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Manasquan High School



The Blue & Gray "Voices From The High School"

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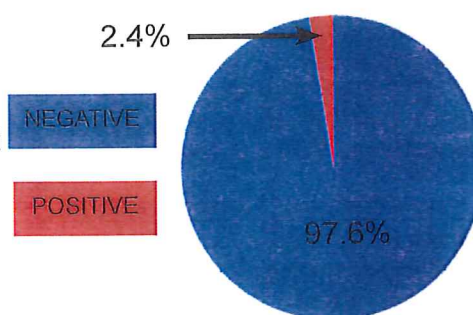
Red Ribbon Week at MHS

During the week of October 24th, The Student Alliance filled Manasquan High School with drug free games and themes, including a "Don't Let Drugs Twist Your Mind" Twizzler Handout. The students worked together to hang up red ribbons on the lockers in center hall on both the first and second floors. On the morning of the delayed opening, Monday, May 24, seniors (left to right) Dave Buckle, Tyler Hackett, and Steph Leather joined Mrs. Busco to help kick off Red Ribbon Week by selling doughnuts under the theme that "Manasquan Students Dough-Nut Do Drugs!" "The whole week was fun and it was a great way to raise awareness about the importance of being drug free," said Steph. To join the club or get more information, see Mrs. Busco. Her office is downstairs in the high school basement.



MHS Drug Testing Results Updated

As of November 15, Mr. Coppola reports that 85 students have been randomly selected for first time drug tests so far this school year. Of those 85, 83 students have come back negative, while 2 tested positive.



In last month's issue of The Blue & Gray we reported September's drug testing results: 15 of 17 students passed their drug tests while 2 failed. In our pie chart, however, we erroneously flipped the numbers, showing 88% failed. We apologize for this error.

"Voices from the High School"

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issues and vivid voices of the characters were very interesting and meaningful for our community. The commonality of the high school experience but the individuality of the different voices brings the message alive."

The audience clearly enjoyed the evening

as they laughed their heads off as Dan Takash recited famous Shakespeare lines and Amy Pretz spoke of the horrors of Valentine's Day. They even enjoyed the more serious and controversial scenes, such as Nick Smith's monologue about a suicide attempt and Kendra DeSomma and Kieran Walsh's sad scene about death. One minute they were laughing and the

next they were shedding a tear. By the end of the evening, the entire audience was up on their feet for a standing ovation as the cast took multiple bows.

The cast included seniors Kira DeSomma, Dan Takash, Amy Pretz and Kieran Walsh, Jamie Amadruto, Dana Neigel as well as an ensemble cast of 20 other actors. The stage manager was senior Lydia Condoluci.

"Voices" was another well done show performed by the

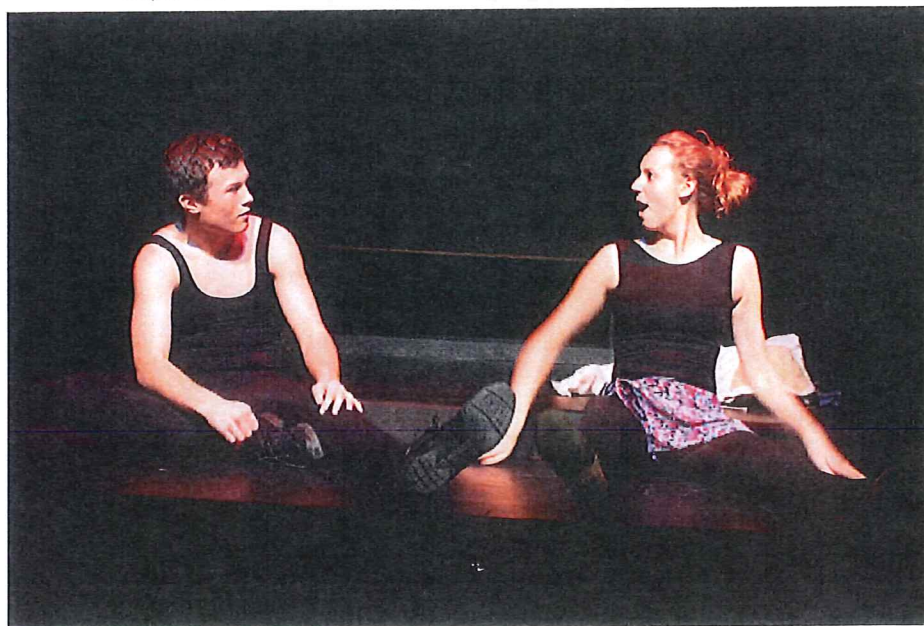
MHS Drama Club. The actors and actresses now turn

their attention to second semester. Look out for their Spring Musical which promises to be another excellent play!

Mr. Weisert, drama director, recently announced the dates for tryouts, December 5-6. He also announced the spring production, one that he feels will be beyond funny, in fact, hysterical! The play is *Urinetown*, which won numerous awards during its run on Broadway, including Best Musical.

That is something to look forward to from our actors and actresses!

Senior Kieran Walsh wears his leotard proudly and freshman Christine Leonhardt's bright skirt stands out as they get ready to dance in the final scene of the show.



The National Honor Society Induction

By: Amy Pretz

The candles flicker softly in the dim light in the Jack Nicholson Theater on October 19th, 2011. Students carrying yellow roses with blue ribbons walk to the stage as Ms. Kopec approaches the podium and welcomes the audience to a ceremony that is to honor students achieving greatness. This is the annual National Honor Society Induction.

This year five seniors and ten juniors were inducted into the National Honor Society. The seniors were Lydia Condoluci, Marissa DiNapoli, Benjamin Lukas, Kelcie Mack, and Mary Kate Reilly. The juniors included were Amy Bielicki, Jane Clark, Julien Cuny, Thomas Flannery, Daniel Galvin, Jeremy Kuper, Margaret Kennedy, Patrick Levin, Paige McGeehan, and Monica Murphy.

During the candlelight program, each inductee made moving speeches about their sponsors. These sponsors are teachers who have inspired them throughout their educational career. Additionally, they listened to their guest speaker, Carly McCoy, a 2005 Manasquan High School graduate and former National Honor Society member.

It is an honor and a privilege to be accepted into the National Honor Society because it is not an easy task getting into. Students are invited to apply to the NHS during their junior year if their GPA reads as a 93 or higher. Additionally, the students are required to complete a total of 120 hours of community service and leaderships hours since their entrance to MHS as freshman. Finally, the students must represent the four principal qualities of

the NHS; character, scholarship, leadership and service.

This particular induction was a special one because it was Ms. Kopec's first time leading the National Honor Society while Mrs. Fenlon is on maternity leave. Ms. Kopec recalls the night as a, "...lovely evening to recognize the achievement and accomplishments of such bright young men and women."

The National Honor Society is a community service group founded in 1921. This elite group was chartered as the Beta Omega Chapter, Charter Number 1,879 at Manasquan High School on March 15, 1937.

The current NHS members are Billy Acciavatti, Timothy Barry, Caitlin Burkard, Tyler Caccavale, Julia Callahan, Gabby Galizio, Brian Geiger, Luke Hayduk, Shea Heavey, Eamonn Hennessey, Elizabeth Holby, Michael Long, Matthew McFarlane, Adrianna Matyas, Amy Pretz, Alex Waga and Rachel McCarthy (NHS Transfer Student). These members not only helped run the overall program, they also picked this year's honorary inductee; Mr. Waldeyer.

The National Honor Society Induction was a great success as they added on more members to perform more good deeds throughout the community.



The emblem consists of a keystone, a torch, and the letters C-S-L-S. These four letters represent the four principal qualities required in National Honor Society members; character, scholarship, leadership and service. The keystone represents the joining of these four characteristic in an individual and the torch represents truth and the eternal flame of knowledge.



The symbol of the National Honor Society is the yellow rose. The colors are yellow, which symbolizes honor and loyalty, and blue, which represents sincerity.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR THREE STUDENTS WHO MADE ALL-SHORE CHORUS

We had three kids make the All-Shore Chorus last night. First time in a long time that all of the kids who tried out made it.

If you think of it, let them know...it's always nice to hear kids are "All-Shore" anything, but in singing? Pretty cool.

Grace Nielsen
Dana Neigel
JD Donohue

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN COSTUME?



"Tommy Dettlinger as Hot Rod"
-Tyler Caccavale, Senior



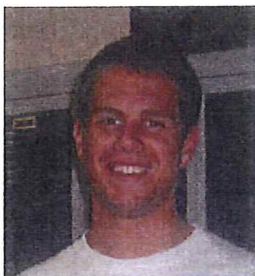
"Pac Man"
-Aalyiah King,
Sophomore



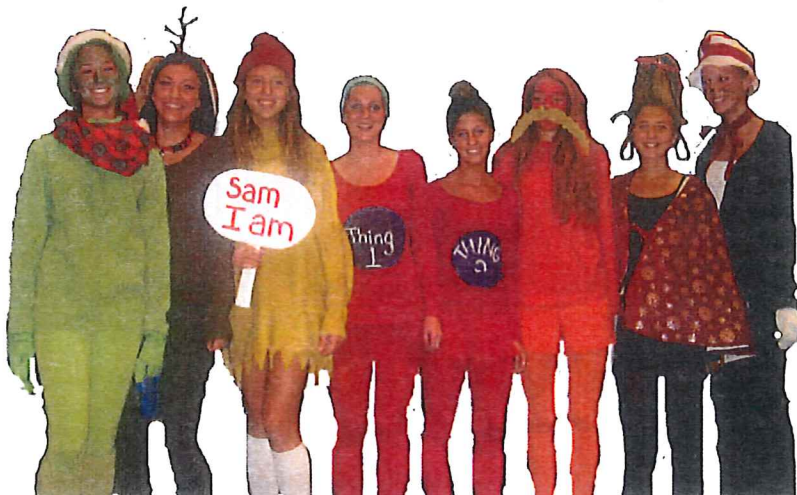
"Tommy Dettlinger
and Pac Man"
-Casey Wyckoff,
Senior



"The Blader Girls,
we should have
won."
-Lisa Pringle, Senior



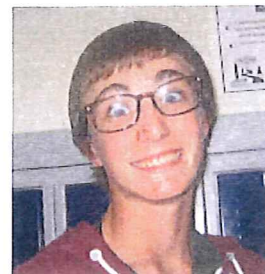
"Pac Man"
-Paul Salgado,
Sophomore



"Cats"
-Maggie White,
Senior



"Hot Rod- Tommy Dett"
-junior Andrew Dayton
and freshman James
McAlary



"Dylan- Loch Ness
Monster"
-Tommy Toole,
Sophomore

UMDNJ Students Team up with Health Careers Club to Host Health Careers Fair

By: Julia Callahan

Walking into the gym on Friday, October 28 was a different experience for the students and staff of Manasquan High School. Instead of seeing gym classes stretching or playing matball, students were presented with an assortment of tables hosting various health professionals. Orthopedic surgeons, dentists, chiropractors, and nutritionists alike gave up their days at the office to educate MHS students on their careers.

As advisors of the Health Careers Club and UMDNJ classes, Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Kozic organized Manasquan's first-ever Health Fair. Their goal was to inform students on the opportunities available in the health care field and encourage more students to take advantage of the UMDNJ classes offered at MHS. These interesting, health-related classes present students with the opportunity to earn college credits before graduating high school. Through a unique partnership with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Manasquan offers its students classes in the area of health careers. The available classes include Anatomy and Physiology, Nutrition, Sports Injury Management, Dynamics of Health Care in Society, and Medical Terminology. Upon successful completion of a course, students qualify to take an end-of-course exam at UMDNJ. Students who pass the exam can earn

three free college credits per course.

On the 28th students were informed that they would be taken out of study hall and given a chance to visit the Health Fair. Many students—at first simply excited at the idea of being freed from their monotonous, silent Auditorium study halls—were pleasantly surprised to find the gym filled with exciting opportunities to learn about health careers.

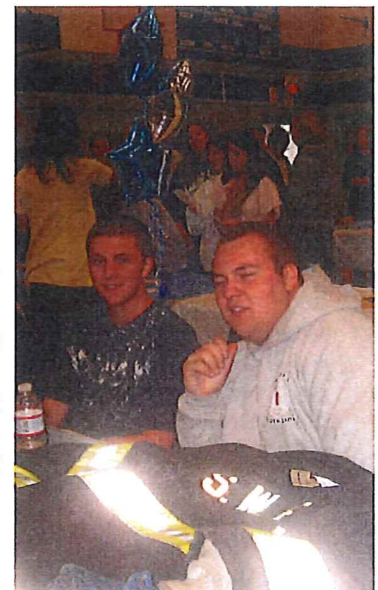
Senior Patty Ramirez-Garcia loved visiting with Anna, the nutritionist from Anna Bananas, and Dr. Veera Gupta, a local chiropractor. "The woman from Anna Bananas was very interesting to me because I want to pursue nutrition in my future, and Dr. Gupta taught me how to keep my body healthy and fit".

Anna and Dr. Gupta were two of the most popular exhibits at the Health Fair. Anna Bananas gave out smoothies and the chance to win a gift certificate to the store, while Dr. Gupta offered free back and neck consultations to any student that approached her table. Additionally intriguing was the station that allowed students to view the sun damage on their faces, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield and hosted by dermatologist Vinny Smith, by looking into a booth lit by ultraviolet light.

The Health Fair was a huge success. It will hopefully become another Manasquan tradition and continue to educate students throughout the coming years.



Above: the gym takes on a different look, for Health Careers Day; below: seniors Sean Lintott and John Iorio represent the Wall Fire Company



It's coming... Legendary MHS Spirit Week!!!

Tonight:

**Homecoming
Dance**

Monday:

Crazy Hat Day

Tuesday:

**Favorite Team Day
Hall Decorating at
Night**

Wednesday:

**Class Color
PEP RALLY!**

**Parade
Bon Fire**

Are You Ready?

Environmental Club Members: India Bound This February!

By: Devin Gannon

With its population at almost 1.2 billion, India is the world's second largest country. From February 10th to the 19th this year, the MHS Environmental Club will add to this population. As part of the World School Program, the club will travel to New Delhi, India, where members hope to experience one of the most exotic places on earth.

New Delhi is the capital of India, and is the center of government and tourism in India. It is also one of the fastest growing cities in the world. The club has a very packed schedule for their stay and plans to be very busy as they take in the incredible culture that the city has to offer.

Members of the club cannot wait to take part in these once in a lifetime experiences. During the trip, students will watch the sunrise over the Taj Mahal, hike the Himalayas, discover the Dalai Lama's residence, participate in local school and orphanage programs, and more.

One of the selected few to travel this February is senior Leigh Avery.

"I am so excited! Especially to see the Tibetan prayer flags that hang in the Himalayas!"

These prayer flags are rectangle pieces of colorful cloth hung on a line and are used to bless the surrounding countryside. The bright colors contrast against the mountains and really creates a beautiful sight.

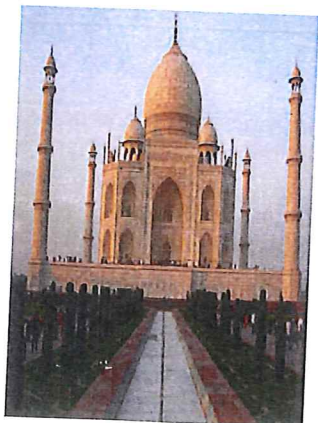
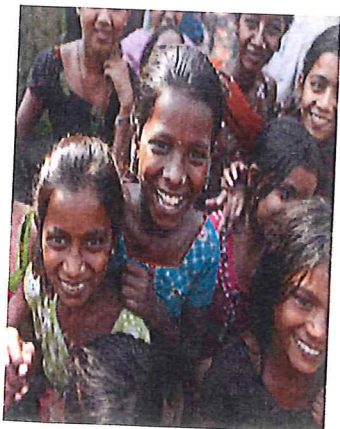


However, there are some concerns regarding sanitary and what can and cannot be eaten. Toilet paper is nonexistent and no meat will be eaten during the trip. Every student will become vegetarian for the extent of the trip. These concerns are only slight and the positives will most definitely outweigh the negatives.

Andrea Hart, senior, feels she will have an amazing time, no matter what restrictions there may be.

"This is really a once in a life time experience. I never would have thought I would have been able to travel to India, and the fact that I am this year is unbelievable. I'm so grateful I was picked to go!"

The club will leave for India during February break, which is right around the corner. Members better start packing!



FUNFACTS

By: Patty Ramirez



Chad Fell blew a bubble gum bubble with a diameter of 50.8 cm (20 in) without using his hands at the Double Springs High School, Winston County, Alabama, USA on April 24, 2004. Now try and beat that!

Interesting to know, months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th." So prepare your calendars.

Annually, the amount of garbage that is dumped in the world's oceans is three times the weight of fish that is caught from the oceans. That's horrible!

The moon is actually moving away from the Earth at a rate of 1.5 inches per year.

The number of text messages sent and received in a given day is greater than the world's population.

The founder of McDonalds has a Bachelors degree in Hamburgerology?! Wow!

You can really sharpen the blades on a pencil sharpener by wrapping your pencils in aluminum foil before you insert them.

The turkey is one of the most famous birds in North America. Benjamin Franklin even wanted to make the wild turkey the national bird of the United States, NOT the Bald Eagle!



The world's most innovative and valuable technology company, today worth billions of dollars, started out in a garage. That garage was located in Silicon Valley, California, the company was Apple, and the founder was college dropout Steve Jobs.

Passing away on October 5th 2011, Steve Jobs left behind a legacy as one of the most influential people of the 20th and 21st century. Creating devices such as the first personal computer, the iPod, iPhone, and iPad, he is the pioneer of the total technological world we live in today.

Born on February 24, 1955, Jobs was adopted by a lower class couple from California, Clara and Paul Jobs. Growing up in Silicon Valley, it was not uncommon for Steve to witness his engineer neighbors fill their garages with different electronics and devices. This would later explain Job's obsession with electronics. It's this obsession that led him to meet a new friend and future business partner: Stephen Wozniak or "Woz".

After graduating from high school, Jobs decided to attend Reed College, an expensive liberal arts school in Oregon. However after only a few months, Steve dropped out just before Christmas. Desperately needing a job, Steve got one in 1974, working for Atari, one of the first video game companies.

At around the same time, Wozniak was working for Hewlett-Packard. Woz began building a computer board, one that included a keyboard and a screen. When Jobs saw what his friend had built, he was extremely impressed. The two decided to go into business and sell these computers to electronic companies. The only thing that gave them a hard time was naming the company. After weeks of not being able to think of anything, Jobs claimed they'd call it Apple if they didn't find anything better. And so, Apple was born.

The early years of Apple consisted of Steve and Woz building their apple computers in a garage and trying to get

STEVE JOBS

American Success Story 1955-2011

By: Devin Gannon

them sold to various companies. With success coming quickly, Jobs wanted to expand the company even further. With the creation of the Apple II, the first personal computer with color graphics and spread sheets, thousands were bought launching Apple into a computer revolution. In 1980, just four years after Apple's birth, Steve Job's net worth was over 200 million dollars. He was only 25.

In 1984 Steve created and introduced Macintosh, with the concept, "a computer as easy to use as a toaster". Even though first months of the product looked promising, sales soon began to plummet, and Apple executives began to worry that this failure would put Apple out of business. It was because of this fear that put Jobs out of his manager position. He was kicked out of the project. This made Jobs angry and upset, but he didn't stop looking for ways to make money. He bought Pixar studios in 1986 for 10 million dollars.

Yet, his main passion was still building computers. In 1985, he announced to Apple that he was going to create a new company called neXT, and take the company's best engineers with him. Apple threatened to sue, and that is when Jobs left the company in disgust.

The NeXT product did not sell because it was over priced and missing useful software. With Pixar also failing and NeXT becoming unsuccessful fast, Jobs was at a loss. He didn't know where to go from here.

Then, the Pixar film and first computer-animated movie ever, Toy Story, hit theaters nationwide. Because he owned 80% of the company, Jobs' net worth climbed to

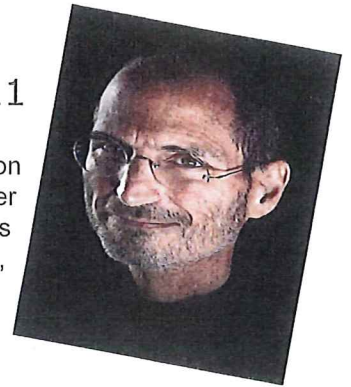
1.5 billion dollars. After Apple was struggling, they realized they needed him to run a successful company.

Steve Jobs was back and brewing with new ideas for Apple.

In 2001, Jobs invented the first iPod, and sales skyrocketed. No one had ever thought to have a pocket-sized mp3 player with a sleek design with ability to sync to music bought online. Every year following, a new addition to the iPod family was built, including the iPod Nano, Shuffle, and iPod Touch.

Steve was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2003, and was given at the most, ten years to live. Steve kept this diagnosis to himself as long he could, before it reached the public. On October 5, 2011, the cancer finally won and Jobs passed away peacefully with his family by his side.

Steve Jobs has left his mark on five different industries including computers, music, phones, and film. Jobs was a middle class man without a college education who created his own empire and changed the face of technology as we know it. Steve Jobs has helped the world, and his legacy will continue to live on forever.



At right: an early Apple computer, the popular Macintosh.





Need A Friend? Here's A Great Choice!

By: Haley Long

To some, this girl may just be that friendly face roaming the halls of this high school for the past four years. She always says hi to the people she passes, whether she knows them or not. Most don't know, however, that behind this friendly face is probably the best friend that anyone could have.

Growing up in the small town of Avon, all the kids got very close. In Jill Neary's graduating class, there were only 19 kids so everyone knew each other inside and out. "She was always nice and was always there to help you whenever you needed it," said Steph Leather, a fellow Avon alumnus.

Even coming into high school with about twelve times as many kids as she was used to, Jill was never nervous to get involved. She joined freshman soccer and basketball, attended every single football game, and made a bunch of friends along the way. The following year, Jill decided to stop playing both sports, but began to help coach girls' basketball back at her elementary school. To this day, Jill continues to coach and loves every minute of it. Her caring and helpful nature makes her so perfect for the job.

This caring and helpful nature does not just limit her to coaching girls' basketball, however. In the future, Jill's dream is to become a teacher. It is something she has always wanted to do. In order to follow her dream, Jill understands how important academics are. She has been a consistent A and B student since freshman year. In every math class that Jill has taken in this school, she has succeeded as one of the top students. With her beautiful blonde hair and beachy appearance, she doesn't come off to be the bookworm she truly is. "Initially people are suprised to know that I get good grades. I really work hard at it and try to do my best," she says.

Being such an academic star, Jill is always around to go to for help on school work. On the other hand, smarts don't restrict Jill's advice-giving abilities. You can go to her for anything and she will listen to everything you have to say. She will explain to you what she would do in the situation, making you feel better about whatever decision you end up making. "I have a lot of classes with Jill," Steph Marshall begins, "and I know I can talk to her about anything. That's what makes her such a

good friend."

Aside from being helpful, Jill is definitely one of the most trustworthy and loyal people you will ever meet. Ever have a problem? She's there to help. Ever stuck in a predicament? She's got your back. Kaitlyn Apaceli says, "I always need a ride home from school and I can always count on Jill to give me one!"

To Jill, it doesn't matter what town you're from or who you hang out with. She is friends with everyone. Don't be afraid to go up to her and start conervation, because she won't be afraid to engage in one with you either. She is always up for hanging out or going to Free Movie Tuesday. She loves shopping, going to the beach, and just ol' hangin' out on the computer at home. All this, on top of being caring, trustworthy, and loyal, Jill Neary has to be the best friend anyone could have.



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Jill Neary

HINT: A yummy red sauce made from red berries and sugar.

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HINT: A large meal that is typically present for a large celebration.



HINT: A granite boulder at Plymouth, Massachusetts, on to which the Pilgrims are said to have stepped when they disembarked from the Mayflower.

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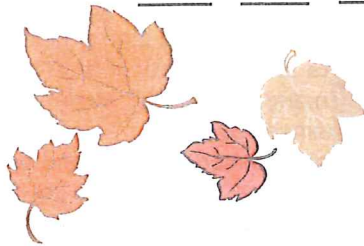
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HINT: An ornamental container shaped like a horn that is the symbol of plenty that is often overflowing with flowers fruit and corn.

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HINT: This group of people joined the Pilgrims for the first Thanksgiving.

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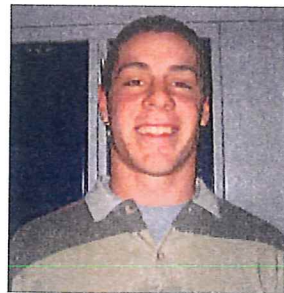


Manasquan football players answered...

WHICH MANASQUAN CHEERLEADER DO YOU THINK
COULD COOK UP THE BEST THANKSGIVING DINNER?



"Haley Long"
-Brian Giaforte,
Sophomore



"Madeline Donofrio"
-Kodie McNamara,
Senior



"Alexa Zupko"
-Jeremy Martin,
Senior



"Haley Long"
-Matt Clayton,
Sophomore
and Joe
Murphey,
Sophomore



GO
SQUAN!