms on his show. It was revealed that the Democratic Party has \$2,500 filing fee, while the Republican Party demands a whopping

\$35,000. In fact, the Democratic Party doesn't require any money at all if the candidate can acquire 3,000 signatures.

As the \$35,000 check would go way past Colbert's \$5,000 limit (in order to avoid being made subject to greater levels of Federal Election Law), he was unable to apply for the Republican ballot. After some deliberation, the South Carolina Democratic Party executive council voted to refuse Colbert's application.

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Colbert: the powerful politician, the lover of Lady Liberty, or the comedian?



Disturbing Tale of Torture Raises Questions About U. S. Government Policies

By: Haley Behre

America prides itself on being the land of opportunity, equality and justice; a land where every citizen is entitled to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

Only it's not and they aren't.

Why do I make such a bold statement, you might ask? Recently, there have been several alleged terrorists deported to various countries for questioning. One case in particular, screams injustice.

Maher Arar was on vacation in Tunisia with his family, when his software company called him. He was needed in Montreal, Canada, where he lived. Arar left his family in Tunisia and flew back home, by way of JFK.

It was here, on September 26, 2002, that his horrifying story, filled with injustice, begins.

At the immigration counter at JFK, his name was entered into the computer. He was then pulled aside, fingerprinted, and photographed.

"This is standard procedure," an airport policeman informed him.

But after a few hours of detainment, Arar was thinking otherwise. But without anyone answering his questions or giving him any right to make a phone call, he was left in the blue.

New York Police Department and the Federal Bureau told him they would question him then let him catch a connecting flight to Montreal. However, when Arar asked for a lawyer to be present, they told him he had no right to one.

The rights to a lawyer and to make a phone call are both inalienable rights under the Fifth Amendment (due process). He was denied these rights on

claims that he is not a citizen of the country; therefore the rights don't apply to him. However, in the Fifth Amendment itself, nowhere does it say "A United States Citizen." It only says "No

who ignored his statement.

Six days after he was taken into custody, he was allowed a phone call. A nervous wife, Mazigh, was told to get a lawyer because



"I just wanted to end my life"

Maher Arar



person shall be . . . deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." But doesn't this vague noun give way for outsiders to be protected under such laws also?

After midnight, his wrists and ankles were chained and he was taken to a nearby building where other suspected terrorists were being held.

He was told he was to be flown to Syria for further questioning.

According to Arar, he told the policemen that he would be tortured if they sent him to Syria. "We don't care" was the message Arar got from the policemen

he might be deported to Syria.

Despite United States's Department literature saying that Syria tortures people while interrogating them and without informing Canadian Government of their actions, the United States deported him to Syria.

"I just wanted to end my life," stated Arar to CNN.

The first day, there were only threats of torture, but by the second day cables were whipping his body.

Each time Arar told the interrogators he was not affiliated with Al Qaeda or part of a terrorist organization, he was whipped for telling a lie.

After months of torture, humiliation, and not knowing what was happening to his family in Canada, Arar's will broke. He signed a confession stating that he received terrorist training in Afghanistan, though he never had.

That same day he was released. After 10 months and 10 days he was going home.

Three years later, the physical and mental pain caused in those 10 months were still daunting his dreams and daily life. He was forever a changed man.

But what made his suffering a little easier, but nevertheless still heart wrenching, was the fact that an independent commission found that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had given the U.S. inaccurate information concerning Arar. His name could be cleared.

Canada gave Arar \$11.5 million in compensation, apologized for their mistake, and told the United States to clear his name.

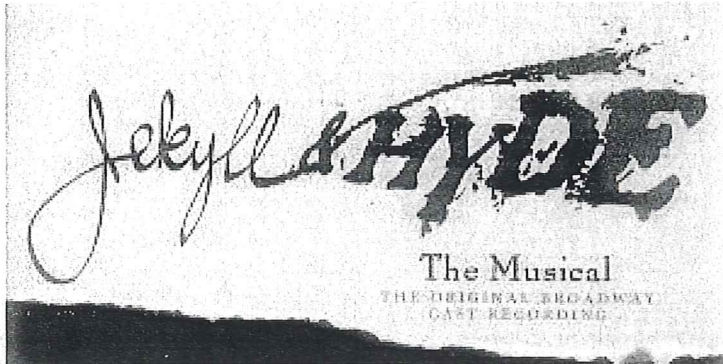
It's been five years and the U.S. government still has not apologized or taken his name off of the terrorist list.

The government acknowledges the fact that they have made a mistake and is willing to admit that they handled the situation poorly; however, they repeatedly stop short of an apology, claiming that they had every right at the time to deport someone who poses a threat to the nation.

This issue is still not resolved and Arar has taken the case to court, with accusations that the United States denied him the Fifth Amendment and questioning why they would deport him to Syria instead of back to the

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Mr. Weisert Reveals Marvelous Spring Musical!



By: Jamee Shea

Murder. Prostitutes. Good and evil. Sounds like a new R-rated movie about to come out! But not in this case. It's the MHS Drama Club Spring Musical!

After two days of auditions and call-backs on December 3-4, director Mr. Weisert finally announced the cast of the thriller/horror

musical *Jekyll and Hyde*.

Senior Matt Truex was chosen as the leading man once again as the kind-hearted Dr. Henry Jekyll and his evil and murderous experimental counterpart Mr. Edward Hyde.

Junior Patrick Gallagher will be playing Gabriel Utterson, Dr. Jekyll's best friend who narrates the

story and observes the doctor's drastic change in behavior.

Senior Dana VanHouten received her first main women's part as Emma Danvers, Dr. Jekyll's loving fiancé.

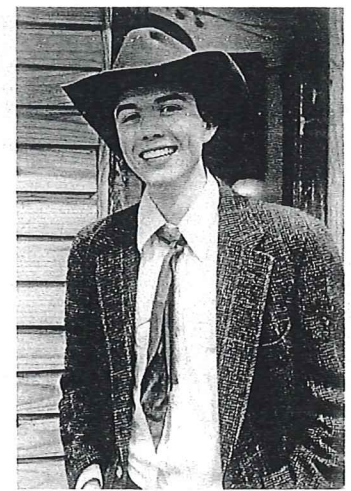
Finally senior Shea Flood will portray the sexy side of this musical. She will be Miss Lucy Harris, a local prostitute who unexpectedly meets and falls in love with Dr. Jekyll, and becomes a certain target for Mr. Hyde.

Next to this talented cast of Drama Club veterans, many other students will be singing their hearts out and expressing the different side of man.

"Man is not one but two, he is evil and good. And we all walk the fine line we'd all cross if we could."

Save a spot on your calendar to see what's under Dr. Jekyll's façade on March 6-8, 2008. You won't be sorry!

Last year Matt Truex(left) and Pat Gallagher(right) played the two lead cowboys looking for love in Oklahoma! This year, the dynamic duo strike back as leads and best friends once again!



Paintings, Sculptures, and Tapestries...Oh My!

By: Thomas Sullivan

On Tuesday, December 4th, the AP Art class along with Art History and AP World crammed into a yellow school bus and took a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan. Supervised by Mr. Bryant, Ms. Treney, and Mrs. Monaghan, the students wandered around the museum seeing various different forms of art.

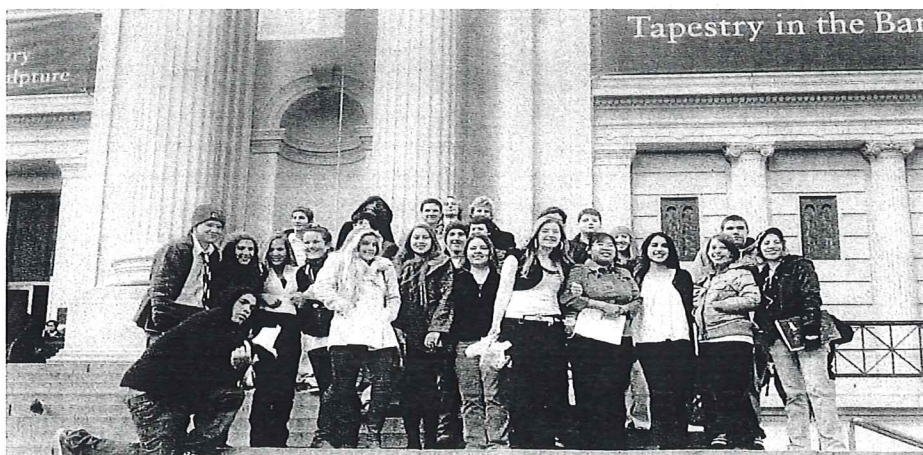
Each class had a different assignment. AP World had to analyze various aspects of Medieval and Renaissance art, while AP Art and Art History had individual sketching projects. AP Art students

went a step further and presented their work the next day, along with some explanation of what interested them about their work.

When asked to comment about the trip, Ms. Treney said "It was fun. I especially wanted to go to the Modern Art exhibit, but

it was closed. I was very disappointed." Despite this, Mrs. Treney felt that the trip was definitely a success because the students received the opportunity to see paintings and artwork in real life instead of on a computer screen or in a magazine.

The front of the MET, where several classes traveled on December 4th.



The students were equally enthusiastic about the trip. Senior Charlie Piazza remarked that he especially enjoyed the Impressionism section of the museum while Sophomore Andrew Kellers raved about how cool the Greek exhibit was, specifically noting the ornaments and weaponry.

Overall, despite some letdowns at the museum, the MET trip was the rare school trip that was fun AND educational and enjoyed by all who attended.

Science Teachers Host Photography Enrichment Program

Mrs. Crowning, Mr. Wasnesky help students
to develop new skills



On November 14, 2007 students gathered in MHS media center for the first day of Project Soar-Photography. This program is for students who are interested in photography and want to learn more about it. Project Soar is a program that gives students chances to explore different career opportunities. "Yes, this program definitely gives students ideas of what they want to do as a career," said Biology teacher and

By: Jessica Grabowski

project host Mrs. Crowning.

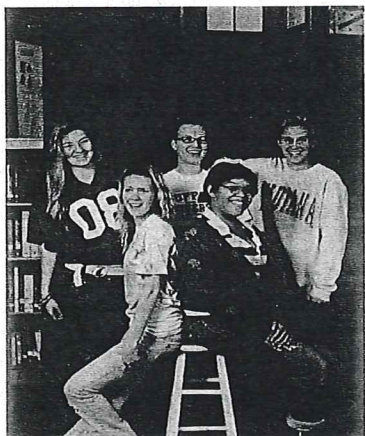
The first day of Project Soar the students enjoyed a guest speaker named Keith Horvath, who taught them about digital photography. Science teacher Mr. Wasnesky also helped the students learn about digital photography. Students asked questions about what they could do to help improve their photography; they also looked through each others portfolios and critiqued the photos; they also got to see some of Mr. Wasnesky's photos.

On November 19, 2007

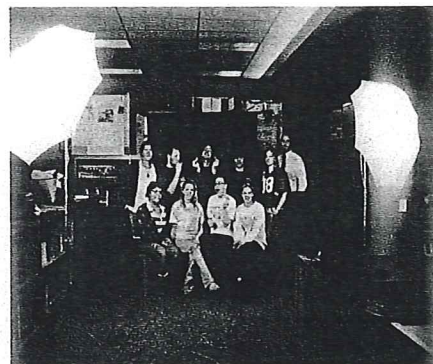
the students gathered back in the media center for the second day of Project Soar. They had another guest speaker named Vinney LaFata who owns "In the Light" Studios. The students asked questions about if it was difficult to get where he was today, they took photos of each other with his camera; they also found out that they will get to display their photos in the media center into different categories such as part of a whole, animal, black and white, photojournalism, and portrait. On both days the students got summaries

of how Keith and Vinney both got started and they also got to talk about different photography techniques.

On January 3, 2008 be sure to check out the media center from 3:30 to 5:00 to look at some wonderful photos; with Christmas right around the corner there will surely be some breathtaking photos. The prizes that some students will get are camera bags, film and much more, but Mrs. Crowning hopes to get some bigger and better prizes. It will surely be an amazing exhibit.



Check out all the photos
January 3, 2008
Media Center
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Mr. Harvey Offers Excellent Extracurricular Opportunities to MHS Students

By: Sarah Kleinfeld

Those long, winter days really do a number on some students. Many find themselves bored with the cold weather, and dreary schedules. If you're looking to heat up your season of freeze, you'll definitely want to look into film club and ping pong club.

As the sole advisor for both film and ping pong clubs, well-known English teacher, Mr. Harvey

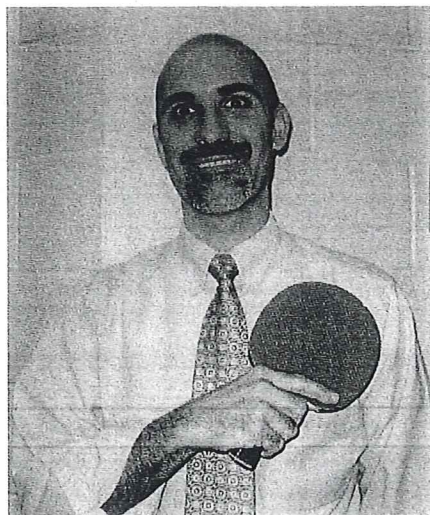
already has both organizations in full swing. Although he considers both clubs "floater clubs", meaning members come and go, it's clear that Mr. Harvey runs two of the most well-known activities in school, since each contain about thirty students.

Since starting ping pong club four years ago, the dynamic advisor has witnessed its many ups and downs. Mr. Harvey believes that there are so many highlights in the history of the club, yet one in particular stands out in his mind.

About two or three years ago, in a major tournament, contenders Gheng Chen and Dave Armstrong duked it out to call themselves the champion, in the presence of approximately thirty, cheering spectators. Mr. Harvey considers this match one of the most exciting he's seen.

Unfortunately, this year, the gang is only in procession of two ping pong tables, but in the past, when more were available, they were able to run tournaments to raise funds for various causes. For example, the club donated money to Theresa Shroeder, a former MHS student injured

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TRULY AN HONOR

BY: Melissa Martuscelli

Chosen for their outstanding academic and social performance, eight new members were initiated into the esteemed National Honor Society on October 24th.

The new members include Seniors Amanda Lombardi and James Geiger, as well as Juniors Daniel Kerrigan, Paige Foley, Lindsay Morrow, Anastasia Ratliff, Patrick Gallagher, and Kerry Fechter. These new members joined the previous five members to serve the 2007/2008 school year.

Another change this year is the new advisors; Ms. Mills and Mrs. Krensky. They took over for Mrs. Mangan who directed the society previously.

The selection Process for new members includes a revision of the applicant's portfolio, GPA, school record, as well as their leadership hours and service hours by a five person faculty counsel.

The National Honor Society participated in the Possibilities Walk at The Atlantic Club to sup-



Senior Amanda Lombardi delivers the initiation speech

port people with disabilities. In addition, they raised \$2,500 to give to 94.3 The Point "Lou and Liz Care for Kids". They accumulated the money from previous NHS assets as well as money from their cookie dough fundraiser, which is still going on so be sure to order some in time for the holidays.

The induction ceremony, held on October 24th, lasted from 7:30 until 10:30. The Induction ceremony included speeches from the students thanking their most influential teacher. Senior Amanda Lombardi, who was just inducted into the society said, "I feel so honored to have been accepted into such a prestigious club...It feels good to know all my hard work in the community pays off."

Only seniors and juniors can apply, but if you are a freshman or sophomore interested into joining start racking up your community service hours and good grades, you may just be fortunate enough to join the revered National Honor Society.

MHS NEWS MAGAZINE "T.H.U.D." HITS THE AIRWAVES!

By: Jamee Shea

The two biggest questions that are traveling the airwaves are: "What is T.H.U.D.?" and "What does T.H.U.D. stand for?"

T.H.U.D. is Manasquan High School's brand new monthly news magazine show that made its debut on Tuesday night, December 11. Created by the wise Mr. Weisert, T.H.U.D. consists of various news segments created by the MHS-T.V. staff. The purpose of this wacky-titled special is to show the people of Manasquan what's going on inside the walls

of their school district through their cable channel, 77.

Each segment was introduced by MHS-TV Manager Anna Klindtworth and fellow staffer, Jamee Shea.

Segments included two enjoyable interviews with new principal Mr. Coppola and new superintendent Mrs. Margin. They have a fun time talking about their first few months here at MHS.

Next up, Anna had an interview with Mrs. Mangan about the MHS Writing Center and what it's all about. She was also proud to announce the Writing Center's first Writer of the Month, Sarah Forman.

Then T.H.U.D. took a tastier route towards Karina Klindtworth's presentation of the annual Holiday Gingerbread house raffle. Mrs. Yuhas also got to show us how this tedious process came to life with her 3rd period catering class.

Two interviews were then featured about two well-known English teachers: Miss Mills and Mr. Ravaioli. There Manasquan got to learn more about their personal interests and life outside of MHS.

Due to the recent MRSA virus that floated around school, Karina Klindtworth documented another segment

about diseases that tend to float around the school, and how to you can protect yourself.

Now another tasty segment followed about little kids making some good pizza. It's not all about pizza though. Ms. Phiny Williams, the elementary school's occupational therapist took some time after school to teach three handicapped girls how to prepare and make two pizza pies. The purpose of this was for them to learn how to perform simple tasks in the kitchen.

For the holiday season,

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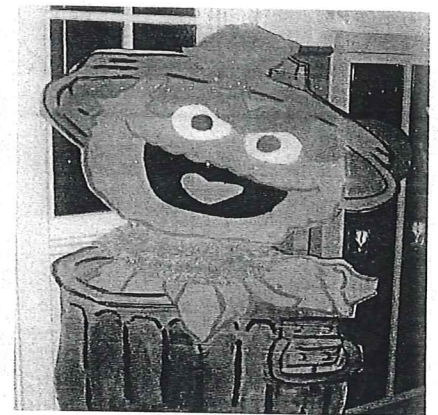
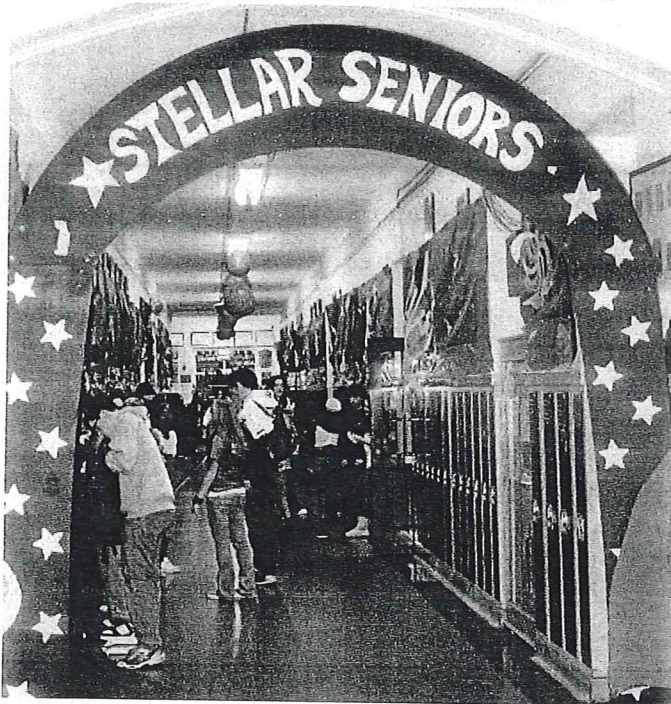
freshmen, the juniors beat the little Flintstones, and had the chance to finally win something.

The football got hot as the faculty came in. Juniors were more than determined, but the teachers take pride in their nerf-skills, and had the fighting spirit to beat their students. This gave the faculty another win!

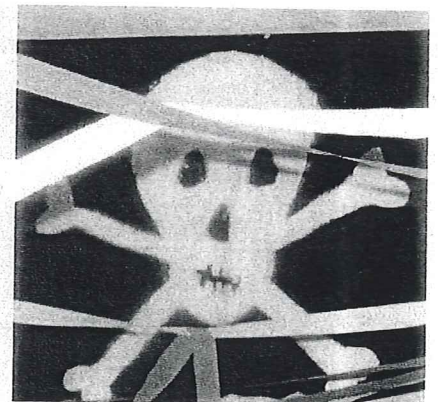
With the faculty winning, the students had to act fast for the final event: the tug of war! The seniors beat all of their lower classes to the ground. As they seemed to beat the faculty they unfortunately failed when Mr. Pappas announced that the festivities have ended!

The pep rally finally ended when Mr. Pappas announced the winners of each class theme contest. First the Stellar Seniors won for the best hallway decoration. Second, the Flintstone Freshmen won for the best t-shirt design. Last but not least, the Sesame Street Sophomores won for best gym decorations.

However, the faculty's football and relay wins were enough to win the overall pep rally. The seniors were still in high spirits since they won over their rival the juniors. Sorry reds. Congrats teachers!



Clockwise from top left: Juniors cheer on their class; the senior alien lands in the hallway; Oscar the Grouch peeks out of his garbage can; the junior's skull and crossbones; "Can you tell me how to get to Sophomore Street?"; the senior football players wait to give flowers to the varsity cheerleaders; the walkway to the "Stellar Senior" halls.



Huge Crowd Enjoys "Hot" Homecoming Dance



By: Kiersten Amberg

As soon as the bell rang on Friday, November 16, 864 students (well, probably not most of the boys) rushed home to get ready for the annual Homecoming dance, but preparations for Homecoming started long before that Friday.

While most students were stressing over what dress to wear, who to bring, or how to wear their hair, the Yearbook staff was busy trying to figure out if there would even be enough bids to sell to everyone who wanted to go. Monday and Tuesday were the only days that bids were being sold, so if you didn't buy your bid by Tuesday you were basically out of luck. But at the last minute, Mr. Coppola decided to let the yearbook staff continue to sell bids so that everyone could have a chance to go to the dance.

"There was a bit of a problem but we worked it out so we could give everyone another opportunity to be able to come and enjoy the dance, especially the seniors because this is their last homecoming at Manasquan," said yearbook staffer Katherine Kelly.

The extra number of bids caused a commotion in the halls early in the night. Despite the confusion the yearbook staff and group of chaperons and teachers managed to get every student in as quickly as possible. "Even with all the confusion and the large amount of students that attended, the 'check in' was the best it's ever been because there were more stations this year," Katherine said.

Okay, okay

enough about the boring details. The highlight of the night had to be the crowning of Chelsea Savoth and Chazz Coursey as the king and queen and of the senior class.

The court consisted of seniors Katya Palsi and Eddie Szumski, juniors Sophia Weston and Louis Mitchell, sophomores Kelsey Branch and Zach Ritchie, and freshmen Shannon Naughton and Tariq Turner.

And you know there can't be a dance without music. Well this year some students commented that the music was a little lacking. It was agreed that this year the music was not up to par with the previous standards of dance music.

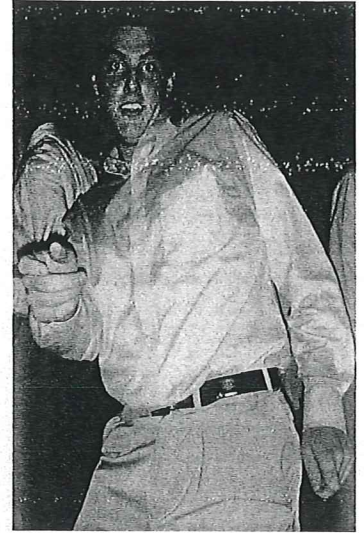
But still students hit the dance floor "tarp" with excitement and enthusiasm. There was rarely a moment when the dance floor wasn't crowded with bumping bodies. And when the song "Crank Dat" blared through the speakers a crowd formed around Jared Schwartz, Joey Pisano, and others as they busted out their "Soljah Boy" moves.

Another dancing highlight involved crazy and fabulous Mike Sheehan whose fast feet and flying limbs took the dance by storm. Entertained onlookers watched him going wild and living up his last Homecoming experience, especially when Chelsea Savoth and Amanda Lombardi began to dance by his side.

So since the students thought Homecoming was a hit what do you think the teachers thought? Chaperon Mr. Fagen had nothing but positive comments and a little humor as well. With a smile on his face he said. "Everyone was well behaved; it was a big success."

Even Mr. Coppola seemed to enjoy himself. "MHS students have more school spirit in their High School than any other students I have ever met. I'm looking forward to being a part of the tradition for years to come."

And even though it was \$25 for a single bid and \$40 for a couple, a chance to see the senior boys rush together to sing West Virginia was priceless.



Above: The Dancing King, Mike Sheehan, shows a hip shake and finger point move



Top: Laura Parker, Holly McGill, Sarah Ervin, and Sarah Hendricks. Below: Yearbook Staff strikes a pose





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School Spirit Shines Throughout MHS Spirit Week

By: Jamee Shea

ATTENTION ALL WHITES, GREENS, REDS, AND BLUES! It's that time of year again! The time our school proves that "no wall can stop the warriors!" Spirit week has finally arrived!

A nice relaxing weekend of wiping off sweat from the dance brought us to a long-awaited three-day school week, leading to the annual Squan vs. Wall football brawl! Three days of fame for the Homecoming

King and Queen, and three days for students to bring their spirit into MHS.

The week commenced with Decade Day on November 19th, when most students walked around with an ever popular tie-dye shirt or some flashy leggings.

But Tuesday, November 20th proved to be a very important day, almost more important

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Top: Senior bleachers go crazy during the pep rally; above: juniors Kelly Gepp and Devon Golding show their class pride; below: Warrior band provides the pep; juniors Sophia Weston and Louis Mitchell try to pop their balloon; junior boys cheer on their girls at the Powderpuff game.

