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*"Beware the ides of March..."* Julius Caesar, Act I, Scene 2

## St. Patrick's Day: MHS Style



Maylin Ibarra shows off her greenery for St.Patty's Day. Right: Dolphin TV starts our day with "a top of the mornin' to you" and a little Irish Luck for MHS. *Photos courtesy of Helen Hernandez and Stacie Colon.*

## The Weather- Are we really in the Florida Keys or are we up north?

One of the advantages of living in the Florida Keys is the fact that we have year-round warm weather but this past winter has been very cold with below average temperatures. One interesting fact is that on Groundhog Day, the groundhog saw its shadow which means an extra 6 weeks of winter. Groundhog Day was observed on February, 02, 2010.

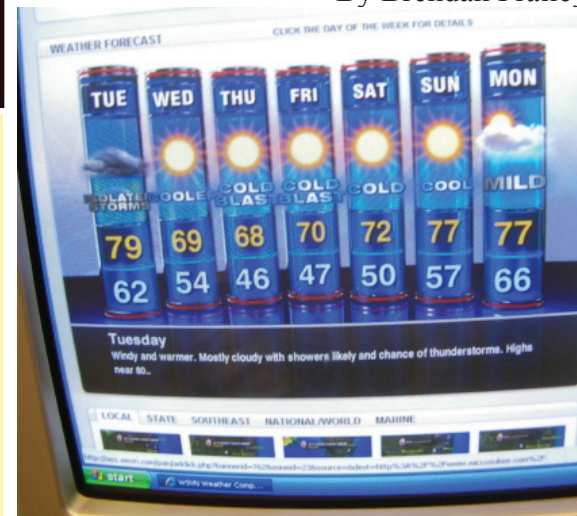
Weather has been so important that at Marathon High, teachers have been getting weather reports from our principal, Mr. Russell. He has been sending them out because many teachers live far from Marathon and he wants them to be aware of the weather as they travel. He also wants the students to be safe during off campus activities and Physical Education (P.E) class.

## Women's History Month

By Danielle Pabon

Women's history was ignored by a lot of people before it became a full month of appreciation. No one really noticed a lot of the things women did that helped to shape the world just as much as men did. There were two major happenings that made them be noticed a lot more than they had been in the past. During the sixties women questioned their invisibility in American texts, especially those which centered on history. The movement raised a lot of opportunities for women and a lot of new female historians also began to be recognized. Women's history month really began in 1978 and was called Women's History Week in Sonoma, California. In 1987 congress expanded it to a month and it was celebrated in March. So to all MHS females - get ready to make your mark - the world is waiting for you. Congratulations MHS teacher, Ms. Janet Meinke for achieving recognition in a math data driven man's world! Good luck to her on her new job next year as the district Director of Assessment and Accountability.

Pictured left: a snapshot of the computer screen of a Channel 7 weather report tells the story. From chilly day time temps to cold dips at night kept us bundled up this past winter. *Photo courtesy of Dolphin Pride staff*



By Brendan Frailey

## DST...Spring Ahead

By Paul Acosta



Daylight Savings Time, also referred to as DST, is an annual event that generally starts in the spring and ends in the fall. DST began as part of standard time in time zones in the U.S. and Canada by the railroads in 1883. It was not established in U.S. law until the Act of March 19, 1918 in order to save daytime hours. This act says that one day during the spring everyone will set their clocks an hour ahead and then one day in the fall, they will set it back an hour to the standard time. This year, DST started on Sunday, March 14th at 2:00 am and it will end on Sunday, November 7th at 2:00 am. Although different areas around the world have DST, they start and end on different days of the year or they might not use DST at all. Not all places in the U.S. observe daylight time. In particular, Hawaii and most of Arizona do not use it. Indiana adopted its use beginning in 2006.

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# March is... Youth Arts Month

## The MHS Band: Voted "Most Spirited"

By Christina Rios

Band, concerts, music-what's not to like? Well, if you agree with me on that one, look forward to a band concert on March 20th. Throughout this unforgettable experience, our band students are assessed on how well they grasp the songs and each song's meaning. Our very own band, directed by Mr. Steven Whitfield, will be performing at the Robert Morgan's School of the Performing Arts. To get ready for these concerts, the band had a Pre-Festival Performance in our very own auditorium on March 1st.

During these concerts, not only are the students expected to play according to notes, but they are also expected to develop skills through the "refinement and performance" of band literature. Students who are willing to take on this very enriching challenge may take concert band, jazz ensemble, and marching band.

When asked, any of these students will tell you that band is much more than just a class where children "play an instrument." Jonathan Rios, who plays the saxophone, and is second chair on the jazz ensemble team, had an opinion on the subject. He firmly believes that "band creates a state of mental, social, and spiritual wellness; band gives kids everywhere a sense of meaning." Marathon High School students should contact Mr. Whitfield immediately for this extraordinary opportunity.



Jazz band students play at the Curriculum Fair and Mr. Whitfield, MHS Band teacher (far right) plays along with the ensemble. Photos courtesy of Dolphin Pride staff.

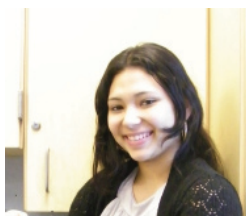
## National Poetry Month

By Sahalie Smythe and Cindy Zaldivar

The definition of poetry states- "The art of rhythmical composition, written or spoken, for exciting pleasure by beautiful, imaginative, or elevated thoughts." What really is poetry? It is a forgotten art. No one expresses themselves through poetry anymore; nowadays it is all abbreviations and text messaging. Poetry is the foundation of music. Lyrics we hear in songs today are a form of poetic literacy. The word lyric came from the Greek term lyre. A lyre is an instrument that was used to accompany Greek lyrics and poems hundreds of years ago.

I feel that many people today are afraid to be themselves and express their emotions or their thoughts through a poetic form. However, there are a few who aren't. My friend Cindy Zaldivar is interested in poetry; so I asked for her opinion on the topic. This was her reply, "Poetry, a forgotten art it is. In these days poetry is only words on a piece of paper without any meaning." She explained to me what poetry is to her. She said, "Poetry is the art of capturing what people see and think. Poetry is the art that expresses emotions through words that make you think, cry, or laugh." Cindy has also been so kind as

to share two poems of her own with us for the month of March. The first a romantic dream and the second to express her feelings of horror after studying the Holocaust.



Cindy Zaldivar, student poetess.  
Photo courtesy of Sahalie Smythe

## MHS Fine / Visual Arts

By Cynthia Garcia

The Art Department of Marathon High School and Marathon Middle School offers many different types of art classes to students. The art program choices include T.V. Production, Drawing & Painting, Digital Design/ Journalism, Creative Photography/ 2D



Pen & Ink Artwork by Chris Falcon

Art, Art History, Commercial Art Technology, and Digital Web Design. We have two art teachers: one for high school, Mrs. Lourdes Dick, and one for the middle school, Mrs. Jan Dorl. Mrs. Dorl also teaches high school students in T.V. Production. At our school, we have morning announcements; they're put on by students in T.V. Production. In Drawing & Painting, three years are offered if students decide to select it as their major. Students participate in art shows and design contests. Digital Design Journalism gives students the opportunity to be writers, editors, and layout artists as well as have their work published. In Journalism, the students write articles for the school newspaper, The Dolphin Pride that is published monthly in the Marathon Weekly. Students who love to take pictures take Creative Photography and study design elements in 2D Art. This class offer students the opportunity to learn how

to take excellent photos. Web Design lets students create different types of web sites and web pages; some students even help with the school website. If you are interested in a career in art, a student should take Commercial Art Technology. You will learn about layouts and design. Art history offers students a new perspective on art from the past.

Here, at Marathon High School and Marathon Middle School, many different art classes are offered to appeal to students. All that is left is for the students to decide which class appeals to them most.

### Prince Charming

My prince charming  
A true gentleman  
The man I love  
The reason why I breathe  
The words that have been  
Spoken by him  
Are like the rhythm of a song  
Sweet words  
Never bad spoken language  
My prince charming  
The only man  
That makes me want to fly  
As high as possible.  
"Habibi" he calls me  
"My love" he repeats  
For I to understand  
A perfect gentleman  
A perfect man  
"Darling" a woman's voice I heard  
"Darling, wake up it's time to go to school."  
As I arose I spoke the sweet words  
"Habibi, my love"  
My prince charming  
I'll see you once again  
Tonight  
When I dream of you again.

### Strength

Not a knock on the door  
I heard.  
Just the brutal voice  
Of men that came in my house.  
Pushing us out of our house  
Like animals, like criminals.  
Not just a day, month, years  
But years we had been treated  
Like the worst.  
As if we didn't belong in this world.  
Separated from my family, I was.  
People that I had known, had been  
Killed just for the fact that they were  
Jewish as I am.  
They thought they could win the war.  
They thought they could bring us down  
But they thought wrong  
Thou it saddens me, how cruel they  
were.  
But my past  
It's not just my nightmare but  
my strength.

Poems by Cindy Zaldivar

# MHS... out and about.

## Dolphin Days

By Michelle Saunders & Jessica Smith



**Our own Dolphin Pride reporters: Lianet, Selene, and Maylin enjoy Boomers fun!**

*Photo courtesy of Annabelle Walker, Yearbook Staff*

On Friday, March 9th, all Juniors and Seniors who turned in their notarized forms and paid their 30 dollar dues were invited to go on the school funded field trip to Boomers. Boomers is an amusement park and arcade that includes attractions such as go-karts, laser tag, miniature golf, as well as *The Hurricane*, the largest and only wooden roller coaster

in Florida. While the 6th through 10th graders take their FCAT exams, the upper classmen who already paid their dues with their several years of school torture and testing, get to sit back and relax and enjoy their day.

## TIED Up At The Zoo! By Chris Falcon

Exciting news from the ESE department, Mr. Steadham's class has been very busy involved in various projects. Last month, the class visited Miami Metro Zoo for science research. The students individually studied a particular research habitat



of their choosing to produce a project using the Zoo as a resource. They were required to write essays and take photographs of the live specimens in the zoo. The students were able to development their writing and analytical abilities. They created documents for future reference for themselves and the class. The student experience was not only enjoyable but it also satisfied their curiosity about the natural living environment. Mr. Steadham hopes that he is able to include more trips of this nature in the future.

*Photo courtesy of MHS ESE teacher, Phillip C. Steadham.*

## March of Dimes

By Danielle Pabon

Do you ever notice those little boxes at the cash register every time you check out at the store? Every year babies are born and every year some have a complication that can change its life.

March of Dimes is a program dedicated to give infants a chance at life by raising money and awareness. March of Dimes was founded by Franklin Roosevelt in 1938 to help fight the disease, Polio. Now, the March of Dimes supports research to help babies with complications and to try and help them survive. The program offers education for new mothers and has seminars and walks to help raise money.

Anyone can help out and the website [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com) has a ton of information on everything you need to know about it. Donating money and signing up for events is a great way to get involved. So, go today and after you shop, drop a few coins into a box labeled March of Dimes. You never know, your dime could save a life!

## Seafood Festival

By Kaite Landry

The Original Marathon Seafood Festival is the second largest event in the Keys with over 20,000 people who attend annually. It is a time to celebrate the fishing heritage of the Middle Keys, along with enjoying some of the best local seafood.

Every year, the Marathon Chapter of Organized Fisherman of Florida (OFF) and the Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce work together in order to produce this event. This year will be the 35th Annual Seafood Festival.

The Festival contains Keys food delicacies including Florida lobster, luscious stone crab claws, large pink shrimp, and smoked fish. There is also a wide variety of conch including conch chowder, conch fritters, and conch salad, along with fresh oysters, clams, and fried local fish. If you're having a bit of a sweet tooth, you can indulge in some homemade key lime pie, cakes, and a variety of ice treats such as smoothies.

Food is not the only attraction at this local festival. There is a nautical flea market that contains 100 vendors, a boat show, as well as arts and crafts booths. Also, scheduled entertainers such as the up and coming country singer, Amber Leigh kept the place lively. Mojito, Island Vibe, and other local musicians also performed for the music lovers seated around the stage.

This year, the Seafood Festival will also take part in supporting our troops by setting up tip jars at all of the food booths. The festival was held on Saturday, March 13th, from 10am to 9pm and on Sunday, March 14th, from 11am to 5pm. There were record crowds in attendance. It was clearly a hit and fun was had by all.



Pictured lower left: Maylin works the ducks for the Zonta duck races booth. Center: Helen Hernandez, Sarah Bradshaw & Maylin Ibarra take a break from their booth. Right: People rest and relax to the sounds of live bands, one of the many attractions at the Seafood Festival. *Photos courtesy of Kaite Landry and the Dolphin Pride staff.*

# DOLPHIN PRIDE *Extra! Extra!*

## MHS Junior Selected For Boys State

Edited by Michelle Saunders, staff reporter



## Culinary Academy News: Dolphin Bistro to Open Soon

By Jessica Smith



Photo courtesy of Michelle Saunders

Every year the American Legion Post in Marathon sponsors a student to attend a conference on leadership. This year, Andrew Paskiewicz, a Marathon High School junior has been awarded the opportunity to attend Boys State this summer. At Boys State, students earn college credit at FSU in a comprehensive one week leadership course covering state and local government. This program was developed to offer students a better view of the operation of the American government. According to the information offered about the program, Florida American Legion Boys State is a "leadership action program where qualified male high school juniors take part in a practical government course." It is designed to develop an awareness of

government and teach students that the government is there for them. Instruction will be presented on the law and Florida political history. Good luck this summer, Andrew and congratulations!

Marathon High School's Culinary Academy will be opening a restaurant here on campus soon. The program has been preparing for its grand opening all year. The restaurant is tentatively set to open around May or June of this year. It will be student run; all the work and cooking required will be done by students enrolled in the Culinary Academy program. The restaurant will be invitation only, but there will also be a fee. All proceeds will go to the culinary program. Other than the invitation only rule, the restaurant will aim to serve everyone, but will rarely be able to serve students (competition with the school cafeteria is not allowed). The menu will consist of whatever the students are currently learning, as it is primarily a student training facility. It will expose them to a situation similar to that in the real life food industry and help to prepare them for jobs in the field later. The real life setting will provide students at MHS with a unique experience preparing them for



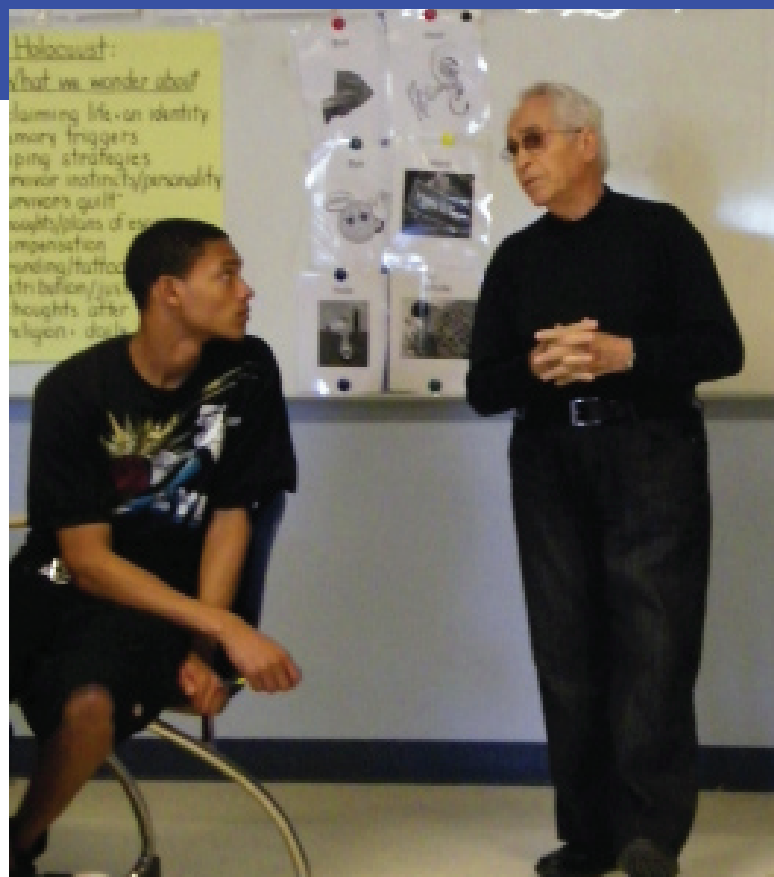
life after school. Students and staff alike anticipate its opening.

Left: Holocaust survivors enjoy luncheon prepared by the Culinary students. Photo courtesy of Irwin Bell/Culinary Academy student.

# Holocaust Survivors Address MHS Students

By Cindy Zaldivar

The ninth grade Culinary Academy had an unusual experience when they were able to listen to eye witness accounts from WWII Holocaust survivors of the hardships they endured in Nazi Germany concentration camps. The tour which was organized by Congresswoman Ileana Ross-Lehtinen made its first stop at MHS before visiting other Keys schools. The Culinary Academy students also hosted a luncheon in honor of the guests that included many Jewish foods on the menu. In one of many sessions, the students were attentive and somber as they listened to "Joe" Sachs and his wife, Marsha relate their experiences. After having read, *Night* by Elie Wiesel, the horrors of that age became more real as this quiet and gentle couple told their stories. This reporter was so moved that a poem entitled, *Strength* (on page 2) was written in their honor in an attempt to capture what these people must have felt.



Far left: Israel "Joe" Sachs speaks to students as his Marsha (center) listens. Pictured above: Armani Hidalgo listens intently as Mr. Israel "Joe" Sachs shares his recollections of this terrible time.

Photos courtesy of Cindy Zaldivar