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April showers bring May flowers... 

THE TAX MAN COMETH

"April is the cruelest month..." T.S. Eliot

By Michelle Saunders

Every year on April 15th everyone files their taxes. Whether you file them online, using a tax software program, hiring an accountant, at your own with a calculator burden we all But not only is pain to adults, like the ones High, pay taxes our students at after school, or time jobs file an at the end of the year and pay taxes on the appropriate amount.



or even sitting kitchen table at hand, it's a have to endure. paying taxes a some teenagers, from Marathon as well. Some of MHS who have weekend part income tax form

Some students agree with adults that taxes can be a necessary burden, but some think otherwise. Some students would prefer to not have to pay taxes on their small earnings. A few students think that filing an income tax form benefits them and comes in handy when they get their refund later in the year. While that may be true, our economy continues to move downward making it necessary to count every dollar. With the cost of living skyrocketing upward, hopefully, we can all look forward to having a few extra dollars in our wallets with President Obama's new Stimulus Plan when our refunds arrive.

THE KING OF SPRING



King of Spring: Daric Huntt- earns the crown collecting 18 spring tokens from our MHS ladies.
Photo courtesy of Denise Sosa

April is National Poetry Month

By Paola Castaneda

Ms. Buyhoff's 6th grade Reading classes celebrated with Limericks in honor of April Fool's Day and Poetry Month. "We read some limericks and talked about the format and wrote some together and then wrote our own."

Here are two entries from 6th grader, Molly Fairbank (pictured left):

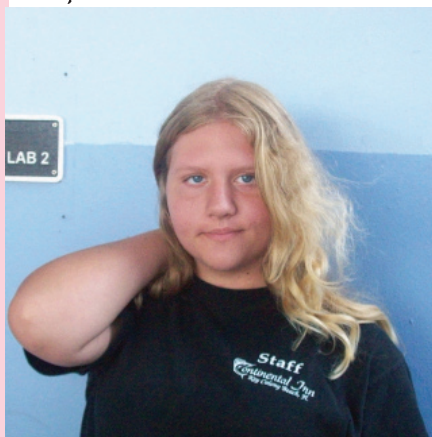


Photo courtesy of Sasha Sosa

I can't wait for spring break
Please hurry for heaven's sake
I will play all day
I will say HOORAY
Oh, I can't wait for SPRING
BREAK!

There once was a puppy named Ziggy
He sure was a piggy
He was so dumb
He would eat anything but a crumb
That's my dog Ziggy!

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Dressed to Impress: Prom 2009

By TaKara Coleman

It's almost May, and the time has come for our juniors and seniors to take out their dresses and tuxedos and show the world how classy and elegant they can be. However, before the spectacular show of formal wear begins, I've taken it upon myself to educate my classmates on prom fashions and mistakes. I'll cover every aspect of the perfect feminine prom look, including makeup, hair, dresses, and shoes.

Ladies, let's start with the basics. The beginning to every great prom look is the dress. It influences everything around you. The dress has to match your skin tone and your personality. Note that the perfect dress may not always be your favorite color, so try to keep an open mind. The length of the dress depends on your preference. If you want to be elegant, a long dress is your best bet. If you are more interested in dancing, a shorter dress will be better suited. Please keep in mind that by saying shorter, I do not mean anything two inches above the knee. Prom is about class and style, so keep that in mind when you're eyeing the mini dress in the mall.

The next big issue is the shoes. They must make a statement. Even though you'll probably take them off while dancing, it's the first few moments after you walk in the door that matters. It goes without saying that high heels are an absolute necessity.



- 1: An elegant and simple prom dress.
- 2: A good example of a neutral updo.
- 3: An exquisite set of diamonds that can match almost any dress.
- 4: A nice makeup idea. You can substitute the pink for any pastel color.

The heels shouldn't be too high, but just high enough to be seen below the bottom hem of your dress. Your shoes don't have to be the same color of your dress. Gold, silver, and white are always nice neutrals to pair with a flashy dress. Hair is a very important prom aspect.

Without perfect hair, your prom appearance will look frazzled and not put together. The constant battle between buns and curls has plagued womankind forever. The decision mainly depends on your dress. There's no way I can put a rule on how to wear your hair with certain types of dresses. You must decide while taking into account your cheekbone structure, hairline, and your jewelry.

Makeup and jewelry are the icing on the cake. Both of these accessories have to be noticeable but still subtle, so as not to take away from the splendor of the dress. Note that the makeup doesn't have to match the dress, but rather your natural skin tones and accentuate the best features of your face. Jewelry doesn't have to be flashy or large, but flattering and in agreement with your entire outfit. When you achieve the perfect balance, you will be unstoppable. I wish you all the best of luck in creating the perfect looks, and I hope I've helped you visualize exactly how breath-taking you will be.

Relay for Life

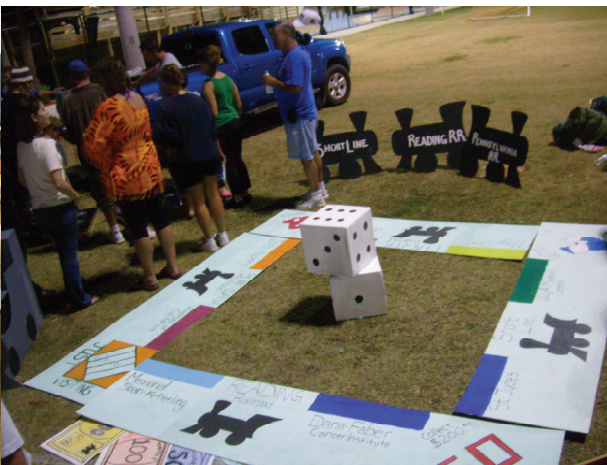
By Layne Doyle and Nicky Smith

The Relay for Life celebration to find a cure and celebrate life started out early with the set up of colorful booths all around the walking track at the community park on March 26th and 27th. Booths were all in accordance with the theme: Cancer Cure Express. Our very own Marathon High School set consisted of a semi-life sized monopoly board with a huge die to roll, a choo choo train, a jail, and Dance Dance Revolution which was open to all ages. Members from every team began appearing and lending a helping hand to the speedy construction. By nightfall the track was filled with walkers of all sorts from the Marathon area, fast or slow, young or old, survivor or supporter.

As the event picked up momentum, kids were making milkshakes, memories, and dancing along with the wonderful live music playing in the amphitheater. Along with walking, there was action everywhere to be

found including football, tag, soccer, volleyball, dancing, and eating. Some were even snoozing, resting up to last through the night ahead. The lighting of the luminaries and the ceremony captured the crowd's heart causing many eyes to well up with tears. All around the track you could see members of our high school, elementary school, and middle school huddled near bags made for lost relatives and also those who have fought the battle and have come out strong.

Relay for Life went on through the night all the way until the next morning when breakfast was served and butterflies took flight. After all was said and done, members of the teams tore down their booths and called it a night... or should we say day and headed home. The overnight turnout was great and the community and school had tons of support to offer.



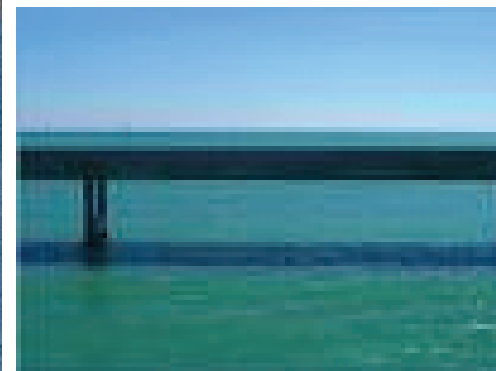
The Relay for Life team did an amazing job this year. Their hard work and efforts paid off. Photos Courtesy Nicky Smith

SEVEN MILE BRIDGE RUN

One Saturday, every April, the Marathon Runners Club commemorates the completion of the “new” 7 Mile Bridge by sponsoring a race across it. The 28th annual Seven Mile Bridge Run is scheduled for April 25th. The Seven Mile Bridge is one of the longest segmental bridges in the world. It is the centerpiece of 113-mile Overseas Highway that connects the Florida Keys to the mainland. The annual race gives runners the chance to run across the entire expanse of the landmark bridge. The one-of-a-kind run over water is both scenic and challenging due to “The Hump” (the name runners have given a 50-foot incline at the center of the bridge). The competition is limited to the first 1,500 entrants whose fees are received via U.S. mail. About ten times that number apply every year from all over the world. Divisions within the run traditionally include men's, women's, children's, age 75 and older, and wheelchair with prizes awarded to top finishers. The bridge will be closed to traffic from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. to accommodate the event. All traffic to and from the mainland is obviously interrupted, as there is no alternate route. You may need to alter your plans around this event.



By Sarah Bradshaw



Photos Courtesy of nancarrow-webdesk.com

Senior Reflection: Getting Ready for the End

By Paola Castaneda

It's April and this is the month to think about graduation, reflecting on what we have accomplished, and where we are headed. This year has almost come to an end and seniors are getting ready, making all the preparations needed to set out on their own. This month, students are going to be in the computer lab finishing up Nova Net assignments, raising their grades, completing credits and anything else that needs to be get done.

Students have Grad Nite to look forward to on April 17th. Also, with prom on the horizon, girls are buying their dresses early and planning their final look in order to look their best for their last senior prom. On May 15th, students will be able to soak up the sun at beach day. Everybody's excited about not having school and getting to spend a day at the beach but be careful to not get too much sun as it's the day before prom. So grab a towel, some sunglasses, and sunscreen; it's going to be a long day!

Remember seniors the road is starting to come to an end. Don't get bummed out because it looks like you have difficult obstacles to overcome; at graduation you'll be happy to finally throw your caps into the air with spirit and pride.

LONGER SCHOOL DAYS?

By Paul Acosta

Do you like school? Did you ever want to have a shorter school day and have summer come early? Well according to USA Today reported on March 10th, President Barrack Obama has recommended that state and local schools should consider having longer school days and year. In order to help America's children compete in the world he states, “The future belongs to the nation that best educates its citizens...” President Obama said, “We have everything to be that nation and yet we have let our grades slip, our schools crumble, our teacher quality fall short and other nations outpace us.”

In spite of their history, union leaders have taken Obama's word for this issue. They say that it seems clear that Obama wants them to be integrated in his decisions in ways that George W. Bush didn't. Discussing charter schools, Obama said that many of the innovations in education are happening in charter schools. Many teachers think that charter schools deplete money and talent from regular schools. Obama wants to have changes in every grade from before kindergarten to college, generally speaking.

President Obama wants children to spend more time in school, with a longer school day, school week, and school year. He might not be very popular with his own school age daughters who must wonder about the possibility of spending more time in school as well!

(Source: Taken from the article on this subject on FREEP.com)

Winter Sports Banquet

By Joey O'Connor

On March 25, 2009, a winter sports assembly took place in the high school auditorium. The winter sports assembly included sports such as soccer, basketball, cheerleading, girls' soccer, and girls' basketball. Although all the players on each team did great, some players were commended for excelling in certain areas. Several players from each team received individual awards, here are the results:

Boys' Soccer:

MVP- Charles Bragan
Sportsmanship- Danny Valerdi
Most Improved-Early Harris

Boys' Basketball:

MVP- Travis Leachmen
Most Improved- Nyran Ross
Offensive Player-Travis Leachmen
Defensive Player- Kenyata Scott

Girls' Basketball:

MVP-Vanessa Sardinia
Most improved-Jessica Broche
Sportsmanship- Jessica Forrest

Cheerleading:

MVP- Meagan O'Connor
Most Improved- Ryan Wohlers
Sportsmanship-Sophie Cauldron

Girls' Soccer

MVP- Kelly Struyf
Defensive Player- Alyssa Fenech
Offensive Player- Katie Landry
Most Improved- Abbie Connell
Sportsmanship- Marina K. Wiatt

DOLPHIN SPORTS

Spring Sports Field Day 2009

By Alicia Young

Hot sun, cool breeze, what a great day to start off Field Day 2009. Each class was ready to show off to the school what it could do. There were 6 events planned to see which class would rise to the occasion. Competing against each other were this year's big rivals, the seniors and the sophomores along with the juniors and the freshmen. First event was the class tie up: the seniors and juniors really showed those underclassmen that they run the school by both coming in first place. Next was the obstacle course which was dominated by the freshmen and seniors. The obstacle course consisted of a team of two from each class tied together as they had to run to a table where they passed a flag off to another person who ate a chocolate filled pie. After they were done the flag was passed to someone who was saran wrapped and then finally had to give the flag to the last person who went down a slip and slide to a garbage bag filled with paper to find the last and final flag.

Now to the main event: this is where each class wants to prove its strength through the tug-o-war! Pulling and tugging the juniors and sophomores really showed that they were the powerhouses of M.H.S. Farewell to another successful Field Day here at Marathon High School, may each class be ready to defend their title for next year's upcoming events.

After that exhausting course, next up was the human pyramid which the juniors killed each class in! Going on to the next event was the "Ice Cream Sundae Toss." Balloons filled with sundaes were given to two teams of two players from each class but the catch was after each throw the player that caught the balloon had to take a step backward. Yet again, the juniors won this sticky event. Things began to get a little smelly once we moved on to the next event which was the musical hula-hoops. Three students from each class had to walk around an arrangement of hulas-hoops and when the music stopped they had to hurry and find a hoop and sit in it or they were out. The smelly part about it was what the students were sitting on: ketchup, mustard, pickles, and ice cream. As the game became heated, the freshmen showed they weren't going down without a fight and won. You can still smell them down the field! The final scores were: The junior class-the victors with 19 points. The sophomores-second place with 17 points. The seniors followed with 16 points and the freshman earned 10 points.



Top Left: Seniors struggle in the tug of war. **Top Right:** Juniors pull their way to victory against the Freshmen. **Bottom Left:** students circle the musical hoops cautiously. **Bottom Right:** Freshmen hustle during the class tie up.

Photos Courtesy of Alicia Young