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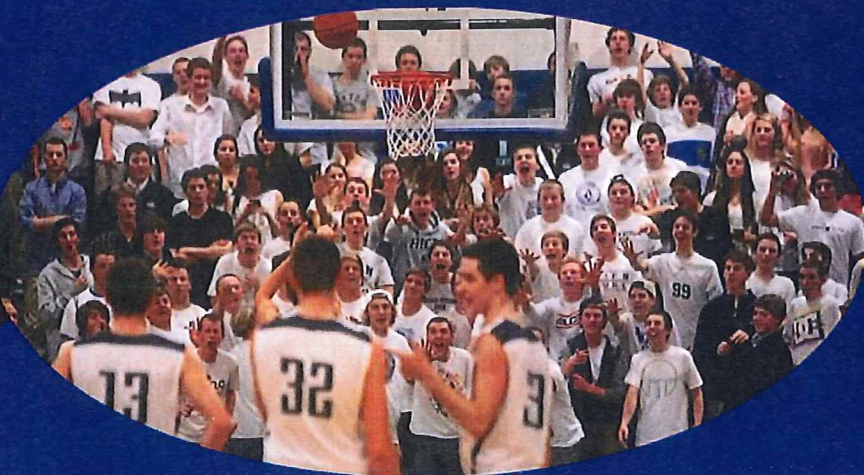
# The Blue & Gray

## Art Show, Sports, and Snow Days Galore!

Senior  
Hannah  
Germansky  
wins MHS  
Art's  
Best in  
Show!



Boys and Girls Basketball battle for  
Shore Conference supremacy



Snow takes over Manasquan  
and all of New Jersey!

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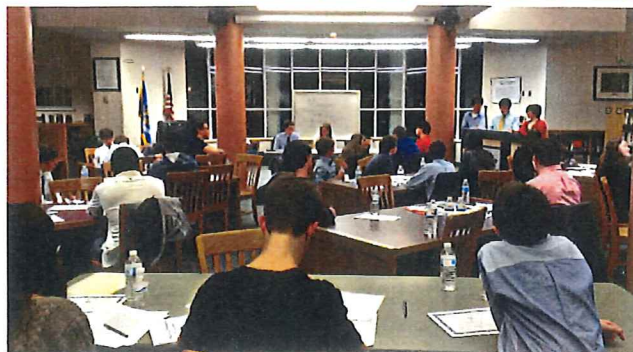
## MHS Hosts Model UN for Middle-Schoolers

By: Dara McGuinness

"I was a little caught off guard by the delegation of Israel declaring war on Canada, but the event went extremely well," said Mr. Fagen regarding the elementary school Model UN event on January 14.

Manasquan High School hosted a summit for elementary school students in the library (pictured at right), where the younger students debated global issues and learned a little diplomacy while having fun. Seventh and eighth graders from Manasquan, Brielle, Sea Girt, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights and Belmar Elementary Schools were all in attendance.

"It was good to see the students work together to resolve an international problem," Mr. Fagen, club advisor, added. "I look forward to the next elementary school conference in June."



## Annual Art Show Showcases MHS Talent

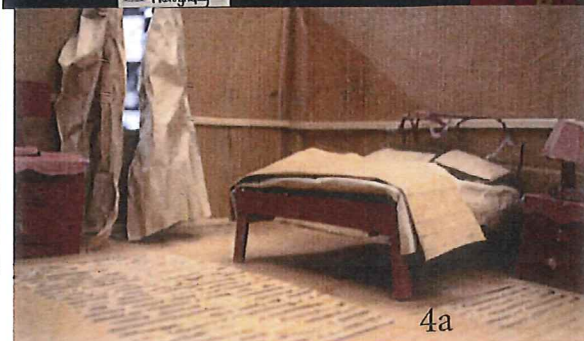
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of the works of art from the students, Ms. Treney said that the event had an awesome turnout.

Many other students agreed that this art show was a success, including students who allowed their art to be shown. "It's great!" Nick Jones, a senior in an AP Art class, stated. "I also like all of the compliments I've been getting tonight." Nick earned an honorable mention for one of his amazing pictures (Picture 1a). Although he was not one of the major winners of the art show, getting an honorable mention is also a great accomplishment.

One of the many drawings won Best of Fine Arts. The picture shows a skateboarder from a low perspective (Picture 2a) and it is remarkably detailed. All props must be given to Hannah Germansky for her amazing artwork. She has many other pieces of art on display as well, including a picture made mostly out of nails (Picture 2b). When looked upon from different perspectives, the picture itself evolves and changes, bringing new experiences to the onlooker.

Even though all of the other students did not win "Best In-" awards, some students were able to get third place and second place ribbons depending on which class they were in. Notable winners who got either second or third place included Berit Walters, who got third place for her perspective picture of a garage created in Fine Arts class (Picture 3a). Samantha Cunliffe got second place for her photography-related photograph (Picture 3b).



(Above) Senior Nick Jones appears at the annual MHS Art show, receiving many compliments for his artwork, including the picture to the right of him. Above, right: senior Courtney Brown arrives at the Art Show, eager to show a whole table of her works, including her Picasso sculpture (4b).

Another third place ribbon was given to freshman Annie Pegler for her design in basket weaving (Picture 3c).

Senior Courtney Brown created an amazing cardboard replica of a bedroom (Picture 4a). In addition, Courtney created a sculpture of Pablo Picasso, which won an honorable mention ribbon (Picture 4b). When asked about inspirations for her artwork, Courtney said that she bases her art off old artists that she admires, one of them being Picasso.

Even though she was unable to win best in show, Courtney still enjoyed the amazing experience of having her art up for everyone to see. "Don't be afraid to put your own stuff in," Courtney said when asked what advice she would give to other willing student-artists. "It's a great experience!"



DONORS:

Miss Juska- 18 inches

Zoe- 12 inches

Caroline- 8 inches

Jamie- 12 inches Lia- 10 inches

getting too long, and I decided to donate to a good cause”.

Zoe Pelly and Jamie Roland both donated to an organization with a specific focus on collection for alopecia. Zoe donated 12 inches and stated, “I just always wanted to do it, it’s a good thing to do. I waited until my hair was a substantial length then donated it.” Jamie donated 12 inches as well and said, “I planned it for a long time, and my sister did it too.” When speaking with Jamie she mentioned that she is close to someone with alopecia and thought donation was a great thing to do.

Lia Florentine also donated 10 inches of her hair and stated, “I wanted to get it cut so I figured it would be good to donate it.”

Lastly is Caroline Bilotti, who donated to Panteen Beautiful Lengths and gave up 8 inches of hair. Caroline felt she needed to change things up with her hair and cut it and that, “there isn’t a better way to do it than to give it to someone who needs it.”

To anyone who has ever donated hair to any organization listed previously, or any other organization that may exist, you are truly the best! As Caroline mentioned while discussing her cut, to most people (girls especially), hair is like a security blanket. Hair can help define the way a person is, it can help show their style or creativity, there is so much more to hair

than one would think.

Anyone who has ever donated should give themselves a pat on the back for taking their own security blanket, and providing someone else with one. Not just hair though, anyone who has ever donated anything to any type of organization, consider yourself a hero, because you sure are one to whoever benefitted from your donation.

In this world we all are connected, and as we go through life one thing to remember is that although sometimes times seem tough, there is always someone having a worse day who could use something we consider to be non-important. Take a second before you throw away a coat, before you take those old ratty shoes and put them in the trash, before you simply cut your hair; take a second and think, “although this means so little to me, is there anyone I could give this too that it would mean the world to them?”

As a family member of someone who suffered from hairloss due to a virus I think donating to any cause, especially these hair collecting organizations, is one of the best things a person could do.

As I grew up I never knew that my grandmother wore wigs until I was slightly older. When I was younger I never understood why she had no hair, or why she had to wear a wig. I simply thought, hey, maybe she want-

ed to shave her head then decided it was a bad idea after she did it. What did I know? I was just a kid.

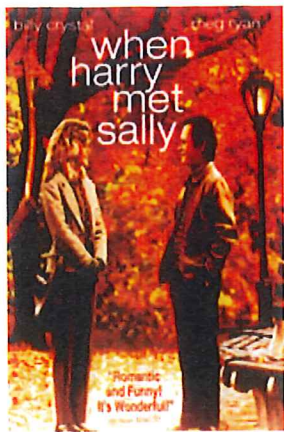
When I was older I realized just why my grandmother had no hair and why she had to wear wigs. It is unusual for a woman to not have hair; honestly, it is very strange for a woman to be completely bald. Like stated earlier, society shows woman as a person who is defined by her looks, one of those main factors being her hair, and well if she does not have any... who knows what people will think?

Yes, today’s society has matured and many men and women both embrace many hair styles that are slightly more risky and short, but for some people their hair will always be that security blanket, that thing that helps define them. Unfortunately for some of these people, they may lose this blanket one day due to forces beyond their control and this they cannot stop.

Thankfully due to organizations like Locks of Love, Panteen Beautiful Lengths, and Wigs for Kids and their donations received, these people who lose their hair without choice have an option to gain back their security blanket.

Many thanks to Zoe, Jamie, Caroline, Lia, Miss Juska and anyone whose generous heart motivates them to donate to organizations like these.



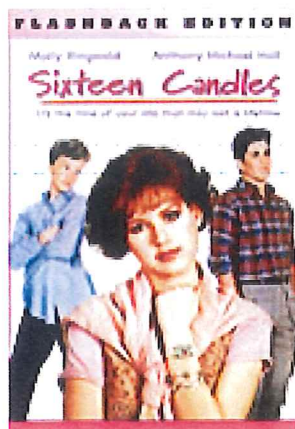


When Harry Met Sally asks the age old question, can men and women really just be friends? Writer Nora Ephron tries to answer that question by following the relationship between Harry Burns and Sally Albright, from how and when they first met and hated each other to the second time when they became friends and then \*SPOILER\* how they fell in love. A beloved romantic comedy, I recommend you give it a watch. -- *Dara McGuinness*



The Last Song is a sweet-but-sad, tear-jerker story that sends viewers' hearts fluttering. In addition to the romance, the storyline will leave viewers surprisingly moved. It was not only filled with a heart wrenching story of father and daughter, but a love story that will have you sighing with pleasure. Miley Cyrus's and Liam Hemsworth's characters create an unbreakable bond that any teen girl would be jealous of. The Last Song has a perfect balance of love and romance to learning how to forgive yourself for your past mistakes.

-- *Amy Conover*

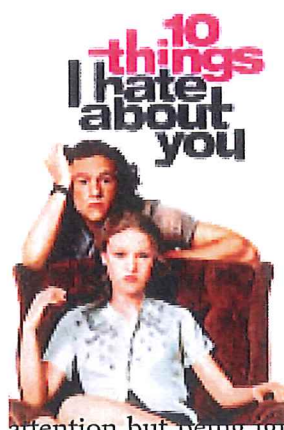


Set in the early 1980s, Sixteen Candles is classic high school love story- with a comedic twist- that any teen can relate to. I love all Molly Ringwald movies, but this is my favorite by far. She plays Sam Baker, a somewhat invisible sophomore who is infatuated with popular senior Jake Ryan. While Sam struggles to make Jake notice her, she must repeatedly deny a geeky freshman's love, prepare for her sister's wedding, and come to terms with the fact that her entire family forgot about her sixteenth birthday. Eventually, the chaos culminates in an ending that never disappoints. With Valentine's Day quickly approaching, Sixteen Candles is the perfect choice for all movie lovers.

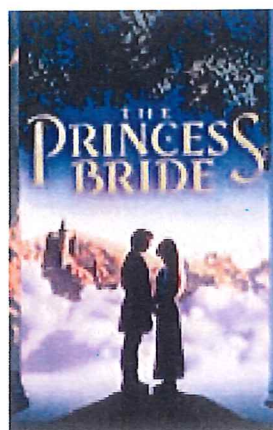
-- *Annie McLaughlin*



The Notebook is a typical romance chick-flick starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Rachel McAdams. I chose this as my favorite film because it tells the story of two young kids who fall in love without regard for life around them. When the time comes to part their separate ways, the movie follows their lives into adulthood and the love they still hold for each other among all other things. The way the story of them is told from a book, being read by their elder selves. I have seen this movie a hundred times and I could watch it a hundred more. -- *Molly Bryant*



By far my favorite romantic movie is "Ten Things I Hate About You". Not only does it offer an interesting plot with several twists, but it gives the viewer a romantic story with real meaning and connections that people can actually make to their own lives. Struggling with college? So is the main character Kat Stratford. Dealing with peer pressure? So is Kat's sister Bianca. Craving attention but being ignored by that one person you can't take your mind off of? So is Cameron. This movie not only tells the love story of Kat and Patrick, but the failed love of Bianca and Joey, and the eventual love of Bianca and Cameron. It has the drama, the action, the comedy, the romance, all things needed to make for a perfect Valentine's Day movie to pull up a chair and watch with your date. It is funny, it is romantic, and it has a much needed level of realism (but also it's much needed over-dramatized love scenes). "Ten Things I Hate About You" is the best romantic movie. -- *Megan McLean*



This movie always gets me. It's a twist on a classic princess fairy tale that features everything from sword fighting and six fingered villains to pirates, poison and eternal love. For those who don't have a Valentine this year, Wesley and Buttercup's relationship is a great one to vicariously live through. I can honestly say this is a family favorite in the Burns house solely because when the mushy stuff gets to be too much for the boys, a great fight scene comes along to ramp up the energy. Definitely a classic in my book!

-- *Kaylan Burns*

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# Rolling Stone

## Squan

Article By: Megan Chelednik

Here's a brief way to sum up this month's RollingSquan edition. For most, it's Valentine's Day. For others, it's a reminder of their loneliness. And for the rest who don't fall into either category, it's another day in the life. (See my reference there)

The Beatles sure had wrote their share of love songs. In fact, over their brief but productive career, they wrote pretty much every type of love song imaginable. You name the stage of a relationship; chances are there's a great Beatles song to go with it. So in honor of Valentine's Day, I thought I'd list the Beatles' ten best love songs of all time.

**"She Loves You" Lennon-McCartney**  
Recorded: July 1st 1963

The song with which Beatlemania truly began, "She Loves You" was released as a single on August 23rd 1963. It remains their best selling single in the UK. A true collaboration between Lennon and McCartney, "She Loves You" became the essence of excitement in their music, and later defined a moment of their early career.

**"Love Me Do" Lennon-McCartney**  
Recorded: June 6th 1962

A cute harmonica quota accompanies simple lyrics. The song was an early Lennon-McCartney composition from 1958, although it wasn't recorded by the group for another four years, it touches a soft spot in all audiences.

**"When I'm Sixty-Four" McCartney**  
Recorded: December 9th 1966

The first of the Sgt. Pepper songs to be recorded, "When I'm Sixty-Four" was originally intended to be the b-side to "Strawberry Fields Forever". The song dates back to The Beatles' earliest days. Paul McCartney had composed it on the family piano in Liverpool. He was about fifteen at the time, writing about a high school crush.

**"If I Fell" Lennon-McCartney**  
Recorded: February 27th 1964

Originally a ballad written by John, it had first appeared on the 'A Hard Day's Night' film and soundtrack. Being it was the only ballad performed by the group at the time, it often suffered for their inability to hear themselves above the screams of their Beatlemaniaacs.

**"Something" Harrison**  
Recorded: April 16th 1969

The only song written by George Harrison that topped the US charts while being a part of The Beatles. Its also is considered to be the second most covered Beatles song. Harrison's former wife, Pattie Boyd claimed the song was written about their romance.

**"I'll get you" Lennon-McCartney**  
Recorded: July 1st 1963

This song actually became one of Paul McCartney's favourite Beatles tracks. It was frequently played live by the group too. The song was composed at John Lennon's aunt Mimi's house on Menlove Avenue in Liverpool.

**"Thank You Girl" Lennon-McCartney**  
Recorded: March 13th 1963

It's likely that Lennon was mainly responsible for the verses, with McCartney contributing the chorus. Originally titled Thank You, Lit-

tle Girl, the song was intended as a message of gratitude for the love and support their fans gave them.

**"I've Just Seen A Face" McCartney**

Recorded: June 14th 1965

The Beatles recorded this song in six takes. The song is unusual in that it doesn't contain a bass guitar part. It's a fast pace song about a boy's love at first site.

**"I Will" Lennon-McCartney**

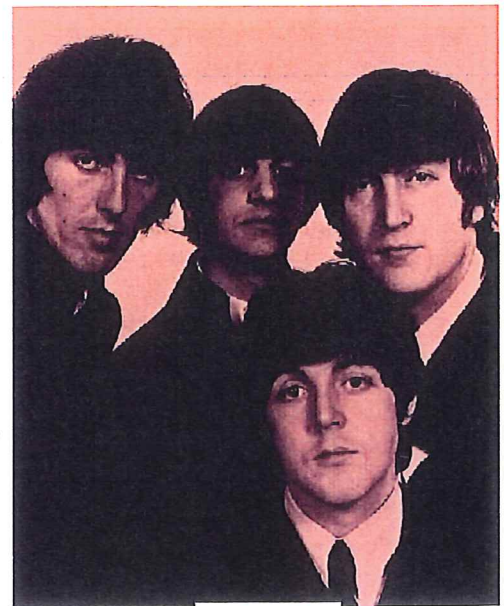
Recorded: September 16th 1968

A love song written by Paul, "I Will" was one of the songs worked on by The Beatles and their associates while in Rishikesh, India. Although the music came together fairly easily, the words were worked on in India and remained unfinished even as recording began back in London.

**"And I Love Her" Lennon-McCartney**

Recorded: February 22nd 1964

Although it became one of The Beatles' most admired recordings following its release, the group only performed it once outside Abbey Road. Paul's voice is so gentle and sincere when singing, 'I know this love of mine will never die, and I love her.' Something about the smooth spanish vibe in the background and Paul's voice that makes this The Beatles' number one love song ever recorded.





# Pain-Free Plans

## Simple Valentine's Day Ideas That Won't Be Too Costly

By: Megan McLean

As always on Valentine's Day, some people will be talking about their big plans and expensive dates; well this year I urge you to K.I.S.S. on Valentine's Day. Keep it Simple Stupid! Your valentine is your valentine because they are special to you 365 days a year, and you should not have to stress about planning one big date for this "one big day" because the truth is, Valentine's Day is just that, another day in the year. Plus, the simpler the date, the less stress, the more fun you will have just enjoying time together. So here are some fun and easy ideas that won't break your bank this Valentine's Day.

### GO ICE SKATING:

Ice skating is a cheap and fun activity for all times of the year. General admission at the Jersey Shore Arena in Wall, New Jersey, is eight dollars, and there is a four dollar rental fee. So for simply twenty-four dollars you and your date can glide on the ice, help each other balance, and have a good laugh trying to navigate the rink together this V-Day.

### GO OUT TO DINNER:

In the area we live there are many options of restaurants to choose from for a fancy meal on this V-Day. To keep it simple and cheap you and your date could go to: Applebees, Vic's, Fin's, and so on. But, if you wish to spend a little more and eat like kings and queens, you and your date could go to: Remington's, FireFly, The Black Trumpet, or Old Man Rafferty's. There are tons and tons of local places to eat, and luckily most offer great deals for V-Day, so look up some specials, and book a great time for you and your date!

### GO TO THE MOVIES:

The movies are a great chance to sit down with your date, get cozy, and have a good laugh, a good cry, or a good scare. Remember when choosing a movie for V-Day always put the likes of your date above your own.

Pick a movie that your date has been talking about for weeks, or simply a movie that looks like it would be a great idea to see. But always keep in mind that the date's wants and needs come first. So pick out a good flick, drive out to the nearest theater, stock up on popcorn and chocolate, and have a great time!

### COOK A NICE DINNER:

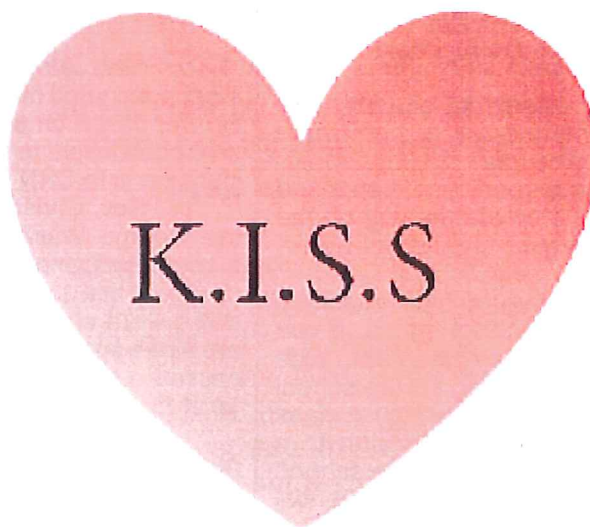
It is the simple gestures that tend to make the biggest of impressions, especially on V-Day. Cooking for your date not only saves money on gas, cost of the meal, tip, and so on, but it creates an environment that the host can control. Play some of your dates favorite music, put on a movie while you eat, there are endless possibilities. Just make sure you have a plan of what to cook, you know how to cook it, and you have a back-up plan just in case something goes wrong in the kitchen. Your effort will be much appreciated by your date, but let's be honest, they are going to be more impressed if the food is well cooked and not a gross mess you tried for the first time and hoped all would go well.

### GO BOWLING:

Bowling is an inexpensive, fun thing to consider doing with your date this V-Day. Everyone loves a little competition, so throw your date a curve ball and put some silly stakes on the game. If you win they have to buy you a heart shaped box of chocolates; if they win you have to pay for dinner. Be creative! It is fun and it is an interesting way to spend the night (if your date is into bowling).

### GO ON A SURPRISE DATE:

The best thing to do on a date (even if it isn't all too expensive and special), is to keep it a secret! This will build suspense and also (if you're not sure what your exact plans are yet) allow you more time to think. This surprise date can be made interesting in a few ways: you can have them go into it blind, with no information at all; you can drop hints as to what the date is and let their imagination fly; or you can give them riddles or clues and see if they can figure it out on their own. The element of surprise is always the best when it comes to anything. But, this can add more pressure to your date if she or he doesn't tend to like surprises or likes to have control of the situation and plan everything. Fret not, it will all turn out well in the end and make for a very special V-Day for you and your date.





# "The Man", The Myth, The Legend: Stan Musial

Stan Musial, who arose from a quiet, miniscule town called Donora to the boisterous, grand city of St. Louis where his masterful talent and skill in the game of baseball propelled him to a Hall of Fame career with the St. Louis Cardinals and became one of, if not the greatest sluggers in the history of the sport, passed away on January 19, 2013. He was 92.

Musial died from natural causes said Dave Edmonds, his son-in-law.

Nicknamed "Stan the Man", Musial imposed fear upon every pitcher he faced throughout his illustrious 22-year career in the major leagues as an outfielder and first baseman. Partially in part by his unusual batting stance in which his opponents compared to a coiled rattlesnake.

At the time of Musial's retirement, he was the major league leader in total bases (6,134), and the all-time National League leader in hits (3,630). His 475 homers and 1,951 RBI's (both Cardinal franchise records), along with his seven NL batting titles, three Most Valuable Player awards, and a .331 lifetime batting average further bolstered his already legendary resume.

Eventually, these astronomical numbers would amount into a first-balled induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1969. Regarding his incredible career as a batter, Musial claimed, "I could always hit. It's not something I ever had to think too much about. A lot of guys are very scientific about it. It just seemed to come naturally, even when I was growing up."

While he was noted for producing eye-popping statistics on the field, off the field Musial was equally recognized for his contributions overseas when he served his country from 1945 to 1946 in the navy during the Second World War. His noble acts for the security of the American public earned him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011 by President Barack Obama.

When longtime, iconic play-by-play announcer of the Los Angeles Dodgers Vin Scully was asked how good Musial really was as a ballplayer, he simply put it as, "He was good enough to take your breath away."

Stanly Frank Musial (born Stanislaw Franciszek Musial) took his first steps onto this world on November 21, 1920 in Donora, Pennsylvania. The tiny town of Donora was known as "The Home of Champions" since it has been the hometown of numerous famous athletes.

Musial was the first son and the second child of six. His father, Lukasz Musial, was a Polish immigrant who worked in the zinc mines.

By the time he was in high school, Musial was a two sport star in baseball, of course, and basketball. However, when it came to his academics, Musial was merely an average student.

In 1937, Musial received a professional contract offer from the St. Louis Cardinals.

His father desperately tried to persuade his son to follow a collegiate path, but Musial refused. So with the assistance of his mother, Mary Lancos, Musial convinced his father to accept the Cardinals' offer to pursue his

**By: Andrew Sullivan**



**Stan Musial in his prime as a member of the St. Louis Cardinals. He once said: "I could always hit. It's not something I ever had to think too much about... It just seemed to come naturally, even when I was growing up."**

dream of becoming a major league baseball player.

The seventeen-year-old Musial began his pro career with the Cardinals' minor league ball club, the Williamson Colts, in 1938. Originally signed as a pitcher, Musial's daunting production as a hitter for the Colts (a .352 batting average) triumphed over his mediocre pitching performances. Right away this caught the attention of Musial's coaches which prompted them to convert their young southpaw into an outfielder.

After the long, agonizing wait though, Musial finally made his anticipated major league debut for the Cardinals towards the end of the 1941 season. The following season, Musial hit .315 and became the St. Louis Cardinals' everyday leftfielder as he salvaged his first World Series championship over the reigning champs, the New York Yankees.

Despite a more frail competition due to the ongoing war, Musial light up all pitching in 1943 with an incredible .357 batting average, which lead all of baseball, while on route to his first MVP award. The

**At the right, Stan "The Man" Musial posing in front of his own statue for the Cardinal fans.**

next season he assisted his squad in capturing another World Series title.

Musial returned for the 1946 season after missing the entire 1945 season serving in World War II and picked up right where he left off. Not only did he win his second MVP that season, but he earned his nickname "Stan the Man". During a game against the Brooklyn Dodgers, as attributed by journalist Bob Broeg of The St. Louis Post-Dispatch where Dodger fans chanted "Here comes the man" whenever Musial stepped up to the plate. This was also the last time the Cardinals would hoist a World Series championship banner while Musial was still a member of the team.

The 1948 season could be described as Musial's most dominant season. He tore up the circuit with a ridiculous .376 batting average and nearly took home the NL Triple Crown. He was without a doubt the National League MVP for the third and final time of his career.

Musial joined the 3,000 hit club during the 1957 season and is currently the only Cardinal's hitter in franchise history to reach that plateau.

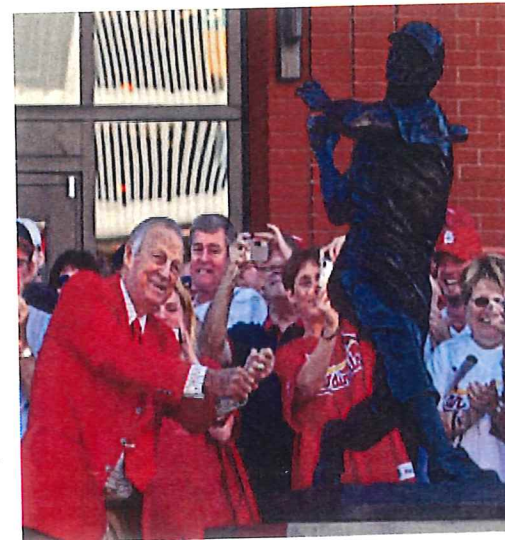
"Stan the Man" would continue his array of ruthless hitting as he compiled up multiple superb seasons until his retirement in 1963.

One of the more underrated qualities of Musial was his sportsmanship and his utter respect for the game he loved as he was never ejected once from a major league game in his entire career.

Musial is predeceased by his loving wife, Lillian Labash.

With a vicious left-handed swing that sent the pitchers reeling and a heart that will always live on with every single St. Louis Cardinal fan, Musial, no question, is the face of the Cardinal's franchise.

Former-Major League Commissioner Ford Frick bestowed Musial with the title of "baseball's perfect warrior, baseball's perfect knight."







## "Glee" Heartthrob Cory Monteith Dies at 31

May 11, 1982 - July 13, 2013

By: Amy Conover

Cory Monteith, who rose to fame as 'Finn Hudson' on the hit TV show "Glee", died on July 13, 2013 in Vancouver, Canada. He was 31.

The cause of death was a heroin and alcohol overdose. Monteith's body was found in his 21st-floor room at the Fairmont Pacific Rim hotel around noon after he missed his scheduled

checkout time, the police said.

Monteith, who described himself as a "tall, awkward, Canadian, actor, drummer, person," gained worldwide fame when "Glee" made its debut on the Fox network in 2009. Monteith played Finn Hudson, a high student football star who puts his status and popularity on the line to join his High School's glee club.

Once becoming a part of the singing group, Finn became a crucial member, sharing vocal duties on hit renditions such as "Don't Stop Believing" and "Jesse's Girl". He also shared romantic tensions with his fellow glee club members Rachel (Lea Michele) and Quinn (Dianna Agron). In recent episodes Finn graduated from high school but returned to help coach the glee club.

In March of 2013, Monteith announced that he had checked himself into a treatment center for an "unspecified substance addiction". In an interview in 2011, he acknowledged that he went into rehab for treatment when he was 19.

Cory Allan Michael Monteith was born on May 11, 1982, in Calgary, Alberta, and raised in Victoria, British Columbia, after

his parents divorced when he was 7 years old. Throughout his teen years, Monteith struggled with drug and alcohol problems. At the age of 16, he dropped out of school and worked at many jobs while performing in different bands as a drummer.

After leaving rehab at 19, Monteith soon fell back into his old habits. After getting caught stealing money from a family member, Monteith decided to turn his life around. He moved to small town of Nanaimo where he got sober. There he met an acting teacher who inspired him to follow a new direction in his life.

Monteith's acting debut was on the TV show "Stargate Atlantis". Later, Monteith appeared on "Supernatural" and "Smallville," and had a recurring role on "Kyle XY". In 2006, he received a part in the feature film Final Destination 3.

Soon after, Monteith landed his role on "Glee" with the help of an audition tape on which he sang REO Speedwagon's "Can't Fight This Feeling". Monteith debuted in "Glee" in 2009. The show quickly became a phenomenon. Along with his cast mates, Monteith went on a concert tour performing several song hits featured on the show. Monteith was on Glee up until his death. He starred in all 4 seasons and a total of 81 episodes spanning from 2009-2013.

Monteith certainly left behind a legacy. In an interview, he said that he hoped his struggles with addiction would offer an example to others. "I don't want kids to think it's O.K. to drop out of school and get high, and they'll be famous actors, too," he said. "But for those people who might give up: Get real about what you want and go after it."

Monteith is survived by his mom, Ann McGregor, father, Joe Monteith, older brother, Shaun, and fiancé, "Glee" co-star Lea Michele.

## America's Mermaid, Esther Williams, Dies at 91



By: Molly Bryant

Esther Williams, the One and Only Million-Dollar Mermaid, Hollywood star, and swimming sensation of the 1940s and

1950s, passed away in her home on June 6, 2013 in Los Angeles, California. She was 91.

The cause was natural death by old age, announced her publicist Harlan Boll after finding her in her home on that Thursday.

Esther was best known for her swimming talents that soon moved into the world of Hollywood film-making. At the young age of sixteen, she had already won three national championships while swimming for the Los Angeles Athletic Club's swim team. She was heading to the 1940 Olympics when World War II broke out, and her dreams of going to the games were crushed. Soon after, famous showman Billy Rose picked her out of newspaper pictures, declaring her need to become a star. He commented, "It is up to us to make this girl known up and down the coast... she's the most beautiful swimming champion in the history of aquatic."

Esther Jane Williams was born into a family of five children on August 8, 1921. At a young age, she suffered the terrible tragedy of losing her older brother, only sixteen at the time. He was an up and coming Hollywood actor. To cope with such a tragic loss, Williams began swimming to heal her sadness. This was when she got a job at the local pool, where she was paid in free swim time. Her young teenage years were spent in the pool, as she won championship after championship, making a name for herself. After the Olympics were cancelled and she could no longer compete, Williams got another job working in an upscale department store. However, her rise to fame came when

showman Billy Rose frequently saw her picture in the newspaper, wearing just a bathing suit. With long legs to a five foot eight and a half inch well-structured body, he called her up for an audition in an upcoming film. She was one of seventy-five girls picked for the part. The Aquadale was the first of many aquatic films Williams would star in. Her fame continued in movies like

Bathing Beauty, Thrill of a Romance, Neptune's Daughter, and Million Dollar Mermaid.

The career of Esther Williams was a pivotal point in Hollywood film-making. Her mermaid image was the sensation of her time, seen both as a woman of talent and beauty. She took with it life lessons and knowledge stating, "The wisdom acquired with the passage of time is a useless gift unless you share it."

At the time of her death, Williams was married to her fourth husband, Edward Bell, and is survived by her three children from her second marriage to Ben Gage.

### Richie Havens

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lease two records for Douglas Records, which landed a deal with the Verve Forecast label. Verve released Mixed Bag in 1967, which featured tracks such as "Handsome Johnny," "Follow," and a cover of Bob Dylan's "Just like a Woman."

In the years after Woodstock, Havens maintained his momentum, finally scoring a top 20 hit in 1971 with a version of George Har-

ison's "Here Comes the Sun." He also published a memoir, They Can't Hide Us Anymore, in 2000 and released his final album, Nobody Left to Crown, in 2008.

"I really sing songs that move me. I'm not in show business. I'm in the communications business. That's what it's about for me."

Havens was predeceased by his mother and father. Survived by his three daughters, eight siblings and five grandchildren.



# Reeva Steenkamp, 30, Supermodel

*Victim of alleged murder by parapalegic-olympian-husband*

By: Victoria Mettlen

Reeva Steenkamp, the famous South African supermodel recognized around the globe for her appearances in advertisements for Avon Cosmetics, Toyota, KFC, Cardinal Beer, Tiger Beer and various other mainstream brands, was killed on February 14, 2013, in her boyfriend's home in Pretoria, South Africa. She was 30.

Her body was discovered by Pretoria police in the home of her boyfriend Oscar Pistorius, famed Paralympic Olympic star and double-amputee sprinter. She had two bullets in her body, two bullets one to the chest and one to the arm. Pistorius claims that he shot Steenkamp in self-defense, believing she was an intruder. The ensuing police investigation revealed that Pistorius had a history of domestic violence. He is currently being charged on premeditated murder charges by Pretoria Magistrate's Court.

Her death comes as a depressing end to a remarkable life and successful modeling career. Steenkamp was born in Cape Town, South Africa, on August 19,

1983. Steenkamp was raised in a small South African town on August 19, 1983 to parents Barry Steenkamp, a horse trainer, and his second wife June. Soon after her birth the Steenkamp family later moved to Port Elizabeth where she attended School. After high school she studied law at the University of Port Elizabeth which became a part of Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Laws in 2005.

However since the age of fourteen, Steenkamp possessed a passion for modeling. Putting a pause on her education, she began to focus on her modeling career. Soon twice named one of the "100 Sexiest Women in the World" by For Him magazine and served as an ambassador for EVOX nutrition.

This 5'7" ½ blonde definitely made a name for herself as a model and in her role fighting against female-directed violence. Gina Meyers, Steenkamp's best friend, stated, "A couple of days before she passed away, she was saying how people were so ignorant of the fact that (violence on women) is going around."

A keen horseback rider, her mod-

eling was interrupted after a tragic horse-back riding incident where she broke her back in her early twenties. Steenkamp had to completely learn how to walk again.



She inspired many with her recovery, and after the ordeal chose to focus on becoming a paralegal. Steenkamp wanted to continue her modeling career as well. She said an interview shortly before her death, "I want to work on my modeling career and remove myself from the whole stigma. I want to be seen as a classic model."

Reeva Steenkamp is survived by both parents Barry and June Steenkamp and her half-brothers Barry and Adam. In a statement released from the family, she is remembered as a kind individual. "Reeva had a voice and she wanted to stand up for the things she believed in. She wanted to change people's lives," said the Steenkamps.

## The Governor's Bridge Problem

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Bridget Anne Kelly, Governor Christie's deputy chief of staff, sent an email to David Wildstein, who was a high school friend of Mr. Christie's and employee at the Port Authority. The email reads: "Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee."

Wildstein responded a minute later: "Got it."

The revelation of these communications in early January contrast Christie's continual denial that his administration would ever take part in political payback, stating in a press conference, "I am not a bully". Christie has gone on to deny that he had any personal relationship with David Wildstein, even though the two went to high school together.

Investigations are underway at both the state and federal level to discover the extent of the participation of Gov. Christie's staff and whether the governor had knowledge of the scandal while it was taking place.

While it is not yet clear that the governor knew what was going on at the time of the event, the very fact that it happened on his watch, with key members of his staff involved is disturbing. And the question must be asked, what sort of environment does the Christie Administration accept, where this kind of despicable behavior is tolerated and have they committed similar acts in the past?

## GYM CLASS: IS IT REALLY THAT NECESSARY?

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cause they make every game about themselves and their friends (we all know those crazy competitive kids in gym class).

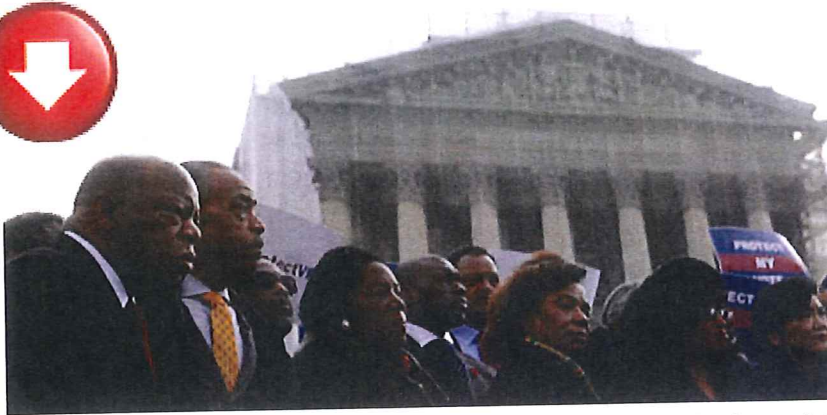
In addition to this new gym class idea, an exemption for those involved in school sports, the school could also use this to their advantage for health class. They could combine the health classes (which are usually learned in the time span of about four weeks) and make them one health class that is in fact a required course. This way everyone would still have health education, but without a connection to physical education. Health would not need to be learned over the span of four years. One class and done, that is all that is needed for health.

Personally, and I know many people agree, gym class can be a bit of a bore and an annoyance. Being forced to play competitive sports with

kids of all experience and talents levels is sometimes frustrating, and there are always those overly competitive kids who go crazy trying to win. Just think, what if we eliminated that stressor and allowed kids to participate in gym who need more physical exercise and do not always have the opportunity to be active, at the speed they want? Also remember, if Gym credit were given for a sport, students could be able to enrich and personalize their overall education more, with additional electives over their high school experience. Think of all of the possibilities of classes one could replace gym with to learn more in general, or help them figure out who they want to be and what they want to do with their lives. Gym class should not be a required course, and if it is then any participant in a school sport should be exempt and earn credit for their athletic participation.



# Looking Back on 2013



One of the most disturbing underreported stories of 2013 was the Supreme Court's decision to overturn a key section of the Voting Rights Act. Now states with the worst history of voter discrimination in the U.S. no longer have to approve their voting changes with the federal government. States like Texas passed restrictive voter ID laws and North Carolina has passed many onerous laws.



Dr. Hannah Gay, Dr. Katherine Luzuriaga and Dr. Deborah Persaud identified in 2013 what is considered a functional cure for a newborn baby born with AIDS. The child is now 2 ½ years old and no longer needs medications, and shows no signs of HIV. Gay is reluctant to use the word 'cure', the remission they achieved is an exceptional step forward.



One of President Barack Obama's campaign promises from 2008 was to close the U.S. detention facility Guantanamo Bay, where inmates are subjected to waterboarding and other forms of harsh interrogation. Five years later, the prison is still operating. Beginning in February 2013, over a hundred inmates began a hunger strike against the harsh camp conditions.



While the world became captivated with the events in Boston on April 15 this year, on the same day as the bombing at least 55 people were killed and over 300 injured in coordinated terrorist bombings in Iraq. Violence in the region has steadily escalated since the US withdrew troops three years ago. In 2013 there were over 7,000 people killed. The main cause of violence is the ethnic conflict between the Sunni and Shiite communities.



The Syrian Civil war has been raging for the past two years now, the UN estimating the death toll at 100,000. The conflict between President Assad and his people has created an enormous humanitarian crisis, with thousands of Syrian refugees fleeing the country. In 2013 it was discovered that Assad had been using chemical weapons against his people, causing many people around the world to demand intervention.



# Fashion Flashback

## LOOKING BACK ON STYLES OF 2013

by: Molly Bryant

The beginning of a new year means the welcoming of new fashion trends and new spring lines for 2014. However, with the bringing in of the new comes the leaving behind of the old. Many trends of 2013 will be ending with the year, and not seeing the runway in 2014. Some of the more popular of these trends includes peplum waists, wedge sneakers, and crop tops. Designers have already eliminated most of these trends from their new collections. It is not to say that these styles will be left behind or forgotten all together, but the New Year's lines will not show them.

Others styles that seem to be getting replaced, rather than left out of new collections are cut outs and acid wash. Rather than cut-outs, sheer mesh-like material will be used to fill the space. As far as acid wash jeans, jackets, shirts, and skirts, there will be the return of classic blue denim. Similarly, the return of neon and bright colors into the 2014 spring season is not looking up. Instead of having bright and loud colors, the new lines wear more of a quiet tone through the use of pastel colors.

2013 was a year of unforgettable fashion trends. While some of the trends will continue, fashion experts recommend trying new pieces in your wardrobe. With the new year should come a newly fashionable you! Try new styles and color to add depth and attitude to your closet. Don't be afraid to take on what is to come in 2014. Embrace these styles with an open mind and open arms.

### MOST SEARCHED RETAILER AND APPAREL BRANDS OF 2013:

1. Kohl's
2. JCPenney
3. Nordstrom
4. Forever 21
5. Victoria's Secret
6. Old Navy
7. Macy's
8. American Eagle
9. Nike
10. Dillard's

### MOST SEARCHED HIGH FASH- ION BRANDS OF 2013:

1. Versace
2. Michael Kors
3. Diesel Black Gold
4. Gucci
5. Kate Spade
6. Rachel Zoe
7. Prabal Gurung
8. Givenchy
9. Mulberry
10. Luca Luca

## Trends staying in 2013:



bright colors



acid wash



crop tops



cut-outs

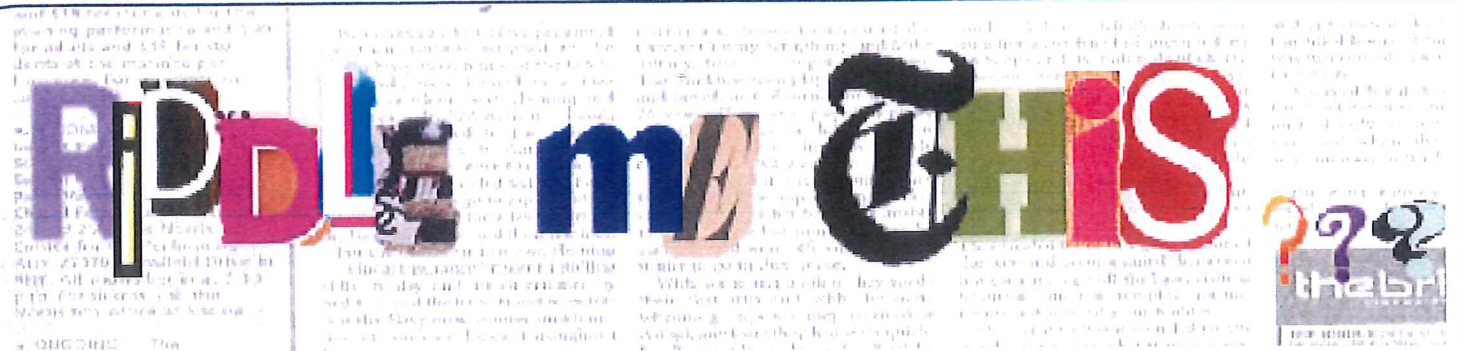


wedge sneakers



peplum waist





**By: Megan McLean**

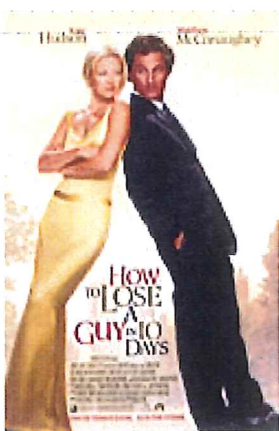
I represent a place,  
 One that is warm and tropical.  
 In this bright sunny space,  
 Things that happened were historical.  
 On floor one I cannot be found,  
 Look on the walls up, up, and all around.

Last month's answer:  
 The Warrior statue by the gym

**Search through our school and find who, what or where this riddle is about! We on the newspaper staff challenge YOU the students to solve our riddles, bring in the paper and your answer and YOU could win some of our various monthly prizes! Rack your brain, shift through that unconscious mind, pay attention, and riddle me this...**

## The Blue & Gray Staff Picks

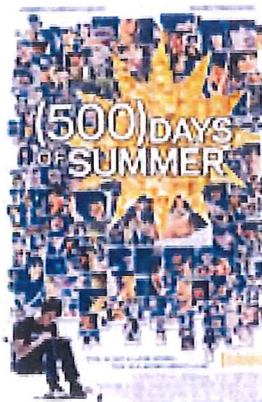
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How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days is my favorite movie simply because of Matthew McConaughey. You should definitely watch this movie because it's a great movie. My favorite scene is when they are in the restaurant and they sing "You're so Vain". The ironic thing about the movie is they are both in the relationship for different reasons. She is in the relationship for a magazine article

and he got into a bet with his coworkers and is trying to prove them wrong. All and all Matthew McConaughey is the main reason I watched the movie and it just happened to turn out to be the best movie.

Victoria Mettlen



In life we never remember in chronological order, especially when we're going back over a failed romance. We start near the end, and then hop around between the times that were good and the times we thought we were at fault. People always say "start from the beginning," but we didn't know at the time it was the beginning. "500 Days

of Summer" is a movie that works in this way. With a charming, humorous, and heart felt cast, Zooey Deschanel and actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt bring you back to the feeling of loving someone you'll never really have. The musical references also meet my standards considering the couple first talk about their shared love for The Smiths, singing 'Here Comes Your Man' by The Pixies at a karaoke bar, or even when they go record shopping and humor over Ringo Star being the best Beatle there ever was. I recently watched this movie with my boyfriend, being that it's not so much of a chick flick he found it actually quite funny. Overall, it's a sweet movie that's definitely worth watching this Valentine's Day. -- Megan



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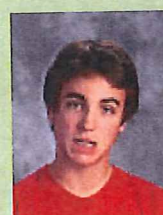
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# Valentine's Day HOROSCOPES



**Aries**

(Mar 21-Apr. 19)

As Venus, planet of love turns direct today, this will turn your heart's focus onto the future, creating a turning point on both the romantic and relationship front. With a lot to look forward to on the romantic front and relationship resources already falling into place, it's time to start looking to the future and to the journey ahead.



**Gemini**

(May 21-Jun. 20)

Right now you have some extraordinary romantic support and with Ceres and Mars in your romantic sector you're getting a better sense of what you want from love, the courage to embrace your romantic passions and within just a few weeks the element of fate will come into play. You should be feeling very excited about what the future holds.



**Cancer**

(Jun 21-Jul 20)

While yesterday saw personal and/or relationship tension once more come to a head, as an opposition with Jupiter in your sign and Pluto in your relationship sector peaked, this has managed to flush any remaining issues to the surface. With everything out in the open, as Venus turns direct in your relationship sector this is a chance for a fresh start, putting the past behind you.



**Capricorn**

(Dec 22-January 19)

Today marks a turning point on so many fronts that this is the day that everything will change. Any personal and/or relationship tension peaked yesterday so is already on the decline as Venus, planet of love not only turns your heart's focus onto the future, but the love gods send in reinforcements on the communication front.



**Taurus**

(Apr. 20-May 20)

Venus, planet of love turns direct today, ending a 6 week nostalgic trip down love's memory lane aimed at recapturing a sense of romantic adventure. While the journey will continue, as the tide turns it's now about taking what you've learned from the past and applying it to the future, even if that means challenging your excuses.

(July 21-Aug. 22)

**Leo**

As Mercury, planet of communication leaves your relationship sector today it's going to feel like the job isn't finished, that you don't yet have the communication lines open in the way you know that it should or could be. It's just as well that this is just a temporary departure, leaving things to settle before returning for a new chapter.



**Virgo**

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today marks a dramatic turning point on both the romantic and relationship fronts, with the love gods all of a sudden on the job on both fronts. For just as Venus turns direct in your romantic sector, shifting your romantic focus to the road ahead, both the Moon and Mercury return to your relationship sector, giving your relationships a major shot in the arm.



**Libra**

(Sept 23 -Oct 22)

Within the space of just a few hours first Mercury and then the Moon leave your romantic sector tomorrow, but like a bell that can't be unring their influence during yesterday's New Moon has been forever stamped on your heart. This is far from the end of the journey and more the point where you're finally ready to commit to the journey ahead.



**Sagittarius**

(Nov 22 -Dec 21)

Within the space of just a few hours first Mercury, planet of communication and then the Moon leave your communication sector today, having both shown you how it's done. With communication essential for keeping your relationships on track this is when you need to take the lead, with a chance to draw a new line in the sand.



**Aquarius**

(January 20-February 18)

Just a day after a New Moon in your sign gave your new solar year a push start Venus, planet of love's direct turn creates a turning point on the romantic front as well. While there is still a lot of romantic nostalgia in the air this is the day that your attention shifts to the future and the journey ahead.

**Scorpio**



(October 23 -November 21)

Today marks a real turning point, for while the past still has a hold on you when it comes to relationship issues, Venus' direct turn in your communication sector signals that it's time to start moving on. As if to bring that home the Moon and Mercury both return to your romantic sector today, bringing a fresh wave of romantic enthusiasm.

**Pisces**

(February 19 -March 20)

The tide turns on a number of fronts today, with some new doors starting to open on both the personal and romantic fronts. It's from today that the past starts to lose its hold on you as Venus, planet of love turns direct and Mercury returns to your sign, with your heart and mind turning to get your first real view of the road ahead.





# BLUE & GRAY SPORTS



## Boys Basketball: Chemistry on the Court

By: Annie McLaughlin

The energy surrounding the high school gym leading up to a boys varsity basketball game is contagious. Once the clock starts, it is not hard to see what all of the hype is about- and that it is also well deserved. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the boys took their own court with speed and determination to nearly double Red Bank Catholic's score during the season opener, cementing a cornerstone for the rest of the season to build off of. Since this game, they have secured nine additional wins and are looking forward to a promising remainder of the season.

The positions of this year's starting five are shared between seniors Tommy Toole, Jack Fay, and Luke Tausek, junior Aiden McMenemy, and sophomores Ryan Jensen and Jack Sheehan. The team's remaining seniors, who are also vital influences on the court, are Ryan Kavanagh, Nick Gilly, and John White. This year's underclassmen have been able to hold their own alongside their older teammates and are proving to be an integral part of the season so far. They are learning from the varsity veterans, and preparing for many future successes with the team.

The lead scorers this season are Ryan Jensen and Jack Fay, with Tommy Toole and Jack Sheehan following closely behind. Tommy Toole states that "sharing the ball and defending" are the team's strong points, but they "need to work on rebounding and having more energy as a team".

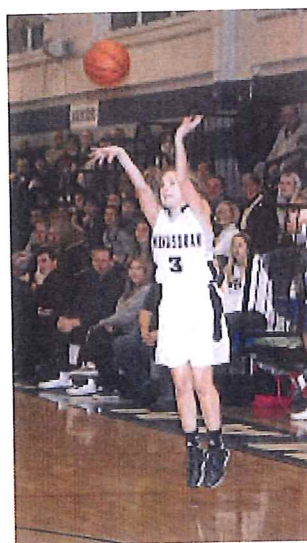
According to Ryan Kavanagh, "beating Shore Regional in January was the highlight of the season so far". They boys lost the first time they played Shore, so this win was a big confidence booster. He adds, "the energy in the gym and student section was unreal".



**Youth prevails! (At left): Sophomore Ryan Jensen grabs an offensive rebound and scores; (At right): freshman Stella Clark drills a three-pointer in a win against rival Red Bank Catholic.**

## Girls Basketball: Success Strikes, Talent Travels

By: MaryKate Otchy



The second you step into the gymnasium to support the lady warriors, you can immediately feel the excitement and energy in the air. Both teams are hungry for a win as they battle out the victory on the court. The girls' basketball team had a strong start to their season with a victory against Red Bank Catholic in the WOBM Christmas Classic. The team took home their second WOBM title at Pine Belt Arena this December. RBC was the teams most anticipated game - not only because of skill. Manasquan's Coach Kukoda formerly played for RBC. Senior Sam Sullivan was named Most Valuable Player at the tournament, and junior guard Courtney Hagaman earned first-team All-Tournament honors. The two players are the top scorers.

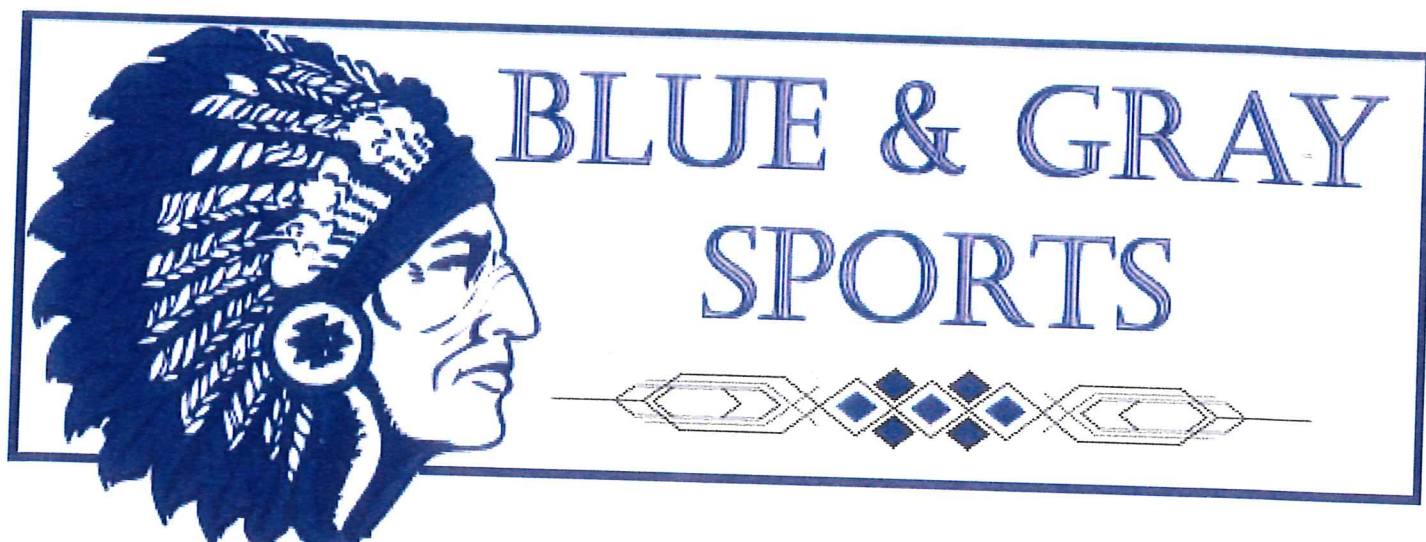
The leadership on the court has given the team great success so far. Significant encouragement and stand out comes from the seven seniors. Eva Hart, Sam Sullivan, Molly Bryant, Bridget Ford, Chiara Palombi, Ashley Zito, and Tara Dugan all provide a sense of determination and are all an asset to the team. To get pumped up for a game, the team typically shoots around and blasts music. With determination and warrior pride, the girls hold a record of 9-3 so far this season.

Underclassmen have already made their mark on the varsity team as they prove themselves to be aggressive and hardworking players. Even off the floor, they hold enthusiasm and willingness. Senior Sam Sullivan adds, "The underclassmen are quick and pick up the tempo (in the game). They mean a lot to the team." Offensive transition and running the ball more are the two things that the team hopes to improve on this season. "The chemistry on the court has allowed us

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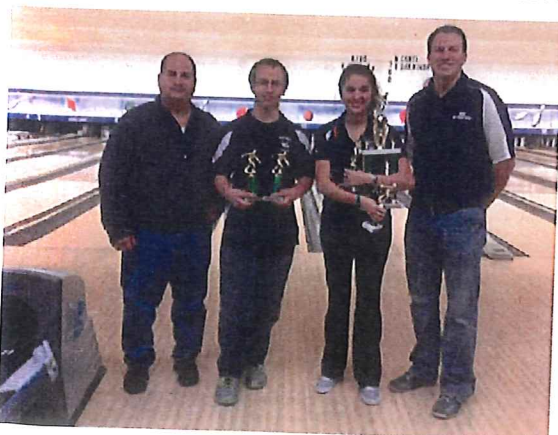
## MHS Surfers Finish 2nd in State Championships



Members of the MHS Surf Team pictured on a chilly beach after winning second-place in the NSSA state championship. Liam Mahoney, Cooper Fortney, June Crawford and Sara Hegna all placed in their respective events. Next up is a trip to California where the surfers will compete in June for the NSSA National Championships.

## MHS Bowlers Win Individual Championships

Two of the best bowlers in New Jersey belong to us here at Manasquan High School. Sophomore Tyler Wolfe won the Monmouth County championship, while senior Bryce Petraccoro won the sectional state championship. They are pictured, at left, with their coaches, Mr. Abraham (boys bowling) and Mr. Glenn (girls bowling). Outstanding effort—good luck and strike on!





## What to take from Super Bowl XLVIII?

At that point, the Bronco's deficit had climbed up to 35 points and the diminishing of their world championship hopes was the least of their worries. In fact, the biggest concern on the field was how the players and coaches of Seattle were going to celebrate postgame.

Seattle's stifling defensive unit manhandled one of the most prolific offensive units in the history of the NFL. They successfully forced Manning and company to cough up the pigskin four times and only squandered a single score (a meaningless Demaryius Thomas 14-yard TD reception) against the Bronco's so-called "high-flying" passing attack.

In reality, Super Bowl XLVIII was far from anything "super". This game was characterized by the sloppy play on the part of the Broncos and the sensational, well-rounded performance of the Seahawks.

And whatever happened to that dreaded weather forecast? By kickoff time, temperatures were estimated at 49 degrees and there wasn't a single snowflake on the ground. Frankly, a little bad weather would have brought at least some excitement to this lackluster ballgame.

In the end, both the Seahawks and the Broncos arrived at the big dance, but only Seattle brought their dancing shoes.

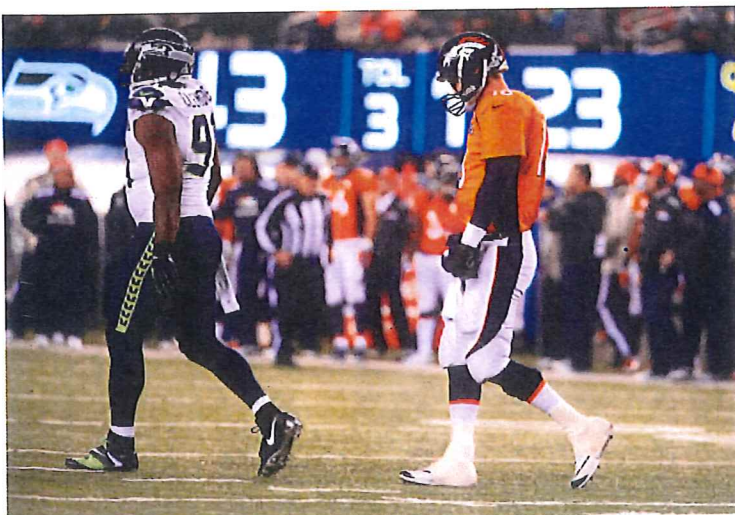
**1) Stock Up: Seattle's "D":** This defense isn't just good, it's scary good. Dare I say legendary. Ranking at the top of passing, and receiving, and total defense in 2013, Seattle has solidified itself amongst the most historic defenses of all-time such as the "Steel Curtain" of the 1970s Steelers or the daunting defense of the 1985 Bears.

**2) Peyton's Legacy:** He had an off night, big whoop. He is still one of the greatest and most trend-setting quarterbacks we have ever witnessed. A win in this Super Bowl would have only further echoed his impact on this game. Despite being thrashed and bullied, this loss will only leave a chink in his unbelievable career.

**3) Youth Trumps Experience:** This championship game was highlighted by

two very different quarterbacks; Peyton Manning (age 37) the wily veteran versus Russell Wilson (age 25, the up-and-coming youngster. Ultimately, the student became the master that night as Wilson led a team with an average age of 26 years and 138 days to the Seahawk's first title. Not to mention that not a single player on Seattle's roster had any prior Super bowl experience.

**4) Seattle Dynasty?** It's probably still too early to draw such glorified conclusions. Then again, this is one of the youngest teams in the NFL and the majority of their star player's contracts don't expire until the following two seasons. The Seahawks toughest task will be signing both their shutdown cornerback Richard Sherman and stellar quarterback Russell Wilson to max deals while still saving enough cash to spend on other assets for another title run.



*A pitiful Peyton Manning sulking off the field after another three and out by the dominant Seahawks defense*