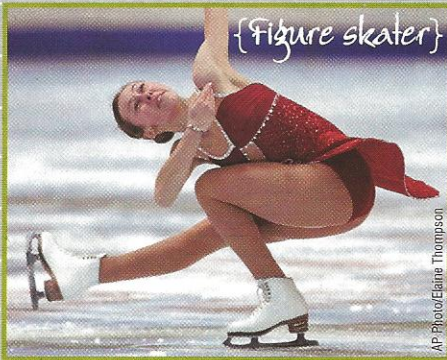


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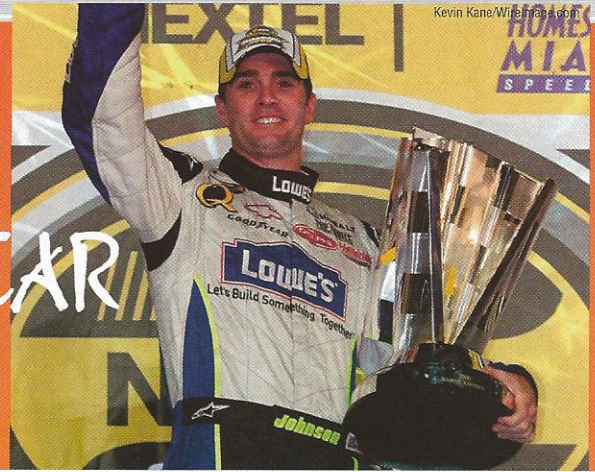
{Figure skater}

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▲ Kimmie Meissner, 17, wins the U.S. Figure Skating Championship in January 2007. She is the first female since 1991 to win a world championship before earning the title in her own country.

▶ In the victory lane of Homestead-Miami Speedway, NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson celebrates his 2006 Nextel Cup title and a \$6.2 million paycheck.

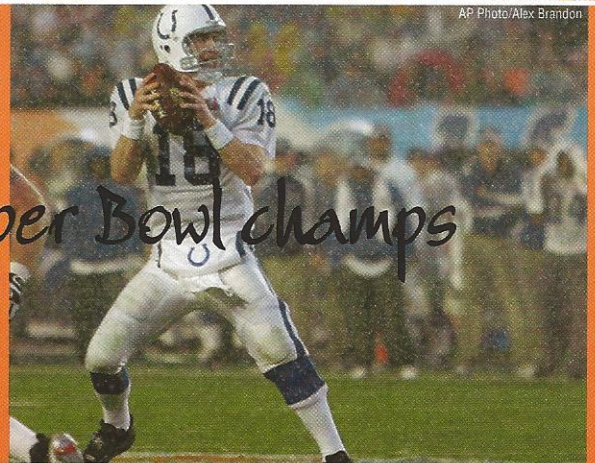
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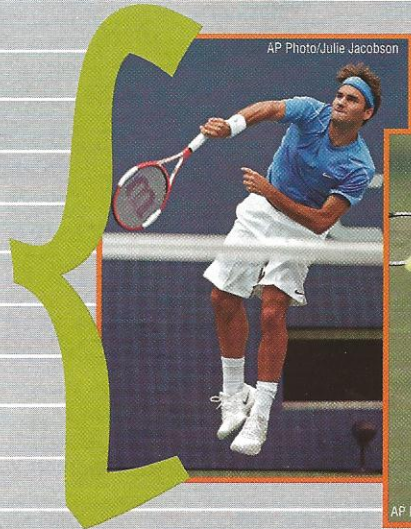
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▶ MVP Peyton Manning leads the Indianapolis Colts through a steady rain and past the Chicago Bears for a 29-17 victory in Super Bowl XLI.

Super Bowl champs



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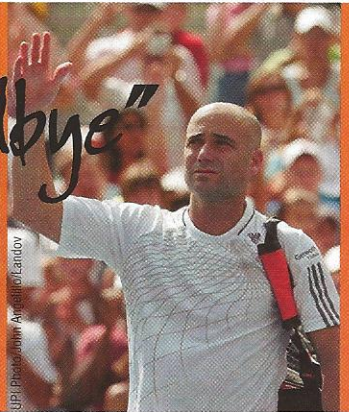


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▶ Roger Federer retains his No. 1 ranking for the third year in a row. Tennis star Maria Sharapova is the world's highest-paid female athlete. Both take home a U.S. Open Championship trophy in 2006.

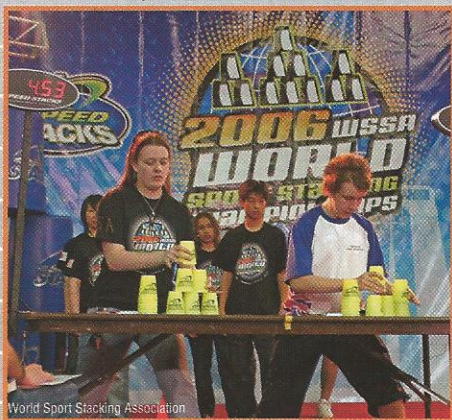
"Goodbye"

▶ When Andre Agassi retires from professional tennis at age 37, he receives a heartfelt, eight-minute standing ovation from the crowd at the 2006 U.S. Open.



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{Sport stacking}

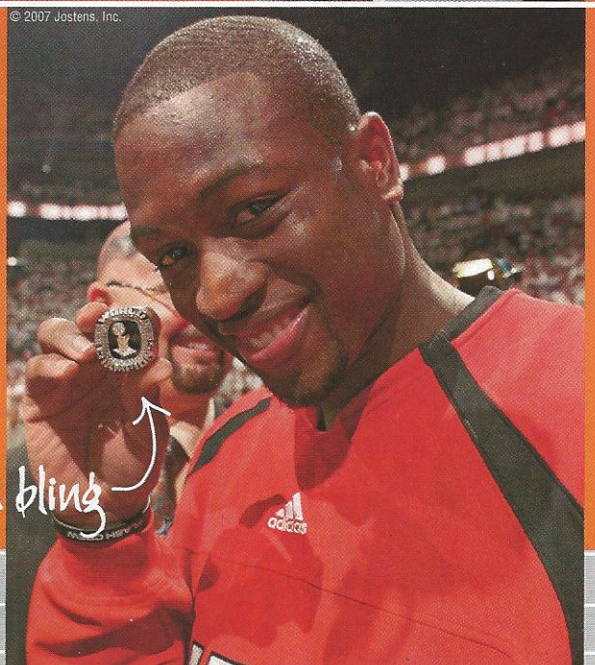


World Sport Stacking Association

▶ Nearly 1,100 competitors compete in the WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships in Denver. Forty-two new world records are set at the 2006 event.

▶ The Miami Heat defeat the Dallas Mavericks in six games to win the 2006 NBA Finals. Dwyane Wade, the Miami Heat guard, is named MVP.

NBA bling



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