

# DOLPHIN PRIDE

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## The Kinkajou

By: Alexandra Ramberg

What might come off as a cute, little, adorable animal can actually be your worst nightmare. The Kinkajou is a very small monkey that lives in the tropical rainforests of Central and South America, spending most of their time in the trees. The kinkajou has a gripping tail that they use as another arm, to hang from branches, and they even use it as a cozy blanket for themselves at night. They are related to the raccoon, but are sometimes called honey bears because they raid bees nest for the honey inside. The kinkajou also eats insects, fruits, and small mammals. Even though it may seem harmless, this cute and cuddly animal is very vicious and can be extremely dangerous.

Many people like to have unordinary pets, such as the kinkajou. When treated right and loved enough, and especially respecting its nocturnal habits, it can

be a cute pet. Even though you take care of it, they still have their natural instincts that they use when scared or unaware of what's going on. Sometimes when you have company the best thing to do is to put the kinkajou in its cage, just in case it isn't very fond of the new human that's come into its home.

When upset the Kinkajou will express its feelings. It has very sharp teeth and claws used for tearing apart their food and objects. Monkeys are very violent animals. Normally bigger gorillas go for the face and try to rip it apart, but smaller monkeys basically tear apart the skin until there's not much left. They also make a howling/ barking sound either before they attack, when they're upset, or when they're just communicating between one another. People should heed these warnings to avoid injury.



## Student Government at Marathon High

By: Brendon Stearns

This month was all about government. Our school was thrown for a loop when Yelixa Lopez grasped the title of SGA class president from the three-time winner Taylor Konrath. She wasn't the biggest change though; two class presidents, Sarah Dodamead and Carlos, ran unopposed throughout their campaign to run for class presidents. The elected official for the junior class was Shelica Anistari. I managed to interview each and every one of them. Yelixa was first. **Me:** Why did you run for SGA president?

**YL:** I ran for SGA president because I thought that I might be able to change the classes and make them more engaged in school and class spirit. I know there is a bullying problem in this school as there is in every other one, but I wanted to try to help those who would rather fight and be enemies become friends and use their energy to be more enthusiastic about school and try to be more engaged in it.

**Me:** What was your campaign plan and how did you plan to win?

**YL:** I did have a plan to win and that included making and putting up posters around the school in order to promote my thoughts for the school. Because of my bilingual capabilities I tried to appeal not only to the Caucasian voters but also to the Latino voters. My plan was to make friends with everyone and hope that they would support my actions with

the school and vote for me.

**Me:** What do you plan on doing as SGA president?

**YL:** My major plan is to bring the school together as one and listen to the suggestions from my fellow classmates and act upon their suggestions. I want to hear the problems that people find with the school and try to accommodate them and try to fix any problems that arise.

After Yelixa came Shelica, the junior class president.

**Me:** Why did you run for president?

**SA:** I would say the main reason I ran for president was because I had been the president of my class for the past couple of years and I just wanted to see our class flourish as it expressed its school spirit.

**Me:** Did you have a campaign plan?

**SA:** really it was just to get the reasons I wanted to be president out there and I used a couple of different items to do so. I made t-shirts and posters that I hung up around the school.

**Me:** What do you plan on doing as class president?

**SA:** I plan on involving more and more students in SGA in order to solve many of the student problems. Also I want to bring more school spirit to our school.

After her it was onto Sarah Dodamead. One of the unopposed runners for class president of the juniors.

**Me:** Why did you run for class

president?

**SD:** I ran because I felt that I was probably the only one that cared this much about our class and I want our class to be one of the best the school has seen.

**Me:** Did you have a plan for running for class president?

**SD:** I ran unopposed so no.

**Me:** What do you plan on doing for our class?

**SD:** I just want to make our class happy and try to raise money for prom and at the end of our senior year I want to have enough money for a trip with our class.

The newest and upcoming sophomore class president Carlos was the last but not least one on the list.

**Me:** Why did you run for class president?

**CL:** I ran cause I thought that our class needed change and more school spirit.

**Me:** Did you have a plan for winning the election?

**CL:** No I ran unopposed.

**Me:** What do you plan on doing as class president?

**CL:** I want our class to come together as one and to do more fundraisers.

All of these outstanding students chose to take a step forward and step up for their classes.



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Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion. The origins of Easter date to the beginnings of Christianity, and it is probably the oldest Christian observance after the Sabbath. Easter owes its origin to the old Teutonic mythology. It was derived from the name Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, to whom the month of April was dedicated. The festival of Eostre was celebrated at the vernal equinox, when the day and night gets an equal share of the day.

The English name "Easter" is actually more modern. When the early English Christians wanted others to accept Christianity, they de-

cidated to use the name Easter for this holiday so that it would match the name of the old spring celebration. This made it more comfortable for other people to accept Christianity.

The Feast of Easter was well established by the second century. But there had been dispute over the exact date of the Easter observance between the Eastern and Western Churches. The East wanted to have it on a weekday because early Christians observed Passover every year on the 14th of Nisan, the month based on the lunar calendar. But, the West wanted that Easter should always be a Sunday regardless of the date. The

Council of Nicaea in 325, decided that Easter should fall on Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. The dating of Easter today follows the same every year. Accordingly, churches in the West observe it on the first day of the full moon that occurs on or following the Spring equinox on March 21, it became a movable feast between March 21 and April 25.



## April Fools Day

By: Laurel Phillips

In 1708 a correspondent wrote to the British *Apollo* magazine asking, "Whence proceeds the custom of making April Fools?" The question is one that many people are still asking today.

The puzzle that April Fool's Day presents to cultural historians is that it was only during the eighteenth century that detailed references to it (and curiosity about it) began to appear. But at that time, the custom was already well established throughout northern

Europe and was regarded as being of great antiquity. How had the tradition been adopted by so many different European cultures without provoking more comments in the written record?

References to April Fool's Day can be found as early as the 1500s. However, these early references were infrequent and tended to be vague and ambiguous. Shakespeare, writing in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centu-

ries, made no mention of April Fool's Day, despite being, as Charles Dickens Jr. put it, a writer who "delights in fools in general."

Many theories have been put forward about how the tradition began. Unfortunately, none of them are very compelling. So the origin of the "custom of making April Fools" remains as much a mystery to us as it was back in 1708.



## Field Day

By: L. Boucier and S. O' Toole

Every year for the past 30+ years, Marathon High school holds Field day. This is an event for all kids to go out onto the football field and run around and have fun together for just a couple hours. While everyone is competition, everyone also comes together to work together. Field day is made of five different events. There's a winner for each event, but there is also an overall winner.

For the pyramid, each class level had a team. The bottom row consisted of four people, the third consisted of three people, the second consisted of two people, and the top was just one person. While it was an interesting and hard competition, everyone did great. Christina Rios, Junior, thought that her class was going to win. Kelsey Heller, Zoie Halbert and Lexi Bourcier, sophomores, thought her class was going to win. Tommy Dodamead, Senior, thought his class was going to win. The winner of the pyramid event was freshmen.

For the Beach Relay, there were five different levels in the relay. The relay consisted of the Flip Flop Fling, Shovel Dig, Beach Ball Toss, Slip and Slide, and Flipper Run. In the flip flop fling, someone from each grade level put a flip flop on their foot and had to fling it off as far as they could. For the shovel dig, one person from each grade level had to dig in the

sand and find their team colors shovel. For the beach ball toss, one person from each grade had to throw a beach ball into a garbage can three times. For the slip and slide, one person from each grade had to slide from one side to the other without getting up at all. For the flipper run one person from each grade had to run twenty yards down the field in swimming flippers. The overall winner of this event was the seniors.

For the Animal Roundup, each grade had a different animal to mock. Each team consisted of 5 people. The animals they mocked were a cow, duck, pig, and chicken. Majority of the people thought sophomores would win this event. The overall winner of the animal roundup were the juniors. It was very funny to watch and even more entertaining to listen to.

Musical Hula-hoops is somewhat like musical chairs with a few exceptions hula-hoops and the more entertaining of the two sundae toppings upon sundae toppings. Each of the classes was represented by two of their fellow students. As the activity continued it got more and more intense as with each fallen competitor another hoop was removed from the ring. As musical hula-hoops continued it became an edge-of-your-seat battle for the last remaining hula hoop Between Abigail Connell and Sophie Coldren.

In the end it was Abigail Connell who reigned victorious.

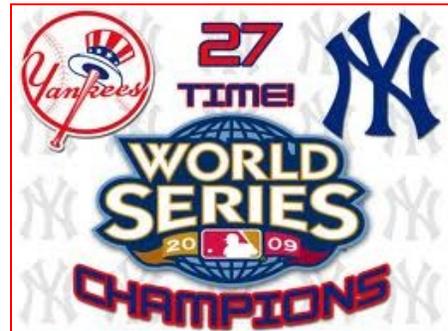
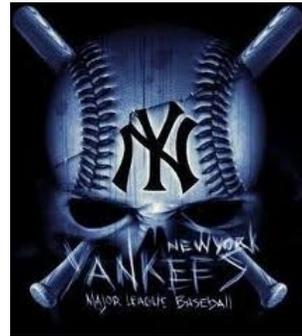
Tug of war, the super bowl of field day was the last and most important event of the evening. When asked who they thought were going to win these people had this to say, Joey Lamberson: I think the sophomores are going to win but I'll give it my best, Taylor Konrath: I hope sophomores win because we can beat them easy when they go against us. The first round winners for the male tug of war was the Juniors followed by the Sophomores winning their First round and ultimately winning in the tie-breaker round. For the girls the sophomores won their first round along with the juniors and again in spite of doubt from all the other classes the sophomores won again and not just tug-of-war but the field day as a whole.



## NEW YORK YANKEES

BY: PATRICK RYAN

Starting off with 3 losses in a 3 game series to Tampa Bay to start off the 2012 Major League Baseball season, the New York Yankees bounce back to show everyone the team they are. Bouncing back to sweep the Baltimore Orioles in 3 game series 3-0. The Yankees have been off to a good start this season with a 12-9 record, 3rd in the AL East, with the whole season in front of them. The star of the season on defense has to be their number one pitcher, CC Sabathia who right off the bat was on fire with a 3-0 record, ERA of .58 with 38 strikeouts. Derek Jeter coming off a rough season last year is shining not only with the leather but with the bat with a .396 batting average, 36 hits and an on base percentage of .440. With the season just starting the Yankees are off to a good start playing 1.5 games behind Baltimore. This may be the season for the Yankees to come out with that 28th World Series that they have been waiting for.



## Philadelphia Phillies

By: P.J. Palmer



### 2012 Phillies Season

Phillies may be down, but they aren't out. In six months, we will be able to speak more definitely about the personnel that the Phillies decided to carry into the season. Right now, the Phillies arrive at Opening Day as one of the top contenders to finish the year with a parade. The Phillies have endured a greater quantity of injuries leaving spring training before. But they've never lost as much quality before opening day as they have in Ryan Howard and Chase Utley. It will be hard for the Phillies pitchers to top their 2011 performance, without Chase Utley and Ryan Howard able to boost the offense. The rotation may have to reach that level again this year. Phillies are now 12-12 this season with their win last night over the

braves.

I expect roughly the same output in 2012 from Ruiz, Rollins, Polanco, and Victorino. Let's say the Phillies lose 30 runs without Howard and 20 without Utley. Remember, these are just rough numbers. I expect Mayberry/Nix/Pierre to essentially equal Ibanez in runs and gain 25 runs with a full year of Pence in right field. That's a drop of 25 total runs as a team. That would give the Phillies 688 runs and would leave their NL ranking unchanged from last year at 7th place. As far as the pitching is concerned, let's assume no change with Halladay, Lee, and Hamels. In Worley's spot, let's say he gives up 10 more runs than last year's combo of Worley and Oswalt. In the number 5 spot, Blanton will give up

roughly the same runs as Blanton/Kendrick last year. I have my concerns about the bullpen, so I'm gonna say the Phils give up 15 more runs in the bullpen. That's a difference of 25 runs for a total of 554 runs given up, still leaving them with the best pitching in baseball.



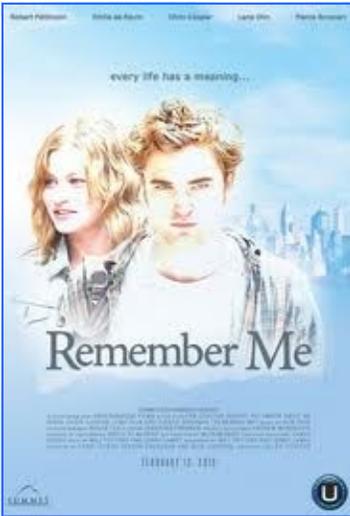
# Field Day Pictures 2012

Photos By: Amanda Cohen



*Remember Me: Movie Review*

By: Amanda Cohen



Remember Me is a basic love story and it is set up to almost be a coincidence. In a way, Tyler (Robert Pattinson) and Ally's (Emilie de Ravin) meeting was linked by coincidental backgrounds. In reality Tyler introduced himself to her as a plot to get back at Ally's cop dad who arrested Tyler and his roommate, Aiden (Tate Ellington) a few weeks before. After the second date, Tyler and Ally become close and they fall in love. Soon enough Ally gets in a fight with her dad and moves in with Tyler and Aiden. Like all love stories there are some obstacles to give the movie some drama. Tyler ends up telling Ally that's he was going to use her, break her heart,

all to get back at her dad but he ended up falling in love with her. A few weeks pass and they are back together. It is a typical romance.

Ally is a 21 year old college student who still lives at home with her father who is a police sergeant (Chris Cooper). She and her father are very close and her dad is over protective of her because he is scared to lose her. When Ally was only 11 years old she witnessed the murder of her mother on the subway. She doesn't ride the subway at all after that.

Tyler is a troubled young man. He drinks too much and smokes too much. When he was younger he found his older brother after committing suicide.

He lives with his roommate, Aiden, and they live in a messy apartment that reflects their characters.

This movie was well directed and most of the acting was great. I felt like the movie was real and it completely grabbed me from the first scene. It taught people about the tragedy of 9/11 and peoples reactions.



HE ADOPTED THE NAME "ROBERT CAPA" BECAUSE "CAPA" MEANT "SHARK"



*Robert Capa*

By: Marki Sandusky

Robert Capa was born as Endre Friedman on October 22 1913 in Hungary, he adopted the name "Robert Capa" because "Capa" meant "shark" which was his nickname in high school and it was a recognizable American name. He was a photography and photojournalist who was known for covering five different wars. He left home at the age of 18, when he was first starting out he wanted to be a writer but fell in love with photography. In 1938 he traveled to the China to document the Japanese invasion, later in 1936 he became famously known for his photo of "the fallen soldier" which it shows a

solider falling to the ground from a gunshot. During World War 2 he went to Paris for the rise of Nazism and took many pictures including one of a Sicilian peasant showing which way the German troops went to some American soldiers.

In 1936 he and a Jewish refugee named Gerda Taro went to Spain to document the Spanish civil war, Gerda died in Madrid during a battle. In 1943 he fell in love with Ingrid Bergman and she was traveling to Europe where he was staying but she lived in Hollywood and he followed her there to live. In Hollywood he worked for

American international pictures for a short time, but their relationship ended in 1946 and he moved to Turkey. Robert Capa died at the age of 40 on May 25<sup>th</sup> 1954.



### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Nate Grill Co-ed Softball Tournament

By: Robi Garcia

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Nate Grill “Co-ed” softball tournament took place the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of April. The tournament consists of teams containing boys and girls over 15. Each team pays a fee of 375 dollars to compete in the tournament. Games start early Saturday morning and all games are ended by Sunday afternoon. Prizes are given to the winners of the tournament.

The Nate Grill Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization designed to help enhance the lives of students in the Marathon Community. In memory

of Nate Grill, his friends and family set up the foundation to give scholarships and help students become more educated and pursue their dreams. To keep in touch with Nate’s love of outdoor sports, the foundation hosts the annual tournament every April. All funds raised are put towards the scholarships. Along with the team fees there are concessions being sold all day long on both days. There is also raffle tickets sold for prizes. Since 2005 the Nate Grill Scholarship Foundation has awarded over

\$60,000 in scholarships. The family and friends of Nate Grill enjoy hosting the tournament and believe “it is with great honor that we present these scholarships in his memory.” For more information on donations, scholarships or even the tournament you can visit the foundation’s website: [www.nategrill.com](http://www.nategrill.com).

