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DISASTER IN JAPAN

by Rebekkah Raymond

On March 11, 2011, Japan was devastated by a natural disaster. First, the country was hit by an 8.9 earthquake, one of the largest and most severe ever recorded. Within hours, when it seemed like the situation couldn't get any more disastrous, Japan faced a tsunami. A tsunami is a series of immense sea waves (caused by an earthquake in this instance).

Prime Minister Naoto Kan called this disaster the biggest crisis to hit Japan since WWII. In addition to causing vast destruction of houses and businesses--and immense loss of life--the earthquake and tsunami also disrupted some of Japan's nuclear power plants. The two plants most affected are the ones at Fukushima Prefecture, run by the Tokyo Electric Power Company. Because of the damage, the

fuel rods in the nuclear reactors are overheating, which could cause a meltdown. If the reactors overheat too much, it's possible that the walls of the reactor will break down, releasing dangerous radiation. Technicians have been working feverishly to devise ways of keeping the cooling pools filled with water and to re-establish electrical service to run the pumps.

It is undetermined how many people are missing, but sadly, the death toll is expected to exceed 10,000. Those who would like to help can go to www.redcross.org to donate to the Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami. People can also text REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation to help the people affected by the earthquake and tsunami in the Pacific.

SPANISH CLUB VISITS COSTA RICA

by Sydney Crogan

"Visiting Costa Rica felt like being in a movie," said Christine Parrilli, a junior. Much like the production of a movie, the trip took many months to plan and lots of effort to finance. Affording the trip was no easy task; the club spent great amounts of time raising funds through car washes, bake sales, and a raffle for a Winslow sports quilt. Parrilli and crew departed early Thursday morning, heading to Boston to catch their 2.5-hour flight to Atlanta, Georgia.



From Atlanta they enjoyed a 3.5-hour flight to San José. Once they safely landed in San Jose, their adventure officially began. The club spent nine memorable days in the tropical paradise. The students and their chaperone, Mr. Oliphant, participated in everything from ziplining to visiting a local elementary school. Other activities included planting trees, talking with the locals, and touring an active volcano. The students not only got a chance to tour the countryside and learn about local culture, but they also had an opportunity to practice their Spanish with native speakers.

GETTING TO KNOW



MR. LONGYEAR

by **Conner Bourgojn**

Mr. Longyear has been a very important part of Winslow High School over the last decade. Teaching at WHS since 2001, Mr. Longyear has strengthened hundreds of students' writing skills with his daily writing prompts and numerous essay assignments.

Even though Mr. Longyear makes a great student-teacher connection through his class with stories and jokes, some students may not know some interesting facts about him. For instance, he grew up in Portland, Maine. His favorite hobbies are raising his kids, remodeling his house, fly tying, and playing disc-golf. Before his children were born, Mr. Longyear was a long-time drama director at Winslow. Currently, he has the responsibilities of being on the Faculty Leadership Team and being the English department head. His favorite "faculty member" memory was forged when he played at a W.H.S. talent show in a band with Mr. Lachapelle, Mr. Goldsmith, and Mr. Oliphant. Last but not least, his favorite cafeteria food is taco salad. His life motto is "See how I can make an impact, and follow through with that."

TRACK AND FIELD

by **Tim Martin**

This year, the outdoor track team is filled with talent. The first practices began in late March with Coach Carey, Coach Bertolaccini, and a new throwing assistant, Coach Bolduc. Their new policies, as well as new training strategies and plans, are going to whip the team into shape and make this a fun, competitive, and work-filled season. The coaches recently decided to choose a captain for each section and event on the team, ensuring that each athlete will get proper training and experience. Some people say that students only do track because it's an easy sport. Let's have the few making that



assertion come to a couple of practices and see if they are still of that mindset afterwards! It has only been a week, and the track team members are already in pain because of the workouts they've been doing. With the P90X training video, core workouts, and other strengthening exercises, there shouldn't be anyone walking out of practice feeling as if they haven't been challenged. Pushing themselves to have a good workout will pay off in the long run, helping not only the individual but also the track team get in better shape. If everyone continues the hard work, Winslow will definitely have a very strong showing.

ROUGH START FOR THE SOX

by **Steph Pleau**



The Boston Red Sox got off to a frustrating start this year as shown by their 2-8 record after the first ten games. At press time, however, they've managed to improve to a 10-11 mark. First basemen Adrian Gonzalez is new to the team. As a member of the Padres last year, he was named to the All-Star Team. He also won his fourth team MVP award, and he recorded his fourth consecutive 30-homerun season. Carl Crawford, left fielder, is also new to the team. As a member of the Rays he was named team MVP three times by the Tampa Bay Chapter of the BBWAA. Twice he received the Paul C. Smith Award for true professionalism on and off the field. Just after the season started, Crawford moved to the second spot in the batting line-up. He had batted third during the first two games, but manager Terry Francona felt a change was needed after Crawford went 0-7. The current Sox line-up could be intimidating to other teams, especially with two of the fastest players in the Major Leagues--Jacoby Ellsbury and Carl Crawford--hitting back-to-back. Even though Crawford does hit better in the second slot, he does not get too worked up about batting order. Manager Francona says the biggest issue during the first few games is that the new guys were just trying too hard and needed to get used to their new team. After all, the season was just starting. The Sox have good depth in their pitchers, and the team will surely come around.



MOVIE REVIEW: GROWN UPS

by John Rehm

Grown Ups was released in the theaters on June 25th, 2010. Adam Sandler wrote and starred in the film, which is about a group of five men who were best friends in a small town when they were children. As youngsters, they admired their basketball coach, Coach Buzzer. At one point Coach Buzzer dies, bringing the five men and their families back together for the funeral. Lenny (Adam Sandler) is a millionaire casting agent for the biggest movies in Hollywood. He has three kids and a fashion

designer wife, played by Salma Hayek. Eric (Kevin James) has two kids and an out-of-work wife. Eric tries extremely hard to come across as wealthy, but he needs to realize that true friends do not care about money. Kurt (Chris Rock), a father who has another child on the way, has lost his sense of authority and is now the caretaker of the home. Marcus (David Spade) is an immature man who has yet to quit drinking and settle down. Rob (Rob Schneider) has become an organic nut who is married to a woman twice his age. He has three daughters with whom he has lost contact.

Grown Ups is hilarious, yet it is also emotionally touching. The movie illustrates the hardships of each family but puts a humorous spin on their situations. *Grown Ups* is a fantastic movie that will satisfy audiences and give viewers a few laughs. The child actors in the movie do a stupendous job of exhibiting emotion, as well as displaying pure joy throughout the happy scenes. Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock, David Spade, and Rob Schneider are all world-renowned career actors, and this star-studded cast does not disappoint.

GETTING TO KNOW



MORGAN CLARK

by Mariah Chenard

Age: 16

Grade: Sophomore

Most embarrassing moment this year: Falling in the hallway in front of all the upperclassmen

Favorite teacher: Mr. Andresen

Hobbies: Sports and hanging out with friends

Most memorable moment this year: Winter Carnival

Favorite sport: Basketball

Best friend(s): Allison LeClair and Megan Richards

Favorite season: Spring

What are you looking forward to next year? Prom



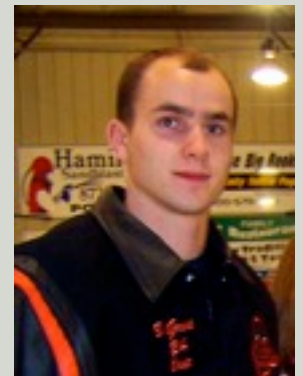
Watch for the spring play coming up next month on May 19-21!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

by Jillian Grant

A few years ago Ben Grant headed into the last couple of weeks of high school trying to make up his mind about what he was going to do after his class graduated. Accepted to Husson University and having decided to work towards earning a business degree, Ben also had further plans. After graduating from Husson, he wanted to start his own business or take over his father's business. As years

went by, everything Ben had planned changed. He stumbled onto the common problem that many first-year college students experience: He picked the wrong major. After exploring a little, Ben was surprised to find that he was interested in criminal justice. His family gave him the encouragement to know that it was the right move for him. Now, Ben is attending Thomas College and is more than halfway done. His advice to up-and-coming seniors is to invest time into considering their chosen majors before they latch on to their first ideas and think everything is going to be easy. Ben's new plans for life are to graduate Thomas and go to the police academy to become a sheriff.



WINSLOW MATHLETES TAKE OVER PORTLAND!

by Christine Parrilli

On April 5th, the Winslow math team students had a big day ahead of them. Leaving at 7:15 a.m., the students grabbed some Big G's food and drove to Portland's Cumberland Civic Center, where the state meet was held. Over 1,000 mathletes were at the meet. There were about twenty schools in each class (A, B, C, and D). Winslow placed 14th (out of twenty-six teams) in Class B and scored more points than most teams in other classes. Hannah Perry, Abby Roy, Marisa Weed, Brittany White, Sarah Fowler, Scott Gilbert,

Katie Smith, Karlee Price, Lauren Schassberger, and Monique Quirion represented Winslow High School with great class. Mrs. St. Onge and Ms.



Williams coached the ten students and were very proud of them. At the meet there were six individual rounds, two relays, and two team

rounds. The team got back to Winslow around 4:30 p.m. All in all, the team members were very happy with their results and proved what a great math program we have at Winslow.

REVIEWING RIVALS

by Mariah Barnett and Sara Poirier

McDonald's and Dunkin' Donuts are both ranked in the top ten among America's franchises. McDonald's new "Frappé" opens the franchise up to more people, increasing variety with café-style business. We decided to review their iced coffee and hot chocolate.



Mariah discovered that McDonald's regular iced coffee had 200 calories while the regular iced coffee at Dunkin' Donuts had 260 calories. It may be that the Dunkin' Donuts iced coffee is stronger, so it requires more cream and sugar to sweeten it. McDonald's iced coffee is more flavorful and has fewer calories; therefore, Mariah found it to be the better choice for iced coffee.

Sara found McDonald's hot chocolate unappealing. The hot chocolate was watery, and it was not as hot as the Dunkin' Donuts version. Dunkin' Donuts hot chocolate had a richer taste, but the temperature could burn. In the end, the few extra minutes waiting for the hot chocolate to cool down at Dunkin' Donuts was worth it.



Overall, we reviewers disagree on which place provides better drinks. Ultimately, it comes down to your own personal preference in terms of which drinks you choose.

TENNIS

by Allison Woodside



As they await the warm spring weather and fresh air, the girls' and boys' tennis teams have been conditioning and practicing their fundamentals in the gym. The girls have five difficult spots to fill in their varsity line-up, and the boys have three. The girls are coached by Linda McCann, and the boys are coached by David Deas, both of whom have been coaching since tennis became a varsity sport at Winslow High School. The coaches have great enthusiasm for tennis, as they both play frequently. The captains this year are Michael McCann and Jessica McCaslin. The teams had three scrimmages before the regular season began to unfold on April 25th. Many new athletes have joined both teams, and it is looking to be a promising and positive season. Since it is still the newest varsity sport, tennis has flown under the radar. Therefore, the teams are really coming together, hoping to make a statement this year.



WINSLOW BASEBALL.

by Mackenzie Michaud

Coming back from a great season, the Raiders have yet another challenge to overcome. After more than a decade of coaching Winslow baseball teams, Robin Weed resigned last year, and a new coaching duo, Rusty Mercier and Steve Mayo, stepped up to the plate. They had a wonderful season, with a record of 12-6, and made a good playoff run that was ended by the state championship team, Waterville High School. Three of the team's six losses came at the hands of the Panthers. Earlier this year Mercier and Mayo both transferred to Fairfield and left the Raiders without a coach again. Kyle Gunzinger, the previous JV coach, climbed up another rung on the ladder and is now the varsity coach. Coach Gunzinger has high expectations. He wants his players to hit, field, and win. "Either swing the bat like you mean it, or put the bat down and take a seat," is Gunzinger's aphorism for the 2011 baseball season. Aaron Wolfe will be the assistant coach this year. This gives the baseball team a whole new coaching staff for the third time in three years. The captains this year are Kris Smith, Zach Carey, and John McCabe. Coming into the season on a positive note, the players are looking to rack up some wins and make a robust playoff run.

SPRING CATCH

by Mike Poulin

April 1st is a big day for many outdoorsmen in Maine, as it marks the first day of open-water fishing. Some will head to their favorite lakes or ponds on opening day, but the majority will set out to fish trout-producing streams and brooks.



Trout are more commonly found in these running streams and brooks because of the cold water--cold, that is, in comparison to lake and pond water. For lake and pond fishermen, trout fishing is not much of an option in Central Maine, and brooks and streams

are host to many spring yearlings, making the hunt for legal-sized brookies an exciting and potentially rewarding trip. As for what to use to catch trout and other fish early in the season . . . keep it simple. If the water is dirty or cloudy, something shiny will do, and make sure to use small lures with little action to them in the water. Where to fish, specifically, is fish talk taboo, and the only way to find good spots is to get out there and wet a line. Good luck!

PREPARING FOR THE SEASON

by Stephanie Brawn

Softball began on March 28th this year, and after tryouts, the coaches found themselves with only sixteen players. In light of this, they announced that there would only be one varsity team, but JV games would still be scheduled. Regardless of the numbers, the team is excited about where the season could go.

The team has made a lot of changes this year, including uniforms. The athletes will be wearing white uniforms with pants and visors instead of the black uniforms with tank tops and shorts from last year. They also started new workout programs for arm strengthening during practices.

The girls are outside now, which enhances their practices. They had a round robin scrimmage with Messalonskee, Cony, and South Portland, and they ended up winning two of three games.

This year should be a good year for the Lady Raiders. They have a lot of speed and several solid hitters in the lineup. The girls won their season opener 5-1 against the Waterville Panthers on April 22nd. Mariah Chenard believes "the team will be really close this year, and if everyone works to their potential, we should go far."



MUSIC: ZZ TOP & LYNYRD SKYNYRD

by Seth Cater

ZZ Top and Lynyrd Skynyrd are making another comeback! They are touring together and making a stop at the Bangor Waterfront Park. Lynyrd Skynyrd has been making music and playing gigs for about fifty years. They formed back in 1964 in Jacksonville, Florida. Songs like "Free Bird," "Sweet Home Alabama," and "Simple Man" will always be remembered in rock 'n' roll history. And who could forget ZZ Top, with songs such as "Sharp Dressed Man," "Gimme All



Your Lovin'," and "La Grange." ZZ Top has also been touring for about fifty years and is still impressing music fans everywhere! Both bands have lost old members and gained new ones. They will be playing at the Waterfront on May 19th and will then be moving on to New York City to blow the socks off the folks in Times Square!