Boston Sports
By Peter and Jared

Red Sox:
This year the Red Sox are World Series Champions. They were also working on the pick up on Twins All Star Pitcher Johan Santana but lost him in the middle of the trade.

Patriots: Path To Perfection
They were 18-0 so far they were 1 win away from a super bowl victory (4th) and an undefeated season. But tripped at the finish line and lost. They already broke so many records including Brady’s 50+ TD passes passing continued on page 3

Grandfather
By John Newhall
My grandfather Phil Weyforth died on Sunday night at 10:30. I saw it happen. He was the best grandfather I ever had. He would always take me out to get donuts—just him and me. My mother, Trish Newhall, says that the next time we go up to Kennebunkport, Maine we are going to go out to get donuts and we will get one extra and bring it home and throw half of it into the ocean and bury the other half in the back yard. He went around the sun 83 times (He was 83 years old). □

GOSSIP GIRL: Book Review
By Isabella Barr Easterbrooks-Camelo
Cecily Von Ziegasar’s series, Gossip Girl inspires the average young reader to dare and follow her dreams.

Ziegasar’s books inspired me to read all eleven of them. The books leave you full of questions as of what’s to happen next persuading you to read the next book until you have read the whole series. Once you start the series you won’t be able to put the books down.

Ziegasar takes you into the lives of four young upper east siders (privileged children who live in the east side of New York).

It’s not only about juicy gossip, but it’s about the true feelings of these five teens and tells detailed descriptions of their lives.

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It’s a well-written novel for teens and preteens. The descriptive language Ziegasar uses paints a vivid picture in your mind of both reality and imagination. She uses a very creative plot to the story that’s both original and clever. She shows you the lives of these young adults.

Blair Waldorf, a sixteen-year-old girl who lives in the upper east side with her mother and younger brother, Tyler. She is one of the fortunate girls who get what they want when they want it. Blair’s parents are divorced, and that’s all it took to put her over the edge and end her fight with Bulimia and give into it.

She has determination and a boyfriend named Nate Archibald, with whom she is madly in love, leaving everyone in their path jealous. She has enough power to prove her point.

Her best friend, Serena, has just returned from boarding school to stay. When Blair finds out her world breaks apart.

Yes, she missed her best friend but before Serena left she showed Nate how she really felt. She didn’t even say goodbye to Blair, and that’s what hurt her the most. Serena knows how to get Nate, and that’s what Blair is afraid of. She forbids Nate from seeing Serena hoping it will help.

**But does he stay faithful?**

Serena Vander Woodson is a strong independently gorgeous girl. Nate has always loved Serena and Blair. He gets what he wants as well but he doesn’t know what he wants when Serena comes back to town. She’s not sure as to how serious Blair and Nate are. Serena has a few skeletons in her closet that have to do with Nate, but what Serena doesn’t know is that Blair found out about it.

Chuck Bass, Nate’s wing man and heir to the chain of hotels his father owns, is always there to cause exactly enough trouble to drive everyone crazy. You better make sure that Chuck isn’t behind you when you spread a secret.

Will Serena and Blair continue to avoid each other? Will Nate pick Blair or Serena? And who is Gossip Girl?

In the end I have been able to relate to each and every character, the way Zeigasar shows the characters’ emotions in her writing and makes you fall in love with the book.

Cecily Von Zeigasar inspired me to write this review and to let other people know what a truly talented writer she is.

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The Navy’s Newest Warships

By: Andrew Keenan

The Zumwalt class Battleship is a stealth warship secretly being produced by the navy. These ships have been under construction for two to three years at Bath Iron Works in Bath Maine and a few other boat yards. The navy has decided to build a few of these ships at a time and continue to build Arleigh Burke class destroyers to make up for any gaps in the fleet. At the moment congress has authorized the building of two ships.

Zumwalt class destroyers propulsion systems consist of multiple pods on the bottom of the ships that contain motors. These pods swivel to turn or push the ship. The pods propel the ship at speeds as great as 40-50 Knots (nautical miles) an hour. The ship can be propelled in all directions by these pods and rapidly reverse their speed and direction to avoid shells and missiles. This will be the first class of destroyer to use these propulsion systems.

This new class of destroyer incorporates the AGS (advanced gun system) and a 20-cell MK 57 VLS missile system, which can fire a long list of missiles including Tomahawks, Evolved Sea Sparrows, and ASROC’s. The AGS gun system has a range of up to 100 nautical miles and has a 24-pound warhead. This system momentarily takes a large amount of the power currently being generated by the ship and fires the guns using electrical pulses. A magazine of 600 rounds is carried by the AGS. These ships will revitalize the heavy gun destroyers, which have been long phased out by the missile ships.

All in all the Zumwalt class is an amazing ship and will antiquate all ships in any other navy in the world. This class has long been my favorite since I first heard about it about two years ago. One thing that fascinated me was the fact that these ships had superior speed, armament, armor, and technology was so far ahead in the future but the ships are being built now. USS Zumwalt is a truly revolutionary ship that will completely recreate modern sea warfare.
Children of the KoRn

By Jordan Masters

KoRn is, plain and simple, an amazing band. They have released more than seventy-five songs and have been playing for more than thirteen years. They have also recently released their new album, “Untitled.” KoRn has played everywhere from Russia to Saturday Night Live. KoRn has accumulated millions of fans. There are some metal fans and some hip hop fans and many fans for just KoRn!

KoRn has some very unique qualities. They have revolutionized the metal genre in many ways. They created their own sub-genre: “nu-metal.” They also reinvented “industrial metal.”

Other than KoRn’s distinct sound, they also have unique instruments. Each band has customized instruments. The most well known of the instruments is the custom mike stand owned by the lead singer, Jonathan Davis. It was constructed by a European sculptor and is made of solid silver. Jonathan Davis had to pay almost one million dollars for it. That is more than all the other band members spent on their instruments combined. Their total was about half a million dollars for a drum kit, a guitar, and a bass guitar. The complete cost was about 1.3 million! KoRn is an amazing and revolutionary group.

Nu-metal is a brand new sub-genre of music created by KoRn. Put simply, no other band before them had made any music similar to their. Nu-metal is a large blend of death metal, heavy metal, rap, and a small amount of techno.

The main part of KoRn’s new sound is the talent of the lead singer. He has three voices that he can sing in. At times it’s hard to tell that there is only one singer. The lead singer is KoRn’s third singer so far and by far the best. They have had all their platinum hits with Jonathan Davis as their singer. Some of their more popular songs while Jonathan Davis is singing are: “Coming undone,” “Evolution,” and “Killing,” etc. I strongly recommend these songs for metal fans and alternative fans alike.

Each band member has been outfitted with their own custom made instrument. Each instrument was created for maximum performance out of steel and silver for the

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most part. A good example is the mike stand of the lead singer. It was made of solid silver by an Irish sculptor.

The bass guitarist, “Munky,” has a slightly modified standard bass guitar but with a slightly elongated look. The most complicated to make was the drum kit. They had to almost triple the size of an average drum set to increase the number of tones.

The sound of the drum in KoRn is very different. It sounds shallow and metallic compared to most of the other rock and metal bands.

The final custom instrument is the guitar. It is a standard Stratocaster with custom artwork on the front and back. Over time it has been covered with new paint and stickers from all their concerts world wide. KoRn’s instruments are truly all masterpieces.

KoRn has also played on the same stage as other metal legends. During their Family Values concert two summers ago KoRn, Metallica, and Slipknot all teamed up and played “One” by Metallica. More than a million fans of the bands flocked to the concert. It was there highest rated concert to date! All the members of all the bands got “Family Values” tattoos on their arms. The guitarist of KoRn got a Family Values sticker on his guitar.

To wrap it all up, KoRn is an amazing band, and I highly recommend them. Happy listening! 

Kanye West: Hip Hop Struggle
By Christopher Corcione

On June 8th 1977 hip hop artist Kanye West was born. When this artist first started looking for a producer, they all turned him down. When he finally got a producer, he made his first album, Maximum Kanye West. It wasn’t such a big hit, but a little while later, In 2004, he came out wit his hit album, College Drop. Also, the hit single, ‘Jesus Walks, was on this album. In 2007, he came out with his 4th album, Graduation, featuring hip hop artist Lil Wayne and Tpain. When it came out, a rival rap artist, 50 cent, bet him that he would sell more records. It was the biggest competition in hip hop history.

The hit TV show, 106&park, had a whole episode for it. The following week Kanye sold more records. All was good for this hip hop artist until Saturday, November 10, 2007 at 8:30 pm, his mother, Donda West, died due to cosmetic surgery failures. At her funeral they played his song Hey Mama. About a few weeks later he broke out crying at a concert. In 2009 he is likely to make an album about her.

I wrote about Kanye West because I love music and especially his.
I am a Flower
By Rachel Brailovskiy
I am a flower
I like to be alone
I love animals especially dogs and cats
I see butterflies flying in the air
I see colorful dragonflies flying in the wind
I see bumble bees buzzing through the air
I feel the wind blowing in my face
I feel my hair blowing in the air
I feel the grass fresh and green
I taste the sour air
I taste the wind blowing on my tongue
I taste anything
I am a flower
I like to be alone

Monkeys
By Rachel Brailovskiy
Monkeys swinging through the trees
Doing something in the breeze
Eating bananas as they please
Monkeys swinging through the trees

i love dogs &
i love beagles.
By Kelly Osborne
I love dogs BECAUSE THEY are cute and they run around. Dogs are better than cats because they can play with you. Dogs have beds and they have toys so they can be quiet for a long time. Dogs can run around crazy and cats can just be lazy. Dogs can escape but it’s a good thing that you can catch him or HER (DOG-GIES). DOGS can be a lot of fun by playing with the dogs and exercising with the dogs. Cats are fun but dogs can jump around. Some dogs are fluffy and furry. Dogs have lots of toys and can rip the toys.

The Sun
By Rachel Brailovskiy
The sun is bright
The sun is light
With rays sticking out of it
The world is bright
The world is light
With blades of green grass
The stars are bright
The stars are light
With the shooting stars shooting away
The sky is bright
The sky is light
With white clouds flouting in the sky
The sun is bright
The sun is light
With rays sticking out of it

Christmas
By Rachel Brailovskiy
Christmas is the greatest time of year
You can drink hot chocolate
You can sled on the fresh white snow
You can spend time with your family
Until the Christmas days end
Christmas time is the best time of year
Snowflakes flying in the air
Snowballs flying in the wind
Children laughing everywhere
Till the Christmas ends
**Winter Fun**  
*By Rachel Brailovskiy*

I see white snow  
And children laughing  
I smell hot cocoa  
In the breeze  
I hear the wind  
Blowing in my face  
I see snowman built  
By people  
I see no leaves on trees  
And people wearing warm clothes  
I like this season cause  
That’s my winter reason

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**What A Dream**  
*By Victoria Donlon*

I had horrible dream that I got shrunk to the size of an ant. It was pretty hard getting something to eat.

One day I almost got run over by a lawn mower. I was searching for days to find a piece of fabric for a blanket and a marshmallow for a pillow. I was living the hard life for about 2 weeks.

I never noticed how vicious my neighbors dog was with a brownie and that’s how two weeks of my summer.

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**Theatre**  
*By John Newhall*

Theatre is very fun  
After curtain call you are done  
To act means to pretend  
In the end

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**Salem Little Theatre production presents**  
**The Wizard of Oz**  
*By John Newhall*

I decided, with my friend, that we are going to put on a show of *The Wizard of OZ*. It is going to be performed at The First church in Salem in Wilson’s hall on March 1st and 8th. Tickets are $5.00 for adults, $2.00 for seniors, and $3.00 for children. Let your imagination carry you away with a Salem Little Theatre production of *The Wizard of OZ*, by Frank Balm. Munchkin land is the best part of the show, in my mind, because the witch (Margaret Hamilton) does a great job. She is very scary. The next time that you watch the witch, think about this. Margaret Hamilton got popular after the show and was very humiliated because she loved kids. Whenever a kid saw her walking down the street, they would hurry across the road and start running the other way! Hopefully that will not happen to our wicked witch. Salem Little Theatre is a new theatre in Salem so come to see the show.

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**Origami**  
*By Rachel Brailovskiy*

Origami is using paper and making different shapes, animals and all sorts of things. I like to make animals because I love animals especially dogs and cats but mostly cats, I also like to make some other arts and crafts like making different kinds of cards.
World of Warcraft

By Will Ross

More than nine million players are on World of Warcraft. It is a fantasy game; you can play as one of two races. The horde are the evil people of Azeroth, and the world of warcraft, or alliance, are the good people.

I prefer alliance because the horde has more people playing for them, and the waiting time for battlegrounds is shorter. Battle grounds are instances that you can enter at any level above 10, and there are different ones. At level 10-19 you can enter a capture the “flag battleground” where you defeat every one while playing capture the flag. At every 10 levels like 20-29, 30-39 and 40-49, you get a new battle ground you can enter. My favorite level to be is 70 because you get to enter all of the battlegrounds, which is more fun than just playing one battleground.

As a videogame, I give it a 9/10 rating because this game has a perfect story line, and you can do almost anything you want to do, but the reason why it got 9/10 is because you have to pay $15 a month to play the game. IF IT WERE FREE I’D PLAY MORE.

Clear Vision 1 & 2

By Andrew James

Clear Vision is about a person named Jake who is a hitman. Jake’s parents got killed when he was little by this guy who took Jake to a training camp where they train to be super soldiers… but Jake escaped. Now he’s a hitman. In Clear Vision 2 you get asked by this general to join a government company called SD-X and Jake gets assigned missions. The last level Jake gets assigned a mission to kill the guy who killed his parents. I wont tell you any more because it would give the whole game away. Adios!

Top 10 Guitar Hero Cheats

By Jamie Boccia

Guitar Hero III is a video game that is not like most other games. Instead of a controller, you use a mini “Guitar” that differs between systems such as Wii, Xbox, and PS2/PS3. And just like the game, the insert of cheats is also different. (Note: You must strum each note or chord. O=orange note, B=blue note etc.)
These are the top ten Guitar Hero cheats. The following are the ones you will mostly use. (All the cheats are from gamesradar.com. They update often so check to see if there are more.)

1. Hyper speed
   O, B, O, Y, O, B, O, Y
2. Performance Mode
   RY, RB, RO, RB, RY, GB, RY, RB
3. Precision Mode
   GR, GR, GR, RY, RB, RB, YB, YO, YO, GR, GR, GR, RY, RB, RB, YB, YO, YO
4. Air guitar
   BY, GY, GY, RB, RB, RY, BY, GY, RB, RB, RY, RY, GY, GY, RY, RY
5. Easy Expert
   GR, GY, YB, RB, BO, YO, RB, YO, GR, GY, YB, RB, BO, YO, GR
6. No Fail (Does not work in career mode)
   GR, B, GR, GY, B, GR, BY, GB, RB, GB, GR
7. Unlock Everything
   GRBO, GRYB, GRYO, GBYO, GRYB, RYBO, GRYB, GR-BO, GRYB, GRYO, GRYO, GRYB, GRYO

**Bonus Characters**
8. Lou: Successfully complete Career mode to unlock Lou for purchase at the store for $15,000. Lou comes with his skeleton guitar.
9. Slash: Defeat Slash in the Boss battle in Career mode to unlock him for purchase at the store for $10,000.
10. Tom Morello: Defeat Tom Morello in the Boss battle in Career mode to unlock him for purchase at the store for $10,000.

**Can’t Beat the Devil?**
If you can’t beat the devil aka “lou” heres what you do...

- BROKEN STRING: when he uses this attack on you take your strumming hand and push that button as fast as you can.
- LEFTY FLIP: when he uses lefty flip (which most people lose on) all you have to do is get a mirror and position it so you can see the reflection of the screen. The reflection is backwards so you see it as normal until it switches back.
- WHAMMY: prepare your hand on the whammy bar and when he uses it whammy as fast as you can.
- AMP OVERLOAD: sometimes in certain times of the song you and the devil have the same notes, all you have to do is look at his screen.

Jamie’s rating...10/10
Super Mario galaxy

By Grant Vaucher

Plot

In the beginning, Mario is sent an invitation from princess peach to celebrate a comet passing in the sky. But on the way, many flying ships, led by bowser, attack (Mario) you and rips princess peaches castle out of the ground. You (Mario) grab onto the castle, but you are shot into space by a Magikoopa.

You have landed on a planet in the gateway galaxy with stars that have eyes called Lumas. You meet a woman named Rosalina. She says she is the watcher of the stars, and she says that her spaceship takes the form of a comet. To save princess peach, Mario needs to collect power stars to fuel Rosalina’s spaceship.

How to play

To play, you use the nunchuck controller to move Mario, and the pointer, to collect star bits, which are used to feed Lumas. You only have three points of health (which coins will restore) and if you get 50 star bits or 50 coins, you will get a one up. There are also a few types of helpful mushrooms. A green mushroom will give you a one up, a bee mushroom will make you a bee, a boo mushroom will make you a boo, and my personal favorite, a red and blue mushroom will let you fly. There are also rainbow stars, which will make you invincible for a short time. There are also stars, which move you through space. Blue stars are pull stars, which will pull you toward them, gold stars will shoot you a short distance, and gold stars with another star around them will shoot you about two planets away. Sometimes you must find three five star pieces to progress in the game so the star pieces either move around or they have rolling guardians (jelly filled rocks).

Easter Eggs

Since Nintendo also owns pokemon, in a galaxy, there is a brown planet with two gold screws on the sides. When you pull out both, the brown will come off, revealing a red top with a bottom of water. This is meant to look like a pokeball.

In the beach bowl galaxy were you fight the mole in the tank destroy him, get in the cannon, shoot yourself behind the palm fronds, you should land on a miniature version of the first planet, take out the screw, a ring of coins will appear while the planet deflates collect the coins before the planet disappears.

In the green star challenges once you beat the manta rider stage go over to the circle of penguins, there’s a star that will send you through rings of starbits.

Good Luck!

Review

I give it a star for nice, graphics another for plot, this one for nice amount of challenges, the last for a nice amount of puzzles with comic relief, So this by my standards is a 4 out of 5 star game.

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Dear Mary,

I have a problem. I really like this boy, and I think he likes me too. What should I do? Should I ask him out and take a chance, or just stay ‘invisible’? Please reply!

Sincerely,

Invisible

Dear Invisible,

Well, you sound desperate, so why not go for it! If you fail, it just proves that you are a BIG loser, dork, and desperate geek. Hope it works!

Love,

Mary

Dear Mary,

Listen to this: I’m a person who LOVES soccer, but I’m a girl. People say soccer is a boy’s sport. Should I give up?

From,

Soccer playing girl

Dear Soccer playing girl,

Who cares what they think!? If you love it, then go for it! Just don’t stink up the room if you sweat too much!

Love,

Mary

Dear Mary,

I have been Horseback riding lately as I have been for the past two years; I recently fell off my horse, Black Gold, and was badly injured. I love that horse, but my mom insists on selling him. What should I do?

Love,

Mary

Dear person with the long name,

Well, the horse hurt you! Either you have no control, or the horse has issues. Good luck with the big horse, I would talk to my mom.

Love,

Mary

Dear Mary,

I have heard from people I am un-fashionable. I think I’m very cool looking. I ware plaid pants, and a collared shirt always with a tie. Sounds cool, huh?

Sincerely,

Cool kid

Dear ‘Cool kid,’

No, that is NOT cool! F.Y.I, My grandma is more fashionable than you, and she wears all brown. Read a fashion magazine! Or you could always just open your eyes and look at what other peeps wear.

Love,

Mary

Dear Mary,

My best friend is really fast! I mean faster than the boys. How should I get her to stop running?

Love,

Tired

Dear Tired,

Well, I would ether speed up, or get your friend a leash.

Love,

Mary

Dear Mary,

My parents own a ballroom dancing studio, and I am trying so hard to master this move, but it is REALLY hard. Should I try an easier move, or stay at it?

Love,

In need of advice

Dear In Need Of Advice,

Can I come over? I would say you should stay at it. When you master the move, you can show it off.

Love,

Mary