

PROJECT INTERACT RAISES MONEY FOR JAPAN



courtesy of NANCY REILLY



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On Thursday, April 28, Ridgewood High School's Project Interact hosted a Spaghetti Supper for Japan to help the victims of the earthquake, which devastated the country in March.

The dinner raised a total of 1,900 dollars for the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund. The money was processed and forwarded to the Japan Society.

The Spaghetti Dinner would not have been

possible without the planning of Project Interact.

The club's Student President, Ashley Fine, remarked, "Project Interact, fulfilling its motto of 'service above self,' dedicated a great deal of time and effort to put together the Spaghetti dinner in an effort to raise money for the Japan Earthquake Relief Fund."

Project Interact members took a leading role in planning, creating posters to advertise the event, greeting dinner guests, and serving food.

Ridgewood AM Rotary

provided food and paper goods. Pomptonian, the company in charge of the school lunches, supplied meatballs. The Japanese Parent Association contributed bread, and Stop and Shop made a monetary donation.

The event was a smashing success. Ridgewood students from all grade levels came to enjoy supper with their families and friends. The French foreign exchange students came to enjoy an American-style meal with their hosts.

RHS staff members, in-

cluding Principal John Lorenz and John Domville, came to eat and to encourage school spirit. Domville exclaimed, "It was a wonderful idea that was well-executed and well-attended. My wife and I enjoyed ourselves, and it is always nice to break bread with your students and to get to know them in an extracurricular setting."

The RHS baseball and softball teams stopped by to relax after their practices. Many members of the Ridgewood AM Rotary also came for the food and fun.

Fine noted, "Students, parents, and teachers came together to support a cause larger than themselves. It would not have been successful without the support and undying spirit of the Ridgewood community."

Reilly was pleased with the outcome and said, "the event had a nice feel of community helping community."

Due to the overwhelming success and popularity, Project Interact hopes to make the Spaghetti Supper an annual event.

RHS BACK WOODS BRINGING STUDENTS "BACK TO RIDGEWOOD"

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The Ridgewood High School Home and School Association, Administration and the Ridgewood Guild have been collaborating in a new project called RHS Back Woods, an effort to provide a place for students to go to on Friday and Saturday nights after a game or an activity.

The goal is to bring Ridgewood students "Back to Ridgewood" or "Back Woods" after 9:30 pm, rather than in a basement or at a party engaging in unsafe activities.

With Back Woods, Ridgewood students will have a safe and fun place to go to eat a meal, socialize with friends, and just relax.

Back Woods hopes to keep Ridgewood restaurants open until 11:00 pm or later each Friday and Saturday during the school year. It will also encourage restaurants to develop a healthy and affordable menu for students. Participating venues include The Daily Treat, It's Greek to Me, Tito's Burritos, Ridgewood Coffee Company, Piza Fusion, The Best of Everything, Ben and Jerry's, and Carousel Cupcakes.

The Back Woods program was officially launched on Saturday, May 20 with a Band Slam at Van Neste Park. Admission was five dollars, and audience members enjoyed performances by high school bands and solo musicians. After the Slam, Ridgewood restaurants participated in a pilot for the program.

Funding has been made possible by The Ridgewood Municipal Alliance, whose purpose is to provide Educational and Recreational Programs for Drug and Alcohol Awareness, and The Governor Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (GCADA).

JSA AND AMANO HOLD FUNDRAISER

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On Thursday, May 19, Ridgewood High School's Junior State of America (JSA) chapter and Amano, an Italian restaurant in Ridgewood, held a dual beneficiary program in order to promote the restaurant and to raise money for the club simultaneously.

The agreement was that JSA members would recommend Amano to RHS students and in return the restaurant would give JSA 5% of all profits generated from customers associated with

JSA who ate there on May 19.

According to junior Brad Hong, "The goal of the program was to raise the funds that the club is going to need for next year in order to attend overnight events."

Although JSA does not know exactly how much money they will receive as a result of the program, they are confident that it was successful. According to JSA member, Junior Alec Cobb, "There were a lot of people who went to the event. It was a good deal, all you had to do was show up and eat in order to help out the club. Plenty of

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DECA COMPETES AT ICDC



courtesy of KAREN MENDEZ

RHS DECA celebrates at Disney World after their competition.

KAREN MENDEZ
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From Friday, April 29 through Wednesday, May 4, twenty-three Ridgewood High School students attended and competed in the DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando, Florida.

DECA, an association of marketing students, is an organization that has been around for sixty years. It strives to prepare emerging leaders for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management through a series of competitions.

The twenty-three students from Ridgewood High School competed and achieved success at both the regional level and the state level of competition in order to compete at ICDC. This year, 14,000 high school students gathered for the conference to par-

ticipate in competitive events, the leadership academy, the chapter management academy, and the senior management institute. Four groups of students, three member teams, each presented thirty-page written manuals and ten-minute presentations.

These manuals included three chapter projects on enhancing the promotion and awareness of our student store, Gilbee's Corner, a Walk Smart/Drive Smart community service project focused on trying to decrease distracted driving as well as drinking and driving incidents among teens in Ridgewood. This is an awareness campaign of the benefits and drawbacks of being an entrepreneur, which included activities for students in our DECA chapter as well as RHS students.

The fourth manual was a hospitality and tourism

research-study, which required the students to complete primary and secondary research at a hotel of their choice and to create a social media campaign. In addition to the paper events, four students competed in role-play events. Role-play events consist of a one-hundred-question marketing-based exam and a series of role-plays (one for the principles of the event and two for the advanced level event). Although RHS students did not qualify for the final round of competition (top twenty), all competitors received Awards of Excellence placing them in the top thirty (out of 125-150 per category).

Academy students attended a two-day seminar, which provided them with tips and techniques to become leaders in their DECA chapter, school, and local community. In addition, students in the leadership academy and chapter management academy began planning activities for the remainder of the school year and the fall semester.

Students who attended the senior management institute were provided with valuable insight and techniques on how to take in the next step in their educational journey, whether that be college or a career. All students who participated in the leadership development academy, chapter management academy, and senior management institute were given the opportu-

nity to network with local and national business leaders.

During this trip, RHS DECA students gained valuable experiences in a professional atmosphere. Hopefully, the students will be able to apply their newly learned skills in a variety of situations, whether that is college, the work force, or the "real world." Students are already working together to prepare Ridgewood High School's DECA chapter for the 2011-2012 competitive season.

In addition to competing, the RHS DECA students celebrated their achievement at the Disney's Magic Kingdom. DECA students were welcomed home by a congratulations note on the Ridgewood Movie Theater Marquee.



courtesy of KAREN MENDEZ

An unexpected welcome home.

SOCIAL ACTION COUNCIL

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There has been a recent surge to create a more congenial atmosphere within the RHS community. Student enthusiasm has been growing, exhibited by the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and the Back Woods Band Slam.

In response to the many school-spirited students, RHS teacher John Domville has been thinking of creating a new club that would help to carry out these fundraisers by supplying additional volunteers.

The idea is to get together the members of existing clubs and organizations in order to support each other's causes and to avoid duplication of efforts. SAC would also provide a place for students with new ideas who do not have a particular club affiliation. By engaging in multiple clubs and

experiencing a wide variety of activities and fundraisers, students will gain new skills that can help them in their future years at RHS.

Students may even want to join some of the clubs after helping them host a fundraiser. Even if students do not join any of the clubs that they help out, they will have a good understanding of the club and will be able to suggest the club to other students.

Ultimately, participation in a wide variety of clubs and events would not only help build the school community, but also would allow students to uncover the multitude of opportunities and clubs available at Ridgewood High School.

Active participation within the RHS community would grow as a result, and many more students would discover and appreciate RHS's clubs and activities.



SAC encourages helping RHS clubs.

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people took advantage of it."

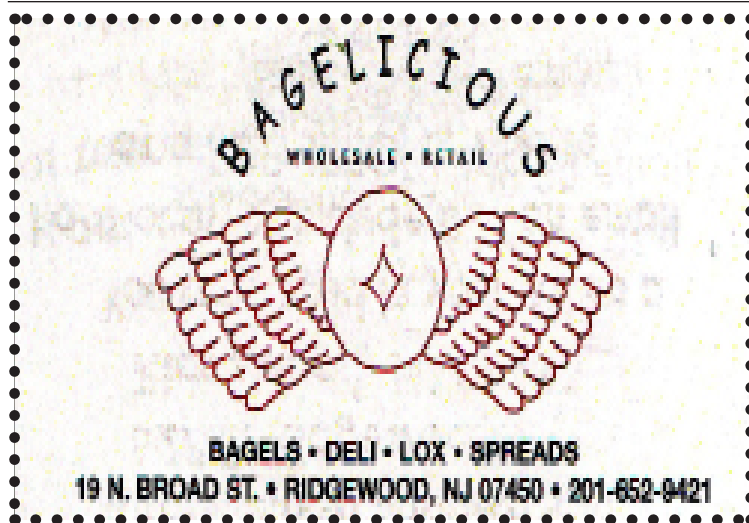
It is also evident that the event had the desired effect for Amano -- many who ate there in order to benefit the club really loved the food. According to junior Mollie Grunat, also a member of JSA, "The meal was great and the atmosphere of the restaurant was perfect. I definitely plan on eating there again, it was great!"

The RHS Junior State of America chapter is a new club at RHS this year. It is designed to give students the opportunity to formulate opinions on various political and

social issues and to engage in debate. Next year, the club hopes to attend regional and national JSA events

"This year has been successful and we can only hope that the club will grow next year," said Hong. "We plan to obtain new members who will attend more events, and to have a bigger impact overall."

There is no doubt that the money raised through the program with Amano will help JSA to reach their goals, Hong commented, "We were really fortunate to have had this opportunity and hope that many more opportunities like it will arise in the future."



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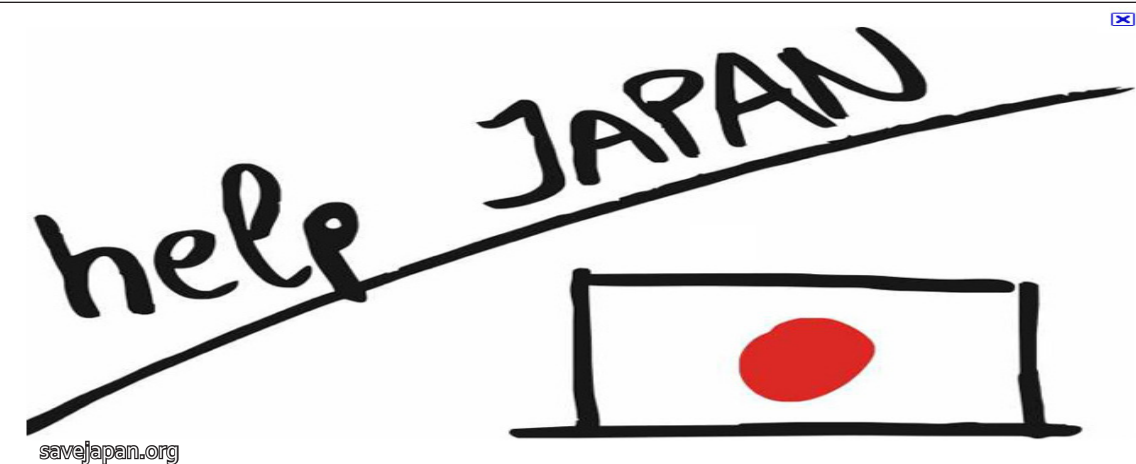
INSPIRED BY OTHER'S GENEROSITY? LEND A HAND TO JAPAN

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On March 11, at 2:46 p.m., a magnitude 9.0 earthquake hit 60 miles off the northeastern shore of Japan, leading to a massive tsunami over 70 feet tall in several areas. The death toll and missing persons count currently stands at 27,595. There is a total of 126,991 evacuees. All of these evacuees possessions are gone, their dreams swept away and their lives changed forever.

Japan's massive earthquake and tsunami seem to have inspired as much charity across the world as it has grief. In New York, Harlem's Bread and Roses of the Integrated Arts High School, a school that lacks a solid education and hope for a student's future, has managed to collect boxes of candy and letters to send off to tsunami victims. Thousands of miles away, a small town in war-ravaged Afghanistan has donated \$50,000 US to relieve Japan's current conditions.

While these two commu-



A drop box will be stationed in the office for anyone who wants to send a letter to a victim.

nities differ in culture and location, they both have limited economic opportunities. Yet, their people have set the standard for what we, as Ridgewood residents, should all be doing to help save Japan.

Many people in Ridgewood have not taken the time to do anything, only because no opportunities have been given to them. Subsequently, one is left to wonder whether or not there would be more people making efforts had there been other options to do

so.

The news reports focus only on the damage of homes and the dangers of the Nuclear Power Plant, not the people who were affected by these events.

Students in places such as Hiseichiken, are stuck in their school's crowded gymnasium but are unable to go to school. When students from Annaka heard stories about children their age they decided to show their support. Each student sent their words of

hope through personally hand written letters and colorful drawings to help enliven the students. One student wrote, "I hope that we can meet some day so we can all play!"

In Kamaishiken, pictures were sent of working people to the supporters to show that they have not given up. The caption read, "We won't let this effect us."

Although the tragedy in Japan has broken many hearts, the survivors have taught us how a positive atti-

tude can change one's view on life. To see this firsthand, Mrs. Onishi, a Ridgewood resident, visited Japan to answer questions statistics cannot. She says, "Everyone is stressed about living in the shelter for over a month, but they do not complain." Despite immense losses, survivors are keeping their heads high.

If you feel moved by these stories and want to help the people living in shelters, eating bland food from cans, and living away from their homes, work, school, and activities, you can donate money to the Red Cross, Save the children, Unicef, International Medical Corps or any other reliable charities. Every cent counts and will be appreciated.

If you are interested in aiding Japan further, you can write a message to a victim of the recent crisis in Japan. Your cards will be sent to the International Medical Corps who are providing the psychological support to the victims in Japan. The drop box will be stationed in the main office.

PHOTOS OF BIN LADEN SHOULD REMAIN CLASSIFIED

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Justice, defined as "moral rightness," is often left open to interpretation. What if the person receiving justice has no moral compass? What if they're a vile human being who killed thousands of innocent people? Do you let the courts deliver justice to this person, or do you leave it to the men and women who were affected by this person's madness? Sometimes fighting fire with fire is necessary.

On May 1, U.S. Navy SEALs raided Osama Bin Laden's mansion and killed him. After 10 years of hiding, America's most-wanted man was finally served justice. This was a monumental event in America's war on terror. However, this event, which should have united us, has led our country into an on-going debate.

The debate stems from the US Government's refusal to release the pictures of Osama Bin Laden's dead body. Many feel we have a right to see the pictures and that they should be released to the public. In our current "Facebook generation," it is often hard to determine what should be made public and what should be kept private. However, in order to retain the safety and image of America, these pictures must remain private.

Our nation has become too entitled. We believe that

the government should be completely open with us. This is not a new trend, but it is one that is increasingly present in our techno-centric world.

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What people don't realize is that it was not until the Vietnam War that pictures of dead soldiers were released to the public. It was, and still is, an issue of national security that is meant to protect American forces, and ultimately the citizens of the United States. It's designed to ensure that future operations are not put at risk.

In a situation as serious as this one, I believe it is an opportunity for our government to take a stronger stance on this policy and keep this intelligence private.

Certain war pictures are classified in order to protect our armed men and women. Declassifying them would diminish the tactical accomplishments that our army made in finding and killing Bin Laden. American citizens don't need to see these photos. The job of our government isn't to appease our wants, but rather protect us from the evils of the

world. Our government has protected us by killing Bin Laden; they shouldn't now take a risk by releasing these photos.

Some believe that it is necessary to see these pictures as proof of Bin Laden's death. Simply put, for those who still don't believe, they will never be satisfied. There is no logical reason for the government to lie about Bin Laden's death; it would put our country in danger while still leaving Bin Laden alive. We should not make a decision to declassify sensitive information to please a few stubborn conspiracy theorists.

America is a country regarded as an elite nation. Our government's actions reflect this image; the military policy

helps maintain this image. Our army handles their Intel very delicately, especially in regards to Bin Laden.

In 2002 Al-Qaeda kidnapped Daniel Pearl, an American reporter who was investigating a terrorist attempt on America. This highly respected journalist was tortured and beaten by Al-Qaeda. Later he was forced to sit in front of a camera, confirm his identity, and wait to be executed. Seeing this innocent man struggle to keep his blood-covered head held up, as he's forced to address a camera to then be killed, is shocking at best.

While releasing the photos of Osama would not be totally comparable to this barbaric act, it would somewhat put

us at "their" level. If these images are released, there are hundreds of scenarios of what could be done with them. To maintain our safety and public image the U.S. government must keep these pictures out of the public's hands.

One point we can all agree on is the monumental accomplishment our military and government made in finding and killing Bin Laden. The mission was bold, dangerous and potentially disastrous. Thanks to the courage and skill of our armed forces and government officials the mission was a success.

The killing of Bin Laden sent a clear message to all our enemies; they will be found and brought to justice.



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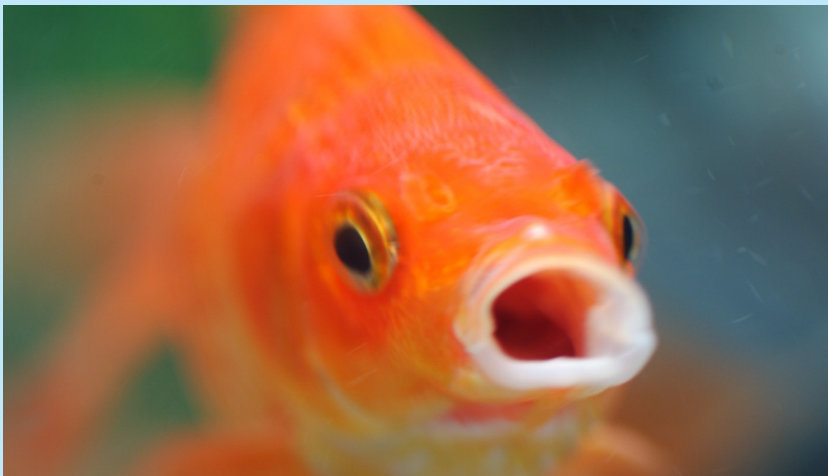
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Forgotten Holidays



We all know there’s a day to celebrate your mom, your dad, your best friend, your teacher—practically every person you know! But what about those non-human friends of yours? February 20, 2012 is Love Your Pet Day, the official day to cuddle your pet with a little extra love. Your pet is always waiting for you when you return home from school, always ready to curl on your lap at night and bring you unconditional love. Certainly they deserve a whole day to themselves!



Next February, take the time to give some extra praises to your pet, take your dog for a longer walk, or give your cat a few more strokes. Always remember that having a pet can be good for your health. Studies have shown that being a pet-owner contributes to the reduction of stress in a person’s daily life. Who can stay in a bad mood when a pair of loving puppy-dog eyes stares up at you? In addition to enhancing your mood, pets can encourage you to get out and exercise, give you more opportunities to be social, stave off loneliness and most of all, provide unconditional love!

Pets—from dogs and cats, to horses and guinea pigs—can be there for you in ways people can’t. They offer love and companionship, and can also enjoy silences and keep secrets. They are one of the best listeners out there.

Take a moment to reflect on your busy schedules. For one day, let go of a daily task and to spend it with your animal companion. Your furry friend will thank you!

Test Your Holiday Knowledge

1. What day was formerly called Secretary’s Day?
a) Clerks’ Day
b) Administrative Professionals’ Day
c) Receptionists’ Day
d) Assistants’ Day
2. What day is celebrated on the third Monday in February?
a) Valentine’s Day
b) Veteran’s Day
c) Presidents’ Day
d) Martin Luther King Jr. Day
3. What holiday honors an early Norse explorer in North America?
a) Leif Erikson Day
b) Columbus Day
c) Nicolas Roerich Day
d) John Rollo Day
4. What holiday celebrates administrators, directors, managers and executives?
a) Supervisors’ Day
b) Workers’ Day
c) Administration Day
d) Bosses’ Day
5. What day encourages herbivores?
a) Vegetable Day
b) Vegan Day
c) Herbivore Day
d) Vegetarian Day



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Forget-Them-Not

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Mother’s Day is in May, and Father’s Day is in June. But did you know that National Grandparents’ Day is in September on the first Sunday after Labor Day? On August 3, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a statute into law that set this day aside “...to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children’s children, and to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer.” Marian McQuade of West Virginia is also known to have petitioned governors and congressmen from all of the fifty states to support Grandparents’ day.

A card, homemade gift, or visit to your grandma or grandpa would surely cheer up their Grandparents’ day. The day’s official flower, the forget-me-not, blooms in the spring and is unfortunately out of season then, but any bouquet would be appreciated by your grandparents. Of course, your grandparents and the elderly in your community would value your attention all year round, but don’t forget the next National Grandparents Day in September.

Bizarre Festivities

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The hallways are abuzz with talk of prom dates, dresses and plans, as Ridgewood High School prepares excitedly for its annual senior prom. High schools all across America anticipate this quintessential event, this springtime tradition. Prom is sensationalized in American books, movies, and minds, so it is no doubt anticipated with excitement. The occasion is obligatory to some, monumental to many, but overall a dramatic affair. Prom-goers expect and experience the resultant “Prama” (prom drama), but the extent to which some Americans prioritize the festivity may seem ridiculous to different cultures. Other nations might criticize it as a night of frivolity, but the American prom seems relatively normal compared to certain celebrations elsewhere...

American tradition is to dress up for the celebration of the end of high school, but in Italy, a less formal event is popular. While Americans gather together for pre-prom photos, Italians flock to the streets, armed with oranges. The battle of the Oranges takes place during Il carnevale d’Ivrea, the Carnival of Ivrea, in Northern Italy. As many as ten thousand competitors don brightly colored V-neck tops, down which they stash as many oranges as they can fit. Teams including the Diavoli (Devils), Morte (Death) and Picche (Spades) line the streets and hurl oranges at men on horse-towed trucks rolling past. They outnumber the men on trucks, but they on the trucks have the advantage of launching orange from an elevated position. The pelting of citrus is quite the spectacle. Why oranges? It’s absurd to us, but at least the tradition has changed from its original rock-throwing spectacular. The event dates back to the twelfth century, when the people of Ivrea revolted against a local tyrannical Count. Today, the savage rock throwing at the Count lives on as one of the world’s largest food fight, in celebration of Ivrea’s fight for liberty.

Perhaps even stranger is the holiday of Antzar Eguna, or Goose Day, which is rooted in at least 350 years of Spanish insanity. In Lequeitio, a small municipality of Northern

Spain, group of young Spaniards convenes each year to perform in the town’s prided spectacular. The tradition was once common to the entire country, until eventually the custom of bull-fighting replaced the goose affair as a regular festivity across the rest of Spain. But for some strange reason, the inhabitants of Lequeitio have hung on to the tradition—literally. A dead

goose dangles over the harbor waters of the Bay of Biscay, and the contestants’ mission is to behead the goose using only their hands and arms. From a rowboat, the contestant grabs the goose’s neck and falls into the water. Eager bystanders then yank the rope on which the goose is tied, heaving both bird and man up into the air, before dropping them back into the water again. The objective is to tear the goose’ head off with a quick, jerking maneuver. If the man falls free from the bird and plops into the harbor, the crowd deems him a failure, and the next man takes his turn. If he manages to keep his grip on the bird, despite the best efforts to shake him off, and also manages to wrench the head off, he wins, and the prettiest girls in town flock into his goose-blood-streaked arms. The gory event is part of the festival of St. Antolin; peculiarly, no record exists of the saint decapitating geese to explain the tradition. Still, the lack of reason for it makes the absurdity all the more fascinating.



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I Now Pronounce You Prince and Wife

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On April 29th, 2011 Prince William, heir to the English Throne, married Catherine Middleton. There was a gorgeous ceremony at Westminster Abbey in London with about nineteen hundred guests in attendance. An estimated 3 billion people tuned it to watch the royal nuptials.

The royal precession began ten past eleven. Middleton made her four minute walk down the aisle with her father, while the hymn "I Was Glad" was sung. In true English fashion, the maid of honor, the bride's sister, Pippa, and the rest of Middleton's royal wedding party followed after her, all looking lavish and beautiful.

When Middleton arrived at the altar, Prince William seemed speechless. He simply said "You look beautiful." The ceremony lasted about an hour. The highlight was when William put the ring on Middleton's finger, a simple band of Welsh gold from the royal family's private reserve. After the ceremony, the couple left in the same royal carriage that Prince William's parents had ridden in after their own wedding, to return to Bucking-

ham Palace.

The bride's beautiful gown, designed by Sarah Burton, a fashion director for Alexander McQueen, had the entire world talking. Middleton

School of Needlework. The seamstresses had to wash their hands every half hour to preserve the fabric. Middleton topped off the beautiful dress with gorgeous accessories.

Also causing excitement was the royal couple's first kiss. "Oh, wow!" Middleton couldn't help but exclaim when she came onto the balcony of the Buckingham Palace, under

all six hundred fifty guests. When it was over, the pair gave the crowd outside Buckingham palace a treat by riding through the streets in Prince Charles' Aston Martin, adorned with a "Just Married" license plate and an "L" sign on the front, which stood for learner's permit. Prince Harry had decorated the car himself, as a wedding present for his brother. Kate and Prince William drove to the Clarence house to relax before the reception.

That night, Middleton and Prince William emerged with their siblings for the reception, thrown by Prince Charles. Middleton, looking breathtaking, had changed into a second Sarah Burton design, a strapless dress, which she topped with a furry bolero. With their three hundred closest friends and family, the pair danced the night away.

The courting and relationship between William and Kate was truly something out of a fairy tale, and the wedding was something that would make any Disney Princess jealous. It is nice to see that people from all different countries can watch the wedding, and collectively feel happy and grant the best to a young couple in love.



Prince William takes Kate Middleton's hand in marriage at Westminster Abbey on April 29, 2011.

collaborated closely with Burton to design the dress, adding her own input to create the right look. It was a Victorian-era inspired ivory white and satin gown with a nine-foot train, worth \$83,000. All of the lace on it was hand-stitched by members of the Royal

She wore a tiara lent to her by Queen Elizabeth, who has had it since her eighteenth birthday. In addition, she wore Robinson Pelham dangling earrings, an early wedding gift from her parents, which represented the new Middleton coat of arms.

which five hundred thousand gathered in the Mall, waiting to view the customary kiss.

After the ceremony, Prince William's grandmother, Queen Elizabeth, held a gathering at Buckingham Palace for some of the royal wedding guests. William and Kate mingled with

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It is widely known that social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter have had a lasting affect on society, and have changed the way that people communicate with one another. Recently, these sites have been evolving into much more than a way to send a quick message to a friend in a far off place. In a world where media is quickly accessible, there is a large overlap in these media technologies that is causing both positive and negative effects in various industries.

Over the recent months, Twitter has not only become extremely popular in society, but also among Ridgewood High School students. This newfound popularity is causing Twitter to influence all areas of entertainment.

The basis of Twitter is that people simply state what is on their mind in up to 140 characters. A common topic is movies because as soon as someone leaves a movie the-

ater, they will tweet their opinion of the film, which others will read. Because of this, the "Twittersphere" has the ability to determine the success of a movie. This is most strongly seen in movies with a target audience of teenagers, since they are the ones constantly plugged into some kind of technology and sharing their thoughts to all of their friends in as many ways as possible. However, not all are so easily swayed. Junior Mollie Grunat says "If I really wanted to see a movie, I still would, even if I read a negative tweet about it."

Twitter has significantly sped up word-of-mouth publicity and the entertainment business is feeling the weight of its influence. With so many Ridgewood High School students using Twitter, many are susceptible to the influence of what they read on the site. This small aspect of movie opinions affecting ticket sales truly shows just how much of an influence Twitter and other social media sites have on the modern world.

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Looking back, it is undeniable that almost every *The Office* fan was extremely excited for Season 7 of the hit TV show. Although everyone was devastated over the news that Michael Scott (Steve Carell) was leaving, everyone expected him to leave with a bang. And what's the perfect goodbye? A hilarious seventh season packed with romance, a Michael Scott self-directed (and produced...and acted) movie, some unforgettable Christmas parties, a stunning performance by Andy (Ed Helms) in *Sweeney Todd*, the always unforgettable Dundy Awards, and other fabulous highlights. As an avid *The Office* fan, the season exceeded all of my expectations. Michael and Holly (Amy Ryan) are finally together, giving Michael a bittersweet reason for leaving Dunder Mifflin. Dwight (Rainn Wilson) continued his ridiculous schemes, Erin (Ellie Kemper) and Kelly (Mindy Kaling) re-ignited their girl band

The Office Hours are Over

"Subtle Sexuality" (check out subtlesexuality.com) and the rest of the characters also continued their hilarious antics. The season ended on a



Michael Scott smiles with his favorite "World's Best Boss" mug.

sad note with Michael's farewell, but it was not too sappy or overdone. His final scene with Pam (Jenna Fischer) at the airport was a perfect, sentimental goodbye. While we all are going to miss Michael, we know that he is living happily ever after with Holly in Colorado- and there is always the

possibility of a surprise guest appearance! Although there was a lot of speculation over how the show would fare out in lieu of Michael's absence, the last few episodes were nothing short of hilarious. After Todd Packer's stint as manager, he was injured in a basketball match with Andy. Dwight landed the position as Acting Manager, but was shortly fired after firing a bullet-less gun that blew out Andy's eardrum. Creed (Creed Bratton) was then dubbed Manager, which everyone quickly realized was a huge mistake. The last two episodes documented the search for the next (and hopefully permanent) manager. Guest stars include Jim Carrey and Ray Romano, amongst others. Rickey Gervais, the manager in the UK's *The Office* (which the US one is based off of) also makes an appearance. The season ends on a cliffhanger, leaving us to question who will be chosen to fill the big shoes of, left behind by Michael Scott. I, along with all other fans, eagerly await the answer to the mystery.

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SPRING INTO ACTION

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sports editor



JESSE KAPLOVE / the high times

FORE! Captain Jesse Kaplove swings for victory.

BOYS GOLF
1-3

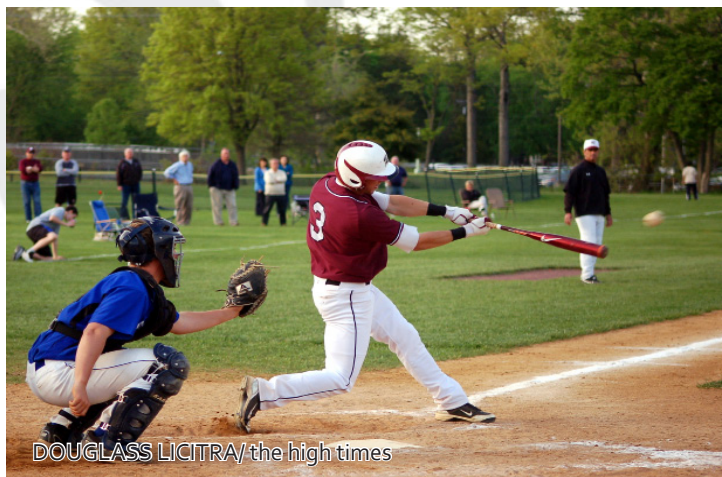
GIRLS GOLF
12-5

RIDGEWOOD
CREW



MARK BABUNOVIC / the high times

Senior Rowers, Kristen Smaila and Haley Woodenshek, ecstatic after a neck and neck race against Montclair placed 2nd place.



DOUGLASS LICITRA / the high times

With a powerful swing of the bat, #3 Doug Licitra hits a run for the Ridgewood Maroons.

BASEBALL
17-6-1

SOFTBALL
14-6



RIDGEWOOD SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION / the high times

Senior Lauren Tom awaits for the ball to hit out the IHA player.



PETER REUTER / the high times

Victory hugs exchanged between juniors #40 Garcia Logan and #11 Peter Reuter.

BOYS
LACROSSE
15-5

RGL
20-1



KELCI SMESKO / the high times

#13 Lauren Beausoleil alongside with #25 Kelci Smesko gearing up for another RGL win.



CHARLES GUNDECK / the high times

Captains Charlie Gundeck, Griffin Kurzius and Chris Hu are all smiles after a great season of 18 wins.

BOYS TENNIS
18-2

TRACK & FIELD



LEVI JENNINGS / the high times

A battle to the end for the junior relay runner, Levi Jennings.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 -2 DAY -Choir Concert	2 -1 DAY -RHS Ambassadors Mtg. During Lunch	3 -4 DAY -SENIOR PROM 7:30!!	4 -SAT's at RHS
5	6 -3 DAY -Departmental Mtg. -BOE Mtg.	7 -2 DAY -Tri M. Music Hon. Soc Mtg.	8 -1 DAY -Orchestra Concert	9 -4 DAY -Senior Awards Ceremony	10 -3 DAY -Underclassmen Year-book Distribution -Choir Banquet	11 -ACT's at RHS -Wrestling Car Wash -NPC Senior Directed One Act Performance
12	13 -2 DAY -Senior Yearbook Signing Party -NPC Senior Ceremony & Reception	14 -1 DAY -Girls Track & Field Awards Banquet	15 -Final Exam Review Day	16 -Final Exams Period 4 & 8	17 -Final Exams Periods 3 & 7	18
19 Father's Day	20 -Final Exams Periods 2 & 6 -BOE Mtg.	21 -Final Exams Periods 1 & 5 -Outdoor Graduation Rehearsal	22 -Indoor Graduation Rehearsal -Fines Collection Day -Minimum Day	23 -Last Day of Instruction -Graduation Day!!	24 -Closing Day for Teachers -Faculty Mtg.	25
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applications

If you are interested in being on the High Times editorial staff next year, pick up an application in room 238.



Applications are due to room 238 by 3PM on Thursday June 9.

Holiday Knowledge Quiz Answers
1.b 2.c 3.a 4.d 5.d

UPCOMING MEETINGS
FOR
THE HIGH TIMES

If you are interested in writing for The High Times, please attend our next meeting!

JUNE ISSUE

Meeting: Monday, 6/6

Staff meetings will be held at Unit Lunch in Room 244.