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JUSTICE IS SERVED

By: Jade Holroyd

Florida Supreme Court Justice visits Marathon High School

Justice came to Marathon on February 22nd, in the form of Justice Peggy Quince, soon-to-be Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. Students from all over the county attended a mock appellate hearing held by the Justice and Annette Pitts, the executive director of the Florida Law Related Education Association. They walked the students, who ranged from twelfth to ninth grade, through an actual case that made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, going over the various aspects of the inner workings of the court systems. Justice Quince gave the students an interactive and enlightening look at what a Supreme Court Justice would be up against when deciding a fairly difficult case.

During the high school portion of Judge Quince's visit, students from Key West, Coral Shores and Marathon had an opportunity to see just how knowledgeable they were on the laws of the land. The students were tested with a mock case involving a complex set of facts. The case was to decide if frisking by a police officer, based on an anonymous call, was an illegal breach of the right to privacy or was legal. Although it seems simple, the case was truly complex, forcing the students to go through various portions of the U.S. Constitution to come up with a ruling that is constitution-

ally sound. When the six groups from different schools came together to vote as to whether the frisking based on an anonymous call was legal, the students voted no and when Justice Quince revealed the actual outcome, the students had judged correctly. Justin Howe, one of the students who participated in the mock case said that "it was a very enlightening experience that gave great insight into the complex world of the Supreme Court."

Middle Schools from across the county also participated in the activities later in the afternoon. The students were broken into groups and played a game based on the game show So You Think You're Smarter Than a Fifth Grader. The purpose of the game, moderated by Justice Quince, was to explore the U.S. Constitution. The students who participated in the game came away from the experience more knowledgeable about our Constitution and the processes of the legal system. Takara Coleman, one of the students participating in the middle school event, said she really enjoyed the activities and would gladly do it all again, emphasizing that "she really liked Justice Quince she was really down to earth she just really likes to talk to people."

Justice Quince is very dedicated to her role as a Justice of the Florida Supreme court. After Justice Quince gradu-



Justice Quince poses with MHS government students and Superintendent Acevedo.

ated she worked for a Virginia law firm, and later practiced general civil law. Justice Quince was also the first Black woman to be appointed to the second district Court of Appeal and she is the first Black female Justice on the Florida Supreme Court. She has worked her way up through the system with a determination worthy of her title, and soon her title will be changed again to Chief Justice Quince, another title she is very deserving of.



Justice Quince helps students prepare for the mock hearing.

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The Fight of Her Life

By: Sarah Bradshaw

Arly Davis, one of MHS's most respected teachers, has returned! She has been out battling breast cancer and has had to go through many chemotherapy treatments.

This will be Ms. Davis's fourteenth year teaching at MMS/MHS. She started as an occasional sub in 1994, quickly became a permanent sub, and then was hired to replace a teacher who literally walked off the job. She has

taught Math, Health and Science. "I think I always wanted to teach (I know I stated my intention in third grade), but may have taken some of the intangible rewards for granted and

now I am experiencing this huge gap of purpose in life that working with students filled (but it is a temporary gap)." Ms. Davis truly enjoys teaching. She says "The rewards are knowing students understand the content material or grasp a tough concept and seeing the light bulbs go on overhead. Or someone actually being excited that they have made sense out of the seemingly senseless and blurt-ing out something without meaning to."

In mid 2007, Ms. Davis was diagnosed with breast cancer. A couple months after the diagnosis, she underwent surgery. And then in October she had many chemotherapy treatments. Now she has to complete an additional forty-six weeks of Herceptin which is being administered weekly.

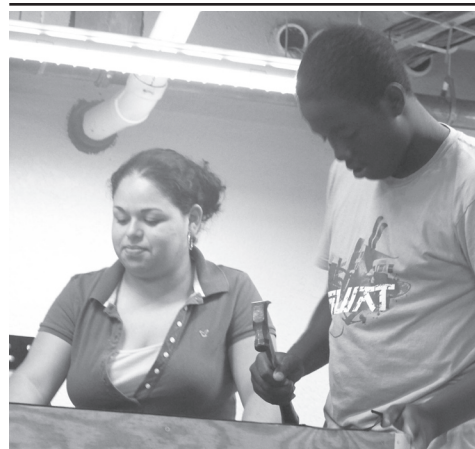
There are many side effects to chemotherapy. Some of the side effects are aching joints, headaches, stomach aches, rashes,

nausea, vomiting, gastro-intestinal distress, chills, profuse sweating, sleeplessness, fatigue, and emotional lows. "The harshest chemicals caused cellular reproduction in five key body areas to totally cease: the brain, the bone marrow, the heart, the entire lining of the digestive system, and most hair follicles so that is why people receiving aggressive treatment for cancer

are usually not healthy enough to continue their daily routine" stated Ms. Davis.

Ms. Davis's body is temporarily weak and tires easily but she is looking forward to becoming physically fit once more. She

could not have gotten through this traumatic experience without the support of her husband, children, and friends. Her battle with cancer has made her "more tolerant and appreciative of people and life in general."



Brenda Marquez assists one of Mr. Naklicki's students in his seventh period construction class. Not only does she translate for non-English speaking students, but she also assists Mr. Naklicki with paperwork, errands, and inventory.

Can You Handle the Test?

By: Annabelle Walker

When you think about who attends school on a regular basis, you think of the students, teachers, aides, and office staff. At all schools, there is one more person that we don't necessarily notice. That one person is the school's SRO, or School Resource Officer. On occasion, you see a law enforcement officer on campus with the dean, or with a few dogs, right?

We actually have an officer on campus most of the time. At Marathon High School, we have Sergeant Glenn Test.

Sergeant Test is not technically Marathon High's SRO, he is just filling in for now. He is really the coordinator of all SRO's in the Keys. The purpose of having an officer in the school at all times is to perform law enforcement duties and handle situations just like they would out in the community.

Not only does the general SRO work on the school campus, but they also work the road patrol and offshore patrolling when school isn't in session. Sergeant Test prefers working offshore on the boats.

Unlike other SRO's, Sergeant Test is not at the same school every day. He travels from school to school, but in his words, "not as

much as I should though." He enjoys working in schools because he believes that "working in schools allows for so much more diversity than in the regular community."

So what type of crime occurs most often on campus? Test thinks that the most common topic of investigation in school is theft. He stated that most crime investigations in school have to do with students stealing other people's property.



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In Translation

By: Cody Stricklin

Brenda Marquez is an inspirational senior at Marathon High School. She has resided in the Keys for nine years now and has attended Marathon High/Middle School for six years. Brenda is involved in Interact Club and also has other skills that she is able to use. She is the translator in Mr. Naklicki's classroom where there are students who are unable to speak English. "Brenda is very dedicated and hardworking. I enjoy having her in the classroom to help out", says Mr. Naklicki. Brenda has many goals she is currently pursuing. She plans to attend Miami Dade

College and get her associate's degree and then she wants to transfer to a University to study criminal justice.

Dr. Sympton, one of the school's counselors comments, "Brenda is a very talented individual. She is quiet and attentive, very efficient and sweet. She is a lot of help to anyone who needs her but especially to Mr. Naklicki." All of Brenda's activities aren't just inside school. She also enjoys hanging out with friends, using the computer, and taking pictures. Obviously Brenda is a big help and very well appreciated.

Here and There

By: *Rusana Rassokhina*

There are many countries all over the world with different cultures, religions and educational systems. When a foreign student comes from another country he or she meets with a lot of questions concerning education and school. In the same situation was I, a junior who came from Ukraine to the United States one year ago. With thoughts that American schools have no big difference from European, I started to attempt Marathon High School and soon understood that I was completely wrong. Beginning with the grading system and ending with the how actual learning process goes, almost everything was different. I was overwhelmed and hoped only for good. During school, I saw many things I admired and was disappointed at the same time.

The Ukrainian Educational System is built on the twelve level system of grading, more precisely, the percentage of the student's right work is graded by the twelve points scale, from one to twelve. We study eighteen subjects per year. The

schedules of classes is different every day, which varies from five to eight classes per day. One of the biggest issues here for me was to see different students in each class. This trouble I had because my whole school life in Ukraine I had classes with the same group of people all the time. In the United States, I was pleasantly surprised with the variety of opportunities and help for students in all areas as well as how willing teachers are to help after school. The diversity of



scholarships that are granted for graduated students is a great opportunity to get some money for future education. All this and many other things make American education more devel-

oped and accessible. Only one thing that really relies on the student is the willing, passion to get knowledge and education. American education system is not perfect, but by having the opportunity to compare it with Ukrainian system, it's definitely better. So let us, as students, value and be grateful for what we've got.



Cartoon by *Jade Holroyd*

Can You Handle the Test?

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He added that most of his work at Marathon High involves our dean of discipline, Mr. Keeney. He also coordinates the drug dog visits, locker searches, and campus searches.

The SRO program is a nationally accepted program. In the Keys, SRO's are present on six schools' campuses: Coral Shores High School, Marathon High School, Plantation Key School, Key Largo

School, Stanley Switlik Elementary and Sugarloaf School. Each officer is a liaison between the Sheriff's office and the schools. You may not realize it, but at any school event, an SRO is present. This is a requirement for a school function. If you would like to know more about School Resource Officers of the Keys you can visit the local law enforcement website, www.keyssso.net.

BATTLE OF THE CLASSES

By: *Jeanette Betancourt*

Get ready because Field Day is coming up soon! This year's Field Day will be held on April 17th. There will be many events this year including some of our traditional events, and some new events. The traditional events consist of tug-o-war, obstacle course, and the pyramid. The new events are the sponge race, musical hula hoops, and the sling shot.

If you're good at catching tennis balls, then you should probably sign up for the sling shot. In this event there will be five people from each class, three shooters and two retrievers. The object of this game is to catch as many tennis balls as you can. The sponge race is another new event included in this year's Field Day. It doesn't really take any certain type of skill, except teamwork. The objective is to fill up a bucket with a gallon of water using a sponge. This is done by passing a sponge over your head, and squeezing the sponge into a bucket. After time is called, the team with the most water in the bucket wins! Last but not least, the musical hula hoop isn't quite what it sounds like. For starters, you don't hula hoop at all, but instead this event is more like musical chairs. You are to walk around the hula hoops until the music stops, and then you sit in the hula hoop closest to you.

For those of you who haven't par-

ticipated in one of Marathon's Field Days, the traditional events are a blast! The pyramid consists of five boys and five girls from each class. The objective is to stack up your peers in pyramid form, and which ever class is the quickest to the top wins! The next event is the obstacle



Middle School students enjoy a tug-of-war in their Field Day held earlier this year.

course. In this event there will be a variety of things that you must do, and which ever class finishes the

obstacle course the fastest wins. Our last and main event of the day is always tug-o-war. This event consists of ten boys and ten girls from each class. Two classes will go at a time, for example, ten students from the Junior class will be on one side of the rope and ten students from the Freshman class will be on the other side of the rope. Whichever class pulls the rope onto their side first wins.

Field day is a good opportunity to have a good time with your peers, and I encourage everyone to participate. Seniors especially should participate because this could be one of the last times you really get to spend with your class before all of you graduate. If you are going to participate don't forget you must wear a class t-shirt, so if you haven't bought one, go see your class sponsor. You may also see your class sponsor about signing up for an event.

The Thousand Point Man

By: Josh Frank

Even though the Marathon Dolphins boys basketball team was losing its last game the crowd was still louder than ever. The plan was to keep feeding the ball to the unaware senior, Blake Friedman. Late in the game, with Marathon trailing behind Palmer, Blake sank a three pointer, which had no dramatic effect on the score, but the crowd exploded. Friedman, confused, jogged to his excited head coach, Kevin Freeman, who explained what was going on. Blake ended his career at MHS with 1,001 points.

Going into the game, Blake, who averaged 26 points a game this season, needed only 12 points to reach 1,000. It seemed that everyone knew what was happening except Blake. "I had heard other people saying that I was close, but I had no idea that I was this close," he says. He sat on ten points for a while, keeping the crowd on the edge of their seats until, finally it happened. Blake Friedman became the third person in MHS history to score over 1,000

points in a career. "It would have been better if we won, but I was still excited," explained Blake.

"(Blake) is the type of guy you want on your team," said head basketball coach Kevin Freeman, "he gives 110% every time he steps on the court, whether in practice or the game." Freeman has been Blake's coach for his entire high school career. After hearing of his accomplishment, the first thing Blake did after the game was thank his teammates. "If that doesn't tell you what kind of teammate he is, then I don't know what does," says Freeman.

After graduating, Blake intends to attend Oxford Junior College in Georgia. Oxford feeds its star players to Emory University in Atlanta. "I knew I couldn't rely on my height to take me to college, so I had to be strong in other areas," said Blake. He also says that the thing that motivates him on the court is playing at the next level. "I love basketball and it's what I want to do for as long as I can," he explained.



All That Jazz

By: Justin Howe

"Great energy on the last song," critiqued Jeff Phillips, judge at the Naples Jazz Festival. On February 15th, Band Director Steven Whitfield took the members of the Marathon Jazz Combo to Naples, Florida, where they performed at the band shell in Cambier Park. In front of a crowd of people, as well as the panel of judges, they performed a selection of Latin and jazz arrangements to a round of fanfare. The combo's current members are Thomas Bowersox, Justin Howe, Hunter Nickless, Tara Wingate, Jordan Miller, Alisha Anisko all of whom performed at the festival. Junior Jon Sullivan even won the award for Best Soloist, besting many talented students from around the state. They also heard other high schools' jazz ensembles, and a performance by several big name jazz artists, including the University of Central Florida Jazz Ensemble and the judges themselves. After per-

forming, the members also got to experience the city of Naples, as well as the nearby Naples Auto Show, beaches and cuisine. Mr. Whitfield even commented "I enjoyed the festival and thought it was a great educational experience for my students and myself. Not only did they directly benefit from the master class that they received from the clinician and from listening to many great performances, but also the bonding experience of taking a trip with fellow band members is highly beneficial." Currently in its second year of existence, the Marathon Jazz Combo has already played at many community events around town, and even opened for the Paradise Big Band. Mr. Whitfield has expressed hope that this and other events will develop and grow the young program. "I hope that we grow, play great music and continue to travel and experience music outside the Keys."

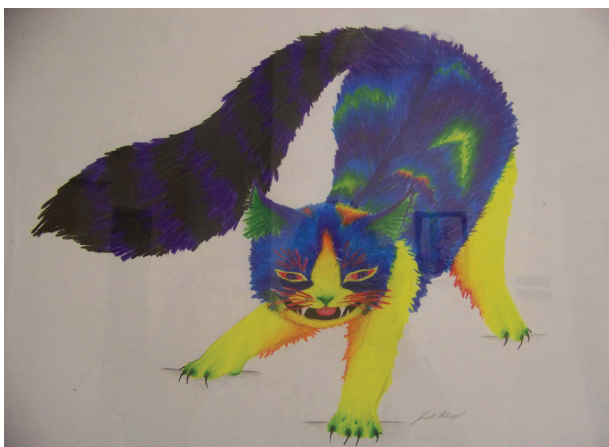


Mr. Stephen Whitfield, band director, conducts Jordan Miller on piano, Tara Wingate on bass guitar, Hunter Nickless on lead guitar, and Thomas Bowersox on drums.

The Many Colors of Jade

The creative juices are flowing in Mrs. Dick's art classroom and senior Jade Holroyd is one of the most prolific students in the room. Jade began to discover art at a young age where her mother constantly found her "doodling" on everything. Now, many years later, she is a talented art student and has taken commercial art for three years, drawing and painting for two years, 2-D art, and digital design. But being the modest girl that she is, Jade says she doesn't really think of herself as a talented artist. However, the art teacher, Mrs. Dick, thinks she has a natural talent. She has lots of determination with her works of art and she says sometimes it takes her months to finish just one project. This is because she really puts the time and effort into all of her works. Jade does her art from her emotions and feelings. She says,

"I go with what I feel like for the day," and her emotions along with the emotions of the people



Cheshire Cat by Jade Holroyd
(colored pencil on paper)

By: Kelsey Wonderlin

around her are what she is inspired by. Jade's style is whatever she feels at the moment, but her work is usually in a realistic state. She takes pride in her art and she enjoys it. Jade takes her time to make sure everything is exactly how she wants it to be.

Although there is no specific artist that inspires her, Jade's favorite artist is Vincent van Gogh. Jade especially admires his "Starry Night" work because it is "composed of tiny brush strokes using an ingenious form of informal balance." Jade hopes to become a teacher someday, specifically high school, and may end up teaching art. So be on the lookout for her! But as for now, you can view Jade's favorite work that she has done, a tie-dye-looking Cheshire cat, in the school's front office along with many other works hanging there.