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2007 Chrysler Aspen Limited 4WD with Five Star Safety Rating

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DaimlerChrysler introduced the first ever Chrysler-brand SUV, the 2007 Aspen. The all-new Chrysler Aspen is an 8-passenger, truck-based SUV. The Aspen is loaded with many of the amenities upper-middle class families desire, and pricing to fit most modest budgets. The Aspen's standard-premium features include stunning Chrysler design, fuel-saving MDS technology, 5-star safety

features and best-in-class horsepower, torque, and interior room. Chrysler's inspiration to provide buyers with the "guilt-free indulgence" of an upscale-luxury ride - coupled with the brawn of a "mud-loving-sand-dogging" 4WDSUV - very nicely fills a void in the Chrysler lineup.

With a unique and distinctive design, the Chrysler Aspen brings a new look to the SUV segment. The dramatic exterior design for the Aspen disguises the bigness of its



Guilt-Free Indulgence: Beauty and Braun

5.7-liter HEMI V-8 MDS engine (Multi-Displacement System) 335-hp, 370-lb. Torque.; 5-Speed Automatic transmission; Tow/Haul Mode 2-Speed Transfer Case; Rated Best-In-Class Horsepower and Towing Capacity: 8,950-lb.; 14-city/19-highway MPG; \$44,000.00 MSRP.

passenger compartment, with a "seamless profile". The Aspen proudly sports Chrysler's signature chromed grille - the face of Chrysler. The wings flow seamlessly into the grille header and contain the gold seal of the brand. Chrome accents graciously provide lots of bling-bling, with individual chromed "CHRYSLER" lettering adorning the body-sides of each of the front doors and 20-inch chrome wheels. This striking design style is easily recognized as "an innovative but elegant premium SUV, and unmistakably Chrysler."

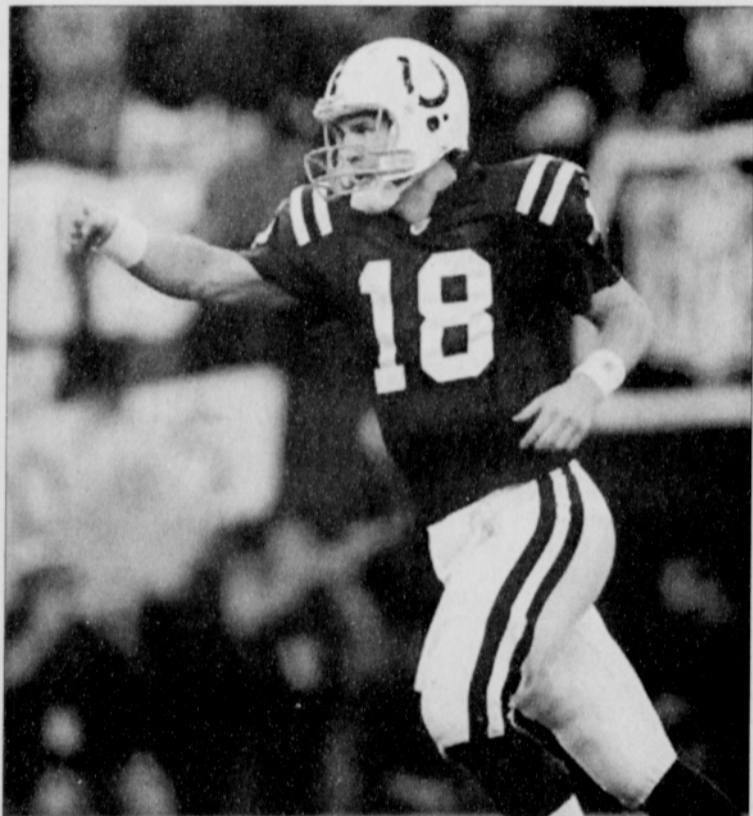
The all-new Aspen's brawn comes from a 5.7-liter Hemi V8 en-

gine with a Multi-displacement System (MDS). The on-board computer in the engine seamlessly alternates between a four-cylinder mode to conserve fuel, and the full V8 mode when more power is demanded.

Chrysler's attention to the details of providing an elegant, tastefully understated luxurious SUV definitely hit the mark. The Aspen cruises gently as a lullaby on the streets and eats up the mountainside with the sweet abandon of a wild beast. Abandon your cares and experience the "guilt-free indulgence" of the all-new 2007 Chrysler Aspen.



Super Bowl XLI



Colts quarterback Peyton Manning is a two-time most valuable player.

Bears vs. Colts

Kickoff at 3 p.m. Sunday on KOIN-Channel 6

Super Bowl XLI will have a fresh look with two teams that haven't seen the NFL's title game in a long time.

The Chicago Bears are back in the Super Bowl for first time since winning Super Bowl XX in January 1986, while the Indianapolis Colts make a Super Bowl appearance for the first time since the franchise was in Baltimore and beat Dallas in Super Bowl V.

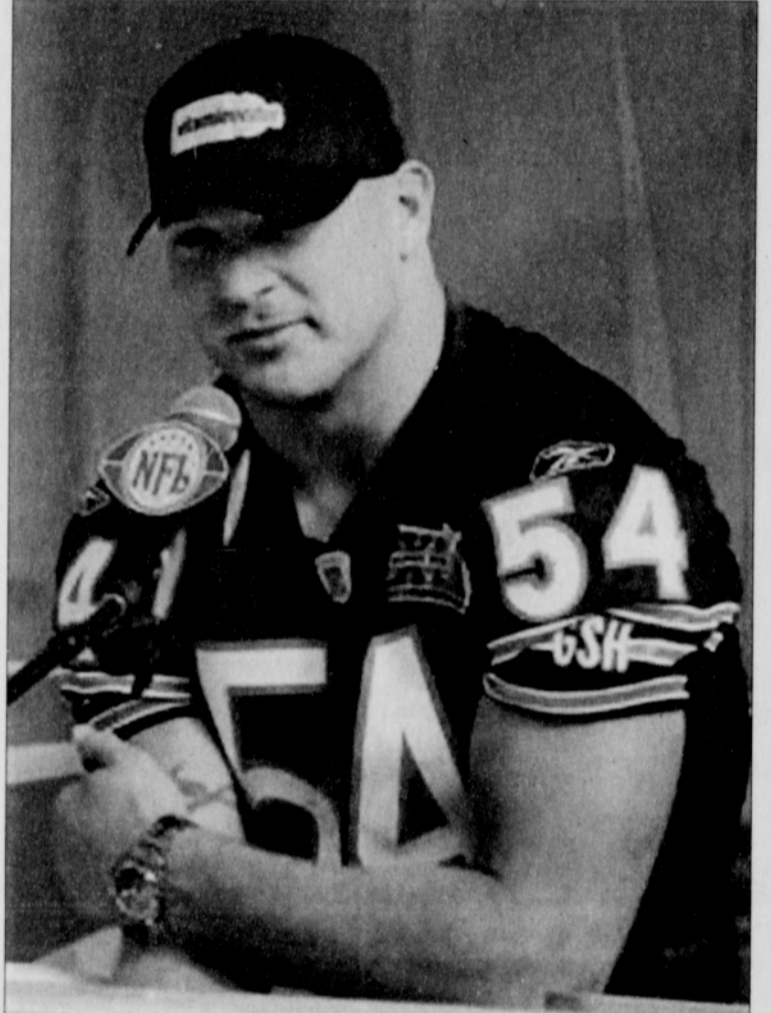
Both teams started the season fast with the Bears winning their first seven games on their way to the NFC North title and the Colts starting 9-0 on their way to the AFC South crown.

The championship game will

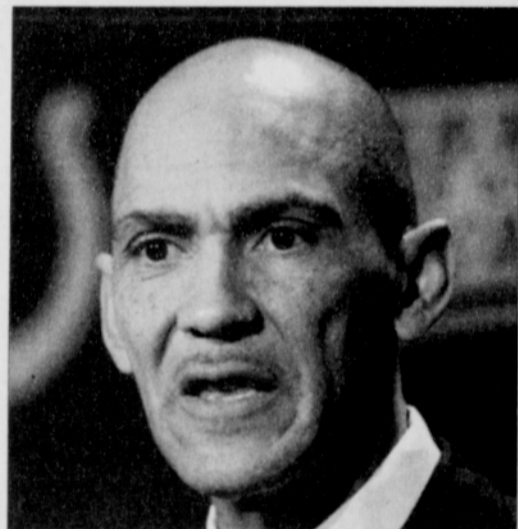
feature strength against strength with the Colts offense, ranked third in the regular season, going against a Bears defense that finished the season ranked fifth overall.

Both teams have plenty of talent, with Chicago sending seven players to the Pro Bowl, six from the defense or special teams, and the Colts boasting five Pro Bowl players, all from the offense.

Bears coach Lovie Smith and Colts coach Tony Dungy are close friends, dating back to Smith's time working on Dungy's staff with the Tampa Bay Bucs, and the two are the first African-American head coaches to reach the Super Bowl.



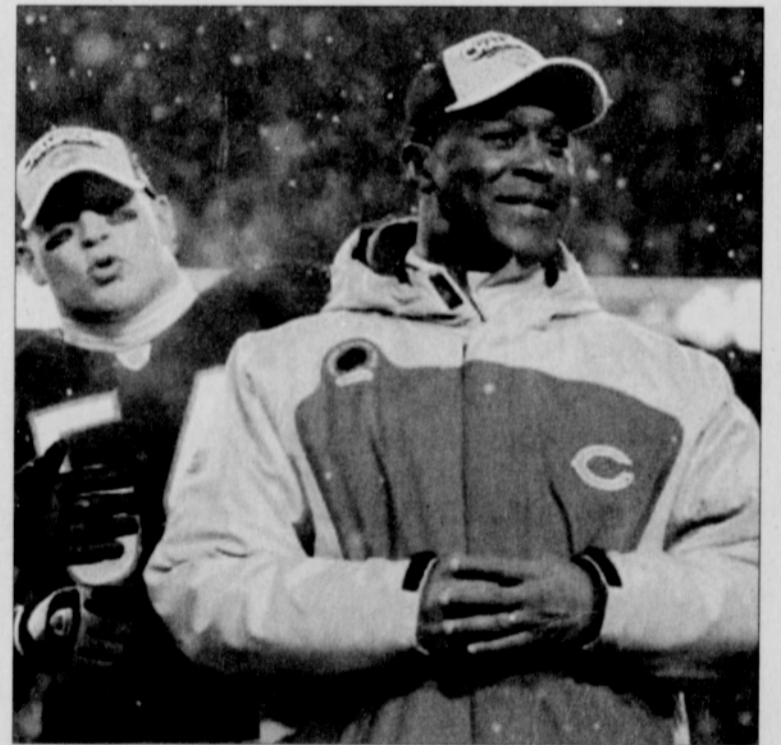
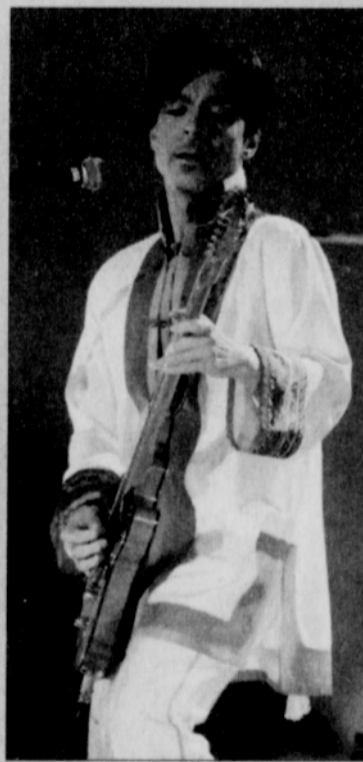
Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher is a six time NFL pro bowl selection.



Indianapolis Colts Coach Tony Dungy

Prince to Perform at Halftime

Prince is set to perform Sunday, Feb. 4 in the Pepsi Super Bowl XLI Halftime Show on CBS (KOIN Channel 6). One of the greatest living performers of our time, he has sold nearly 100 million albums and is a member of The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.



Chicago Bears Coach Lovie Smith

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Skin Color Makes a Difference

(AP) — Light-skinned immigrants in the United States make more money on average than those with darker complexions, and the chief reason appears to be discrimination, a researcher says.

Joni Hersch, a law and economics professor at Vanderbilt University, looked at a government survey of 2,084 legal immigrants to the United States from around the world and found that those with the lightest skin earned an average of 8 percent to 15 percent more than similar immigrants with much darker skin.

"On average, being one shade lighter has about the same effect as having an additional year of education," Hersch said.

The study also found that taller immigrants earn more than shorter ones, with an extra inch of height associated with a 1 percent increase in income.