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## Final flight

# Atlantis soars to space, closes the chapter on shuttles

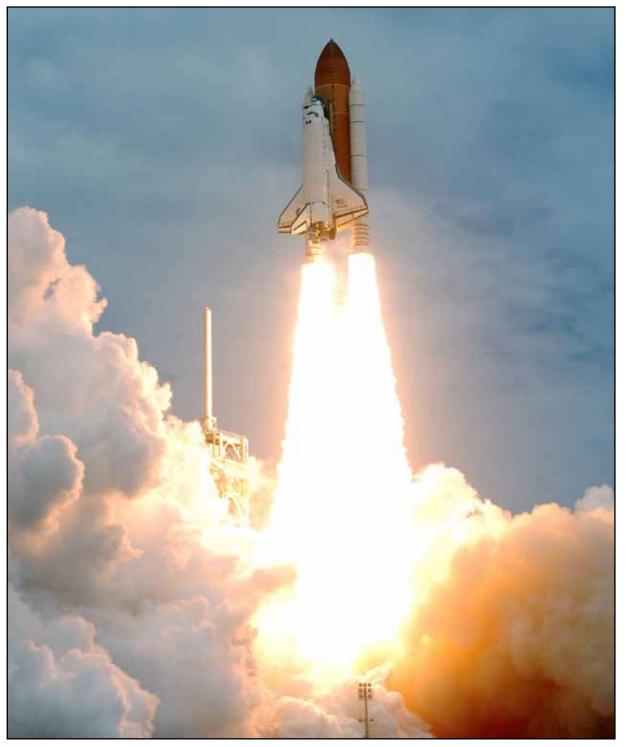
By Shay Castle scastle@valenciavoice.com

Atlantis soared into history Friday as the 135th, and last, shuttle flight, despite the inclement weather.

The mission is the last of NASA's 30 year space shuttle program. When Atlantis returns to Earth on July 20- the 42nd anniversary of the first Apollo moon landing- the United States will be without an active shuttle for the first time since 1981.

An overcast sky and slight drizzle threatened to cancel the historic flight. One of NASA's criteria for a launch is a cloudless sky, but the rule was waived and the launch went off with only a minor hiccup; a pause at the 31 second mark of the countdown to confirm that the oxygen vent arm (also known as the 'Beanie Cap') had properly retracted.

Atlantis launched at 11:29 a.m., to the applause of thousands at Kennedy Space Center. Space Coast hotels reported one million visitors to the area for the weekend of the launch.



Atlantis rockets into space, the last shuttle mission of NASA's historic 30 year program.

## Casey in court, again

### Anthony to be questioned in defamation suit

By Shay Castle scastle@valenciavoice.com

Casey Anthony is once again embroiled in a trial, only days after she was cleared in the death of her daughter, Caylee Marie.

Anthony will be questioned in the defamation suit filed against her by Zenaida Fernandez-Gonzalez. Anthony gave investigators the woman's name and personal information, telling officers that Gonzalez was Caylee's nanny and naming her as the kidnapper.

The deposition is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the downtown law office of the Morgan & Morgan law firm on Tuesday, July 19. Anthony received her subpoena Tuesday, July 6, hours after the verdict was handed down in the State of Florida v. Casey Anthony.

Anthony was convicted of four counts of lying to officers, and sentenced to one year for each charge by Judge Belvin Perry. Anthony was given credit for time served and good behavior. She will be released Sunday, July 17.

The Orange County Corrections facility is tightening security for the high profile prisoner's release. Death

threats have been called in to the jail and the Anthony family home, for Anthony herself as well as her family, Judge Perry, and the jurors.



Casey Anthony told police that Zenaida Fernandez-Gonzalez kindapped Caylee.

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## Time travel: 30 years of shuttle history

### Last launch prompts a look back at NASA's historic, successful program

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July 29, 1958,

President Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which officially established NASA.

October 1, 1958

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration begins operation.

July 16-20, 1969

Apollo 11 was launched on July 16, 1969. On July 20, it landed on the surface of the moon. Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon.



Apollo 11 rockets into space, carrying the men who will be the first on the moon.

April 12, 1981

The space shuttle Columbia is launched, the first in NASA's space shuttle program. Columbia had a total of 28 missions.

April 4, 1983

The space shuttle Challenger is launched for the first time. The astronauts on board performed the first shuttlebased spacewalk. Challenger had a total of 10 missions.

June 18, 1983

The space shuttle Challenger, carries the first American woman, Sally Ride, into space.

August 30, 1983

The space shuttle Challenger brought the first African-American astronaut, Guion S. Bluford, into space.

August 30, 1984

The space shuttle Discovery is launched. Discovery had the most missions, with a total of 39.

October 3, 1985

The space shuttle Atlantis is launched. Atlantis had a total of 33 missions.

January 28, 1986

The space shuttle Challenger's last mission ended in disaster 73 seconds after liftoff when an o-ring failure in the right solid rocket booster caused an explosion. All seven crew members on board were killed. The nation mourned as President Reagan gave a nation-wide address.

April 24, 1990

The space shuttle Discovery carried the Hubble Space Telescope into orbit.

May 7, 1992

The fifth and final space shuttle, Endeavour is launched. The crew members set a record for longest spacewalk with eight hours and 29 minutes. Endeavour had a total of 25 missions.

December 2, 1993

Endeavor breaks the previous spacewalk record with a new time of 35 hours and 28 minutes. This lengthy space walk repaired the Hubble Space Telescope.



Barry McCool at the statue of his son, Willie, who died when Columbia exploded.



A photograph taken by the Hubble telescope, carried to space by the shuttle Discovery.

February 1, 2003

The Columbia's last mission ended when it broke apart during reentry of the Earth's atmosphere. The accident killed all seven astronauts aboard.

January 14, 2004

President George W. Bush announced the cancellation of the Space Shuttle Program by 2010.

March 9, 2011

The space shuttle Discovery departed on its last mission on February 24,2011, returning home on March 9, 2011.

May 19, 2011

The space shuttle Endeavour soared its last mission on May 16, 2011. During the last mission the crew helped to complete construction of the International Space Station.

July 8, 2011

The space shuttle Atlantis launched on its last mission, marking the end of 30 years of NASA's space shuttle program.



The space shuttle Discovery rolls out to the launch site, the first shuttle mission after the Columbia disaster four years prior.

# Betty Ford dies at 93

## Former first lady is remembered for honesty

By David Ashenfelter **Detroit Free Press / MCT** 

Betty Ford, the outspoken former first lady whose candid revelations about her battles with breast cancer, prescription drugs and alcohol helped thousands of Americans cope with similar ordeals, died Friday. She was 93.

"History will remember her as a very open and candid individual who moved our society light-years ahead in dealing openly with breast cancer and substance abuse," said Elaine Didier, director of the Gerald Ford Library and Museum, which is run by the National Archives. "On many occasions, people have walked up to me with tears in their eyes and say



Betty Ford was a proud supporter of the Equal Rights Amemdment, a progressive stance in the 1970's.

they wouldn't be alive but for Betty Ford."

Although she spent only 2 years as first lady-her husband became the 38th president in August 1974 after Richard Nixon resigned during the Watergate scandal- Betty Ford's impact on the nation rivaled that of Eleanor Roosevelt, who had 12 years to make her mark.

Ford pushed for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, urged her husband to appoint women to Cabinet-level posts and endorsed the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. She also talked candidly about premarital sex, marijuana and other issues of the day and occasionally participated in meetings with her husband, which was unusual in those days.

Although she enjoyed higher approval ratings than her husband, her frankness occasionally got her into trouble.

In 1975, she sparked a national furor when she told "Sixty Minutes" correspondent Morley Safer that she wouldn't be surprised if her then-18year-old daughter told her she was having an affair and that her children probably had used marijuana.

"I got into a lot of problems with my children over that," Ford confessed during an ap-



Ford was one of the most beloved First Ladies, revered for her candor, and down-to-earth personality.

pearance in 2001 at the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids. "But I would be quite candid. I guess that was my problem. I was too candid."

While her candor sometimes caused White House staffers to cringe and her husband to tease her about costing him votes, he never tried to muzzle her, they both agreed.

"Her honesty has always been one of the qualities about her that I love," Gerald Ford once remarked.



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# The end is drawing near

### Last Potter film marks the close of childhood

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July 15 is a day that will break my heart. After a wonderful decade in which J.K. Rowling has taken me through magical world of Hogwarts, the last and final movie of the Harry Potter series approaches, and with it a piece of my childhood.

As much as myself, and many others, do not want to say goodbye, we have to. There will be no more Thestrals, no more Wizarding Wheezes, and no more Quidditch matches. I have to say goodbye to the magical world that Rowling has invented to brighten my ordinary muggle life.

This the day I have been looking forward to ever since last year when they told the date for The Deathly Hallows Part 2, but it is also a day of grievance. Never have I been so sad to say goodbye to something not so real.

This series came to life and made me want to continue to read for leisure. It has expanded my imagination beyond belief, and made me think that anything is possible.

There have been so many events leading up to the final book; the premier in London, jammed packed full of people, LeakyCon, and of course, everyone wanting to dress up and see the midnight showing first before all of their friends.

I will be the one wearing a scar on my forehead, and pretending to cast spells on July 15 to represent my childhood life and the love I have for Harry Potter. This is the end of a phenomenal journey through a magical world. The characters entered my life and became a permanent part of me, and I will never forget about The Boy Who Lived.

# What's more important to you: The final Harry Potter film or the last shuttle launch?



"Definitely the shuttle program. Harry Potter isn't real, and it's not as important."

-Gerardo Rodriguez



"The shuttle launch. I've lived in Florida my whole life and I am sad to see it end."

-Steve Grubbs



"The shuttle launch is a historic moment. Harry Potter is fake and unrealistic."

-Latoya Claude



"The shuttle; a movie you can see whenever. You won't be able to see it launch in person again. -Rosemary Marmolejos



"The shuttle. It shows what our attitude is towards the future and where we are headed"

-John Burrill



"The shuttle launch. I've always been interested in science. I'm sad that I missed the last one." -Jessica Cross

# A generation lost in space

## Allure of exploration fades with time

By Bryan Levine blevine@valenciavoice.com

The Casey Anthony trial wasn't the only unpopular decision that drew the national spotlight to Central Florida last week, as the space shuttle Atlantis took flight Friday morning for its final mission from Kennedy Space Center.

While over a million Americans flocked to Florida's space coast and millions more watched on TV, it was interesting to see the perspective of the older generations.

People my age, myself included, take being able to go to space for granted simply because we know nothing else. For my entire life, people have been going to space, and they've been doing so with almost flawlessly.

Generations past can remember times when the whole country stopped in its tracks to watch the first men walk on the moon. Children looked up to astronauts like Neil Armstrong and John Glenn.

Times have changed, and NASA is no longer all about hope and exploration. It seems to have lost its mystery and allure, and maybe that's why it was easy for the government to cut its budget.

STS-135 will still go down in history as one of the most memorable shuttle launches of all-time as Atlantis ascending into the dark clouds will be a lasting image people will have of NASA for years to come, if not only because it might be the last time Americans ever see a shuttle rocket towards the heavens.

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### A fantasy generation faces reality

This week we look back on an historic event and look ahead to a cultural one. The last space shuttle rocketed into history books Friday, and the final Harry Potter film promises to provide closure to a generation of fans later this week

In juxtaposition these two phenomenon hardly seem comparable. One has international implications in science, technology, and even religion. The other is just a story about a boy who saved the world.

As the staff of the Voice prepared to cover the Potter-mania surrounding the release of the last film, an advisor remarked his amazement that students still identified so strongly with the se-

ries. "When you turn 18, you become an adult, and you are supposed to leave all of that behind you. No more fantasy, no more fairytales; it's done."

As a generation that came of age just when America's global superiority was being challenged, who sat in class as the Twin Towers fell, and who have grown up never knowing our country to be at peace, we respectfully disagree.

Our craving for fantasy has not hindered our ability to change reality. The social media revolution was birthed and fostered by us, changing forever the workings of business, news, and advertising. Twitter and Facebook have helped to thaw the clutches of tyranny,



making way for the Arab Spring and the political uprisings of the masses.

> We have advanced equality in our military by demanding the repeal of the 'Don't ask, don't tell policy,' and six states have legalized same sex marriage under our watch. And it can't be forgotten that millions of young voters helped to elect the nation's first president of color in 2008.

> In these uncertain times, we need a respite, an escape. It is these brief moments of suspended disbelief that we revel in, that allow us to find peace in a tumultuous world. Fantasy is essential to dealing with a harsh reality, and that is why we continue to consume such treasures as Harry Potter, and what enables us to keep changing the world.





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Danielle Radcliffe on the set with director David Yates. Top: Atlantis in the NASA hangar.

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## Preparing for Potter

### Theatres expect to see record crowds

By Thomas Skillman tskillman@valenciavoice.com

The box-office began sizzling this summer when Fast Five zoomed into theaters, nabbing over \$500 million. The summer might just be ready to explode next week when "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows: Part 2" comes to theaters on July 15.

This movie brings a phenomenon to a close that has stretched across 7 books, 8 movie adaptations, and a hit theme park attraction. Over \$6 billion in movie ticket sales and more than 450 million books sold.

The best theaters started preparing early with signs and banners, assuring that you will not be stuck in a small room with bad bulbs and out-dated sound.



A Harry Potter display dominates the lobby of AMC Loews Cineplex at Universal's Citywalk.

Theaters are aware of the impact the Harry Potter movies have caused the pop culture world, and have set up adequate viewing areas with designed flow.

"The final Harry Potter will be displayed in 3-D on the largest IMAX screen in Central Orlando, giving Potter fans the cinematic joy they could only dream of," said one Regal Pointe Orlando employee.

Universal Studio's AMC Loews Cineplex has put together its own 3D event, but combining "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows" parts one and two, allowing for the film to be enjoyed together as the book was written.

"We expect sold out theaters starting from midnight on Thursday until the end of the week, but for those mega fans to get a chance to see the finale how it was originally intended, five hours of Deathly Hallows will be the ultimate treat." Karen Magrs from Universal said. She has spent the past week selling presale tickets.

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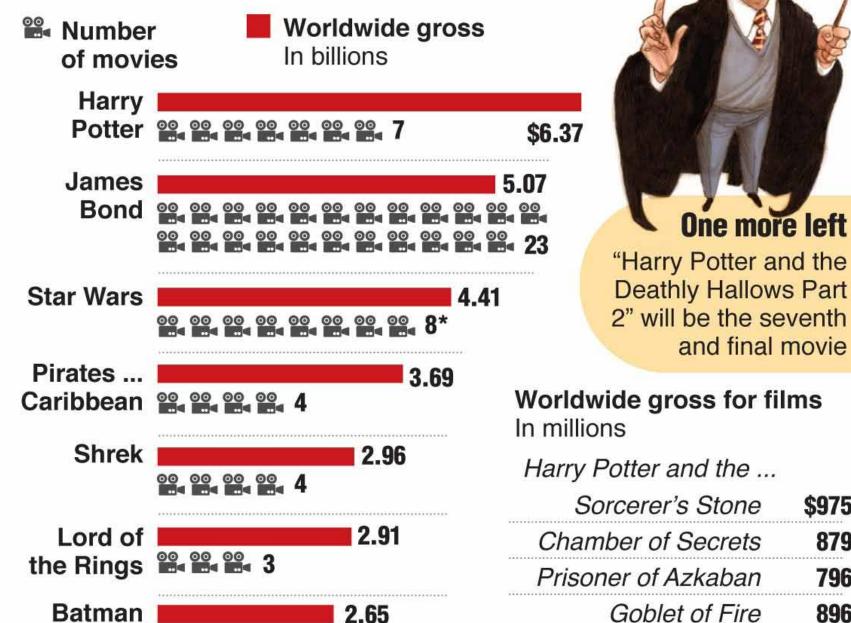
-Karen Magas

For smaller theaters, the festivities are scaled to offering only one theater at midnight or none at all. Touchstar Cinema, near Orange Blossom Trail, has no midnight showings while West Orange 5 has just one.

Does a theater's size and amenities affect a movie-goer's decision on which theater to go to? Do the excessive banners and props and midnight showings and costume contests sway the normal patron or are those simply for the super fan? We will see July 15 when the battle between good and evil will end at Hogwarts forever.

## Magic movie money

The Harry Potter franchise has grossed more than \$6 billion worldwide, the most of any movie franchise.



One more left

and final movie

Order of the Phoenix

Deathly Hallows Part 1

Half-Blood Prince

\$975

879

796

896

938

934

955

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\*Includes animated "Star Wars: The Clone Wars" and a re-released "Star Wars: Attack of the Clones" (IMAX); all six films are scheduled to be converted to 3D and re-released

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## No pain, no gain, no goals

### Lions from two cities battle for zero score in match

By:Rofkens Petit-Homme rpetit-homme@valenciavoice.com

Physical play, tenacious defense and resilient offense all came into play on Friday at the Citrus Bowl arena.

The Orlando City Lions pressed for a brutal 90 minutes to no avail versus the Dayton Dutch Lions.

With a total of 15 shots towards Day-

ton's goal, two shots consecutively attempted in 28 minutes, the ball just could not line up.

"I thought they were one of the better teams we've played tonight," head coach Adrian Heath said. "I spoke to the players before the game; I thought they'd be tougher opposition."

The last time Orlando played Dayton, the score was 1-0 in favor of the City Lions.

Unfortunately, this time around the score was dead even at 0-0.

The Dutch Lions are 1-10-3. Fueled by the energy of forwards Max Griffin, Lewis Neal and Yordany Alarez, the home team combined for a total of nine shots versus the six by the visitors in the first half.

A recorded attendance of more than 4,000 got to see Orlando's defense at work.

"We just wanted to be competitive, stay tight and make sure we knew where all of their runs were going," said Rob Valentino of Orlando City, who was red-carded at minute 92 of the match.

Referee's ejected four players, two after the 90 minute mark. Dayton's Marvin Van der Pluijm had to be restrained from hitting referee Carlos Sandoval.

It was not all defense; the offense put in work as well. Griffin was subbed-out for Dennis Chin late in the game. Chin had multiple opportunities to score, but ultimately couldn't get a goal.

"We just wanted to play our game and come out as the aggressor," Chin said. "We broke them down because we were playing the ball quickly and it gave us more chances that way."

It has been a long time since the Lions last home victory. Orlando defeated the Aria New Stars 4-0 during the U.S. Open Cup on June 14.

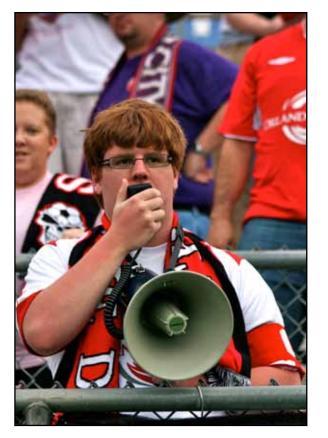
"As it is we keep giving ourselves another week and another week where we put ourselves under pressure," Heath said. "We have another game tomorrow night and we're traveling through the night; it's going to be difficult."

With a number of yellow and red cards issued in this game, this leaves the team a



bit short handed for their next opponent, Charleston Battery, as well.

Heath and the Lions framed the challenge simply: "We'll have a count up in the morning, and we'll see where we go."



A fan uses a bullhorn to cheer on the Lions.

### Orlando City Soccer Schedule

### Last five:

6/28 @ FC Dallas L 2-3

7/01 @ Pittsburgh Riverhounds T 0-0

7/03 @ Rochester Rhinos W 1-0

7/08 @ Dayton Dutch Lions T 0-0

7/09 @ Charleston Battery T 0-0

### **Next five:**

7/16 Rochester Rhinos 6:30 p.m.
7/17 Bolton Wanderers 7:30 p.m.
7/23 Newcastle United 7:30 p.m.
8/03 Charleston Battery 7:30 p.m.
8/06 Charleston Battery 7:30 p.m.

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Above: The City Lions' fan section, called the 'Ruckus,' show support for the team. Top Left; Defender Jerome Mechack reacts to fans' chants before the match Friday.

## Absent All Stars halt game play

### Baseball's major players snub fans who vote them in

By La Velle E. Neal III Star Tribune, Minneapolis / MCT

We want the All-Star Game to matter, but many of the best players in the game don't show up for various reasons.

We want our league to win, but fans want to see the players from the teams they root for play in the game, so there are plenty of substitutions and scheduled appearances.

I'm looking at the box score from the 1985 All-Star Game at the Dome. LaMarr Hoyt started for the N.L. and pitched three innings. Nolan Ryan relieved and went three innings. Joaquin Andujar, Ron Darling, Scott Garrelts, Dwight Gooden and Jeff Reardon did not pitch for the N.L. How would that go over today, by the way?

I covered the 2002 All-Star Game in Milwaukee that ended in a tie because the teams ran out of pitchers.

The next year, MLB dangled home field advantage in the World Series to the winning league as a carrot. Players also were asked to hang around instead of leaving the park after they were removed from the game!

Did that really work?

The Arizona Republic reported today that 16 players pulled out of this year's game for various reasons. Derek Jeter apparently is too pooped to participate. The Cubs' Aramis Ramirez was asked to replace a player on the roster, but declined because



Aramis Ramirez, the Cubs' third basemen, will forgo the All Star Game this year.

he had made plans with his family. Wow. With the money he's making he can change his plans.

As much as the league tries, it can NOT make this game mean any more than it does. Players are going to pull out if they need to heal up for the rest of their seasons. I don't see how the league can get around that.

But the league can tweak a couple things. My suggestion would be a four-day All-Star break, so even the players who participate in the game can get an extra day off.

And, after listening to Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt this morning on ESPN2, I think the game should be moved to Wednesday. Pitchers who start on Sunday could be available for an inning, so the Justin Verlanders of the baseball world can take part in the game.

Move the Futures Game to Monday (why are they playing this game WHILE MLB games are being played on Sunday?) Move the Home Run Derby to Tuesday and play the All-Star Game on Wednesday. Take Thursday off and resume regular season on Friday.

The 82nd All-Star Game will take place at Chase Field, and the field will be full of impressive talent. But it's too bad we've spent so much time discussing who's not here.



Derek Jeter cited exhaustion as his excuse.

## Sports Nuts

By Rofken Petit-Homme & Bryan Levine rpetit-homme@valenciavoice.com blevine@valenciavoice.com

BL: Before you go off on some tangent, I think we should give some props to Derek Jeter, the 28th player all-time to reach 3,000 hits. Do you still think he is overrated?

RPH: Um I think I will quote the most overrated rapper out there, Jay-Z: 'Would you rather be underpaid or overated?' Derek Jeter is still a teacher's pet and at the end of the day that will only hurt him.

BL: Just because Jeter has had a successful steroid-less career in the steroid era does not make him a teacher's pet.

RPH: PLain and simple; Jeter is still going to be underrated because he did not do it in style. And on top of that New Yorkers always seem to turn any sports figure into an immortal no matter what he does. It kind of reminds me of the whole Carmelo situation. NY fans are such band-wagoners.

BL: I guess five World Series titles, World Series MVP, All Star Game MVP, Gold Gloves, Silver Sluggers, etc., etc., etc., does not matter?

RPH: Spoken like a true NY fan. You guys are the reason why we are not having an NBA season this year! I promise you, if it were not for the Orlando City Soccer I would have just cried my self to sleep this summer. No trade talks, plus for some reason Michelle Wie is looking attractive to me now!

BL: Wie isn't for me. My all-time favorite female athlete is Mia Hamm.

RPH: On the very successful U.S. women's soccer team, 2-1-0 in World Cup play, Hope Solo is the reason why we will beat Brazil gain redemption and obtain the World Cup.

BL: Let's get back to baseball. The allstar break is quickly approaching. Who do you have as your two MVPs so far?

RPH: Jose Bautista and Roy Halladay. These guys are amazing at keeping their teams in it to win it. Plus everybody know the winners of this years home field advantage will be the American League.

BL: That's the smartest thing I've ever heard you say! The AL dominates the mid summer's classic every year.

RPH: The AL will win the All-Star game, and embarrass the National League. Just like the way Dale Jr. gets embarassed in NASCAR. Junior hasn't won yet this season! What do I have to do, join Mark Martin's racing team?

BL: It seems like you want to talk NASCAR a little bit. Who do you like this season?

RPH: Anyone but Carl Edwards and Team 48, they are like the Lakers of 03'. They just keep winning, and nobody is stepping up. Favorite racing team; Mark Martin and Team 5.

BL: There's only two things I know about NASCAR: Number one, The cars go fast. Number two, Jimmie Johnson is the best driver right now.