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Teaming up for a Cure

By Ruby Bielik

The mantra that just one person can make a difference is a genuinely true one. The legendary fundraiser, Relay for Life, began with the dedication of just one man. In the 1980's, a colorectal surgeon named Dr. Gordy Klatt aspired to help raise money for his chapter of the American Cancer Society (ACS). He devoted himself to a grueling 24-hour marathon run, charging friends, family and onlookers to watch or run with him. In one night, that single man raised \$27,000 for a cause he truly believed in. A few months later, he collaborated with

his community and the 24-hour event, named Relay for Life, was born.

The Relay for Life has gained tremendous support over the years, and participation has spread across the nation. Marathon High School has been a host for the Relay for Life for years, and the tradition will continue on April 13, 2007. This year's team captains are Chelsea Steinmetz and Stephen Pape, helping the community raise funds for the ACS. The Relay for Life is an emotionally charged event; many of its strongest sup-

porters have seen the devastating effects of cancer firsthand. Captain Chelsea Steinmetz, in regards to her motivation said, "My grandmother died of cancer, and I really want to do whatever I can to help find a cure." In the upcoming months, the teams will sponsor fundraisers such as volunteer car-washes at Orion Bank to raise money before the Relay begins. If you are interested in contributing to finding a cure for cancer, please make sure you contact one of the team captains.



What are your Plans for Spring Break?

By Brianna Packer



For students at Marathon High already living in paradise, finding something to do for Spring Break can be difficult. When students and staff finally get a break from school, they find themselves wondering how to take a break from reality. The Dolphin Pride wants to know: what are your plans for Spring Break? To get an idea, I interviewed a few students at Marathon High.

Sophomore Marion Armbruster says, "this Spring Break, I'm going to do my best of sleeping in, hogging the TV and the computer, playing with my friends at the marina, chase and capture a couple of lizards, and go to the library to get more books by Anne McCaffrey. I

enjoy reading books about adventures and dragons."

Junior Sean O'Connor plans to "do well in my baseball tournament. Also I would like to go to Key West with my friends and pick up some girls, or maybe have the girls pick me up."

Junior Tara Wingate hopes to "go to Key West and Marathon, and go to a few rock concerts. Also I'll be celebrating Alisha's birthday during Spring Break, and I'll hang out with my friends."

Freshman Kyle Crouch says, "I plan to sit at my house on my couch made out of a car seat; I live 18 miles away so I hope to explore Marathon and the various shops. I

also plan to go to Orlando and visit some relatives, and maybe go to Disney World again."

Senior Steven Perry says, "I am going to Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas with my family to chill, for sure. I hope to go diving and catch some fish. When I get back, I plan on partying, that's it."

Because these students live in paradise already, some can stay home and still have a fun, relaxing Spring Break, while others can go on vacation to distant foreign places. No matter what you prefer to do on your break, don't let it go to waste, and have fun!

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The Backbone of the Office

By Steven Perry

Whenever anyone walks into the office they always see a smiling woman at her desk asking, "may I help you?" That lady is none other than Mrs. Baker, Marathon High's office manager. Mrs. Baker moved to Marathon four years ago with her husband. She started working with the Monroe County school system three years ago at Stanley Switlik Elementary. Mrs. Baker came over to MHS and took the data entry job. She just recently transferred to office manager. When asked what position she liked the most she said, "I don't really have a favorite, they are both very interesting."

Office manager is a pretty stressful position at the school. Mrs. Baker has to make sure that everything runs smoothly and that there are no flaws. Mrs. Baker has to arrive at school at six o'clock in the morning to open

the office and get things started. Some of her many tasks include finding substitutes to cover classes if any teachers are out, taking care of the needs of the principal and vice principals, ordering supplies for the classrooms, writing reports, sorting the mail, and so much more.



Without Mrs. Baker the office would be in chaos. She is the backbone that keeps the office standing up straight and running

smoothly. Mrs. Baker is a very hard worker and enjoys her job. So next time you stop by the office, take the time to thank her for all she does.

Paging Dr. Hernandez

By Lyia Stuart

Some people don't know what they want to be when they grow up. Some have no clue about how they are going to pursue that career or where to start. Luckily for the few students wanting to pursue a health career, they have the chance to go out in that field and job shadow and still get credit for the class. One of the lucky few is junior Gabbie Hernandez.

Gabbie will finish taking her last Health Careers class this year, so next year she will have all the time to plan for college. Gabbie plans to go to FSU and major in Biology in hopes of becoming a pediatrician. Even though her head is clearly in the books, when she does have free time, Gabbie likes to spend it with her friends and boyfriend.

With her busy schedule of school, college planning, work, and friends, it's amazing how she finds the time to enjoy her favorite hobby, shopping. Gabbie said, "shopping is a good way to keep my mind off everything." Her favorite place to shop is Hollister. If you do find

Gabbie taking a break from her hectic schedule, make sure you ask her about what she has done at Fishermans hospital.

At the hospital, the Health Careers class rotates around to explore different fields of health careers. So far Gabbie has seen what it is like to be in Radiology, Respiratory, the ER, the OR, and the list goes on. Her favorite career to job shadow is the operating room.



Gabbie deserves praise for her fast pace life and a great job in keeping it up. Who knows what she will be capable of next year when she is a senior. She already has a first hand look of the health field and plans to carry out her dreams of one day having her own pediatric practice.

THEY MAY NOT BE SUPERHEROES...

By J.R. Schairer

They may not be superheroes, but they are saving the world, one community at a time. Behind their passionate leader Suzie Greenman, Interact Club is fighting to make this town of ours a better place.

Interact is a community based organization made up of entirely high school students. They are sponsored by the Rotary Club, whose morals and standards they more than live up to. "The main goal of Interact is to provide helping hands in the community where needed, and to give students an opportunity to live up their potential and have a chance to give back," says Ms. Greenman.

It has certainly lived up to that quote, as Interact has been seen helping the community across the board. From cleaning up the park to stuffing playbills at the theater, this club has done it all.

Hands down, the club's participation in the Haunted Hammock at Crane Point Hammock has been every member's most memorable

experience. Students got to help out a good cause while at the same time "scaring the crap out of kids." "Haunted hammock was the best by far. I liked scaring the kids! Everyone in the club came together to make it work, and it did just that," says senior Arielle Taylor. It was a smashing success with many Crane Point staff and victims- err, customers- saying it was the scariest yet.

What makes Interact such a successful organization? It's the tight bond between members. Every person, officer or not, has their own role to play. "My unofficial role as a member of Interact is to keep our members motivated and the air light in our meetings," remarks Stephen Joseph.

Others, like Steven Perry and Zak Badaway, are known as the club clowns. Others still, such as Gaby Brossard, prefer to let their work do the talking and show others their commitment. Courtney Rudacille does

whatever she can to keep Suzie "intact" by taking some of the pressure off her and keeping things organized.

The inner workings of Interact allow for every member to contribute in their own unique way. In short, Interact is paving the way for young adults to contribute to this crazy world we live in. If interested in being a member of Interact, contact Suzie Greenman at (305) 743-7293 or at ouzieq123@aol.com.



Suzie Greenman, leader and organizer of the Interact Club.

WHAT'S IN YOUR TURKEY SURPRISE ?

By: Josh Frank

After sitting in class for five hours, cramming our brains with information, the lunch bell begins to sound like the trumpets of St. Peter opening the gates to the lunchroom. Rushing to the lunch room we are quickly brought back to reality. The food this year is far from heavenly.

With the new school being built, many sacrifices have been made to help get through the construction. One of these is moving the cafeteria to the old gymnasium. Everyday the food the students eat is brought over in vans from the elementary school, where it is prepared. Last year the school lunch was improved by switching to Chartwells, a school dining service. As a result of this, the lunch price increased from \$2.00 to \$2.25 for the regular lunch. The students had a larger variety of tastier and healthier foods. Not many students complained about the price increase because they felt it was well worth the extra quarter. This year the school is no longer involved in Chartwells

and we are still paying \$2.25 for the same food that we had two years ago. Some students pay as much as \$5.00 a day to buy extra treats like cookies and ice cream. Junior Andrew Vassil says, "I usually get two lunches so that's about \$4.00, which is way overpriced for something that is terrible quality." Two years ago, the food was made at the high school and usually there was enough to feed the whole school. This year the food is going through extra handling in the transportation process and often students in third lunch have to settle for a salad because of the shortage of food. So why are we still being charged \$2.25? When asked how much he pays for school lunch, Alex Wolfe replies with, "\$2.00 to \$4.00. It is not worth the price at all." Buying cookies for a dollar, drinks for an extra \$2.00, and ice cream bars for \$1.50, some students are paying more at school than they would at Subway.

Other than the price of food, students also have another

thing to worry about. Every day, detentions and referrals are issued to underclassmen trying to leave campus. The faculty has even threatened to take away the privilege of next year's seniors if the problem doesn't stop. However, the students would rather face the consequences than eat school lunch. While the lunch outside of school is more expensive, junior Denny Valladares says, "having a full stomach is worth the extra few bucks." Rather than continue threatening us, why not change the rule? At least until we can eat real food in the new cafeteria.

Students aren't the only



ones complaining about the school lunch. A few teachers

also had a lot to say about the topic. When it comes to nutrition, Lance Martin says, "I do not think the lunch is enough of or good enough quality for the students, especially the ones in which this is their only meal of the day because of their finances." In fact, out of twenty teachers who responded to an informal survey, only three of them think that the school lunch is sufficient in nutrients. Three out of twenty has got to tell you something. Also most of the teachers don't even eat the food. Some teachers consider it too far of a walk to the lunch room, but maybe the teachers would make the extra effort if, according to Andrew Vassil, the hamburgers they served didn't look "like pieces of road-kill." Why do people expect the students, the ones who need the most nutrients, to eat school lunch when teachers won't even eat it themselves? It just doesn't seem to make sense.

Put Me In, Coach

By J.P. McCabe

"Play ball!" are the words the Marathon High School baseball team heard at the start of the season opening tournament in Key West on February 9. The Dolphins faced two teams and were defeated by both. The bus ride home was not the best one, but the team remained positive. They could have won and next time they would.

This reporter is the first baseman for the Dolphins and has a bird's eye view of everything that happens. We are scheduled to play sixteen games, two of which are against our toughest competitors: Key West. Our team is coming back from a 5-18 record last year and it's ready to redeem itself. Coach Luis Leal says that last year we were not disciplined enough and that this year it is going to change.

Recently on Feb 22nd we played our

first actual season game and so far we have been victorious. In order to make money for uniforms, the baseball team held their annual alumni game on Feb. 3rd. We raised close to \$2000 during this event thanks to the support of our community.

At the moment, we have eleven players on the team, which is just enough to play. I recently had a chance to interview one of our youngest pitchers, Toby Eigner, and he said "I think we can go somewhere this year because all our players are experienced due to our age last year".

Toby is our most consistent pitcher along with Thomas Ryan, George Hoffman and Blaine Connell. I believe the team is hoping to come out of this year with a winning season, because next year will be our real time to shine!



The baseball team poses in new uniforms bought with a donation from the Organized Fishermen of Florida. From left to right, bottom to top: Sean O'Connor, Blaine Connell, Jake Sjursen, Daniel Perry, Toby Eigner, Asst. Coach Jason Gray, J.P. McCabe, Mike Kuck, Thomas Ryan, George Hoffman, Nick Bertiaux, Chris Garrett, Jay Hegland, and Head Coach Luis Leal.



Stephen Joseph and Ricky Boza (top left) of Mr. Naklicki's 5th period construction class work on building a house. Meanwhile, Tevis Thompson and Willie Dominick (bottom left) are putting the roof on a greenhouse. These projects take more than hammers and nails, they also require math skills, communication, and teamwork.



(above) Cadet Corporal Jenifer Burns, a sophomore at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY addressed various social studies classes, courtesy of Ms. Lynne, the MHS College and Career Counselor.



Assistant State attorney Patrick McCullah (above) and criminal defense attorney Hal Schuhmaker (left) visit Mrs. Loggie's Law Studies classes to talk about criminal law and their roles in it. They answered students' questions about the Miranda rights, search and seizure, etc.

What's Happening at MHS



(above) Tara Wingate and Jade Holroyd set up their bridge for the Algebra II bridge-building contest. At the end of the day Ms. Russell had no voice and all that remained of the bridges was a garbage can full of broken balsa sticks, but everyone had a good time. "I'm really proud of them," Ms. Russell said. "There were some great bridges and it was a great competition."

*HAVE A SAFE AND FUN
SPRING BREAK!*



(left) The winners of Ms. Russell's bridge breaking competition, from left to right: Shannon Aument (third place), Anthony D'Ascanio (first place) and Cory Fulcher (second place).



(left) Students from Ms. Russell's 4th period Geometry class present their to-scale models of their own bedrooms. Ms. Russell says of the assignment: "The projects turned out very well this year. This is a great opportunity for students to get very creative with their projects, while still demonstrating their skills in ratio and proportion, measurement, conversion, scale modeling and many other aspects of geometry."