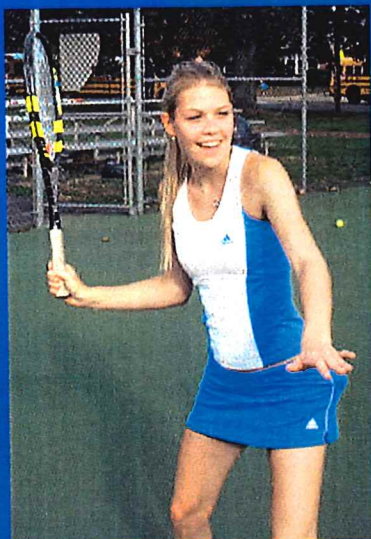
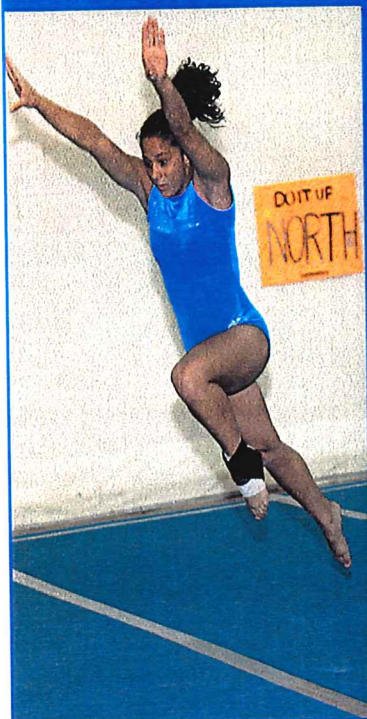


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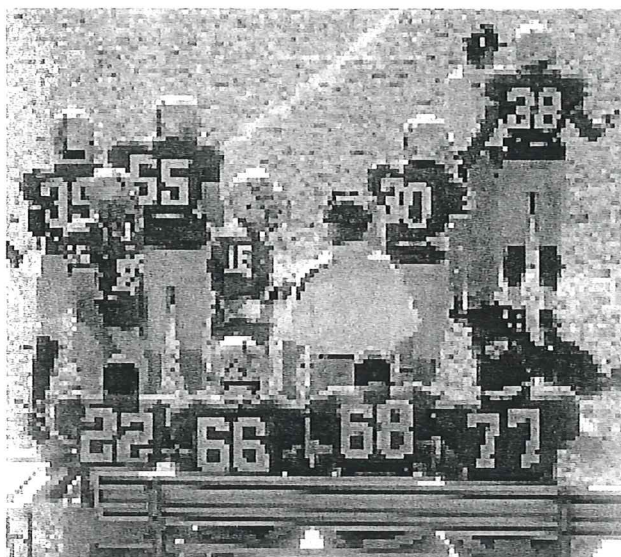
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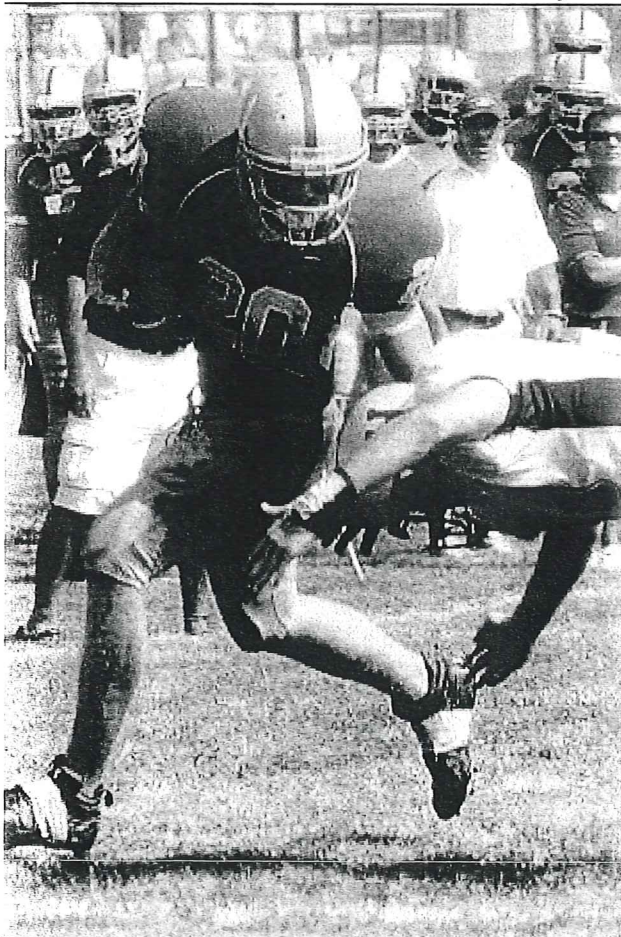
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Discussing strategies by the sidelines

some way," said Chazz on digitalsports.com. They did just that.

Was it a fluke? That's what some were wondering heading into our third game, this time versus Monsignor Donovan, the Griffins. We came out on top once again with a 32-20 victory. It became apparent that the Manasquan victories couldn't be attributed to chance, as the team's record went 2-1.



Daniel Kerrihan owns a Holmdel Hornet

The Warriors, now feeling some of that momentum they lost in the Holmdel game, faced off against St. John-Vianney in their fourth week. They came prepared and left winners, now 3-1 with a 28-13 victory. But they weren't untouched.

Chazz, who scored a touchdown plus ten carries for thirty-five yards, received a contusion to his right Achilles' tendon. Lorenzo Venable had it even worse. The sophomore running back scored two touchdowns and ninety-three yards before taking a helmet to the knee and a trip to the hospital. Two of the team's best

players injured, they went into their next game somewhat handicapped.

It showed on the field: extenuating circumstances found the team with even less players, and with the lineup so weakened, our lack of success wasn't a big surprise: Rumson defeated Manasquan, 17-0. But are there any other teams bound to beat us?

"Last year, we were better than everyone else," said Coach Cahill. "This year, we're equal." When asked who they were most worried about, he said, "The next opponent."

Their next opponent, the Point Boro Panthers, was certainly a team to be worried about. Stamping onto the turf, the Warriors had a still-positive 3-2 record, but they were facing a team whose record was practically divine: undefeated with six shutouts, the lowest margin of which being 28 points. It was as if we were going against our own past, and spectators asked, could Manasquan put up against the kind of numbers we used to put up ourselves?

The answer was no. However, people saw that there's nobody better to challenge an almost unbeatable record than the team who used to have one: we held them

off for their closest game of the season. Whereas other teams had trouble keeping the margin below 30 points, we left the Panthers with a narrow 9-0 defeat. Not a win, but not bad at all.

However, the numbers were now 3 wins, 3 losses, and the next game could decide whether we plunged into a downward slope or keep rising to a respectably positive record. It seemed to be a year for the underdogs, with the Packers winning every Sunday while the Jets struggled for a single victory;

"Spectators asked, could Manasquan put up against the kind of numbers we used to put up ourselves?"

that trend existed in Manasquan too. The Warriors were nobody's underdogs, and this year, while the lesser teams rose up and won games, we'd been experiencing a loss of fortune.

But the fortune came back. The Raritan Rockets were our next challenger, but challenge they weren't: they literally walked off the field while Mike Pizzolato, still in possession of the ball, ran it in for a touchdown. Those are the kinds of mistakes Manasquan doesn't make. Mistakes like that, they lead to big losses, and Raritan lost hard, with a final score of 35 to 10 in our favor. That kind of margin is no accident.

Despite Raritan's folly, we can't always expect them to make such ridiculous mistakes: we won against Shore Regional in the next game, 17-13, but a week later at the South Jersey Group II Quarterfinals, we were defeated 14-20 in Bridgeton. Bridgeton was one of the only teams to put up a fight last year, and the summer didn't rob them of that spirit a bit.

Not that our spirit is any less for the loss. "Most of the games are going to be as hard as the Holmdel game," said Coach Cahill early in the season. The Warriors look to Thanksgiving day for a chance to wrap up the season with a satisfying win.



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Cross Country Runners Train Hard, Perform Well

Girls Qualify for Shore Conference Championships, CJI States

By: Cory Bryant

The boys cross country team, lead by their new coach, Mr. Kevin Higgins, is off to a solid start, although their 2-3 record may not show it.

The squad is led by junior captain, Aedan Nielsen, sophomores Andrew Hannah and Eric Stewart, and junior Patrick Gallagher. The team has also enjoyed key contributions from freshman runner, Kevin Lapham.

"We are improving every single meet," junior runner, Derek Ames said, "We will only continue to get better."

The teams' toughest victory of the year occurred at the Wall High School meet on September 20th. Their second victory came against Red Bank



Coach Battaglia (left) of the girls cross country team and Mr. Higgins (right) the new coach of the boys cross country team

Regional, taking the match by an impressive 35-22 score.

The squad is looking forward to the Shore Conference Meet

on November 3rd, and hopes to place highly.

Similarly, the girls, led by coach Battaglia, are a solid 2-3 as well, and feel their season has been successful thus far.

The captains of the girls' team are senior Claire Nielson, and junior Kerry Fechter. The team really earned their victory against a tough Red Bank Regional squad on October 2nd, winning by only a few points. Key contributions are made by senior, Claire Nielson, sophomore, Kayla Felstedt, and Rachel Honrath.

The team was excited about qualifying for the Shore Conference Championship, where they performed well at Homdel Park, and the State Sections on November 3rd.

Warriors Ride The Waves

By: Claire Beesley

Whether surf's up or the ocean is a lake the surf team is out practicing and conditioning for its next meet.

The Manasquan Surf Team won its first meet of the season against Point Beach. They earned a perfect first, second and third in women's short board along with a first, third, fourth and fifth place in men's short board. The men also earned a second and third place in the longboard heat.

The teams second meet resulted in a second win. It was

held on Thursday, September 27 against Monsignor Donovan. Another meet was another victory; this one against Point Boro on October 3, 2007.

Some promising surfers this year are senior Brendan

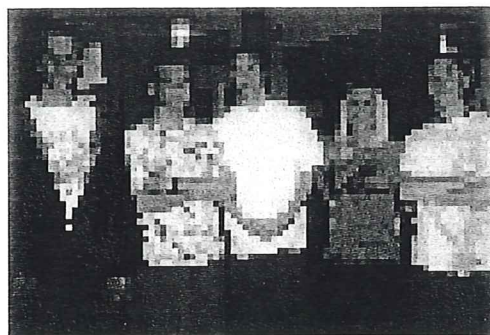
Buckley, senior Thomas Wolfmuller and junior Jeff Keating. Junior Ursula Librizzi and senior Kelly McConnell are performing well for the ladies.

"A number of our underclassman show great potential," explained first year coach Mr. Buss.

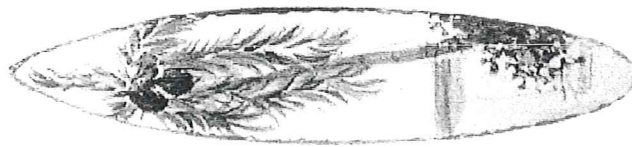
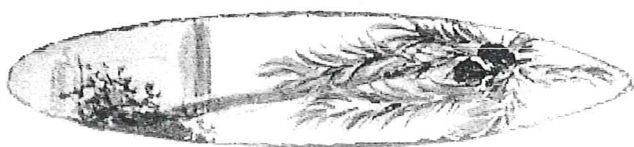
According to Buss the

team practices hard and has a lot of fun. Practices are held Monday-Thursday. If there aren't any waves the surfers run, swim or paddle to stay ready for upcoming meets. The forty-five members are constantly working hard and improving in hopes of being one of the fifteen who get to compete.

The Surf Team will definitely be attending Nationals in California at the end of this year. In order for individuals to qualify the team will be going to the champions meet in Ocean City.



Squan surfers, including Mike Waga, Brendan Buckley, Jeff Keating, Ursula Librizzi and Thomas Wolfmuller, ride the waves.





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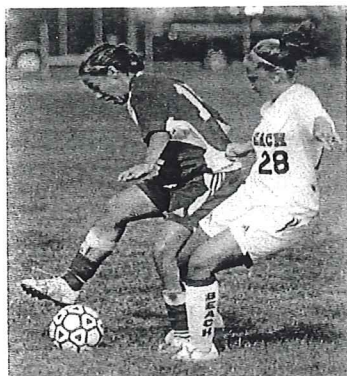


Girls' Soccer Makes Strides

Girls finish season 11-8-1;
earn first state tournament win
in eight years

By: Jessica Grabowski

The Girls' Soccer team won its biggest game in years, defeating the A.L.



Junior Elise Hemmer battles a Point Beach opponent for possession.

The Coast Star, "I have waited a long time for this."

Starring on the field was junior Katie Coleman, who scored her first goal for this season.

The win advanced the girls to the second round of the CJ Group II tourney, where the season ended when they fell by a score of 6-0 to powerful Somerville.

The team is very optimistic for next season. After suffering six losses in eight games to start the season, the girls turned their season

Johnson Crusaders in the first round of Central Jersey Group II Tournament on Monday, October 29. The 2-0 shutout was a monumental victory for the Warriors, since it was their first state tournament in eight years.

The seventh-seeded Warriors dominated the tenth-seeded Crusaders. After the game, coach M.B. Stehle told



Junior Sarah Ervin demonstrates great skill while pressured by a defender.

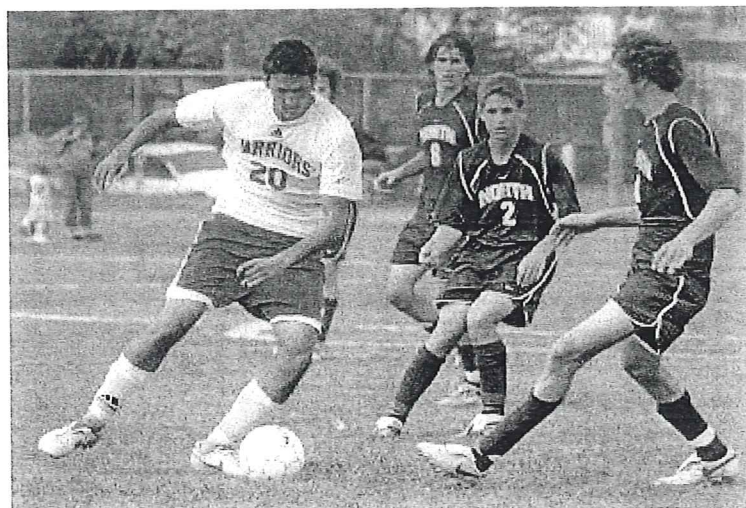
around with a six game winning streak. They built on last year's 9-9 record, and, of course, won their first postseason game this decade.

The varsity squad consists of six juniors, three

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Boys' Fall Short of Championship Hopes

2-1 win over Governor Livingston marks
high point of season;
loss to Somerville ends season



Ben Tumas skillfully dribbles the ball past several opponents.

By Kiersten Amberg

A season that began with ups and downs took an upward turn on Thursday October 18 when the Boys' Soccer team defeated Toms River North 2-1, to advance to the 2nd round of the Shore Conference Tournament.

Unfortunately, they were eliminated in the second round; losing to top seeded Howell, 3-0. Despite the loss, the team still felt confident and capable of winning a state championship title.

With a smile on his face senior captain Moises Iniguez shared his confidence with the Blue & Gray. "No one can do what we do," he said.

It was agreed that winning the state title is their most important goal for this

season. "All I have to say is this team has the ability to accomplish all of our goals," said starting forward and Captain Andrew Pinnella.

Along with Andrew some other key players include Zach Groezinger (captain), Moises Iniguez (captain), Ben Tumas (captain), Kevin Woolley, Logan Burke, and goalie Taylor Weiss.

Weiss is credited as one of the top goalkeepers in the conference, and one of the biggest contributors to the team. With Weiss on the defensive end of the field the Warriors (Iniguez, Groezinger, and Pinella) find little trouble picking up the offensive end.

What set Manasquan apart from most teams in the conference was the 14 returning

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Junior Kendall Malinowski drives the ball up the field.



Vic Kubu: More Than A Coach

Football has become a way of life at Manasquan High School and it all started with Vic Kubu.



By: Haley Behre and
Shannon Kmetz

A good football coach knows how to put points on the scoreboard and win the game. But a great coach is much more. A great coach shapes his players into men, teaching them not only how to win on the football field, but also to succeed in life.

Vic Kubu was a great coach.

Writing this article, we are faced with the challenge to capture in words the impact Kubu has left on the team, the school, and the community. The only problem is words can't do him justice.

His career began on this field here at Manasquan, over forty years ago, as quarterback. He continued playing football in college at Murray State University in Kentucky.

After college he found himself at Brick Township High School, as defensive coordinator, under Warren Wolf. While Kubu was there the Green Dragons went 75-13-3 with four undefeated seasons.

In 1975, Kubu left Brick for a head coaching position at Middletown North. In ten years he accumulated a record of 66-29-3 and a state championship in 1983- before returning to his alma mater.

In 1985, he began what would become the long blue line of strength, courage, heart, and dedication on the football field.

According to Pete Cahill, who played for him at Middletown and later coached beside him at Manasquan, Kubu left nothing to chance; he made sure every detail for the game was covered. That preparation was the key to his



**“A man of
excellence.”
Art Forst**

success.

Another key was Kubu's burning desire to be the best. “Kubu was extremely competitive- the most competitive person I have ever known,” Mr. Price explained, who has been coaching beside him since 1995. “He made everything a contest or would bet a person on anything, even if it was just five cents.”

Kubu was always more than fair. “He found a way to like the person no one liked,” stated Mr. Price with a chuckle.

Honesty was always a part of his game. He would assess his players realistically, telling them how they played, whether they wanted to hear

it or not. Nevertheless, he always taught that hard work could pay off.

But he wasn't just a coach to his players; he was much more.

According to Art Forst, a senior who has played under him for four years, Kubu was a man of excellence, a man who was more than just a coach to many.

“As players, we know that we are never on his level. He was the coach, us the players, we're not friends. However, you knew you could go to him with anything you needed. He was like a father-figure, a mentor. Words can't

explain the relationship he built.”

According to Mr. Price, football is like a business. There is never a personal relationship in football, but there was here.

“Hello” is normally the term one uses to greet someone. However, this wasn't the case for Kubu. A good punch that would knock the wind out of you was a typical greeting from him. According to Mr. Price it wasn't fun but no one else could punch you like that. It was a sign of affection, a sign that he cares about you.

His fairness, love for the sport and his players, and hard work paid off. He led the Warriors to a record of 197-42-2, with ten state titles, six undefeated seasons, and the honor of being one of New Jersey's best coaches.

His last season, 2006, was just what the doctor ordered for this legendary coach. Manasquan went undefeated (12-0) and won NJSIAA South Jersey Group II title.

This season will be a hard one for the warriors, without their head coach, for the first time in twenty two years.

“Something's missing, but I can't exactly tell you what it is. It's all going to go on without him. It's going to go on when we're gone too, he told us that. But his presence is missing. He was the security blanket,” stated Mr. Price.

When asked about this season and what it feels like to be interim head coach, Cahill replied, “It's not just about me, it's all the coaches working together to keep Squan's tradition.”

To a packed gymnasium at her father's memorial service, Wendy

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Horoscopes

By: Claire Beesley



Libra (September 23 - October 22)

You need to turn your focus to your home and family life. Something is a bit out of sorts and once you've identified it, you should be able to take care of it pretty quickly. Keep at it until everyone is in line.

Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Health: Great

Lucky Numbers: 3, 9, 12, 17, 20, 30



Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Slow down a bit and make sure that you are playing it safe -- at least for the time being. Especially in business and career circles, you've got to take great care with risk-taking, as luck may favor your rivals for now.

Romance: Good | Finance: Fair | Health: Good

Lucky Numbers: 1, 8, 12, 19, 32, 43



Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

Things might be a little strange today -- but not so much that you feel the need for a reality check. It's just one of those weird phases that makes

everything seem a wee bit out of sync with your life.

Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Health: Good

Lucky Numbers: 6, 7, 18, 32, 37, 44



Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

Don't despair, no matter how things seem at first glance. If you stick to your guns, you should find that everything evens out by the end. In fact, you might very well end up on top thanks to your perseverance.

Romance: Fair | Finance: Fair | Health: Good

Lucky Numbers: 4, 6, 25, 33, 38, 47



Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

You're in a pretty good place, but you haven't the faintest idea why.

The more you struggle to figure it out, the harder it will get, so just take a deep breath and try to live in the moment.

Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Health: Good

Lucky Numbers: 11, 16, 28, 34, 35, 49



Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

If your work group needs a change, you've got plenty of ideas that should rock the boat just enough without swamping it. Start making noises early on so people are primed when the crisis hits.

Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Health: Good

Lucky Numbers: 14, 22, 28, 32, 34, 39



Aries (March 21 - April 19)

You and your friends are feeling spunky now and it's a great time to crash parties or otherwise find new ways to meet people. There's a good chance one encounter could be life-changing, so go nuts!

Romance: Good | Finance: Fair | Health: Good

Lucky Numbers: 3, 6, 17, 29, 41, 45



Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

You are in a new place now and need to find a good way to share ideas with someone who agrees with you in some deep way. You may be startled to hear some of their ideas, but come to agree anyway.

Romance: Amazing | Finance: Good | Health: Good

Lucky Numbers: 2, 3, 21, 34, 36, 44



Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Something big doesn't make sense to you and no analysis or questioning is going to deliver the answer today. Try to relax and let the world keep spinning -- you'll get what you need pretty soon.

Romance: Fair | Finance: Good | Health: Fair

Lucky Numbers: 9, 10, 18, 19, 23, 32



Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

While everything seems to be fine on the surface, you may need to work on some personal issue that has been nagging at you lately. You've certainly got the right mindset for it now, so take all the time you need!

Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Health: Fair

Lucky Numbers: 3, 7, 15, 16, 38, 45



Leo (July 23 - August 22)

Today is perfect for first dates, parties and interviews -- and any other situation in which you want to make a good impression.

Your skill with new people is heightened and they should feel at ease.

Romance: Good | Finance: Good | Health: Good

Lucky Numbers: 2, 8, 12, 18, 41, 89



Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

Something you've been working on around the house suddenly comes to fruition -- almost certainly earlier than you had expected. If you want, you can move right along into something else, or it could be time for a break.

Romance: Fair | Finance: Poor | Health: Good

Lucky Numbers: 14, 30, 33, 38, 42, 44



HAVE A Mystic MONTH!

Things Get Weird at PNC



By: Matt Haviland

It was only by chance that I was walking through the PNC turnstiles last August; George "Owen" Watson had an extra ticket and I was the nearest, most available friend. Walking in amongst a sea of Weird Al t-shirts made me, the non-fan, feel like quite an outsider, but Owen just said, "Stay gold, Ponyboy," and pulled me along.

We sat in one of the

emptier sections, not close up but not far back, and I watched the empty stage wondering what to expect. I knew some Weird Al songs, mainly his parodies like "White & Nerdy" and "Amish Paradise," but I felt I didn't know the man himself. Was he just this joker, this ridiculous, song stealing charade of a man, or was he an artist? By the time he left the stage, I knew who he was. We all did.

To be honest, I wasn't feeling the first few songs, as they were ones I was less familiar with, but once he started playing the hits, it was golden. Al dressed up in a dozen different outfits through the night, and his song choice was for the Weird Al noob

songs are essentially covers, they're played just as well as



the originals. When the band started playing the guitar riff from "Smells Like Teen Spirit," I could have closed my eyes and believed it was Nirvana on that stage.

*More often than not,
Weird Al plays an accordion*



There were also two screens on either side of the stage, and on these he would show

hilarious celebrity interviews between songs. The interviews were basically cut up versions of existing interviews to make the celebrity look, ahem, *dumb*, and they were very funny (especially Eminem's, and I like Eminem). But still, the music was the real treat.

On the whole, our night was a mix between Weird Al's trademark goofy humor and some energetic and surprisingly quality music. By the time he got to his encore, the epic "Albuquerque" (a 15 minute banger about sour kraut), I was in a state of pure satisfaction. Never before had someone made me laugh that hard and be that impressed at the same time.

It was like a circus, minus the clowns and lions and trapeze artists and fire and monkeys and pretty much everything else you'd find in a circus. It was a *one man* circus, and for my money, the Ringling Brothers don't got nothin' on Weird Al.

Aesop Rock's None Shall Pass

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Ace Rocks a Raven: Platinum chains needs not apply

but amaze me with their depth and cleverness: "I got a handful, rocking the same poker face/ Down to dance around the table like they own the place." In context, you could write pages about that rhyme alone

One thing's for sure: you won't like it at first (or second, or third), but on the fourth or fifth rotation, it just clicks, and not only do you like it, you love it. If you like the idea of looking beyond the lyrics to find a song's meaning, then *None Shall Pass* is for you. If not, you should still give Ace a try; it's thinking man's hip hop, and if you're up for it, you won't find a more satisfying, challenging rap record.

Answers to Sudoku

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By: Claire Beesley



Happy Birthday Seniors!

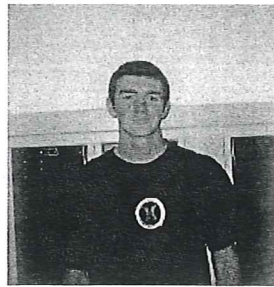
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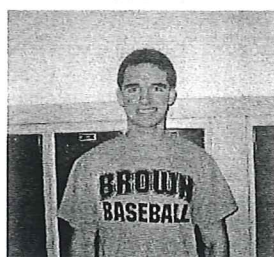
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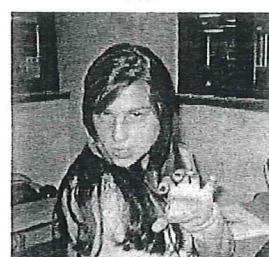
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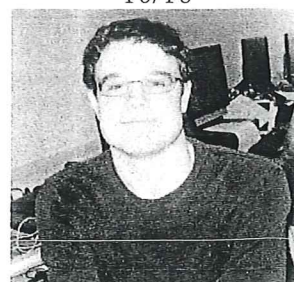
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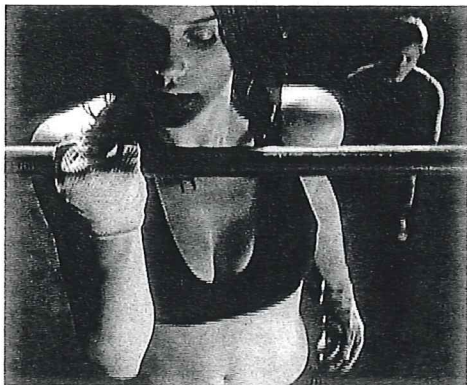


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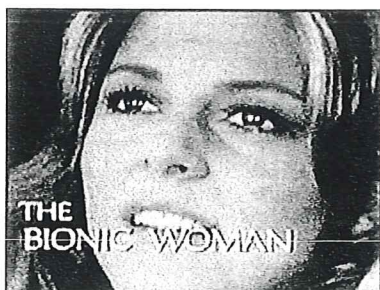
BIONIC WOMAN - NBC Wednesdays at 9

This new show promises to be better, stronger, faster. The original 70's show was a spin-off of The Six Million Dollar Man, about a man rebuilt as a cyborg after a horrible accident. This new version is revamped with sci-fi



action, intense martial arts and talented acting. British newcomer Michelle Ryan stars as Bionic Woman and it also features Miguel Ferrer of "Crossing Jordan" and Isaiah Washington from "Grey's

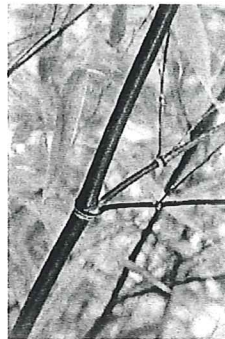
Anatomy". This show is also different from the original in that the transformed cyborg is actually an average woman that audience members can relate to, working to support herself and her troublesome younger sister.



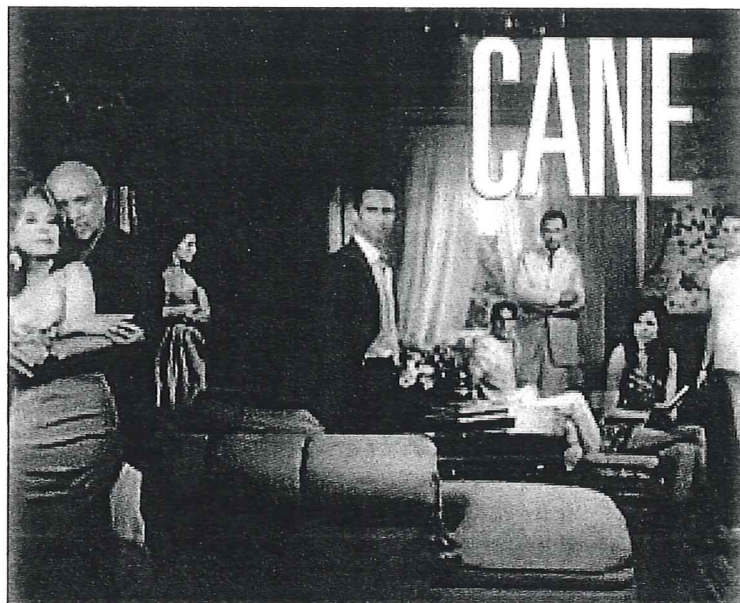
The original 70s Bionic Woman

CANE - ABC Tuesdays at 10:00

The show is about of a Cuban-American family running a rum and sugar cane business in the South. It follows the story of the power struggles and moral dilemmas of the wealthy and powerful family. The patriarch struggles with the decision of entering into a lucrative deal to abandon the sugar industry he built from the ground and focus



solely on rum, or to protect his legacy and hold onto his cane fields. Either decision would only please one of his sons, both of which have interesting family situations also



His more impulsive biological son would have him sell the fields, but his adopted son distrusts the family of buyers. One son chases women, while the other is deeply devoted to his young wife, who attempts to separate herself from the



business by focusing on her children who are determined to find their own paths separate from their influential family. These struggles to remain true to family and dramas over disputes and secrets as well as control of

the family fortune will make for very interesting television

Popular TV Programs Return to Fall Lineups

HOUSE- FOX Tuesdays at 9:00

TV's favorite sarcastic doctor that viewers love to hate is back this fall, only this time Dr. House is without his 3-person team. They will be making appearances later in the season, but for now House is all alone. House insisted that he didn't need a new team, but with no one to harass or bounce ideas off of, the work of solving the patient's illness took longer than usual. After bouncing ideas off a janitor, breaking into a patient's house himself (dragging Wilson along), and sending out a forged hospital-wide memo, House solved the case, as of course, but he realizes that a team might be beneficial, at least to get Cuddy off his back. At the end of the season premiere he had assembled 40 applicants, who will have to battle it out and be tested by House over the coming weeks to get that coveted spot on his team. His parting words? "Wear a cup."



UGLY BETTY- ABC Thursdays at 8:00

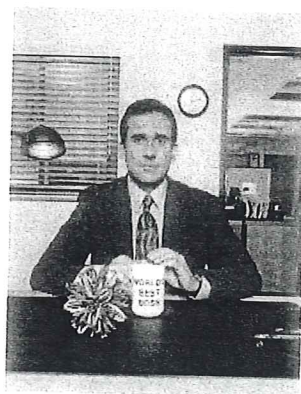
Last season left our Plain-Jane heroine in a tight jam of unintentional dilemmas. Season 2 promises to be "Brighter, Bolder, and all those been asking all some more juicy romance with worker Henry heated up, but disrupts with news. Also, the Editor-in-Chief of attempts to kill journalism mogul the brakes off his car, but forgot about this detail in a crisis, and drove her brother to the hospital after his overdose, forgetting the danger they are in. There are too many cliffhangers to count, including tragedy, pregnancy, cheating, plotting, and a surprise paternity which will be fulfilled with the premiere of season 2.



Bettier," answering questions you've summer, along with plots! Betty Suarez's her cute-nerdy co-Grubstick had his ex-girlfriend some scandalous newly appointed Mode Alexis Meade her cold-hearted father by cutting

THE OFFICE- NBC Thursdays at 9:00

The Office reaches its fourth season this year, and it's not too late to start watching. The show is a mockumentary about the office of a Pennsylvania paper company, Dunder Mifflin, and has a surprising amount of love between the laughs: there's the affair between Jim and Pam, unrequited for the last three seasons (1 & 2 because of Pam's fiancé, 3 because of Jim's girlfriend), and this season we'll finally see if their relationship works out. Also in love are Dwight, the office suck-up, and Angela, the "ice queen," secretly of course. Not so secret is the relationship between Michael, the



incompetent boss, and his former boss, Jan, who lost her job and now lives at Michael's condo. And at the end of season three, Michael accepted that he grew up at the office, reached his peak at the office, and would die at the office. Nothing changes for Michael, but as for the others, we'll just have to see.



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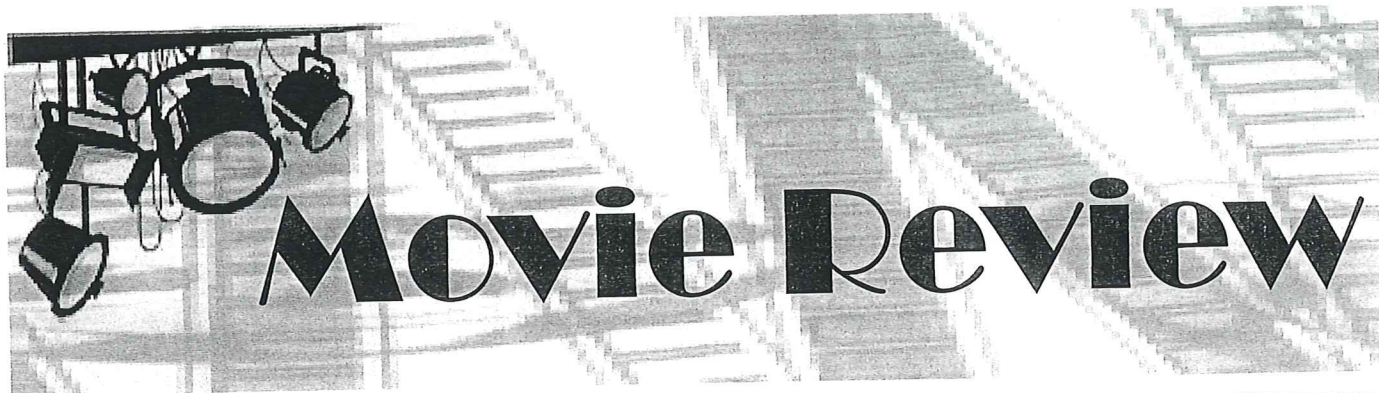
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30 ROCK- NBC Thursdays at 8:30

This show premiered last year, and was almost not renewed for another season despite winning an Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series. The show was created by and stars Saturday Night Live writer and performer Tina Fey, and despite the fact that it is critically acclaimed and extraordinarily funny it does not have many viewers. After winning the Emmy, Tina Fey thanked the show's "dozens and dozens of viewers" in her acceptance speech. Tina Fey plays the head writer as the show's protagonist, with Alec Baldwin as her boss and fellow SNL alum Tracy Morgan as a ornery star. Jerry Seinfeld is due to appear in the season premiere, and Edie Falco and Carrie Fisher will show up later in the season. Take advantage of this second chance to tune in to this fantastic show this year and help boost those Nielson ratings show before it gets cancelled!





Movie Review



Superbad is Really Good

By Matt Haviland

Who else but a teen would think that "McLovin" is a believable name for a fake ID? Not even as a last name, or a first; just McLovin. That's the stupidity we leave behind in adulthood, but in the high school years, it's the type of decision you'd make every day. *Superbad* is all about that high school way of thinking.

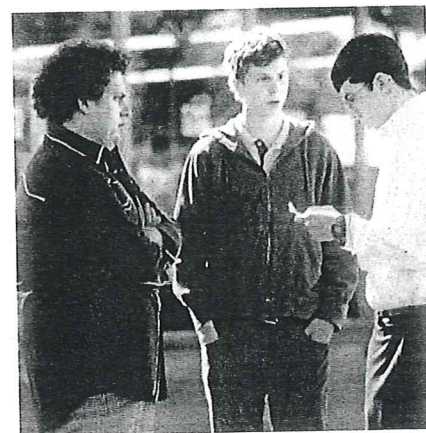
Think of it as a newer American Pie; two friends (and another, less liked friend) are bent on procuring alcohol for a popular girl's party, and also on leading their respective crushes to bed with them. They are all virgins, not quite the popular crowd, but not uncool enough to sit alone at the lunch table. Tonight is their chance to be heroes.

The three boys are foils of each other. There's Seth, played by Jonah Hill, who



is the loudmouth of the group, completely obnoxious and bent on getting alcohol because he thinks that's the only way he'll get his crush to sleep with him. By his side is Evan, played by the priceless Michael Cera. Evan is a meek, awkward teen, who wants a special bottle of vodka for *his* special girl, not to get her drunk but just because he doesn't want to disappoint her. Last is Fogle, a memorable geek who speaks in hip hop and reaches levels of awkward Evan can only dream of. He's there because he's the only one who can get the drinks. He is McLovin.

The rest of the movie takes Seth, Evan, and Fogle in increasingly wild directions, as you'd expect from any teen movie. But unlike most teen movies, *Superbad* treats its characters as real people. The girls aren't just sexual objects; they have problems, opinions, and surprises too. The boys, meanwhile, talk just like you'd expect them to talk, are obsessed with what every teenage boy is obsessed with (hint: it starts with an "S" and ends in "X"), and like most teenagers, are capable of surprisingly honest, heartfelt exchanges. When it's not being funny, this movie can be pretty darn touching. It's not perfect; the middle drags a bit, and though the humor is usually smart, some of the jokes end up



feeling a bit forced and stupid. But in the end, it's a better than average teen flick that has a better knowledge of teenagers than almost any movie before it. Teens aren't stereotypes, they're people. *Superbad* knows that.

Straight to Video?

By Jessica Grabowski

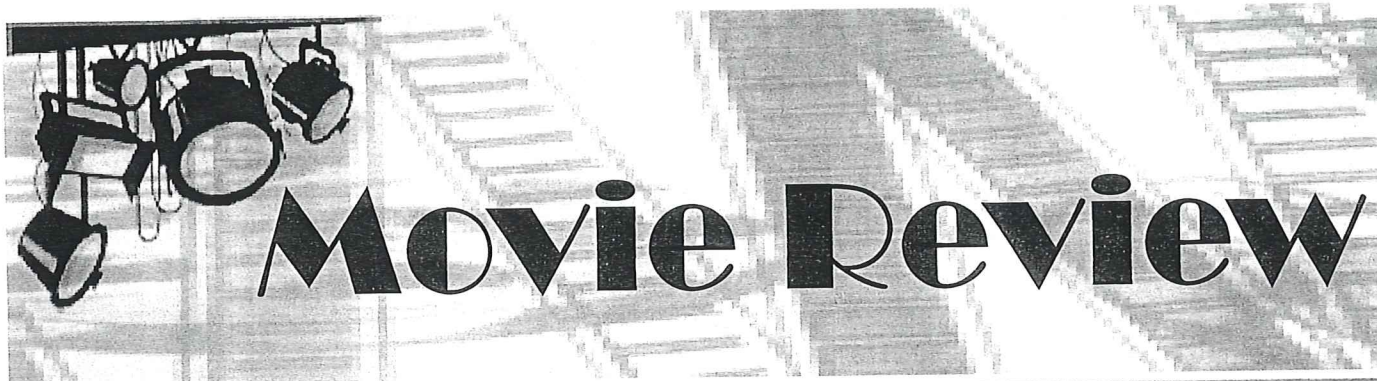
The Comebacks, starring David Koechner, Carl Weathers, Matthew Lawrence, Brooke Nevin, is a comedy that makes fun of the best inspirational sports movies ever made, including *Rocky*, *Field of Dreams*, and *Radio*. It's written in the same vein as *Scary Movie*, *Epic Movie* and *Not Another Teen Movie* and other memorable satires.

The Comebacks grossed just over \$6 million in its first week at the box office. So it is not a straight to video movie release, although many critics felt that maybe it should have been.

Still, if you like spoofs of well known movies, it could be for you.

Go check it out with some of your friends.





Movie Review



Sydney White Entertains Audiences with Classic Underdog Story

By: Jessica Grabowski

The fun, new movie, starring Amanda Bynes and Sara Paxton, *Sydney White* is a modern day *Snow White*.

It's about a college freshman named Sydney who doesn't really know how to be a girl, because she was raised

by her dad. But the tomboy decides to pledge a sorority at Southern Atlantic University. Every task she is assigned she completes, but according to Rachel, the "Queen Bee," it's not good enough, so Rachel kicks Sydney out.

Sydney moves into

"The Vortex" with seven social outcasts. While living there she hopes to change the way the college puts all of their money into the Greeks. She also meets her prince charming. To change the social ladder she has one of the "dorks" run for student council president, but that plan

falls through so she ends up running for president.

Personally I loved this movie; it was sweet and funny and totally fun to watch. It makes you want to yell out "Let's hear it for the dorks!"

The Darjeeling Limited: Off-Beat, Yet Flawed

By: Tom Sullivan

Nostalgic for something different? Bored by the selection at your local multiplex? Look no further, *The Darjeeling Limited* is here.

The new movie from pseudo-indie director Wes Anderson brings back all of the actors that we've come to know and love from his previous endeavors (Jason Schwartzman, Owen Wilson, and Anderson new-comer Adrian Brody) to create a new story of family re-

relationships, brotherhood, and the deserts of India.

The Darjeeling Limited, written by Anderson along with some collaboration by Schwartzman, tells the story of three estranged brothers Frank, Peter, and Jack (played by Owen Wilson, Jason Schwartzman, and Adrian Brody) who come together after the death of their father to take a train ride on *The Darjeeling Limited*, a long-distance express train

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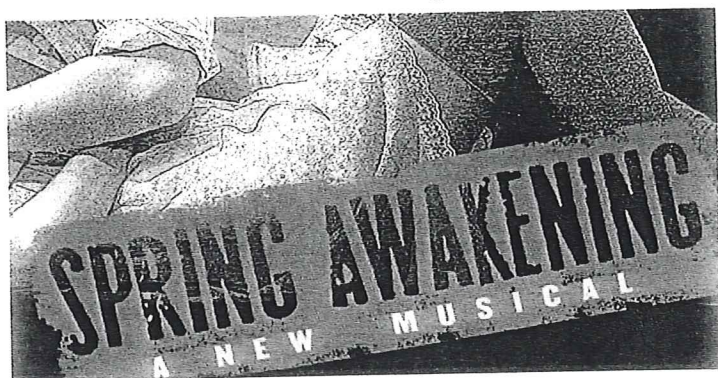
By: Claire Beesley... See Answers Page 26

Entertainment



New Show Energizes Broadway with Dramatic, Frank Plot

A riveting story about growing up and sexual revelations.



By: Jamee Shea

What do you think of when adolescence. This leaves our heroes, an innocent group of teenagers in 19th century Germany to seek answers to their newly found sexual frustrations.

Melchior, a young and diligent schoolboy educates himself on the matter while his best friend Moritz is constantly captivated in his dreams about a pair of long legs wearing blue stockings.

This turns him into a nervous

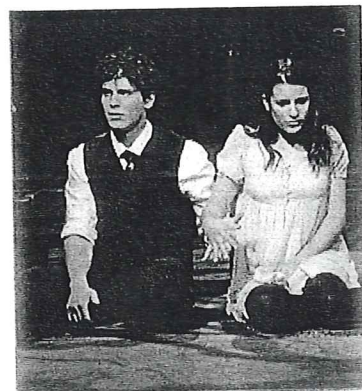
wreck for not controlling his frizzled hair full of bad thoughts and affects his plummeting school work.

Wendla is a spirited but extremely sheltered young girl whose curiosities get the best of her as the story progresses. Meanwhile she helps her two best friends who are dealing with physical abuse from their parents.

Melchior's friend and classmate Georg can barely make it through a day of class as he anticipates his piano lesson with his highly attractive and "busty" adult teacher.

As the story goes on, this highly misunderstood crew escapes from their personal troubles by entering a whirlwind of belted out rock opera sung on modern hand-held microphones. Characters vent and weep out as the beautiful neon lights shine as bright as their passion.

All of this leads to Melchior and Wendla's feelings for each other take a turning point in their lives, and it's up to Melchior to take adult responsibility in what he



Childhood friends, Melchior and Wendla grow closer as they become young adults.

causes.

This cast consists of highly talented and enthusiastic young adults, acting with all their heart into it, promising to blow away the audience in the whole two hours.

This Tony award-winning musical promises to never bore you with cheesy rhymes or cliché story lines, but with a wonderful rock and roll epic that isn't like any other.

If you are a lover of all Broadway, or a "RENT-head" this show will definitely thrill you, knowing that a little bit of all these ill-fated adolescents can exist within you.



Moritz's worries lead him into a deep depression as he gradually falls out of school.

How about a Broadway play? Well in my opinion as I recently viewed this beautiful piece of work, the title does not bring this plot justice!

Just imagine living in a time where adults are too embarrassed and ignorant to educate their children about

The Blue & Gray Editorials

From Me to You... Words of Advice



By: Matt Haviland

More than enough is never enough for some people, but then there are those who believe more than enough is, well, too much. A twenty-one page paper on Tupac Shakur was too much for my English 3 Honors teacher; the eight pages he told me to make it weren't enough for me. That's what you'd call a dilemma, and the solution was what you might call a risk. The protagonist? If this was a story, then I'm him, and he's a dynamic character. In other words, it changed me.

First the essay: it was majestic. I had to prove Tupac was a tragic hero, according to its three classical definitions. Had Aristotle, Shakespeare, and Miller been looking over my shoulder, they'd have been nodding in agreement. The search was vast: I rewound and rewound *Tupac Resurrection* to get exact quotes, searched countless websites and interviews to find the tragic flaw, stature, and catharsis. Shakur had it all, and it all went down on the essay. I mostly wanted to prove my teacher, not exactly a fan, that Tupac was a good man and

quite tragic. However, it soon became my own prerogative and the pages started piling up. Every trait, every necessity for the motif was being fleshed out with facts and anecdotes and lyrics, and by the time I looked at the finished product, I knew it was special. In fact, "Tupac Shakur – A Tragic Hero" was my magnum opus.

Then came the proofreading; I looked it over myself, deleting adverbs and cleaning up grammar, and it got to the point where the paper didn't need any more revision. However, part of the assignment was to bring it in and proofread with a partner. This twenty-one page masterpiece was beyond error, but I printed it out anyway, attempted to staple it, and brought it in. I found out three things that day: nobody else's paper was over twelve pages, the limit was eight, and my masterpiece was to be butchered into one-third its length. I left the classroom defeated.

What was I to do now? I couldn't possibly cut it down that much. It was like trying to cut diamond: not only impossible, but really, why would you try to destroy something so precious? As I saw it, I had two options: beat my paper into submission and hand in a bloody, staggering eight-page copy, or challenge my teacher and hand in the full twenty-one pages. Each was unacceptable, the first to me and the second to him. But then I thought this: what if I humor both of us? I would cut it down, yes, assassinate my paper, but then I would also hand in the real copy with it. The perfect plan! So the night before its due date, I went to the essay with pliers and metal bars. It came

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By: Haley Behre

Racism in the 21st Century: What a Waste!

In this day and age, so much progress has been made toward achieving tolerance in America, with homosexuality being more accepted, ethnically diverse school systems, and a woman and an African American running for president. This raises an important question, how can racism still exist?

Our country has a sad history of racism, a history which many try to cover up or forget. However, an even sadder reality is that today, equality is being taught in the classrooms but too often not advocated outside. The lessons of great leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X are being taught, but not followed.

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." And he is right. Our society today is staring racism right in the face, but is too blind to see it. Hatred and injustice plague our nation, but we are too arrogant to face it. We are on the verge of repeating our

ancestors' mistake, but we are too scared to do anything about it.

Over the last year a small town, Jena, Louisiana, of approximately 2,000 civilians, became known to the country and to the world for its racial inequalities. Six young black students were arrested for beating up a white student and charged with attempted murder. This happened after three nooses hung from a "white man's tree" on their high school campus. Interestingly, the white students who hung these nooses were let off with three days suspension and no legal charges. The superintendent claimed it was not a hate crime but only a school prank. However, the town knows otherwise.

B.L. Morgan, the pastor of the Antioch church in Jena, said to the *New York Times*, "Blacks live on one side of town. Whites live in another side of town... We live in a segregated city... it's not something we want but it's something we can't do

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MHS Welcomes Four New Teachers

Mr. Karpinski Enseñas Espanol

By: Shannon Kmetz

This year there are many new faces around the halls of Manasquan. Perhaps you've seen one of those faces, belonging to the new foreign language teacher, Mr. Karpinski.



Not only is it his first year teaching here at Manasquan, it is his first year teaching ever. He attended Wall High School and moved on to Monmouth University, majoring in Spanish and Secondary Education.

Karpinski said his hobbies include traveling. His favorite vacation spots include Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico and Nicaragua. "Traveling,

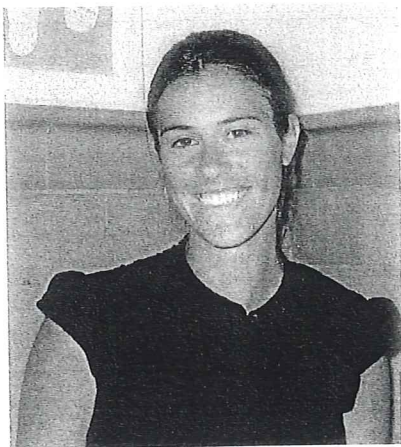
in a sense, is what made me want to teach Spanish," he explained. "It's what sparked my interest." This year, he teaches Spanish I classes. "I want my students to gain an appreciation for the Spanish language and

culture," anticipates Karpinski.

How will he do this? He plans to be more or less all about the creativity, a hands-on learning experience. He does not want to give lectures, but find out what the students can do academically.

Basically, he wants to teach a lesson, then have the students apply their learning through a skit, poster, or something of the sort.

Miss Apostolou Returns to MHS



By: Jamee Shea

She's not just any old teacher, but an MHS alumna! The science department has been blessed this year with the addition of Miss Apostolou.

After graduating from the University of Richmond she was more than happy to return to her roots and teach the subject she loves.

"I think it's so much fun to move back to my alma mater," said the 2002 MHS graduate

as a smile crossed her face, "The student population has surely grown, and they are a real pleasure to teach."

Growing up with a love for science, Miss Apostolou was a highly active high school student, playing soccer, basketball, and softball. She also handled a big ball of responsibilities for Key Club, Student Government, and the National Honor Society.

When she's not teaching Lab Bio and Integrated Science, Miss Apostolou works her summer job at the Parker House near her home in dear old Manasquan.

So far this year Miss Apostolou has enjoyed seeing her students' desire to learn and hopes that they will achieve and go beyond their goals as the year carries on.

Ms. Merolla Takes Over Psych.

By: Katya Palsi

First impression of Ms. Merolla, the new MHS Psychology teacher: fabulous outfit. Of course, if you've seen her in the hallways.

With Mrs. Hawryluk currently on maternity leave, Ms. Merolla has stepped in to psych 101. Merolla is very excited to be teaching here at MHS and loves her classes. "I'm lucky I've got good students," she commented eagerly.

She really loves the subject she is teaching and is "happy to be able to share her knowledge of psychology." The job is a challenge. Her classes include AP Psychology, a course filled with many

intelligent, motivated students.

Ms. Merolla was previously employed at Monmouth Regional where she also taught psychology. She much more enjoys working with her new Manasquan students.



"Ms. Merolla is very nice, she honestly loves the class and is interested in it. She has respectable enthusiasm in psychology," says Matt Haviland, a student of hers.

It's too early to tell if Ms. Merolla will join us again next year, but she is hopeful. And it's a plus for MHS to have a young, gorgeous, fashionable new teacher.

Mr. Valentine Changes Gears

By: Jamee Shea

Some of you MES veterans may recognize this man from previous years, but this year he has moved up as a new fish in the MHS Special Ed. Department.

Mr. Valentine decided to make the change up to the high school because he wanted to do something different. "So far I'm really enjoying it here," added Valentine, "The kids are also very friendly."

As a graduate of New Jersey City University, Ocean County College, and Georgian Court, Mr. Valentine chose Special Education to get to know the students better rather than teaching a large group.

When Mr. Valentine

isn't working, he likes to play keyboard while writing his own music. In the summer he is enamored with fixing old cars and driving his own '65 Chevy Impala Convertible.



Teachers Share Summer Experiences

Mr. Minutoli Leads Students to British Isles

By: Jessica Grabowski

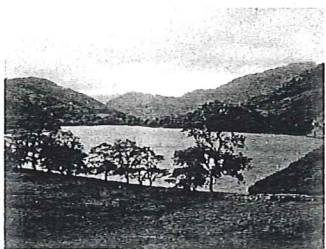
Have you ever wondered what teachers do over summer vacation? This summer, math teacher Mr. Minutoli traveled to England, Wales, and Ireland, chaperoning ten students, in the People 2 People program.

This educational trip for 40 high school kids from Monmouth and Ocean counties opened Minutoli's eyes. "I thought it was amazing. The mindset is totally different there from over here." He also learned about the European culture and how refreshing it is; also the different viewpoints and the diversity between Europe and America.

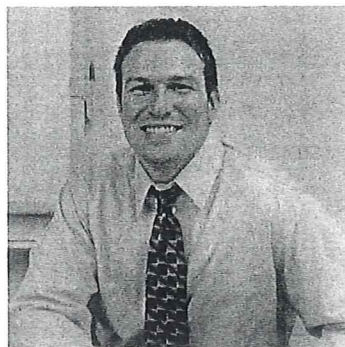
They went for three

weeks, starting in London, England for five days, then traveling west through Wales, before taking a ferry to Ireland where they stayed with a family. Mr. Minutoli described the family as nice; everybody got to know each other and learn about each other's different lifestyle. The family also cooked meals for them and drove them to various activities.

"The landscape is beautiful in Ireland" said Mr. Minutoli. More than the beautiful landscape though, Mr. Minutoli respects the students he has come to know. "High School students are more mature than adults give them credit for," he said.



Mr. Glenn Takes West Coast By Storm!



By: Sarah Kleinfeld

This summer, MHS science teacher, Mr. Glenn took an amazing trip. To celebrate his second marriage anniversary, Mr. Glenn, his wife, his sister, and his brother-in-law traveled to California. He was overjoyed to be taking this vacation because he had never been to northern California, and finally had the opportunity. He enjoyed a week full of remarkable encounters!

Mr. Glenn visited the beautiful Napa Valley, which is famous for its vineyards. There, the family went to wine-tastings, where they experienced many fine varieties of wine. Mr. Glenn was lucky enough to get a tour and some inside information of the vineyard. This is due to his family connections to the head

chemist, who is one of the most important elements to making a vineyard run smoothly.

Mr. Glenn visited a couple of iconic areas on his vacation. One destination on the environmental club advisor's agenda was the Redwood Forest. This forest contains the legendary redwoods, which are some of the largest trees in the world! This also had special meaning for Mr. Glenn, because if you've ever been in his class, you know that he is a big fan of the *Star Wars* movies. The Redwood Forest is one of the locations where a movie in the series, *Return of the Jedi* was filmed. He also traveled to San Francisco where he went to Lombard Street. This is the famous crooked road located in the city.

Mr. Glenn says that although the whole trip was amazing, the best part was definitely the beautiful weather. He says that you don't even need a weatherman because it's always 70 degrees and sunny!

Mr. Glenn is unsure of where he will travel next, but hopes to go somewhere!

Miss Z Swims with the Sharks

By: Melissa Martuscelli

If you know her at all, then you know math teacher Ms. Zdanowicz always exudes energy, enthusiasm and passion. That is her personality in the classroom, as well as her personal adventures.

This summer Ms. Z traveled to Mexico, where she enjoyed a once in a lifetime experience. She went scuba diving off the coast of Guadalupe Island, in well-known shark infested waters.

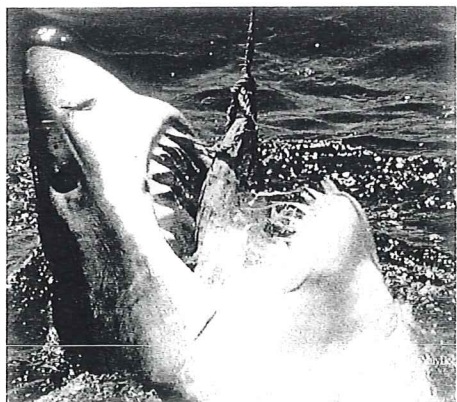
The sharks were the main attraction. Chum was thrown into the water to attract the sharks, and Ms. Z boldly swam with them.

"At one point six sharks were swimming around me!" she exclaimed.

Back on the boat afterward, the

crew teased more sharks with chum held above water. Like a scene from *Jaws*, one shark lunged for the bait, baring teeth and jaws to the awed divers (see picture at left). "It was incredible," Ms. Z commented.

Ms. Z admitted that she was afraid at first, but gradually her fear melted away. She said that overall swimming with sharks is fun, and a great experience!



We Bleed Black and Orange?

By Kiersten Amberg

Walking through the halls on an average day in Manasquan High School, what do you see? Most students dressed in the same basic clothing, like jeans and a tee shirt. But on Wednesday, October 31, MHS became a completely different scene.

Students of all grades gathered in the auditorium to show off their creative, flashy, scandalous, and scary costumes in the annual Halloween Costume Contest. The costumes ranged from a yellow banana to a couple of senior citizens.

Student Council adviser Mrs. Elms, who helped to organize the event, was overheard saying "this is the largest turn out we've ever had."

Each seat in almost every row was filled, with eager students ready to show off their festive costumes. To keep the students entertained during the costume contest, commentary was added by members of the student council, Jared Schwartz and Amanda Lombardi.

The students who participated in the contest were asked to walk on stage and tell the judges what they were supposed to be. After the parade contestants were awarded by judges,



Right: Some students getting ready to show off their costumes; bottom left to right: two old folks ready for bingo hour; Bobby Waltzer and tough guy Tyler pose in the band room; the group of girls aka The Incredibles.

Ms. Cosse, Ms. Mangan, Mr. Ravaioli, Mrs. Polack, and Mrs. Hanlon, for the cutest, funniest, most creative, and best group.

Winner for the cutest costume was freshman Alex Evangelista as Lucille Ball, funniest was Allie Monello and Lina Zermene as Britney and K-Fed, most creative was Jake Novack as the crane machine and Angie Robinson and Mary Cavagnaro as puppeteers and best group were Jack Masterson, Pat Gallagher, Paul Impellizeri, Tim Burke, and Noah Carpenter as the Spice Boys.

This year it really paid off to be a winner in this contest. The big prize winners were the Spice Boys earning 50 dollars while other contestant winners receive a check worth 25 dollars.

Along with the contestant winners some of the crowd favorites

were Kaitlin McLaughlin and Ashley Aquilante as Mr. Higgins and Ms. Z, the shredder boys, the senior girls from the movie *Dazed and Confused*, the tennis team cowgirls, and the ever so popular *Incredibles*.

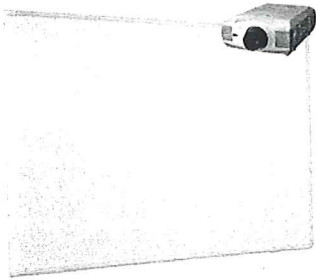
But not only were the students dressed up but the teachers took part in the fun as well. Mr. Higgins and Ms. Z brought the 80's back as Slash and Axel Rose while Mrs. Sanders and Ms. Boodey dressed as senior citizens on their way to bingo.

But seeing as it was Halloween not all costumes were as Mrs. Marklein would say, "In good taste." One student who will remain anonymous came to school dress as, sperm.

Since Halloween can end up very scandalous (i.e. nudist on strike) it was no surprise that our friend, Mr. Sperm,

was sent home to change. For the most part students were dressed in appropriate costumes and besides Mr. Sperm; fortunately, there were no other mishaps during the day.





The Promethean Activboard

Activboards and Summer Reading Highlight New School Year

By: Cory Bryant

Summer time. A time for relaxation, going to the beach, and... doing homework?

Surely, only for honor students, right? WRONG.

This past summer Manasquan High School English department made the decision to issue summer work to all classes, honors or no honors, and to all grade levels; a decision that some students acknowledged, while others ignored.

"I think the summer reading is understandable, yet unnecessary. I sort of wish I did it," Ian Gray, junior and field

captain of the MHS Warrior Band said.

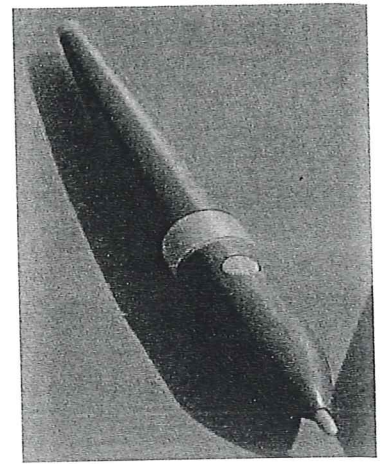
The summer work required students to choose one of four books, read it, write notes about it, and then take a test two weeks into the school year. Some students reported the reading to be no big deal, while others just blew it off. "I think about 3 out of 4 students did the reading, which wasn't bad for the first year of the new policy," said English teacher Mr. Mawn.

Aside from summer reading, MHS acquired numerous activboards over the summer. An activboard is a digital, interactive white board. The software is run on

the computer and the image is projected onto the white board.

Promethean, the company who produces the activboards, is a global leader in the industry of interactive teaching technology. They are a worldwide company, with offices in the US, UK, China, Germany, and France. There are over 3.5 million students around the world in more than 70 different countries, all being taught with promethean technology.

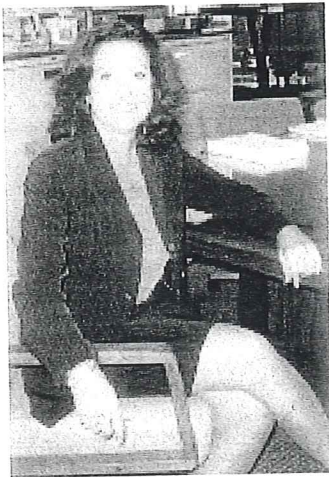
The activboards enable teachers to quickly create lessons, presentations, tests, and quizzes in just a few minutes. They can also drag/



Above: An activpen, the tool used to operate activboards

drop images, watch videos, and access the internet, just like a computer. The activboard is operated exclusively with the activpen; pens that write similar to a regular pen, but also function as a mouse. Activboards around the world are taking technology and education to a new level; enabling teachers to further engage and educate students with new promethean technology.

Mrs. Margin, New Manasquan School District Superintendent



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Michigan, and then taught in Ohio for 10 years. After that, she came to New Jersey and worked in Montgomery. Next, she moved from Montgomery to North Brunswick, where she rose to acting superintendent before finally coming to Manasquan to be our superintendent.

As superintendent, she plans to be "visible" in the school. She says that students will frequently see her in the hallways. Moreover, she

encourages students to swing by her office and introduce themselves.

So far, Mrs. Margin has been "impressed with the sense of community" at Manasquan. She has also "found the students to be very open and welcoming." She's inviting students to come chat with her whenever they want so she can hear their perspectives on school issues.

As for issues, if you wondering if a new superintendent will change Manasquan's reputation for never having a snow day, Mrs. Margin says that she's not "vehemently against" them. She says that we will probably have a lot of 90-minute delays to decide whether or not to close the school. Also, most delays and closings will be announced the night before, depending on the weather. Because, as we all know, it's just not the same to have a closing announced after you've already gotten up, showered, and gotten dressed.

She also feels that the senior lunch policy is fair, as "it's an earned privilege" and feels that "it sets a high standard for students."

Concerning last year's bomb threats, Mrs. Margin says that "it's unfortunate that we live in a society where security has become so much a part of our lives," however, she feels it's necessary. The rumors about having to make up the time wasted during bomb threats after school are false, according to Mrs. Margin.

When asked what she would be to the position, Mrs. Margin replied that she had "a broad range of experience with lots of instructional practices" from all her years of teaching. As superintendent, she is responsible for creating the curriculum, hiring staff, and helping to develop the budget. She is also responsible for facilities, and acts as a community liaison.

Fans of NBC's *The Office* will recognize

her hometown, Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the location of the Dunder Mifflin paper company where the show takes place. Mrs. Margin hasn't seen the show; she doesn't have much time for TV.

In her free time she enjoys sailing with her husband in Barnegat Bay, and they go skiing in the winter. Mrs. Margin also likes to read, and a recent favorite of hers was *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. She anticipates reading his next book, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*.

With her first few months at Manasquan now behind her, Mrs. Margin is pleased and impressed with the "tradition and heritage" of MHS. She feels that being the superintendent "is a great opportunity to work with a very talented and gifted professional staff. The students and families of Manasquan obviously appreciate the rich tradition of excellence which it is noted for" and support out district."



Violence Awareness Week



Mrs. Sanders, student groups try to stop violence before it starts

By Matt Haviland

Just before his death, legendary rapper 2pac made a song called "Me and My Girlfriend," rapping about his gun as if it was a lover. The song illustrates quite literally America's love affair with violence, and sadly, the words still ring true today. That is why from Monday, October 15th to Friday the 19th, our school participated in Violence Awareness Week.

"When we're violent, we're nothomoring each other," said Mrs. Sanders, organizer of this year's violence awareness.

She worked with the Student Alliance, Student Council, and Gay-Straight Alliance to promote tolerance, diversity, and a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. A lack of each can lead straight to violence, so the name of the game is prevention.

The three groups used a number of methods to get the message out. You may have noticed street signs with such positive names as "Harmony Highway" and "Respect Road" in the hallways, which were provided by the AP art class (see picture).

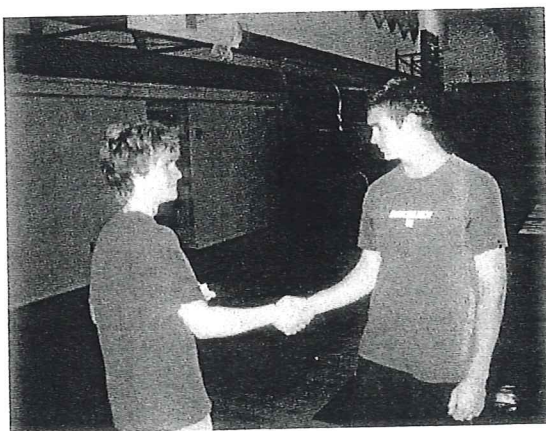
MHS TV, in conjunction with Peer Leaders, also showed inspirational quotes throughout the week, so hopefully you paid extra attention during those morning announcements; you might have heard

something that changed your life, or at least your day.

In addition to paying attention, you could also pay a couple bucks and bought a red bracelet to support being drug-free; they were sold in the lunchroom. The word is that teachers had already started ordering them weeks earlier, so you know those things were the height of fashion.



Above: Student Assistance Coordinator Mrs. Sander and junior Brandon Mattern show off the drug-free bracelets, on sale October 15th in the cafeteria; Below: students demonstrate a novel concept, "agreement is better than violence"



lence instead of real life games with violence. Come see me." For any Halo players out there, Dan's gamertag is Dandaman0, and he takes all challengers.

But violent videogames can still have a negative impact: "The media serves as a medium for violence," alliterated senior John Watters.

Mrs. Sanders also warns against such forms of entertainment: "[Violence in the media] has desensitized us as a nation,

even worldwide." Although violent movies and videogames can't literally hurt people, they certainly contribute to a society apathetic to bloodshed, considering it just another fact of life, even a solution to our problems.

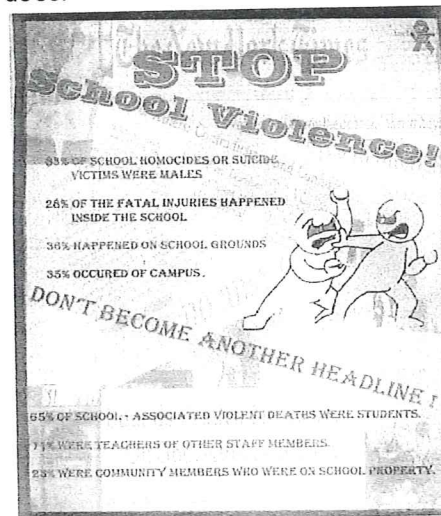
"Violence is not an option," said Mrs. Sanders, "There's always a better way." You've likely heard this all before, but it's just as true the tenth and twentieth time you hear it as it was the first. And if it's not getting through, we need to make sure that it does.

Mrs. Sanders also took a group of kids, chosen from the aforementioned student groups, to a non-violence presentation at Brookdale Community College. Yes, Brookdale;

Violence Awareness Week isn't just a Manasquan thing, but a district mandated program that all schools are required to observe during the third week in October.

What do Manasquan kids think of violence awareness? "A hand for a hand leaves the whole world handless," mused senior Jeff Kirk.

Dan McKelvey, another senior, had a suggestion: "Play videogames with violence



Mrs. Treney's Graphic Design class made anti-violence posters, like this one designed by senior Ashley Aquilante

Mrs. Sanders said that the ultimate goal of Violence Awareness Week was "a positive school climate," and to "inspire and motivate dignity, respect, and harmony."

Ambitious words, yes, but entirely conceivable. Tupac may have settled on guns to solve his problems, but we can do better than that. If everyone paid attention to the messages of Violence Awareness Week and we live by its lessons, it wouldn't be a surprising to find that a lot of our problems stop all by themselves.

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Squan Welcomes New Administrators

Principal Coppola Praises Squan Pride

By: Nicole Casey

Pride. Tradition. Two words that set the foundation of Manasquan High School. Tradition is defined as a continuing pattern of beliefs or practices, continuing, never to be changed. But many things around our hallways are changing. We have adopted new math curriculums, updated our technology, and introduced new faces of leadership over the summer.

So who is the dark haired man, dressed in a suit, we see greeting us in center hall each morning? This man is one of the most important additions to MHS... the new principal.

Mr. Rick Coppola became principal of Manasquan High School in June of 2007, after the retirement of Mr. McCormack.



Mrs. Margin Assumes District Leadership

By: Matt Haviland and Kaitlin McGuinness

When you think of an administrator, visions of authoritative professionals in steel gray suits come to mind. But that's exactly the opposite of Mrs. Margin, Manasquan's new superintendent; dressed in her aquamarine sweater set, she gave off a warm vibe from the get-go, and the warmth only continued when talking to her.

Mrs. Margin was initially a math teacher. She worked in almost every area of mathematics, and loved teaching. She didn't even consider administration until after she had been teaching for 15 years. She then went back to school and got her second Masters degree, earning her Superintendent's Certificate.

She started out teaching in Pennsylvania before transferring to

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Drama Club Performs: *Inherit the Wind*

By: Haley Behre

Drama Club kicked off the new school year this fall, performing the famous play *Inherit the Wind*. The story is loosely based on the controversial 1920's Scope's Trial.

Freshman Alfred Califano earned one of the

lead roles following some solid auditions. He played Burt Cates, a high school science teacher who was arrested for teaching Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution, which had been banned from Tennessee schools at the time.

Two veterans of the Jack Nicholson Theater stage, senior Anthony Silverman and

junior Patrick Gallagher, played important roles, too. Silverman brought to life Henry Drummond, a prominent lawyer of the time period who defended Cates.

Gallagher depicted Matthew Harrison Brady, who was a politician, lawyer and statesman and defended Tennessee in the trial.

Ultimately, Cates prevails, and Darwin's Theory of Evolution was taught in Tennessee schools. And, of course, it has continued to be a staple of science curriculums across the nation ever since. But at the time the case was highly controversial and the outcome uncertain.

