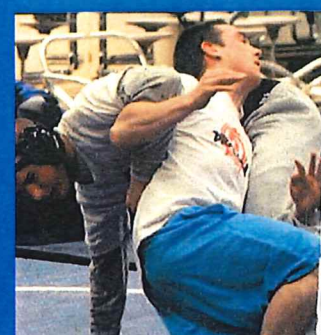
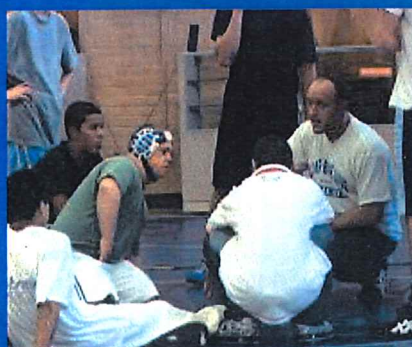
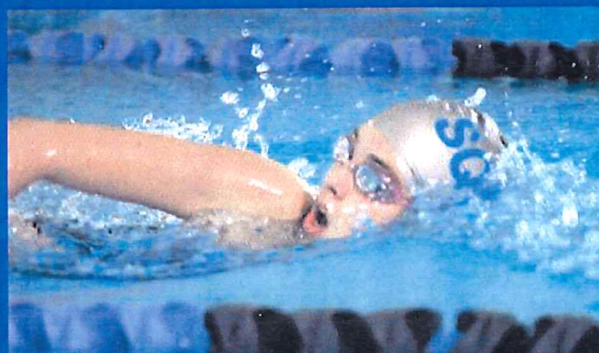
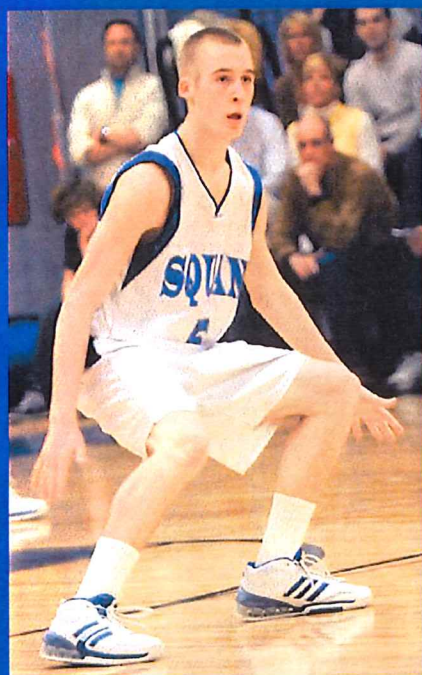


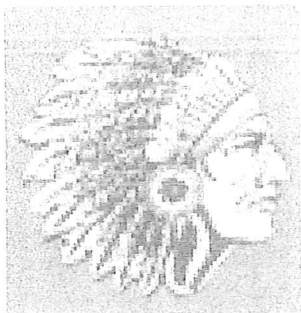


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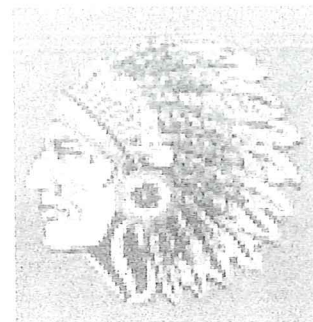
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Death of a Dynasty

by Tyler Toole



In a perfect world everything would be perfect, right? You could go to Walgreens, and get anything you need. At least that's what Walgreens advertises.

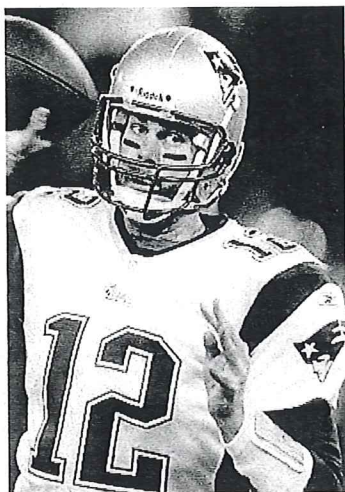
In that scenario the Patriots would be basking in the glory of a perfect season and a Super Bowl Championship.

On Sunday February 3rd the Patriots, who finished the regular season with an amazing 16-0 record, lost in a shocking 17-14 upset to the New York Giants in the Super Bowl in Glendale, Arizona, ending the Patriots hopes of perfection.

Aside from their Super Bowl loss, the Patriots had an outstanding season. It seemed like every time football was talked about, the Patriots were the topic of discussion. The Patriots obliterated almost every offensive record on their quest to perfection.

Not only did they become the first team with a perfect 16-0 regular season, but MVP quarterback Tom Brady threw a record setting 50 touchdown passes, Randy Moss set another record by catching 23 touchdowns, and the team scored a league record 589 points in the regular season.

All the success led wide receiver Moss to tell reporters at a Super Bowl press conference that Brady was the number one quarterback of all time. We are talking about the MVP, and in my eyes, the greatest quarterback to ever play this game," Moss



said.

Yet trouble loomed, with the "Spygate" scandal circling around the team.

In light of these happenings, many students and teachers around Manasquan High School picked the Pats to go all the

way.

"Pats are going to win," said Kahle Young. "Skill and experience will prevail," added Mike Accavatti.

Zack Britton, James Stovall, and Ms. Boss even predicted the Patriots to win by a big margin. Ms. Boss even said "It's going to be a sad day for the giants," but it wasn't a sad day for the Giants, it was the death of a dynasty for the Patriots.

The Super Bowl Sunday shocker proved all of them wrong.

The Patriots did come out with something good, wide receiver Wes Welker caught the most receptions in Superbowl history, but it wasn't enough to win the game.

An 18-1 record, obliterating offensive records, and eventual Superbowl losers. Not what the Patriots envisioned, but at least they have the Pro-Bowl to look forward to. Eight members of the Patriots were selected, with Brady and Moss headlining the group.

Both Brady and Moss have declined to play in the Pro-Bowl. Brady has an injured ankle, but the team won't reveal was either star has pulled out.

A great season, with a not so good ending. Maybe next year Belichick.

Right On Track!

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Meet of Champions.

These individual successes can be traced back to early December, when practice began. The team's first meet was January 2nd. Coach Zdanowicz said, "We did really well." Many athletes were able to place that day, including Rachael, who placed third in the 1600 meter and second in the 800 meter, Sam McWilliams, who came in second for the 400 meter, and Holly McGill, who placed sixth in the 800 meter.

But the highest achievements went to Nicci Balestrieri and Ashley Aquilante who won their meets. Nicci came in first in the 200 meter while Ashley earned first place in both the pole

vault and 200 meters.

As the winter track season continued, numerous athletes broke their personal records. Nicci now holds the 55 meter dash school record, which he completed in 6.71 seconds

Also, the 4x400 relay team, had its best time ever!

Unfortunately, there are not many seniors who run track. With fifteen members on the boys' team, there is only one senior, Brett Dunbar, who is also the captain. For the girls' team, the only seniors, Ashley and Claire Nielson, are also captains. A positive effect of having such a young team, though, according to Coach Z, is that MHS outshines the competitors in freshmen and sophomore meets.

Some other key members for the team are Andrew Hannah, Sarah-Ann Yersin, and Julia Ford.





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Boys Bowling Team Optimistic For Next Year

By: Thomas Sullivan

While the boy's bowling season was not quite championship caliber, the team ended a satisfying season with a record of 13-32. The boys placed 4th in their division, the Class A Central.

The two captains of the varsity squad, seniors, Alex Yee and Elliot Erstein, both are top scorers on the squad, and have been leaned on for their leadership all season long. They are backed by other top performers include new team member, junior Joe Tompey, freshman Mike Newman, and sophomore Michael Frasco.

"Overall, we are a pretty solid team. Everyone holds a high average or personal best. We have a lot of strong bowlers on this squad,

but we just need to pull it all together," said Yee.

The boys' first match of the season against Neptune resulted in an upset victory for the Warriors. According to Yee, this was the team's best victory of the season thus far. "That was kind of an unexpected victory, and I think everyone was happy with the results," Yee said.

The team lost a close one against a strong Point Pleasant team that they feel they 'could of should of' won. Manasquan lost the match by only one point, with a final score of 3-2.

"It's always tough to lose by little," Yee said, "that game really killed us."

Unfortunately for the

boys, their streak did not pick up as they lost 3-0 at Wall. Despite this, Alex Yee led the team with a successful three game series of 555 along with Elliot Erstein who scored a 544.

However, despite their loss against Wall, they went on to beat Asbury the same week with a slam-bang score of 3-0. Elliot Erstein led the Warriors against Asbury with a high game of 188 and a three-game series of 487.

With many of the team's current players returning for



Above: Elliot Erstein and Mike Frasco joke around before a big match

next year's season, the team is looking forward to greater success and more excitement in the coming year.



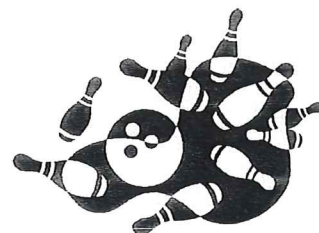
By: Thomas Sullivan

On February 7th, the boys of the Warrior Boys Bowling Team and their parents met up at Shore Lanes in Neptune for an evening of fun, food, and, of course, bowling.

This is the second year that the team has held the event, which has always been popular among the team members and parents alike.

"It's always a great end of the year activity that is not only fun but shows the parents as well how competitive and tough bowling actually is", remarked Coach

Boys Bowling Ends Season With Parent-Son Bowling Competition



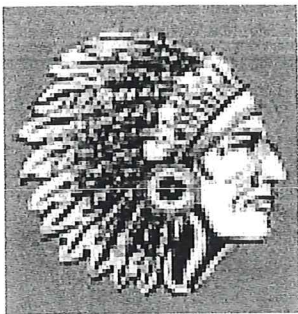
The boys and their parents after a fun-filled bowling evening.

Lempa.

With food and drinks provided by the senior bowler's parents, sons took on parents in three game sets of bowling.

At the end of the event, stats were calculated and awards were presented. The top three parents were Bill Newman, Ken Yee, and Megan Tompy. The top three team bowlers were Alex Yee, Tim Munn, and Matt Holinaty.

This year's event was a consistently "fun-filled evening for all", as Coach Lempa put it, the provided fun closure for the boys after this year's bowling season.



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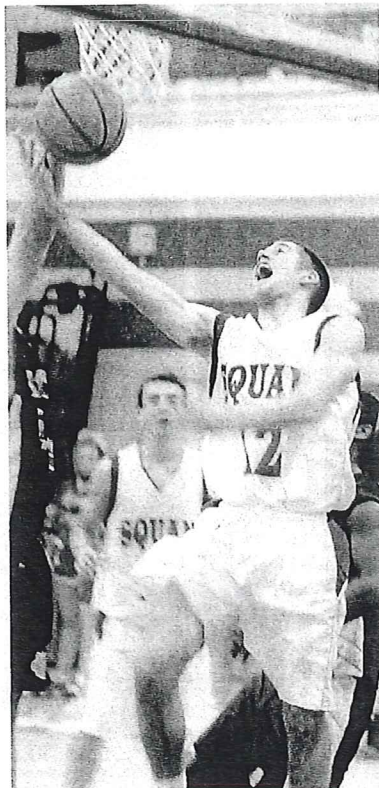


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line was down the side walk of "the U" with anxious fans dressed in blue, ready to cheer the team to victory as they faced off against Bordentown in the first of the potential three games. At first glance, Bordentown seemed to be bigger and stronger than the young Warrior team, but as the game progressed the Scotty Dogs proved to be no match for the Big Blue. Ending the game with a score of 76-67, the team was excited by their accomplishment and "siked" for the semi final.

"To watch our young players perform the way they performed last night was a tribute to the team concept that we promote in the locker room and in life," commented coach Fenchel the next day. When asked about the performance of his two senior leaders, Ben Tumas and Jimmy Barnickle, the coach had nothing but good things to say, "You couldn't ask for two better leaders, Barnickle took the game with three minutes to go and made two big shots and Benny made two really big foul shots.... [that's] exactly what you want out of your seniors."

The game that came next was "the one" that no one



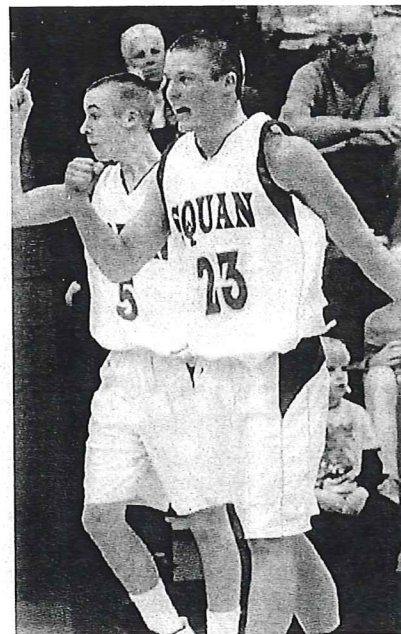
would have wanted to miss. On February 28, the varsity team was welcomed by a large crowd of "rowdy" and excited fans before the semi final game of the State Championship play offs. The boys were ready to take on the visibly stronger team of Weequahic High School, after their exciting win over Bordentown. As we all know, the Warrior's where defeated after a close run against the powerful team. However, our Warriors more than held their own against the intimidating team. It is hard to reflect upon a previous game,

this season, in which our boys played any harder than they did against Weequahic.

"People saw a no-quit team that gave it their all, all the time. When we give 110 percent we are a pretty good team" commented Head Coach Fenchel.

The young 2008 Warrior team showed the school a lot of be proud of. Every time they played they showed the crowd a disciplined, well coached, talented team. There performance through out their controversial season is more than a monument to their dedication to the sport, their respect

to each other, and the perfection of the coaching staff. The 2008 Boy's Varsity



Warrior team may have started strong, but, there is no doubt, they finished stronger.

Girls' Hoops

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Morris in grade 10; and Kaitlin McLaughlin in grade 12.

Coach Hannah said "a win on senior night capped off the season". The girls beat Long Branch on senior night, which is the last game for the seniors before graduating, and recognizes departing team members. Seniors Kaitlin McLaughlin, Caitlin Docker and Caroline Moore received flowers and took pictures with their parents.

Coach Hannah also stated that "I am excited about our future. We have a solid JV team and a nice freshman program. We will be returning a lot of players and that can only help a program which is rebuilding". He added "I am looking forward to next year and continuing the rebuilding process".

Freshman Vinny Belleran Enjoys Wrestling Success

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come, hoping to make regions next year.

"I'm more excited for two years from now, when we will have a real strong team after training in the summer," added Belleran.

When asked about his relationships with Coach P and the upperclassmen wrestlers, Belleran said they helped him a lot.

"Coach P was a great guy, on and off the mat, who always helped me," added Belleran.

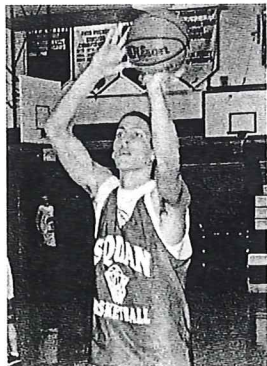
High school wrestling was everything that Belleran had expected and then some. Belleran also encourages kids to come out for the team.

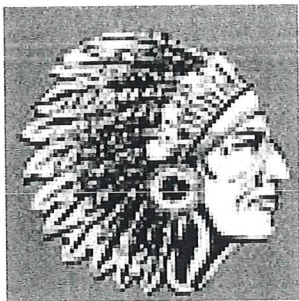
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sad to see their seniors go.

"Benny is the most happy go lucky guy I have ever had the privilege to coach," commented head coach Kurt Fenchel, "[he] brought an energy everyday that had a contagious effect.

TUMAS!!





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Girls Bowling Celebrates A Successful Season

By: Thomas Sullivan



The girls bowling team ended a successful season with an impressive record of 26-20 and ended up placing third in their division. They also took 3rd place in the Long Branch Winter Wave Tournament, which was a definite season highlight.

The team is led by anchor bowler, Amanda Huyler. Huyler ended the season with an excellent high score of 253. Along with Huyler, a good balance for the warrior squad comes from bowlers such as junior Megan Dering, sophomores Jackie McKelvey and Chelsea Newman, junior Jordan Maxwell, and emerging

sophomore bowler, Meredith Bossone.

The team started the season off on a high note with the girls sweeping Neptune in its first match and then defeating Wall, 2-1 in its second. Everyone was consistent against Neptune, allowing the Warriors to put up a team score of 771. Amanda Huyler bowled a high of 181, and a three game series of 452. Junior Meghan Dering bowled a game of 170, Chelsea Newman bowled a 167 and a 146 and Jackie McKelvey had games of 158 and 156, respectively.

"It [Neptune] was more

of a team effort," said Coach Mr. Glenn. "That was a very good sign. No one had a 500 series, but four of my starters had a 400 series."

The girls then dominated at the Long Branch Invitational, where they placed third with a whopping combined three game score of 2,276. Amanda Huyler scored a 570 series, her highest series score during this season.

The winning streak continued at Ocean, which the team defeated 2-1. The girls received their best score all season in their first match, breaking the 800 mark, a first for the team, with a winning a

total of 860.

Amanda Huyler led the team with an outstanding high game of 204 and a combined three-game score of 556. Chelsea Newman scored another record high game of 190 while Jackie McKelvey and Meredith Bossone also attained excellent series of 482 and 475 respectively.

Mr. Glenn is already very enthusiastic about next year's season. "My girls improved with each match", he remarked, "they completed and made strides towards next year, when we should be the team to beat!"

Wrestling: A Rocky Season

By Tyler Toole



Coming into this year, the Manasquan Wrestling team had high hopes for the season. Key returnees like Andrew Jennings, and Brian Colligan mixed with newcomers like Vinny Belleran and Mike Panzino was supposed to be a formula for success.

Unfortunately that wasn't how it turned out for the Warriors.

When asked about the season, Coach P said, "It's not going well."

According to the coach, there have been too many injuries. The injuries have forced the coach

to call his wrestlers "soft." The injuries have also led to lost matches, with most of the squad being inactive.

Thankfully it hasn't been all bad for the Warriors this season. The team wrestled Neptune to a 33-32 win, and beat Jackson Liberty 40-39.

Hopefully there are big things to come for the squad, with Districts coming up on Friday the 22nd.

Even the students around Manasquan have become optimistic for the team's future. Senior Matt Haviland said "The Wrestling team had a strong season, but not as strong as Mr. P, and as soon as they can get as strong as Mr. P, then, and only then will we be getting somewhere. Later Haviland showed his support for Coach P saying, "If Mr. P isn't there, than neither am I".

After Districts, Coach P will be without wrestling for a while. "Coach Voskian and I will get a break before spring wrestling," added Coach P.

The Warriors should train hard this summer, come out next season and dominate, and forget about their otherwise dismal season.

Freshman Wrestler Shines

By Tyler Toole

Coming into the season, the Manasquan Wrestling team had high hopes. Those hopes were crushed when the team didn't do so well.

One thing that stayed constant, and helped take minds off a miserable season, was the play of the freshman.

Out of the entire freshman class, a particular wrestler stood out. This freshman was Vinny Belleran.

Going into the season Belleran had mixed feelings. He thought that the matches were going to be harder than in eighth grade, but knew with a lot of training and some hard work good things would come.

Throughout the year the intense training stayed the same, but Belleran got better. His biggest match came against the fifth ranked wrestler in the state. Even though he came out with a loss, Belleran remained positive.

"I wrestled really well against the fifth ranked wrestler in the state, so that's something good," said Belleran.

Tough the team's season was rocky, Belleran remains optimistic for the years to

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Hockey Team Wins The Jim Dowd Cup Championship!

Senior Tim Higgins Leads the Warriors With Four Goals

By Kiersten Amberg

Monday night, February 25, the Ice Hockey team finished a hot and cold season with not only a win against Rumson Fair Haven but the Jim Dowd Cup Championship title as well. The final score was 4-1.

Senior Tim Higgins ended his high school career in a way that not many athletes ever experience. He scored all four goals for his team and was named MVP of the game.

Tim ended his season scoring two or more goals in the last seven games.

His highlight game was almost a recap of his senior year playing for the warriors. He ended the season with 29 goals and 104 points in his career at Squan.

Not only was this a highlight game for Tim, but the rest of his team. Struggling in a tough division and a shortage of ice time the boys knew that they would have to be more determined and work harder than other teams in their conference.



Above: The team poses for a picture after the big win.

The victory against RFH marked the boy's seventh consecutive win.

Its hard to picture the team that won the championship title had previously struggled through a nine-game winless streak. These losses did not help the boys make it to the State tournament.

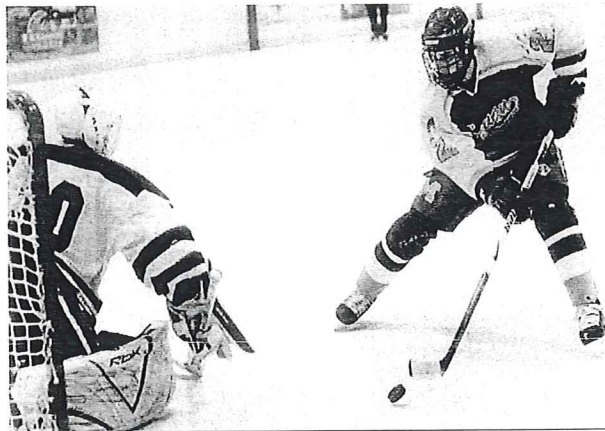
However not making states did little to the team's confidence. It seemed like that almost motivated them win the rest of their

games.

"Once our shot at states didn't go so well, this was the only thing we had to play for and that's really motivated us," goalie Joey Naimo said to the Asbury Park Press.

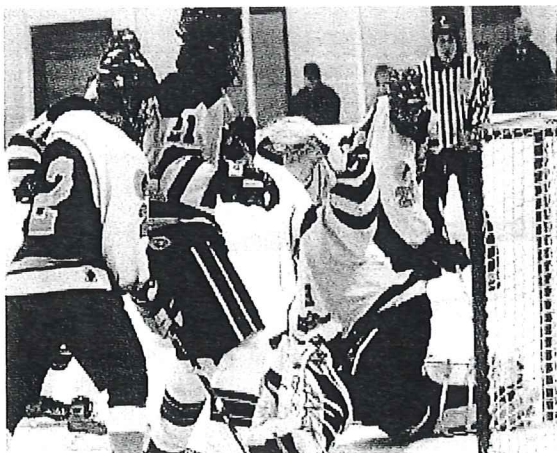
The last time the boys had taken home the title was in 2006 after beating Red Bank Catholic.

"Winning this game was the best way to go out, as a senior. I'm proud of our team, even though we had an up and down season we managed to stick through it and come out on top," said Higgins.



Right: Austin Young tries to get by his opponent

Left: Tim Higgins tries for a shot on net.



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Michael Sheehan Saint Peter's College
Quinnipiac University
Washington College
Manhattan College
Loyola College in
Maryland
Monmouth University

Justin Shultz University of Connecticut
The University of Vermont
University of
Massachusetts
Amherst
Colorado State University
York College of
Pennsylvania
Penn State University
University of Colorado at
Boulder
Drexel University

Mark Solebello Purdue University
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Timothy Stroud Brookdale Community
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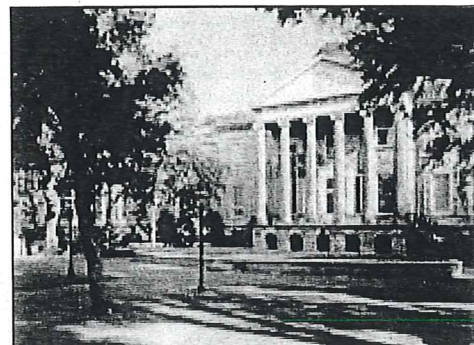
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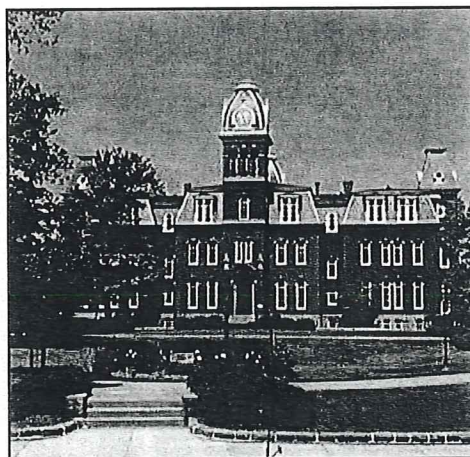
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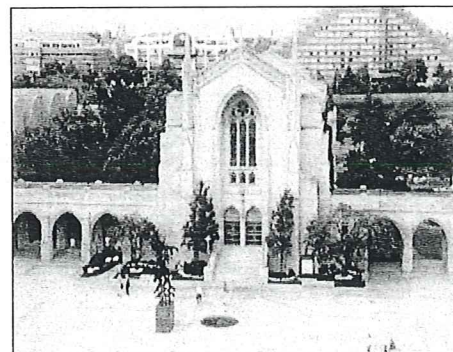
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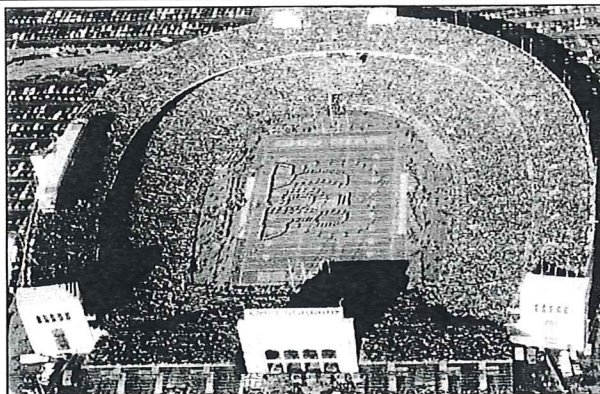
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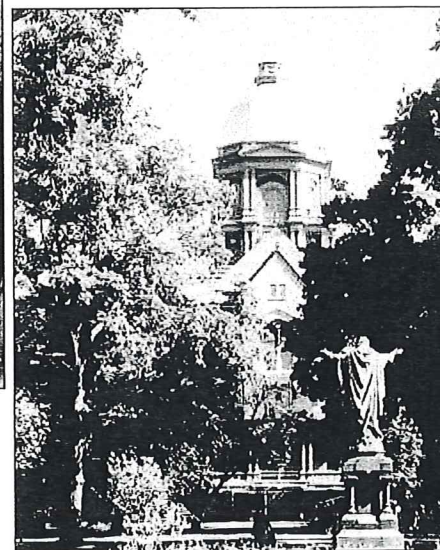
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The chapel on campus at Boston University



Above: The horseshoe stadium at Ohio State University, a great place to see a college football game. Left: The dragon statue at Drexel University. Right: the famous Golden Dome of Notre Dame University.

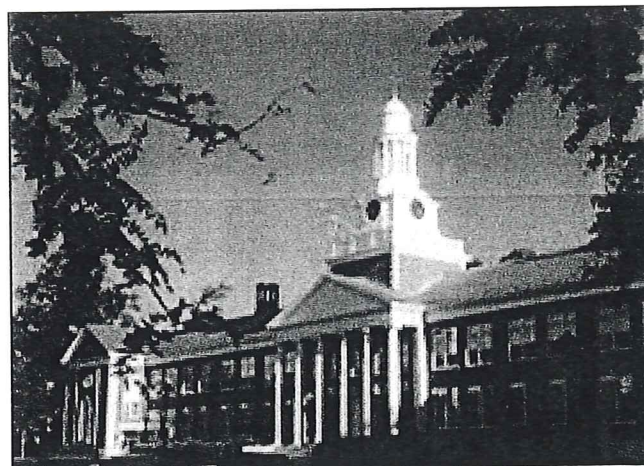
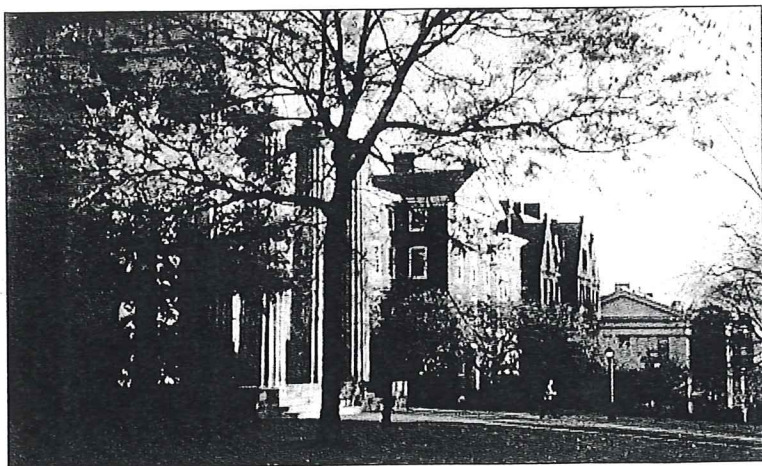


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Jill Agoliati	Montclair State University Rider University Laboratory Institute of Merchandising	Brett Crane	Montclair State University Mount Saint Mary College	Erica Furmato	Florida Gulf Coast University Fairleigh Dickinson University
Kerry Amerman	Salisbury University Ramapo College	Kaitlyn Csogi	East Stroudsburg University Towson University Saint Leo University	Bryan Gannon	Seton Hall University Moravian College Rowan University
Anna Appleman	Pace University	Alexandra D'Avanzo	Cedar Crest College West Chester University	Gregory Gavan	Coastal Carolina University West Virginia University
Lisa Bartholomew	University of Central Florida	Brendan Delany	University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Le Moyne College	James Geiger	Elon University Seton Hall University
Claire Beesley	DeSales University Rider University Seton Hall University	Christie DeLigny	Merrimack College Sacred Heart University Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Katie Golding	Coastal Carolina University Montclair State University West Chester University East Carolina University
Haley Behre	Syracuse University	Caitlin Docker	George Mason University	Sam Gordon	Barry University Florida Atlantic University
Chelsey Bogan	The Catholic University of America North Carolina State University Rutgers University	Chelsea-Dunning	Florida Gulf Coast University The University of Tampa Florida Atlantic University	Zachary Groezinger	St. John's University
Sandra Burns	Clarion University	Eric Engler	Rutgers University	Dan Griffin	Stony Brook University West Virginia University Widener University University of Pittsburgh Bradford Johnson & Wales University
Caitlin Calles	Towson University College of Charleston James Madison University Penn State University University of Maryland	Lauren Fernandez	East Carolina University The University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Kristine Horn	West Virginia University West Chester University Penn State University East Carolina University Towson University University of Rhode Island
Emily Childs	Drexel University	Travis Fink	Albright College		
Kimberly Clayton	University of Charleston University of North Carolina at Greensboro Seton Hall University University of South Carolina George Mason University	Timothy Fetzer	Drexel University Saint Joseph's University		



Above left: Brown University's campus. Above right: The College of New Jersey's Office of Admissions.



Horoscopes

By: Claire Beesley



Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)



You are caught up in a romantic whirlwind, or some other intense emotional experience -- and should be having a blast! It's a good time to enjoy what life has to offer in every

way possible.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)



Sometimes life is hard -- and then there are days like today. You find it easier than ever to make life a little

better for you and your family, so enjoy the good energy and make it work for you!

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)



Your focus today is on your love life. No matter how it is at the moment, by the end of the day,

it should be much better. Your good energy makes you that much more attractive to the right person.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)



Today is fine for letting things slide -- you're feeling too good to follow through with every last

detail and you can tell that it will all be fine in the long run. Enjoy all the diversions you want!

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)



Everyone talks to themselves a bit, but today you're having full-blown philosophical discussions on the inside. It's a good time to find a place to be alone for a bit and sort things through.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)



Your friends are just waiting for you to finish up whatever responsibilities you've got today -- they want to treat you right! It's a good time to just kick back and enjoy what life can do for

you.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)



The only way to make it through the day is to adapt to circumstances as they change around you. It's not all that hard, really -- but it might not be as comfortable as you'd like it to be.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)



It's a good day for coffeehouse conversations and long talks with smart friends -- your brain power is tingling and you need intellectual stimulation to keep your energy levels from flagging.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)



Your social life takes a turn for the better today, as you either make a new friend or reconnect



with someone who has been distant for a while. It's a good time for showing folks what you're made of.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

It's important for you to reach out to anyone you're currently struggling with -- friend, foe or family member -- and try to find common ground. It's tricky, but it's the only way to resolve the situation.



Life pushes back a little harder than usual today and that could mean that you've got to take a step back and wait for a better opportunity. You know better than most when to fight and when to walk away.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)



Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)



You find it easier than ever to express yourself today, thanks to crackling social energy that fills the day and opens people up. It might be hard to keep people's attention for long, though!

Have a fabulous Spring Break!!!



Senior Birthday's

January birthdays



Katherine Wilt
1/2



John Ledva
1/3



Caroline Moore
1/4



Maria Nieto
1/5



Ryan Johannensen
1/5



Sarah Gratzel
1/5



Dan McKelvey
1/9



John Murtha
1/10



Dana Van Houten
1/12



Kevin Woolley
1/16



Jeffrey Kirk
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Andrew Scharff
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Nichole Petit
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Emily Childs
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Kevin Clark
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John Revell
1/23



Angel Rojas
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Kaitlind Cilano
1/26



Carleigh Rixon
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Tahlia Smoke
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My Ode to Love

By: Kiersten Amberg



"Love Has Nothing To Do With What You Are Expecting to Get- Only What You Are Expecting To Give."



To the pessimist Valentine-Day-hating people out there thinking, why do you need one day of the year to tell the person you love that you love them, why not say it everyday, why go out and spend money on cliché gifts and corny cards... well here you go. This is my very optimistic reasons why I (and I'm sure a good number of girls) love to love Valentines Day.

I'm sure the people on the other end of this argument think that Valentines Day is dumb or for lack of better words overrated,

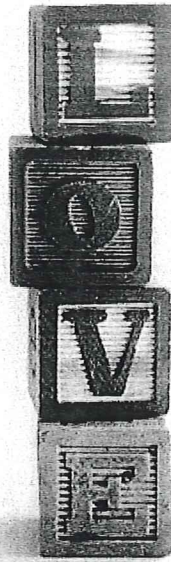
Some reasons why some people hate Valentines Day

is maybe because it is a constant reminder that the single people out there are well...single or it could be because the media has blown the day completely out of proportion...or because all of the dumb girly gifts that guys have to get for their significant other.

Okay so you might be thinking well yeah that's exactly why I don't like Valentines Day but I mean those aren't so bad if you really think about it.

"Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get- only what you are expecting to give." This was said by one of my favorite actresses Katherine Hepburn.

What is so great about Valentines Day, especially if you don't have the dreaded ever so popular, Valentines Day Date. And ill admit that could be a bit depressing but here's my theory: who was it that made the rule that you HAVE to have a date for Valentines Day?



Alright it's a bit taboo to not have a date, but I mean, I myself have had plenty of Valentines Day's that were dateless but I am the living proof that you don't always need a date to still love Valentines Day.

For this Valentines Day I decided that I didn't need a date. I guess I thought it was a good idea until I realized all of my friends would be spending their Valentines Day with their boyfriends (which most of them

have) or even on Vacation (since Valentines Day falls on the Thursday of February break). That was until my best friend Katherine came up with a brilliant idea for Valentines Day.

We would be each others Valentines. Kinda weird right? Well we knew it was the easiest and fun way to celebrate Valentines Day without having a date. We thought it would be amusing to buy each other the general Valentines Day cards and candy (we also decided that we would let our parents treat us to a nice vacation get away to Cabo!).

But besides the date aspect, what is really so bad about Valentines Day? Is it really so hard to buy your "significant other" a present, flowers, candy, or better yet all three. I personally don't think so. Okay so the pressure to buy a present and to buy the right present may suck, but it's really not all that bad, especially if the person who you buy a present for buys one for you one too!

And I know that Valentines Day may be an overly commercialized holiday but so is St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and Christmas. It seems like the only reason why people don't knock Easter and Christmas is because of all the presents that you get and as for St. Patrick's Day, well I think you can guess why no one complains about that Holiday.

Well to me it's not all about presents. It's not even about having a date, its (and I know this may sound corny) really about how happy the day is meant to make the people who you love the most feel special. And sadly I truly believe that.

That is why I love Valentines Day. Plain and simple. Sure it may be overly commercialized but now a days what holiday isn't? Love is love no matter how you look at it and love should be expressed, whether it's through a box of candies, jewelry, a trip with your best friend, or a simple Valentines Day card.

I mean I guess if you look at it like why not tell the person you love that you love them all the time and not just one day a year, then yeah it's a dumb holiday, but February 14 proves that for one day a year you can specifically remind the person you love just how much they mean to you.



Ten Beautiful New Shades of Radiohead

By Matthew Haviland



Radiohead is a King Midas of a band: anything these guys touch becomes pure gold. So when their name is printed on a new CD, the whole world should take arms: there should be dancing in the streets, sixteen shot salutes, groveling masses as Thom Yorke's feet.

Enter *In Rainbows*, Radiohead's seventh studio release. It warrants just as much fanfare as ever.

Almost immediately, you realize that this is a far sunnier, more upbeat album than their earlier ones. And with such a bright title, that only stands to reason.

In the past, Radiohead have done spacey art rock, distortion-filled punk, and even a techno album (great, if obtuse). Each album has been ambitious, and the majority

of them have been absolute masterpieces. In the words of Roger Ebert, here's another.

The first song is reminiscent of lead singer Thom Yorke's solo album, *The Eraser*: minimalist electronica and wavery singing at first, expanding into a spacier plane.

That style quickly changes into the squealing guitars and moderate distortion of "Bodysnatchers," which Thom compared to Wolfmother but I'd describe as a harder, more livewire Smashing Pumpkins.

The album again turns on its head in track three, lilt-ing in with the warm sonic bath that is "Nude." After that, the atmospheric "Weird Fishes/ Arpeggi" washes through like cold water, chilly textures and crisp percussion backing another batch of dreamy Thom Yorke.

This game of back and forth continues throughout the CD, and we see that *In Rainbows* is the perfect title, not only for its brightness but for the fact that, as an album, this is a rainbow: ten different shades of Radiohead.

The final two shades are my favorite: Radiohead know how to bring their albums to a proper climax, and here they offer a clean one-two punch: "Jigsaw Falling into Place" and "Videotape."

"Jigsaw" contains the buildup and climax; it's the story of meeting a girl at a club, sparking up interest but ruining everything with alcohol. The song picks up speed and intensity, Thom's voice straining like hell near the end. It's exciting.

(Side note: hearing "Jigsaw" play in Old Navy was the most delightful surprise



The Beatles of the 21st century? You decide.

of my entire life; I just sort of milled around, grinning and telling my mom what song it was, knowing full well that she didn't know and didn't care.)

After the climactic penultimate track, "Videotape" is a relaxing, wistful afterglow. In front of sad, marching pianos and what sounds like an old VCR weakly skipping away, Thom records a final goodbye to his lover on videotape. It's just as sad as it sounds, and it's also strikingly beautiful. Lyrics like these can just break your heart: "This is one for the good days/ And I have it all here,/ In red, blue, green..."

Sadness seems to be *In Rainbows*'s emotion of choice; despite some sunny instrumentals, the lyrics retain all that traditional Radiohead melancholy. Said Thom, "It's about that anonymous fear thing, sitting in traffic, thinking, 'I'm

sure I'm supposed to be doing something else'... it's similar to *OK Computer* in a way. It's much more terrifying."

I wouldn't say it's more terrifying than *OK* (no robot voices or stalker songs here); it's a bit more human. Never before has Thom sung about drinking at a club, and rarely has he been so direct as the opening couplet from "House of Cards." Also, there are more love songs here per square second than any album they've ever done.

But despite the changes, *In Rainbows* is ultimately business as usual: the soundscapes are inventive, as usual. The lyrics are poignant, as usual. Thom's falsetto is great, as usual. Radiohead's new album is genius.

As usual.

Spring Crossword Answers!!

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| 1. Cinco de Mayo | 5. Peeps | 9. Lunch | 13. Daylight Savings |
| 2. Gardening | 6. Mothers Day | 10. Flowers | 14. Opening Day |
| 3. Midterms | 7. Prom | 11. Lawnmower | |
| 4. April Fools | 8. Memorial Day | 12. Spring Break | |



Water for Elephants.....Book Review

By: Claire Beesley

A while back my mom was reading a new book called, *Water for Elephants*. While reading it, she constantly insisted I'd read it as well. For some reason, a book centered on circus life didn't interest me.

When my mom finished, I decided, what the heck...I'll give it a go. And now it's one of my favorite books I've ever read.

Water for Elephants is historical romance novel, following the life of Jacob Jankowski during the Great Depression.

The story opens up with Jacob, confused about his age and living in a nursing home after breaking his hip. To his nurses, Jankowski is another cranky old man, but to the reader, he's a man with a story.

Jacob drifts in and out of a series of flashbacks back to the Great Depression when he was twenty-three. After a tragic accident in his family, Jacob walks out during his final veterinarian exam at Cornell University. While on the run, he is recruited by the Benzini Brothers, a substandard circus compared to the famous Ringling Brothers.

With his advanced skills Jacob is hired as a vet for the menagerie and is thrown into the chaotic lifestyles of his co-workers.

He attempts to get on the good sides of Uncle Al, the circus owner, who only cares about his reputation and bullies everyone and everything in his sight, and the animal trainer, August, who is a paranoid schizophrenic and married to leading performer Marlena.

A bond ignites between Marlena and Jacob, both who care dearly for the animals. Their friendship slowly grows into a forbidden romance. August catches on to his wife's misdeeds and the rest of the story is crazy and written so well the reader will not want to put the book down, but will be heartbroken when it's over.

It's obvious the author Sara Gruen did hours of research on circus life. The circus vocabulary and descriptions of the shows and after parties made everything seem so alive.

The way Gruen wrote this story was brilliant. It's divided into two parts, present and past. The present shows Jacob feeble and alone, awaiting the day the Ringling Brothers come to town. His excitement puts him back to his

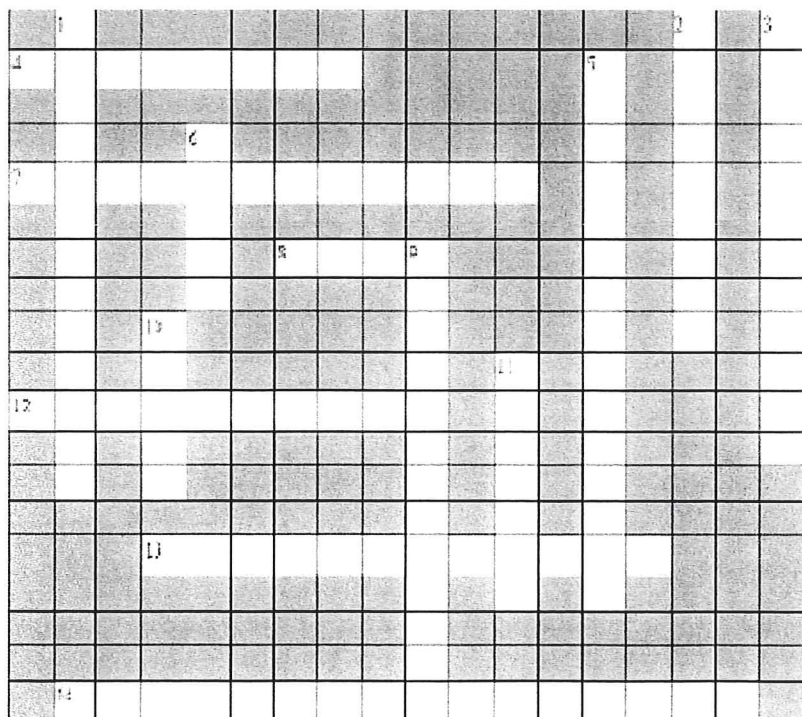


days in the circus.

Usually when a reader reads a two-part story they could become more interested in one part and skip over the other, or the constant change of scene might cause the reader to get bored and uninterested. However, this is not the case in *Water for Elephants*; both parts are so intriguing and written so smoothly you won't be able to put it down.

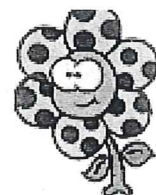
I would recommend this book to anybody who is looking for a fresh new read.

Spring has Sprung Crossword



ACROSS

3. April 15th and 16th, 2008: Start studying!
6. A day dedicated to Moms (2wds)
7. You need either a dress or tux to attend
11. When the grass turns green you better start this engine!
12. What happens during this week stays in this week (2wds)
13. A day for turning your clocks back! (2wds)
14. Baseball's March 25, 2008 (2wds)



DOWN

1. A Mexican day of celebration (3wrds)
2. People with a green thumb usually do this
4. A day full of pranks (2wds)
5. Marshmallows in the shape of bunnies
8. A day of remembrance (2wds)
9. Certain seniors are able to leave during _____
10. April showers bring May _____



THE Writers STRIKE BACK

By Kaitlin McGuinness

For the last couple of months, TV viewers have been starved of entertainment during this long lasting Writer's strike. There was no news about Hiro or Peter Petrelli saving humanity, no Betty getting into scandalous predicaments, no House rubbing people the wrong way, no counting down with 24, no Office shenanigans and no J.D. monologuing to himself. All reruns, reruns, reruns. Luckily for viewers in entertainment- withdrawal, the writers Guild of America ended its strike and new episodes should resume soon.

When the contract between the Writer's Guild and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) expired, negotiations stalled over a new contract and the writers declared a strike. Negotiators between the two groups finally reached a tentative solution in early February, and the strike was ended on February 12th. In all, the strike lasted 100 days, a little over 14 weeks.

Since the strike, thousands of staff members have been fired by studios. All scripted TV has been halted, and viewership has dropped tremendously. Of the ones that remained, none have been the success their studios hoped. New shows lost crucial momentum and suffered the most, and several have been scrapped by studios. Studios are now determined to try to salvage what they can from the remainder of the TV season.

The last major strike of this kind was in 1988, which lasted about 5 months and cost the entertainment industry almost \$500 million. After the strike ended, 10% of the overall TV-watching audience didn't return, and they haven't been recovered to this day.

This current strike was different from the one in 1988 because now the internet has a lot of allure for displaced TV viewers, and several analysts worried that many consumers may never return to TV after the strike and the web might become the new TV. This strike didn't last long enough for creation of new feature movies to stop like in 1988 strike.

AMPTP president Nick Counter originally stated negotiations would not resume as long as the strike continues, saying, "We're not going to negotiate with a gun to our heads- that's just stupid." The Writers Guild commented in response that the strike would not let up anytime soon, calling it a "marathon". AMPTP and the WGA later re-entered negotiations January. They eventually reached a tenuous agreement, and the writers voted to end the strike. It will be determined later in February whether to totally accept the new deal.

There were many factors in the strike against AMPTP. Some major issues in the strike were profits from DVDs, new media, and jurisdiction over the production of animation and Reality TV.

Writers were getting extremely small residuals

for the sale of DVDs, and were campaigning to receive 2/3 of a penny of every dollar for work they create, up from the 1/3 of a penny on every dollar they were getting. Also, new medias such as the Internet, smart phone programming and satellite TV were not covered by the writer's contracts, and although studios and producers projected profits to their investors based on online growth, they claimed there was no real money in the internet and that there was no business model to base internet residuals for writers. Also, jurisdiction was in dispute between the Writer's Guild and the Stage Performer's Guild over the production of animation, and also they argued over whether creating scenarios and editing material for Reality TV counts as writing, and should be covered by the Writer's Guild.

The Writers Guild Negotiating Committee commented "every issue that matters to writers, including Internet reuse, original writing for new media, DVDs, and jurisdiction, has been ignored. This is completely unacceptable."

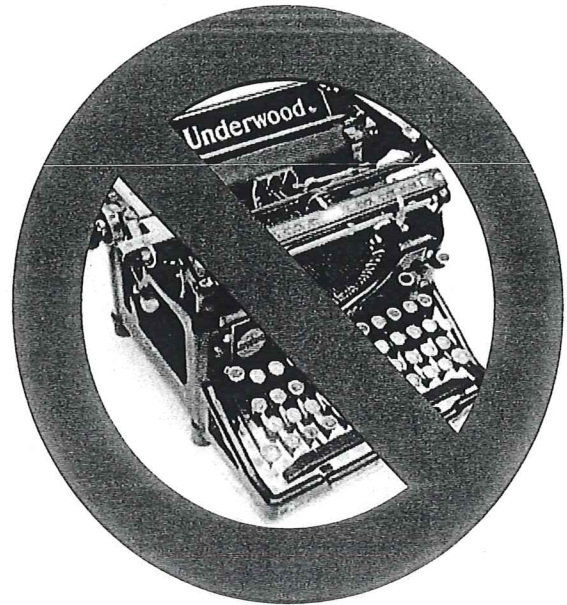
The AMPTP President Nicholas Counter has criticized the WGA's demands, saying they would involve

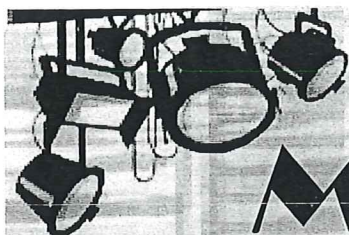
"unreasonable restrictions and unjustified costs".

Writer and director Craig Mazin ran a blog covering the writers strike, and stated "I'm a big believer in free-market capitalism. I don't begrudge the companies their right to make money, and they're really good at exploiting new markets. We just want a share of the revenue."

During the strike, the presidents of the Writer's Guild Patric Verrone stated "if they gave us everything we had on the table right now, if they gave us everything we wanted—everything—and they then made a deal with the Directors Guild of America and matched it, which is what they'll do, and then they made a deal with the Screen Actors Guild and tripled it, which is typically what happens....if they did that—if they gave us everything—on a company-by-company basis they would be giving all of us less than each of their CEOs makes in a year. And in some cases, a lot less."

Some issues surrounding the strike have been resolved with the new contract, while others are still in some dispute. The new deal will hopefully hold, and TVs shows should be airing again soon.





Movie Review

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

By: Jamee Shea



A barber with a vengeance....in a musical! Sounds kind of crazy right?

Tim Burton, famous director of well-known movies such as *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *The Corpse Bride*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* strikes again with a melodic but horrifying approach for *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*.

Johnny Depp plays Benjamin Barker, an innocent and once loving family man living in England. His perfect life is turned upside down when Turpin, the town judge falls in love with his beautiful wife. The judge manipulates a false charge against Barker; as result, he is sent to a life of hard labor in Australia.

Fifteen years later, Barker escapes and returns to England

with a new identity of Sweeney Todd and a thirst for revenge.

He revives his old barbershop and begins to take his revenge. His slogan, "I promise you the closest shave," takes on a whole new meaning as he slits the throats of innocent victims.

As his murders increase, he becomes more and more bloodthirsty and aims for the ultimate revenge against Turpin upon learning his wife is dead and his teenage daughter is held captive as Turpin's ward.

Despite the strange plot, this movie is beautifully carried out with original songs used in the Broadway musical.

Depp delivers his songs and lines in a delightfully scary fashion, making for a great horror/suspense/musical.

If you love bright red blood, murder, Tim Burton, or Johnny Depp's singing, don't waste a moment and go see the "Demon Barber of Fleet Street" in action at a theater near you!



27 Weddings, 27 Dresses

By: Claire Beesley



Jane's closet of all 27 hideous bridesmaid dresses

I just can't get enough of sappy love stories that make me say "Awww!" every ten minutes. Hence I saw *27 Dresses*.

Katherine Hiegl stars as Jane, a perpetual bridesmaid, in the romantic comedy *27 Dresses*. Obsessed with weddings, extremely organized, and unable to say no, are Jane's main qualities that get her stuck aiding countless brides.

All she wants is a wedding of her own, so people can finally do stuff for her. Jane crushes on her boss George (Edward Burn), and was convinced one day they would be together, until her little sister, Tess (Malin Akerman), showed up and hit it off with George.

Tess is spoiled, high maintenance, and lies about herself to get George to like her. Eventually George proposes to Tess, Jane is outraged but manages to act happy when Tess asks her to be her bridesmaid.

While this is going on, a cynical wedding announcement reporter Kevin (James Marsden) discovers Jane was a bridesmaid twenty-seven times and secretly begins writing a

human-interest story about her. After some time, an inevitable spark lights between Jane and Kevin. Deep down Jane still likes her boss George, has interest in Kevin, and wishes for her own perfect wedding.

After Tess ruins their deceased mother's wedding gown and Kevin publicly humiliates her, Jane is ready to explode. Jane forgets about having to please everybody and speaks her mind for the first time, which, in this case, isn't a good thing.

Katherine Hiegl is perfect for this role; she's witty and funny. She brings her character to life and makes the audience feel her emotions. Hiegl and Marsden work well together, making the film humorous and adorable.

The scene where Jane models all 27 dresses is one of the funniest scenes in the whole movie. Costume designer Catherine Marie Thomas did a fabulous job at creating unique and flamboyant garments.

This movie is definitely recommended for girls; it's totally a chick flick that guys just wouldn't go for.

He jokes around with them, plays little games, makes witty comments.. In other words, he's a much more sociable captor than most, and I think that also has something to say about today's snuff flicks. If anything about this movie is fun to watch, it's him.

The performances by the family are another matter. They're good, really good, but you won't like them. "Hey," you'll say, "what are these crying people doing in my popcorn movie?" Well, they're crying and dying, but they're so good at it.

Naomi Watts delivers a stunning performance as the resilient mom, while Tim Roth is clearly reminiscent of his part in *Reservoir Dogs*: he spends a lot of time on the ground, wheezing and utterly incapable of defending himself, or of even getting up. The son, played by Devon Gearheart, is who you'll root for as he tries to fight back and escape. At times he's brave, at times helpless and terrified, but always grabbing your attention.

In fact, every performance in this film hits the right pitch, and whether you enjoy it comes down to how much you appreciate filmmaking. The shots here are great: they're clever (characters being talked to rather than talking), stubborn (the mom trying to get up for whole minutes, which is longer than it sounds), and generally creative, much like the deaths in lesser slasher flicks (one scene shows the thin guy making a sandwich while his partner does the killing in another room).

It's a well made movie, there's no denying that; it's beautiful. You'll love the bright,

clean whites of their golf shirts and furniture, and the scene where they go out on the lake is beautiful enough to make me want to live there, knowing full well that the kids next door aren't right. It's like *Road to Perdition* or, quite fittingly, *A Clockwork Orange*. Nevermind the fact that the killer (Pitt) is handsome in his own, creepy way, and Naomi Watts is flat-out gorgeous (though increasingly haggard).

Aside from all the brutality, this really is a good film, so if you can handle it, see it. But don't think you can take it because you've seen all the *Saw*'s, or watched a mouse get blended: it's worse than that (well, maybe not the mouse).

In fact, I think the opening scene acts as a warning of what's to come: the family is driving down the highway, playing with the stereo and trying to guess which opera singer sang that song. The music is lovely, the landscape is green and beautiful, and, as my compatriot remarked, the family is cute. It seems like we're in for a nice little slasher, a harmless two hours of not-so-guilty fun...

And then the music switches: suddenly we're belted with loud, even painful metal. The guy isn't singing, he's yelling, screaming behind crushing "music" that I wanted off right now. The contrast between that and the opera is staggering, but we sat there and took it, just like we sat there and took the rest. They were trying to tell us something: what we were in for was not soothing or beautiful, but ugly. There was to be no melody, no rhyme, and no reason -- just pain.

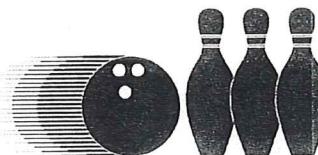
I guess that's why nobody came but us.

HEY KIDS, IT'S TIME TO BOWL!!

On Wednesday, April 23rd, the MHS Jazz Warriors will once again be hosting their bowling tournament at Shore Lanes in Neptune.
Any team of 4 (teachers, administration, students, or combination of such) may enter. Sport teams, clubs and organizations are encouraged to sign up as a unit. Bowling starts at 3:30 pm and ends by 6:00 pm.

The cost is \$15.00 per person (\$60.00 per team) and includes two slices of pizza, soda, shoe rental and naturally the ball. Music will be provided by "DJ Bad Mama Jama".

Team uniforms and even costumes are encouraged!



AWARDS, AWARDS, AWARDS!!!

There will be team trophies and individual medals presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. There will also be individual trophies for the high women's and high men's game.

Registration forms are available in both front offices, the band room or on line at:
www.warriormarching.com
and are due by April 21st.



SEE YOU THERE!!!

Official Warrior Jazz Band Bowling Tournament Registration Form

Wednesday, April 23rd, 3:30 - 6pm / Shore lanes in Neptune
Near the Asbury Circle

- Teams must have 4 members (you can have 5)
- The fee is \$60.00 per team and includes the following:
 - 3 games of bowling
 - Shoe rental and ball of course
 - 1 large pizza per team and soda
 - Awards for top 3 teams and high male and female games
 - DJ music by "DJ Bad Mama Jama"
 - As much fun that is legally possible

Forms with \$ must be in by Monday April 21st/ hurry lanes are limited

If paying by check, make it out to "Warrior Band"

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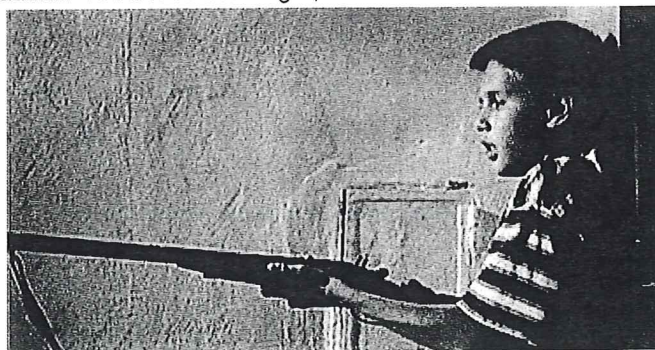
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Movie Review

Diving Bell and the Butterfly Tells Fascinating True Story

By: Thomas Sullivan



(above) Jean-Dominique's speech therapist (Marie-Josée Croze) shows him a copy of his book in *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*. Now playing at Monmouth Mall.

Le Scaphandre et le Papillon, or *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*, is obviously a very "French" movie. It's very slow moving, contains a ton of symbolism, and obviously isn't in English. However, if this is definitely your thing, I cannot urge you enough to check out this highly original and moving tale which is based on an unfortunately true story.

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly is the story of Jean-Dominique Bauby (Mathieu Amalric), the French magazine editor for *Elle*, who suffered a

horrible stroke. The stroke left him completely paralyzed... except for his left eye. With the help of his physical and speech therapists (played by Marina Hands and Marie-Josée Croze, respectively), Bauby learns to communicate through a system of blinking, his only contact with the outside world. Eventually, he wrote his autobiography, also titled *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*, which was completely dictated to his speech therapist using this system of blinking. Scenes of Jean-Dominique's bedridden existence are coupled with scenes of his past in which we learn of his

mistakes, loves, and family.

Director Julian Schnabel, along with Janusz Kaminski who was responsible for the film's bizarre cinematography, have taken what could have been a potentially boring tale of a bed-ridden man to new heights with an interesting script and camera work. Both have been nominated for Oscars for their work. Janusz Kaminski chose to film a large portion of the scenes through the POV of Jean-Dominique, which makes for an undeniably surreal experience.

The camera swirls around with the movements of Bauby's eye, and the disorienting and often blurry camera work makes us experience the disorientation and anger that Bauby must have been feeling while he was trapped inside his body. The screenplay also contains a large amount of monologues

from Jean-Dominique, some of which are surprisingly comical, and others which express his agony over his loss of speech and movement.

In terms of performances, Alamric definitely steals the show. He perfectly expresses his character's agony without coming across as overly whiny or excessively melodramatic. Max Von Sydow, who played the small role of Bauby's father, added a ton of emotion into the small amount of scenes that he was in. In an especially heartbreaking scene, his character speaks to his son and breaks down sobbing because he can no longer directly talk with him.

While the film definitely ends on an extremely somber note, *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* is an extremely uplifting film that puts a new spin on the tried and true story of a person overcoming extreme odds with positive results. While hopefully most of us will not be able to completely relate to Jean-Dominique's feelings of isolation, we can all definitely cheer him on as he writes his book, one blink at a time.



(left) Jean-Dominique Bauby (Mathieu Amalric) and one of his models during a fashion shoot for the French fashion magazine *Elle*.

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Medical Myths

EXPOSED

Do you remember when you were little and you would cross your eyes and then your parents would frantically explain to you that if you did that your eyes would be stuck like that? Well just for the record they can't....you can criss and cross all day long and the worst thing that will happen to you is you would get a headache. Read these helpful myth busters to clear the air on some other questions you might have...

MYTH: Drinking hot black coffee will sober you up.

REALITY: Like many medical myths there is some "truth" to this belief. The caffeine in coffee has been known to oppose the sedative effects of alcohol, but Dr. Martin Carey (of UAMS's Department of Emergency Medicine) says it's important to know that coffee cannot reverse the effects of alcohol.



MYTH: Eating chocolate will cause you to have acne.

REALITY: Although acne diets that prohibited chocolate and other sweet treats were popular years ago, the good news for acne sufferers is that dermatologists no longer recommend acne diets. Currently, there is no good evidence to link chocolate or other specific foods to acne. Acne treatments today focus on keeping the pores open and controlling oil production and bacteria in the skin.

MYTH: Your heart stops for an instant whenever you sneeze.

REALITY: When a person sneezes, they increase their intrathoracic pressure and can decrease venous blood flow back to the heart, according to Dr. Chris Danner of UAMS' Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery. "The heart may compensate for this by a slight change in its beating rate, but the heart and its electrical activity should not stop during a sneeze," says Dr. Danner.

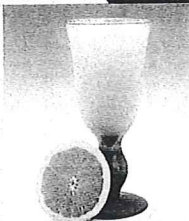


MYTH: You can catch an STD from a public bathroom.

REALITY: STDs are transmitted by direct contact with the bacteria or virus that is the specific cause of diseases. However many doctors have the attitude "never say never" when asked about the possibility of catching an STD from a toilet seat. Still, in order to 'catch STD from a toilet seat, you would have to have direct contact at the site on the skin with the bacteria. This would very rarely, if ever, occur.

MYTH: Ingesting Vitamin C will prevent you from getting sick.

REALITY: Vitamin C is good for preventing scurvy, which British sailors discovered in the mid-1700s. However, it won't prevent colds, says Dr. Charles Born of the UAMS College of Pharmacy. Many people are convinced that taking large quantities of vitamin C will keep them from getting sick; however, "Taking vitamin C over long periods of time in large amounts may actually be harmful. Too much vitamin C can cause severe diarrhea, a particular danger for elderly people and small children."

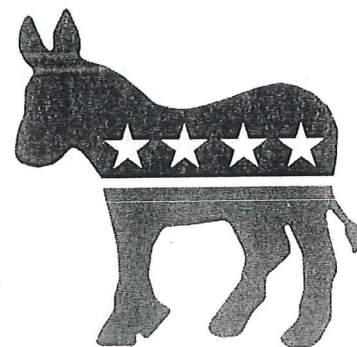


MYTH: Feed a cold and starve a fever.

REALITY: A common cold is an illness caused by a viral infection located in the nose. There are many symptoms of a common cold include sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, and a sore or scratchy throat. Not only is it a bad idea to starve a fever, it will prevent you from getting better. Drinking plenty of fluids is important since fevers and colds promotes fluid loss from the body and dehydration can result.

By: Melissa Martuscelli

Democratic Primary Heats Up: The Blue & Gray Chimes In



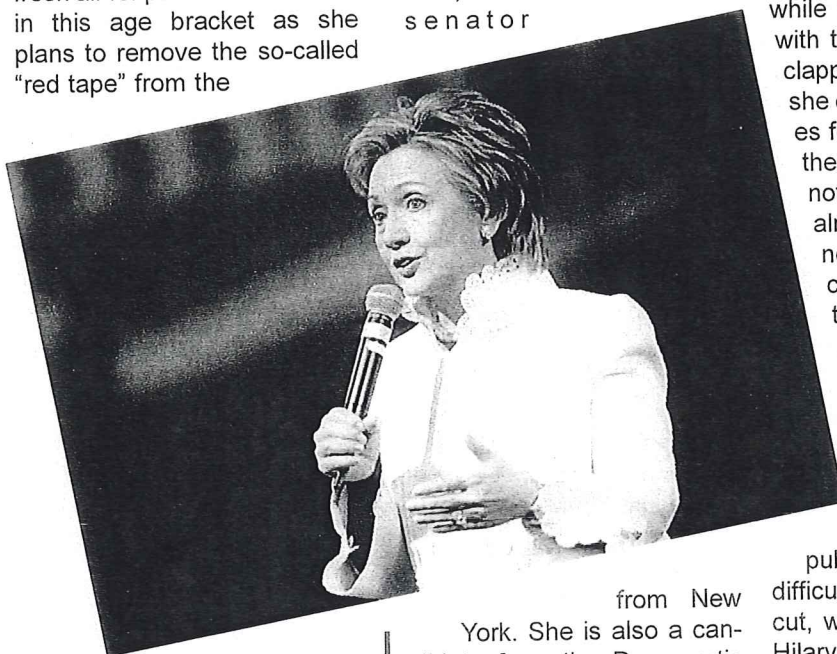
Hillary: The Right Choice For America

By: Thomas Sullivan

If you asked people who are eligible to vote in this school the simple question of "who are you voting for?" you are going to get a huge variety of answers. In the senior class, I've found a ton of people who are voting for Obama, McKane, and, creepily enough, Huckabee. However, as far as I know I am the only person voting for Hillary Clinton. It's pretty...well...obvious that students here don't like Hillary. One person in my AP World History class even asked me "why would I vote for a woman for President?" Nevertheless, I stand my ground by supporting my candidate. Out of all of Hillary's causes, I agree the most with her ideas on making finding money for college a hassle-free process, improving American health care, and ending the war in Iraq.

In her plan to improve the middle class, Hillary is planning on not only lowering taxes on this area of the population but also making it easier for us college-bound students to get financial aid. With a new \$3,500 College Tax Credit and an increased Pell Grant, students will have more options for money whether they are in college or planning to enter in the near future. For those of us who are also attending community college, Hillary plans on providing \$500 million dollar incentive grants for colleges such as Brookdale which may make them rise out of their position as "lackluster" institutions of learning.

Hillary's plans for education are also a breath of fresh air for parents of students in this age bracket as she plans to remove the so-called "red tape" from the



financial aid process by streamlining the FAFSA form and other financial aid forms, therefore making it easier to apply and hopefully receive some cash for your college education. Hillary's Student Borrower's Bill of Rights will also give students who are paying off their education a set of rights, simplified information, and better options when it comes to paying off that big debt.

Hillary is also making great strides in promising a health care system that is more affordable and accepting than our current system. Under Hillary's American

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Clinton NOT for President

By: Nicole Casey

Hillary Rodham Clinton is the wife of past President, William Clinton, and senator

income tax reductions permanent, Hillary sat in her seat, looking as bored as ever, while the people who agreed with these tax cuts rose and clapped for the President. If she claims to want lower taxes for the American people, then how come she would not want to make tax cuts, already in place, permanent? Could it be because, by making these tax cuts permanent, the American workforce would immediately see a drastic uplift in the amount of their pay checks? By making the rewards of tax cuts available to the public eye it makes it more difficult to say taxes are being cut, when they really are not. Hilary do you have something to hide?

When Hillary is not talking about how she will lower taxes on America's middle-class, she is talking about how she will end the War in Iraq. Hillary promises that, her first day in office, she will immediately pull all American troops out of the "Iraq Civil War." Yes, she might plan on having our service men and women come home to be with their families, but she is also planning on replacing them with other American people to "over see" Iraq's self rebuilding. So what is the point in that exactly? To spend more money on the traveling on soldiers home and others back?

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from New York. She is also a candidate from the Democratic party for the 2009 President Election.

Although there is quite a large number of candidates running for president in this upcoming election, Hillary is unique. She is the first female running for the executive office in United States history.

Because Hillary is unique does not make her the best candidate for president.

Running as a representative of the Democratic party, Hillary says that she believes in cutting taxes on middle-class families by extending the middle-class tax cuts, however, when current president, George W. Bush, asked congress to make his

The Blue & Gray Editorials

Mattthoughts



By Matthew Haviland

Anyone who's ever complained about signs at the airport clearly hasn't been to Camden. I'd rather find Terminal C a hundred times before trying to get to the aquarium again.

There were these convenient blue signs, leading us off the highway, into the city, and down the block, each marked with simple directions. Anybody could do it. But on the sixth or seventh sign, it tells you to go straight. And you do. And you keep going. And going.

About six or seven blocks later, you're asking "did we miss a sign?", and the answer comes in the form of a red one that says "Do Not Enter." You've gone too far. The city has gotten worse in the process, and by now, there is nobody on the street, no cars in the driveways, and, who am I kidding, no driveways at all. It's as if the city has grown so bombed out that even the Camdenians refuse to live there. This is when you turn around.

We did. We followed the signs two or three times before realizing they were inadequate, and my compatriot, MHS graduate Niki Dietrich, told me to take a left. At this point, intuition was all we had.

Lo and behold, there it was. The last sign for the aquarium came at the end of

Federal, and right beyond it was our Mecca: the aquarium. Avoiding the trolley tracks in the road (which probably haven't been used in years), I pulled into the most unlikely state aquarium in the union.

The aquarium itself was pretty fun: there were enormous hippos, disappointing sharks (they were just.. meh), seals, penguins, touchable sharks, depressing fish stuck sideways between rocks, hot turtle statues (well, one of them), and, for an extra four dollars, a Spongebob show that promised viewers (riders?) a glimpse into the fourth dimension. Apparently the fourth dimension is touch, because the ride was essentially a five minute, 3D episode of Spongebob where they slap your legs and blow weakly on your neck. I've been more excited, but for four dollars, you really can't go wrong.

Where you could go wrong, and where we *did*, was the food. I had been joking about "aquarium food" all day, but as we found out, I was right on target. Everything carried this bland sense of disappointment. Who can mess up popcorn chicken? Who? The aquarium can.

The only constant, the soda, was also terribly subpar; the ice cubes tasted off, and I wouldn't be surprised if they were made out of old water from the fish tank. Considering how bad it was, the "No Refills" sign was just a slap in the face.

In the end, however, the good outweighed the bad, and that we were still alive after getting through Camden was more than enough, even

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By: Haley Behre

Lunch is Served

Ninety GPA. No more than 30 demerits over three years. No write ups their senior year. That's what it has taken in the past for seniors to earn the privilege of going out for lunch.

But exactly how fair are these qualifications?

In my opinion, and I'm sure many students alike, not fair at all.

Every student waits to be a senior for the perks, like going out for lunch.

But once senior year hits few receive this privilege.

While I understand the concept of a privilege, and the fact that not every senior is deserving, I do think that more than twenty or so students, which is roughly ten percent of the senior class, merits consideration.

"Some people work hard but can not get that 'A'. They're good kids and should be able to go out for lunch," explained guidance counselor, Mrs. Elms. I totally agree.

While I think grades should be a factor in deciding who should receive this privilege, I do not think it should be a major factor.

Shouldn't one's behavior in school determine if they are allowed out over academic achievements? And though the qualifications set now do depend on ones behavior – no more than 30 demerits and no write ups

your senior year- these too are unfair. The 30 demerits over three years (10 demerits per year) is quite reasonable; however, no demerits senior year- a little harsh. Everyone makes mistakes, and one or two little slip-ups, for infractions such as inappropriate dress or having acell phone or Ipod in school, should not eliminate a senior's eligibility.

Requirements to earn senior privileges should be re-examined

When I asked Mr. Brambly (Vice Principal) and Mr. Copolla

(Principal) whether they believed that these qualifications were fair, they both agreed they were.

I listened to their reasoning as to why they thought it was fair.

The school is liable for anything that happens off campus during school hours and limiting the amount of students allowed out also limits the possibility of trouble. One wrong move in school for the student, automatically results in the privilege being rescinded. One wrong move outside of school, automatically results in the privilege, as a whole, being taken away.

Again, while I see why the qualifications are so strict, I have to disagree.

As a senior, the requirements I see as being fair are no more than 30 demerits over the three years

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Special Report

Listen Up and Speak Out!

GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

By Hannah Tichansky

What is being known as the Darfur Conflict is taking place in the Darfur region in western Sudan and began in February of 2003. A militia group known as the Janjaweed has been attacking black African tribes with the support of the Sudanese government. Since it's start in 2003 the Darfur Conflict has claimed more than 400,000 lives, thousands of women have been raped, numerous villages attacked and over 2 million people are displaced. Mukesh Kapila, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Sudan, has labeled it "world's greatest humanitarian crisis".

So What's Being Done ?

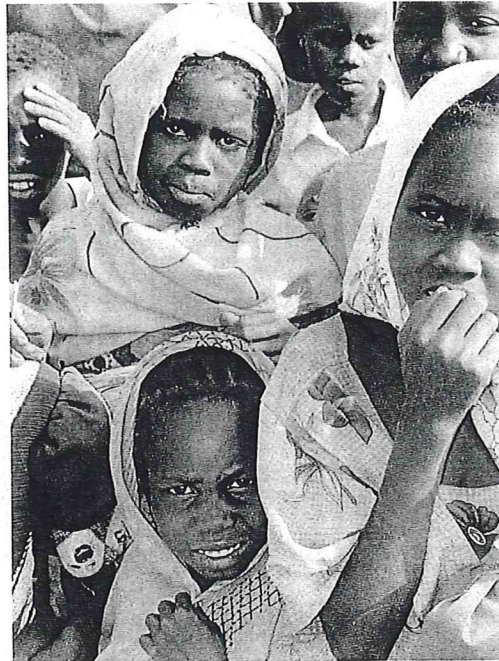
The answer, unfortunately, is not enough. International response to this crisis is has been stalled and in many aspects not there at all. On one side of the table, the Sudanese government is suppressing information. It has been proved that since 2004 the government has imprisoned and killed witnesses, tampered with evidence such as mass graves, and obstructing journalists and media from entering the region. Their response? It's not genocide, it's a civil war. The Sudanese government has also objected to peacekeeping treaties and humanitarian aid.

But the door swings both ways remember. While the United States government has described the crisis as genocide, the UN has declined to do so. In March 2007 the UN accused Sudan's government of taking part and allowing "gross violations". However, the UN declined calling the Darfur crisis genocide. The UN claims

"genocidal intent appears to be missing." The UN, lacks both the funding and military support of wealthy countries to deploy a peacekeeping force.

But What Can I Do?

Truth is, there's lots we can do. Write letters to your local newspapers and congressmen. The big thing is to GET THE WORD OUT! Tell friends, family, and your community what's going on!



What's Amnesty International?

Amnesty International focuses on human rights world-wide. They fight for people's freedom in the U.S. and throughout the world. The MHS chapter is currently trying to raise awareness on human rights as well as organize fundraisers for local issues. For more information on us, look for our next page in the *Blue and Gray* or see our advisor, Mr. Wasnesky.

Want More Information on the Darfur Crisis?

- www.savedarfur.org
- www.ushmm.org
- www.eyesondarfur.org
- www.amnestyusa.org

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SPOTLIGHT:

Gourmet Cooking

By: Melissa Martuscelli

For those of you who are thinking of taking Gourmet cooking, thinking it will be the perfect cure for your senioritis symptoms, think again. This elective is much, much more than an easy "A". It is a stepping stone into adulthood. The class teaches you how to cook, clean, manage your finances for your home, as well as prepare weekly schedules of meals for you and your family.

Gourmet cooking at Manasquan High School has been taught by Ms. Yuhas for three years. When she joined the Manasquan High School Home Economics department, she envisioned elevating the food program to a culinary level as well as starting up a FCCLA club. With Ms. Yuhas teaching the class, you can expect to learn many things. While in her class, you should expect to learn how to make many food dishes from various regions. You will also write a couple of research papers on interesting topics. However, the best part of the class is definitely the several group projects that are done each semester. This year, the projects included a History of Halloween paper and subsequent celebration, a cookie exchange, and a how-to lesson about making gingerbread houses.

During the holidays students made gingerbread houses that eventually were raffled off in the library. All the proceeds went to the Monmouth County food bank and, this year, Ms. Yuhas and

her three cooking classes held a new record for the most money raised.

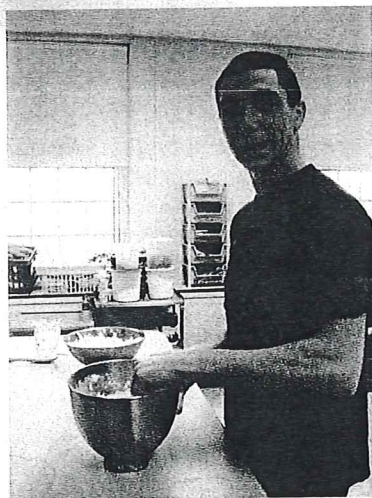
The class also went on a more culinary tangent this year by celebrating Chinese New Year. Students decorated Take Out boxes and strung them around the classroom. Later on, after the students returned from break, they created and ate all sorts of different kinds of Chinese food.

Another interesting aspect of the class is the title of "chef of the month" given by Ms. Yuhas to the student who demonstrates the most skill and ability as well as a positive attitude. Many students have received this esteemed award over the years, the latest being Alma Bautista who won the award for the month of February. Senior Tom Phillips, however, takes the cake and eats it too by having won the award two consecutive months in a row.

So now that you know a little more about Gourmet Cooking, think about taking it in future semesters. It's a great class to help you learn aspects of living on your own as well as teaching you about different cultures and lifestyles, but it's certainly no walk in the park.



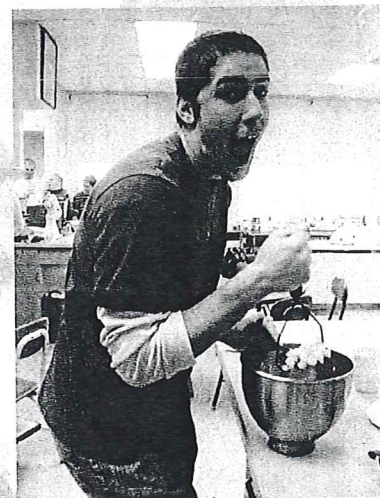
Sophomore Chef of the Month, Michael Frasco, checks his dish in the oven.



Senior Thomas Wolfmuller prepares to mix ingredients.



Seniors Katie Golding and Alejandra Aguilar prepare to crack eggs.



Senior Justin Burdge brings his own brand of enthusiasm to the kitchen.

Adventure, Exploration, and Education

Environmental Club Members Experience Life in Guatemala

By: Shannon Kmetz

What's better than a thrilling adventure in Guatemala? Why, being accompanied by Mr. Glenn and Mr. Wasnesky, of course!

Over the February break, thirteen Environmental Club members went on an exhilarating trip to Guatemala. Chaperoned by club leaders, Mr. Wasnesky and Mr. Glenn, the group participated in activities including volunteering at a wildlife reserve, exploring the new environment, and performing various challenging athletic activities.

The students chosen for the trip consisted of mostly seniors- Kristine Achong, Lisa Bartholomew, Leann Bishop, Lauren Fernandez, Gabby Ingersoll, Sarah Kleinfeld, Shannon Kmetz, Liz Peters, and Carleigh Rixon. The juniors were Kerry F  chter, Zack Jakupko, Dave Papanu, and Sophia Weston.

The trip was led by Jen, owner and founder of "World School, Inc.," a non-profit organization aimed at providing high school students with opportunities for international education focusing on community service, history, environmental awareness, and culture.

Day one began on February 9th, with a 3:30 a.m. meeting time at the airport. The traveling ended three flights and many hours later, as the students arrived in Flores, Guatemala. The group had to be transported by a small, unsteady boat across a large lake to get to their final destination for the night. The boat, with a hole the size of a baseball in the bottom, required buckets of water to be shoveled out of it in order to stay afloat. A little bit moist and frightened from the darkness and quiet of the jungle, students filed off the boat with their 35 and 40 pound bags of luggage. Ahead of them stood a steep and complicated hill they had to hike. With barely any light and the glowing eyes of spiders staring back at them, the students climbed to their large scorpion infested housing. First impression, they were in for a rough week.

The group had arrived at ARCAS,

a wildlife and rescue center that helps rehabilitate exotic and endangered animals back to health after being recovered from



The group gathers for a photo-op before hiking Volcan Pakaya.



Kerry, Sarah, Shannon, Gabby, Liz, and Sophia pose in front of Ancient Mayan ruins at Tikal.



The group gets to work at ARCAS in their stylish goloshes.

illegal trafficking and such activities. ARCAS cares for several animals, including spider and howler monkeys, jaguars, macaws, ocelots, crocodiles,

various birds and more. After a morning tour of the center, the students began their first project, cleaning and repairing cages for the birds and monkeys to live in during their stay at the reserve.

Later that evening, the director of the center, Alejandro, led the group on a challenging and intense hike through a section of the jungle that was off the main path. He used his machete to chop plants and branches out of the way. The first half of the hike was mostly downhill to a banana grove. However, climbing out of the grove was not so easy. This task required rock climbing and hanging from vines up almost a 90 degree angle of dirt and rock.

After two nights at ARCAS, the group made their way to Antigua to learn about the ancient Mayan culture and explore ruins of Tikal. They also visited Lake Atitlan, named the second most beautiful lake in the world, where they mountain biked and kayaked around the stunning sight. Lastly, everyone hiked Volcan Pakaya, where the group observed the active volcano and the activity of the lava flow.

Through home stays in local communities of Guatemala the students absorbed the rich culture and its differences from American life. For example, toilet paper was not to be thrown into the toilet and water was never to be drunk unless it was from a bottle or purified-never out of a faucet.

Average things we take for granted, like hot showers, become much more valuable when they are taken away.

Another interesting aspect of the trip to Guatemala was the interaction with the natives. Students were able to utilize their Spanish speaking skills on various occasions with the locals in markets and villages. For some, this was a struggle; however the language barrier was easy to overcome.

While the trip basically went smoothly, there were some times when obstacles were encountered. For example, there were various instances of falling off of/ flipping over bikes, sliding down vines while rock climbing, and falling off of mountainsides while hiking. However, minor injuries did

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Tyler March Leads the Bands

By: Shannon Kmetz

Saturday, January 5th seemed bleak and dismal as the cold rain began to fall. However, in Spring Lake, the excitement was buzzing as students and friends filed into Wesley Hall for a rock concert.

The concert, organized by senior, Tyler March, featured four local bands. Hundreds of students attended, raising \$705 for Camp Fatima of Northern New Jersey.

Tyler's motivation was the requirement by the MHS sociology course to complete 24 hours of volunteer service in order to pass the class. "The whole meaning of the project is to do something selfless for somebody else without getting something back," said Mr. Higgins, sociology teacher. To fulfill these hours, March chose to put together a concert. "When the community service project was assigned, I thought, 'How could I enjoy this?'" said March. Involving his hours with music was the answer.

All aspects of this project were new to Tyler, as he had never been in charge of hosting a concert before. "For a while I didn't think we would get a place to rent out for the concert. I also worried what the turnout would be like," March elaborated. He decided to charge five dollars for entry, and that the profit would be donated to an important cause.

After much organizing and advertising, the night of the event finally came, and to Tyler's surprise, there was a great outcome.

Higgins was shocked to see so many students there that didn't have to work the event. Also, he mentioned that even kids who showed up just for fun had no problem jumping in and doing a job to help out.



Jester, (from left to right- Kris Pirnat, Eric Paperth, Tyler March, and Matt Pinnella) performs the final act of the night.

Four bands played throughout the night, entertaining the audience and showing what they had to offer. The first band that played was "NV". Band members consist of Dave Attilio on guitar and vocals, Paul Impellizeri on the bass guitar and vocals, and Brad Stokhammer on drums. The band played covers like "What I Like About You" by the Romantics

bass guitar. Everyone was excited because Jester is known to have very entertaining and comical performances; they will never let you down. They definitely stood up to their standards with punk covers of "Who Let the Dogs Out" originally by the Baja Men and Fergie's hit, "London Bridge".

The concert raised \$705 by charging for entry and selling snacks.

Sociology teacher, Mr. Higgins, suggested donating the money to an organization he was familiar with, Camp Fatima. Higgins has been involved with the camp for sixteen years. Camp Fatima is New Jersey's only one-to-one volunteer camp for people with disabilities. \$645 was sent to Camp

Fatima and the rest was a donation to Wesley Hall for generously letting us use their hall for the evening.

March was pleasantly surprised at how successful the event was in the end. "There was a great turn out. A lot of people came and we raised more money than I ever expected," he shared. Higgins felt the same way.

In fact, Mr. Higgins thinks that with a little more planning and advertising, they could host another concert and get a bigger turnout raise even more money than the first time!

Mr. Higgins and Tyler March would like to thank all who came and donated money to a good cause, as well as the bands, and the parents who helped out.

Senior organizes night of local bands jamming for charity

and "Rock 'n Roll All Night" by KISS which really livened up the evening.

The second band to take the stage was comprised of friends of Tyler's from North Jersey, "The Creetons". Thirdly, "Yellowstag" captivated the audience with their outstanding performance. With Jack Gramlich on guitar and vocals, John Mauriello on the bass guitar, and Tyler March on the drums, the band got people out of their seats and on the dance floor, also known as, the "mosh pit".

Lastly, there was a lot of hype regarding the big performance of the ever-popular "Jester". The band features Eric Paperth on guitar and vocals, Kris Pirnat on the rhythm guitar, Tyler March on the drums, and Matt Pinnella on the

While Capturing Our School Memories, they "Captured" an Honor, too

By: Claire Beesley

If you walk by room 101 during third and fourth block you'll see the yearbook staff hard at work compiling pages filled with the year's activities. Creativity, organization, and commitment are the main qualities that go into creating this dynamic book.

The 2007 yearbook staff's hard work paid off.

The publication company, Herff Jones, selected the 2007 volume of the *Treasure Chest* as one of the best. The books cover, endsheets, and perfected spreads will appear in Herff Jones's *Ideas That Fly*.

Ideas That Fly will be seen by numerous schools and used as a reference tool or guide when creating their own yearbooks. According to yearbook adviser Mrs. Mangan, the company sent her a complimentary copy of the book in January.

Along with being published, the company was awarded the Yabo crew two free pages (in the 2008 edition) that will have UV Coding over the pictures.

"We learn so much every year," stated Mrs. Mangan, "that the yearbook gets better and different each year."

Why did last year's yearbook win this award? The



Returning seniors, Madeline Schatzman, Katherine Kelly, Amylee Sanders and Meghan Horn along with last year's prized yearbook, "Captured."



creative placement of Polaroid pictures, use of the new sharpie font, and a unique theme caused our yearbook to stand out from over 200 others.

Most yearbooks are divided into six divisions (also known as categories). Last year the staff wanted to be different, so they separated the book into only three divisions. "Identity" represented student life, "Reality" contained academics, and "Intensity" was dedicated to sports.

The four returning seniors, Amylee Sanders, Katherine Kelly, Meghan Horn, and Madeline Schatzman, all agree that this year's yearbook will be way better than last's.

If you walk by room 101 during blocks three and four you'll see the yearbook staff constructing a "Warrior Book." The Warrior Book yearbook comes out only once every four years, and this is the year. This is a one-time opportunity to purchase this rare book; being that it only comes out once in our high school career.

According to the returning seniors, this year's book is entitled "Through the eyes of a warrior." Mrs. Mangan says, "Everyone should buy the yearbook because it's a collector's item."

Congratulations January Students of the Month!



Senior
Haley McNeel



Junior
Susie Lo



Sophomore
Katherine Sullivan



Freshman
Nick Wright

"The Choice is Yours"

Students and faculty band together in memory of Sophomore Bobby Bannick

By: Jared H. Schwartz

Many times, we as people always assume that bad things can't happen to us, but maybe to "the other guy". Mr. Bramley terms it as T.O.G. syndrome, an acronym for "the other guy" or "the other girl".

This past January, Manasquan High School lost one of its own, sophomore Bobby Bannick. In response to the recent loss, Principal Coppola called a meeting for both students and faculty to discuss the incident and to help cure T.O.G. syndrome.

On January 31, 2008 at 2:30pm, about 100 people joined together in the media center to discuss students' use of drugs and alcohol on the weekends. Mr. Coppola began the meeting with encouraging words concerning the current relationship between students and teachers.

He stated, "The purpose of this meeting is to hear from all of you," and ask everyone to, "Take one look at all the people that are here, because they care." In regards to the school, Mr. Coppola said, "We're all a part of a family," and he assured that although we were affected to different degrees, we were all affected the same. He explained that as a school, we need to work together to fix the problem.

Following the principal's introduction, juniors Billy Armando and Mickey Donofrio passionately expressed their feelings on the loss of a close friend and the future of the school. First, Billy Armando proposed that the school should have random drug tests, and even result to expulsion for students caught under the influence of drugs or alcohol. He asked the students to be a part of the solution and to think of everyone in the school as a big family, as well.

Next, Donofrio asked students to take, "Proactive steps," by changing the way we think and to make better choices. Billy Armando and Mickey Donofrio's words were a call for fellow students to take action in preventing another loss. Their statements were personal and heartfelt, and truly tugged at the hearts of everyone who was present.

Although Principal Coppola successfully reached the students with his words, Mr. Hyland reached the students on a more straightforward level. "I'm afraid to let my kids go to school here," quoted Mr. Hyland. "What you do affects us all," he contin-

ued, "It's time to stand and band together to overcome the problem."

Mr. Hyland's anger over the situation was clearly expressed

Although many teachers shared his views on the issue, Mr. Hyland presented all of the things that people thought about--and he wasn't afraid to say them. He hopes that students will stop using drugs and alcohol, despite the peer pressure that is received from friends. He strongly advises students who are on drugs to get off of them and if they need help in doing so, to turn to teachers for help. Some students were shocked by his words, but all were moved and took heed to what he had to say.

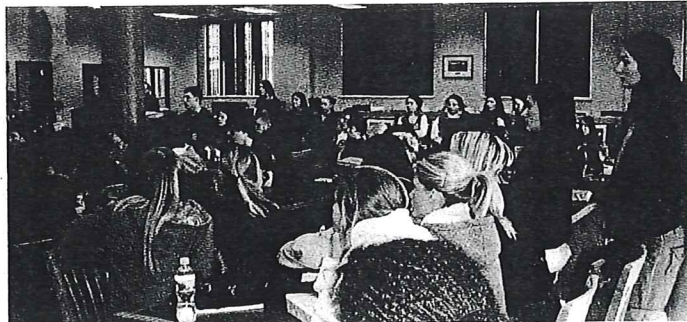
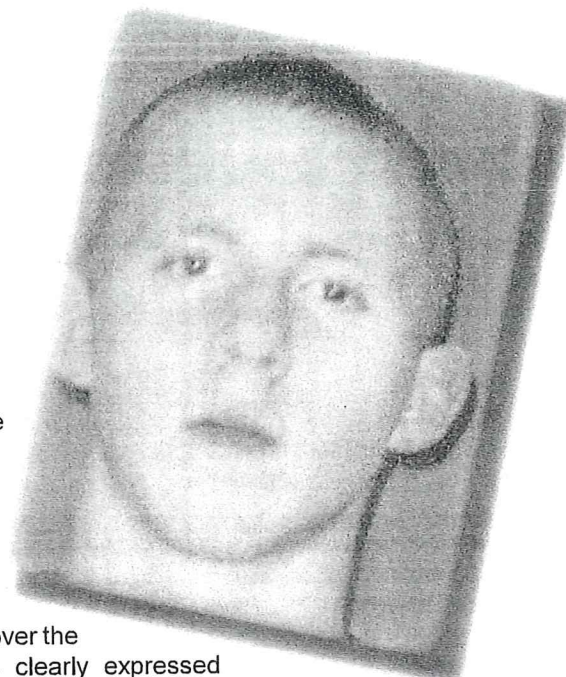
However, Mr. Battaglia's words were most significant, for he proved that peer pressure to use drugs and alcohol never really stops. He shared his own experience of hanging out with fellow teachers and receiving "slack" for choosing not to drink. His words were proof that peer pressure is a timely issue, and will be something that people will face all throughout life. He then noted, "Tomorrow's Friday. I challenge all of you not to drink and use drugs. It's up to you."

The teachers then opened the floor to the students, and allowed them to share their views on the situation. Key Club President, Anthony Silverman shared his experience with losing friends due to drugs and alcohol. Junior Danielle also shared her experience with friends who heavily use drugs and alcohol.

Mike Brown, another junior, gave encouraging words to his fellow classmates, stating, "If we stick together and talk then we will overcome this problem."

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Sanders explained that she was nothing but hopeful that students will pull together and steer the school into a positive direction. "Don't lose site that you have the power to make good choices," she said, "Make good choices." The meeting was inspiring, moving, and it marked a new beginning for both students and faculty.

So the choice is up to students to let Bobby Bannick die in vain by continuing to drink and use drugs, or to choose the lifestyle of good decisions. For it was Bobby today, and it could be you tomorrow.



We asked students and teachers what they thought a suitable punishment for the person doing the threats would be. Some responses might seem extreme but still capture the aggravation we all feel.



Do community service.
Sara Gratzel



They should be expelled and every Saturday come to school and clean the floors.
Noelle Lee Turner



They should be fined for all the police who had to come to the school.
Tara Lapoint



Life in prison no parole.
Mr. Voskian



Chinese Water Torture.
Miss Mills



They should give an apology to the entire school, be expelled, and serve jail time.
Levi Swanson



Draw and quarter them.
Mr. Fagen



Tie them to a chair and make them watch a funny movie and every time they laugh, shoot them in the teeth with a bb gun.
Ryan Kosowsky

Enough is Enough!

Bomb Threats Frustrate MHS

By: Jared H. Schwartz and Sarah Kleinfeld

Recently, it seems that it has become a part of our school routine to either evacuate the building or extend the period during 2nd block. Of course, this comes in response to bomb threats written in both the boys' and girls' bathrooms. These so-called threats have disturbed life at Manasquan three days in the last two weeks, and

shortened.

In addition, the second bomb threat on Friday, March 7 presented another problem. Many students were in the middle of gym class when the announcement of a threat was made. After walking through the snow in their shorts and t-shirts for the first threat, they were forced to sit in the cold bleachers for over an hour.

“We’re disappointed and frustrated. Manasquan High School is better than this.”

- Principal Coppola

more and more students are becoming outraged.

What is the reason for this madness? Did it start, because we were expected to attend school through unplowed roads for normal school hours and a snow day? Is it just to get out of class? Or is it to add a little excitement into the school year?

The bomb threats have caused many students and community members alarm. Plus, they have interrupted the flow of the school day. Many students have complained about waiting longer to eat lunch, and losing time to eat because lunch periods were

Although the evacuations were hard on everyone, at least other students wore jeans and sweatshirts while out of the building.

According to Mr. Coppola, the third bomb threat was declared not viable and therefore students did not evacuate the premises.

The sad thing about the recent rash of bomb threats is the negative light it casts on our school, town and sending districts. The vast majority of high school students are great kids who do not resort to immature tactics to get out of class. These few culprits

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"Most Promising Young Artist"

Chloe Anselmo

Carves Her Niche



By Katya Palsi

Sometimes things we learn in school, we don't see any direct reason for. It will all benefit us one day... somehow? ...Right? Well Chloe has been perfecting her artistry skills throughout her years at Manasquan, and she is beginning to see the benefits.

Chloe Anselmo, recent winner of Most Promising young artist, is popping up all over the place. As a junior in high school, not many know what they

want to do with their life, or even what direction to go in, but Chloe knows. Chloe not only knows what she wants to do, but also how she wants to do it and where she wants to go to school.

Chloe Anselmo already has her future started. She designs artistic tattoos for not only herself but other people as well. For most people tattoos are a way to express yourself, so Chloe's people skills really helps her out. "It would be a good industry for me. I understand people as much as I understand art so I know how to illustrate their thoughts onto paper."

Chloe's love for art was brought out when Mrs. Caci saw her talent in her Fine Arts class and convinced her

to join the AP Art program the following year. Chloe also contributes success in Art to Mrs. Monaghan, students mean everything to her that's what makes her a good teacher.

The young artist is already looking at art schools including FIT, Corcoran, UArts, Parsons, RISD. She hopes to continue carving her original and beautiful art and become a tattoo artist one

Junior Chloe Anselmo's many works on display at the annual art show. Her work can also be seen on the walls of Manasquan students.



Big Shoes To Fill

After 35 dedicated years with Manasquan School District, Mr. Bramley re-

tired. His last day was filled with food, laughs and goodbyes, as friends and co-workers wished him well. Mr. Bramley's commitment to Manasquan students will not be forgotten.

Goodbye, Mr. Bramley!

