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Play Ball!

Prep Players step into uniform as they rehearse *Damn Yankees*

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SENIORS BOND WITH MOTHERS AT ANNUAL MASS AND BREAKFAST

BY MAX REIN '11

On Sunday, April 10, the Fairfield Prep Senior Mothers and their sons attended the annual Mother Son Communion Breakfast. The morning began with mass at Egan Chapel followed by breakfast served in the Prep Cafeteria. The entire morning was a moving experience as sons gave their mothers roses as a sign of love and gratefulness for everything they have done.

At the breakfast, the guest speaker of the morning was Housemaster, John Brennan, who gave a very emotional talk about college and how mothers will continue to influence their sons' lives in college and beyond. Mothers were struck with tears while watching the slideshow of their sons. It is safe to say that this event will be a memory the senior class and their moms will hold onto for years to come.

Mom gets chic

BY MAX REIN '11

On March 24, located at the Dolce Center in Norwalk, Fairfield Prep held its annual Spring Mother Son Fashion Show. It showcased the mothers of Prep seniors and their sons. The event was a hit! Prep seniors and their mothers modeled the latest fashions from Banana Republic, Men's Wearhouse, Snappy Gator, and the Prep Pride store.

The night also paid a special remembrance to senior Ryan Brennan '11 and Dana Duffy (mother of Dean Duffy '11 and Dillon Duffy '13) who passed this year. Two very special people in the Prep Community whom Prep loved. To see a fantastic spread of the fashion show, go to page 5!

Big loss for the Academic Center

BY CONNOR RYAN '11

Mrs. Beyerly, Fairfield Prep's Director of Library and Media Services, has decided to make this year her last. Mrs. Beyerly has said that she has decided to leave Prep to become a stay-at-home mother for the child she is expected to have in August.

It was nearly nine years ago when Dr. Perrotta first heard about an impressive Guidance Intern from Fairfield University. "I taught Computer Literacy for three years and have been the Director of Library and Media studies for the last five years," Beyerly says.

"This decision was very bittersweet for me in so many ways," she said recently, but remains positive as she looks ahead. "It's exciting and scary all at the same time!"

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Finally, spring has sprung

Dear Readers,

Despite the occasional flurries and bursts of cold air we've seen lately, I think we can say with certainty that spring is here. Finally. I mean, let's face it, we all love waking up to the sound of Mrs. Keltos's voice, and then sleeping through the rest of a snow-day, but enough is enough. We're all ready for spring.

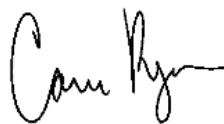
I was walking into school the other day and realized that even without my North Face, I was comfortable. It was strange. A warm breeze swept past me and I was immediately taken back to the first few weeks of school. Those August days when the 2010-2011 school year had just begun seemed like just a few days ago. And while I'm happy that nature is slowly allowing for more humane weather, I can't help but think about summer — and with that, the end of this year. It's true, for better or worse; we've hit the beginning of the end.

It seems that everyone's playing sports around here — even the Prep Players! I had the wonderful privilege of speaking with director, Mrs. Megan Hoover, about this year's musical and moreover, what it means to be a Prep Player. I think the piece may surprise you and perhaps even cause you to explore the world inside B301.

The issue also features a look into your favorite spring sports teams as the Bomb Squad turns to support the baseball, lacrosse, rugby, tennis, golf, sailing, track and crew teams! But it's not just the students that are busy, as the Bellarmine Guild hosted their annual Fashion Show and Mother/Son Communion Breakfast this month. Take a look inside for our coverage on what is sure to be unforgettable memories for many.

I wish you a healthy and peaceful spring break and Easter.

Go outside,



The Final and Biggest Issue of
the Year Coming on

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Wakeman Club Honors Morris '11

BY MAX REIN '11

Senior Phil Morris was awarded the Wakeman Boys and Girls Club Boy of the Year, the most prestigious award for teenage volunteers and employees. Phil was in the running against many other Prep students but succeeded in winning the award as the Youth of the Year. The award required a submission of resume, essay, and recommendations, as well as a panel interview process. Congratulations to Phil for this tremendous recognition!

Byrne '11 National Merit Finalist

BY MAX REIN '11

Congratulations to Senior Connor Byrne for being a National Merit Finalist! Connor has qualified among 15,000 students nationwide to be a candidate selected for The National Merit winner. The National Merit Scholarship Program takes place during the PSAT's of junior year, and we congratulate Connor for making it very far in this very prominent scholarship competition. He is a Summa Cum Laude student and a member of the Varsity Lacrosse Team. He will be attending Amherst College in the fall.

Sigh of Relief

BY MAX REIN '11

College applications are done! Acceptances are in! The senior class feels a sigh of relief as they now choose their future destination for the next four years. A record number of applications went to every college this year. The numbers are increasing, but this obviously means it is getting more and more difficult to get accepted at schools. With applications surpassing 30,000 at most of the highly competitive national colleges and universities, and students from hundreds of countries globally applying, how hard will it be to apply to college in ten years? After speaking with Dean of Guidance, Mr. John Hanrahan, stated that it really is a very "random" selection process.

He spent some time with admissions counselors looking over five real applications submitted by students to competitive universities like Yale and Harvard. He said to me, "It was hard to see any differences between the students. They all were excellent students with excellent applications." What I have learned most about the college process is that there is truly no way to tell what acceptances you will gain after applying. There are thousands of applicants from all over the world and it's a combination that will often make you a candidate for acceptance.

New publications

BY CONNOR RYAN '11

The wonderful, student-written publications that Prep students work tirelessly to produce are great aspects of the extracurricular life here at school, but I suppose I'm biased.

Besides *Soundings*, there are two yearly publications that will be released very soon. One is the literary magazine, the *Bellarmino Review*.

Filled with fabulous pieces of fiction and non-fiction essays and poems, the *Bellarmino Review* is a great way for students to showcase talent.

The second yearly publication that will be out soon is the *Off Campus Magazine*. This is a publication that is put together by the students of Mr. Chesbro's Writing Essentials class.

The class is a senior elective and is offered to students interested in writing for and publishing a magazine. The final product has a history of containing a variety of well-written articles as well as a beautiful layout – everything you'd expect in a professionally done magazine.

Students are unsure at this point as to the date of when either of these publications will be released, but many hope that day is coming soon.



Juniors begin college process with Jesuit tour

On April 5, admissions representatives of 17 Jesuit Colleges and Universities visited campus to meet with Prep Juniors in the Brissette Gymnasium. This was a unique opportunity which allowed our students to meet and talk with the admissions representatives who they will potentially work with at the Jesuit colleges.

-Prep website

Juniors must register for Hollywood-themed prom

The Fairfield Prep Junior Prom will be held on Saturday May 7, 2011 from 7:00-11:30 PM at the Holiday Inn in Stamford. This year's prom will have a Hollywood theme. Don't miss it!

Tickets for this **formal** event are \$125 per couple and on sale now by going to [this link](#). Ticket purchase includes the cost of dinner and dancing. A photographer will be available to take your photos of this special event.

-Prep website

Robotics Club Scores!

On March 12, 2011, at 5:00 AM, the representative team of aspiring scientists and engineers of Fairfield Prep began the drive to New Hampshire to compete in the F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition. The F.I.R.S.T. Tech Challenge is the brainchild of Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway and sponsor of the competition. For the past 4 months, Fairfield Prep's Robotics Club, under the guidance of Mrs. Deirdre Cannan, built and perfected a small robot that competed against other robots to move and collect batons for points. The Prep team was one of over 1,000 teams vying for a spot in the World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri.

"This is the first year we have competed, but I think we would all agree that our team has worked tirelessly to make Fairfield Prep proud." - Adam Kee '12

The Prep squad beat several other teams through their hard work, strong effort, and support from other experienced teams. The "JesuiBots," as they call themselves, are already brainstorming plans for new and improved designs in order to compete in the 2012 competition.

To view more information about the Robotics Club and to watch a video on their first competition, [click here](#). *-Prep website*

2011 FASHION SHOW

Photo Credit: Sebastien Laforest '11





Kevin Maiorano '11

Prep Lacrosse is Back to Light up the Nets

BY TIMMY ATTOLINO '13

This is the year of Prep sports, possibly the greatest and most successful in school history, and it's now the Prep lacrosse team's turn to be a part of that history. Coming off of a disappointing loss in the state finals last season, Coach Smalkais has his troops ready for battle for another season. Although they lost a boatload of seniors, the Jesuit lacrosse powerhouse is still strong. This year's team will be lead by seniors Connor Byrne, Pierce Bushby, Dean Duffy, and Harry Cotter. Sophomore Kevin Brown will step into the starting lineup, playing a big role on the squad this year. Even with the loss of Brendan Rotanz to Dartmouth and Darric White to Middlebury, Prep won't be afraid to light up the nets this year. The competition all across Connecticut has stepped their game up, so this will definitely be a tough season. Don't be surprised if at the end of the season, the Jesuits have another state title under their belt!

BASEBALL PREVIEW

What to expect this year on the diamond

BY ETHAN DOERGER '13

The Fairfield Prep baseball team took a big hit this past year when it lost 11 seniors, particularly All-State right fielder Connor Marr and two-thirds of their starting rotation. However, with new talent and more hope, coach Mr. Rudy Mauritz is ready to see his team get better than ever. Coming off a recent 11-3 victory in a scrimmage with Fairfield Ludlowe, the players are feeling good — they're ready.

Not surprisingly, what is left of last season's team led the way. Anthony Redamonti, senior and ace of the pitching staff, threw 3 innings allowing 2 runs (1 unearned) while striking out two. Shortstop Alex Heiman had a 2-run double and second baseman Matt D'Ambrissi made several stops at his position. Redamonti also had a 2-run triple in the 3rd inning, using both his bat and his arm to give the Jesuits an early W.

Despite the win, coach Mauritz feels the team could've played better. "Too many careless mistakes," he said after the game. "Twice, we had pickoff throws that went wide, twice!" Still, it looks as though Prep will look to be a dark horse in the SCC's and states once again.

New coach looks for turnaround

BY JAMES TERRY '11

This fall, Mark Langston was named the next head coach of the Fairfield Prep Track and Field team. Langston takes over a team that has struggled in past years, which was shown by their 2-8 record in 2010 and a winless season in 2009. But Langston is bringing a better attitude to the Jesuits as they look to reestablish Prep's track program. "Langston is making us a lot better." Captain Andrew Genuario said of his coach. "He's been working us real hard and he's hired a great coaching staff to surround us."

The 2011 squad is not lacking the talent to get more wins. Prep has some of the best distance runners in the state highlighted by junior Connor Rog, who recently finished in ninth place at the New Balance National Indoor Track Championships in the 2-Mile Run. Senior captains Tyler Agostino and Brian Bennett will aid Rog in the distance events including relays. Senior Jim Shafer and junior Chris Stachurski are a great one-two punch in hurdle events while Genuario along with junior Myles Gains should score many points in sprinting events. In field events, Gains will team up with sophomore Elijah Langston in the Long Jump and junior Matthew Zielinski is expected to be a top performer in throwing events.

This year, Prep will compete against many though SCC opponents including state powerhouses Hamden and Xavier. However, there is no doubt, among team members, that they can improve on the two win season from last year. "We're going to win more." Genuario explained. "Last year our distance runners scored most of our points but our sprinters are better and ready to help out."

WHO WILL WIN? MLB PREDICTIONS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston (East)
Minnesota (Central)
Texas (West)
New York (Wild Card)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia (East)
Cincinnati (Central)
San Francisco (West)
Atlanta (Wild Card)

Team captain says rugby wants “revenge”

BY JAMES TERRY '11

Last season, Fairfield Prep's Varsity Rugby team expected to win the state championship as well as qualify for the league's Northeastern Tournament, but a loss to rival Greenwich at the end of the season caused the Jesuits to lose out on both opportunities. This year, Prep's goals remain similar, as they expect to win the state championship as well as qualify for the league's Northeastern Tournament.

On March 19th, the team began their season on the wrong foot by losing to Xavier by a score of 74-15. “[Xavier] was a really tough loss,” senior captain Evan Tuozzoli explained. “We look forward to seeing them again so that we can build on the loss and improve.” The Jesuits then began to turn things around when they competed in the annual Jesuit Classic, a tournament hosted by Georgetown Prep in Washington DC, on the weekend of April 1st. While in the nation's capital, Prep placed 4th, beating Xavier's “B team” while losing to Gonzaga and McQuaid Jesuit.

Looking ahead, Prep will still need many wins in order to qualify for the Northeastern Tournament. In order to do this they must win their division in the Met New York Conference. This is likely to happen if the team beats Greenwich when the Jesuits go on the road to face their rivals on April 30th. Expect this to be the biggest game of the regular season for Prep, as last season's loss remains in the mind of many players. “The Greenwich game at the end of last season was a very tough loss,” Tuozzoli said. “We want revenge this year and we will do everything in our power to get it!”

Golf team keeps up to par

BY ETHAN DOERGER '13

Fresh off an SCC Championship and a 4th place finish in the state championships last season, the Fairfield Prep Varsity Golf team is ready for another run.

Team captain Conor McGovern will play a key role in the outcome of the season for this team, as will junior Matt Mastronardi and many others. These two played well in last season's run, with McGovern shooting a team-best (76) while Mastronardi had an 81 in states.

Head coach Bob Bernier, a 3-time SCC Champion, will coach the team. Despite losing talented golfers Patrick King, Michael Heard and John Basile the Jesuits are not lacking talent for the upcoming season. Senior Captain Conor McGovern, who was named to last year's Division I All-State team, remains one of the best golfers in the state while seniors Jack McMahon and Jimmy Romanelli as well as junior Matt Mastronardi look to fill the void left by King, Heard and Basile.

This season, Prep will have a number of tough matchups, highlighted by an April 29th re-match with Cheshire, whom the Jesuits tied with for last year's SCC Championship and a May 25th meeting with defending Division I championship Staples. It all leads up to the SCC Championships on May 31st followed by the CIAC Division I Championship on June 6th. Expect Prep to finish near the top of the field in both championship events.

The Prep Players Team

BY CONNOR RYAN '11

Damn Yankees will be this year's musical selection for the Prep Players, and director Mrs. Megan Hoover says that wasn't by mistake.

"A musical about something that a decent percentage of people at school are already interested in, and it has Yankees in the title," Hoover said in an interview. She said that not only did the musical have a great title, but also it fit this year's cast very well. "[choosing *Damn Yankees* was] Totally part of my master plan."

While *Damn Yankees* is a challenging undertaking, both in terms of dancing and singing, Hoover says that her students are up to the challenge. And while the show may change each year, the Prep Player structuring will never waver.

"It takes commitment [to be a Prep Player]. You have to be committed to the process, and you have to be committed to your castmates and doing things that feel silly," she says.

Because so much of the work done by the Prep Players is "behind the scenes", it may feel like the school community sometimes doesn't recognize all the effort that goes into the making of a musical. However, Hoover responds by saying, "I don't know that I necessarily appreciate how hard it is to be a hockey player. Waking up and going to the hockey rink at 4:30 in the morning — that's crazy...we're our own brand of crazy."

In concluding the interview, Hoover said that this year's musical would be entered in a statewide musical theatre competition. She hopes that a trophy may add to the morale of the ensemble and gain some program recognition.



New art course looks to be added

BY MATT CONTINO '13

Studio Art 1 is among the many courses that will be, most likely, added to next year's academic course catalog. Art teacher, Mrs. Tema, spoke to us about the course.

Soundings: How could you best describe what this course is in just a few short sentences?

Mrs. Tema: Studio 1 Art is a course that combines the various art medium (tempera, watercolor, graphite, and charcoal) for original art with the Adobe Photoshop software to produce altered pieces. The course runs one full year and hold one credit.

Will this course be for a specific grade or will it accept students from any grade?

Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 can take this course. There is no previous art class required.

Will Studio Art be more focused on learning about cultural and historical aspects, like first year Visual Art, or more hands-on and involved in doing larger pieces of art, similar to Drawing/Painting?

While the course concentrates on projects, each quarter students will focus on one or more cultural or historical aspects in visual art. They may be asked to present background on an art style, and artist, or a period in art using PowerPoint, or as a report.

As far selection goes, is this something that will include any students interested in participating in the class, or is this specifically for the more dedicated students with greater interests in visual art, like a kind of "honors" art?

We welcome all students into the class; those waiting to, perhaps, major in art in college as well as those wishing to explore their more creative side.

MOVIE

Making the 'Adjustment' for love

BY ALEX GIOBBI '11



The Adjustment bureau is a movie that loosely bases itself on the question, "Are we in control of our life?" In the movie, an aspiring congressman named David Norris (Matt Damon) is coming off an unsuccessful campaign when he meets a ballet dancer named Elise Sellers (Emily Blunt) who seems to take interest in the way he presents himself. Elise tells David to speak from the heart, which helps him gain popularity before the 2010 Senate race. By chance, he runs into her again, but unbeknownst to him, he was not supposed to meet her again. The accidental meeting triggers a chain of events, which eventually leads the senator to find out about The Adjustment Bureau; a group of people who are required to keep history in place. Throughout the movie, David tries to find a way to stay with Elise in order to disrupt history, leading to several revelations. All in all, it was a good movie.

8/10 stars

TOP 5 CHARACTERS THAT LEFT TV



1. Fox Mulder

(X-Files)
(David Duchovny) Left because he was abducted by aliens.

2. JD (Scrubs)

(Zach Braff) Left because he wanted to focus on fatherhood.

3. Chef (Southpark)

(Isacc Hayes) Left because he died while escaping colt.

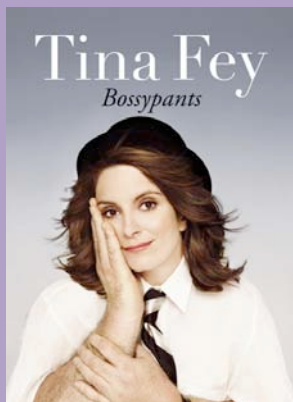
4. Zack Addy

(Bones)
(Eric Milligan) Left because he was found to be an accessory to murder.

5. Dr. Lawrence Kutner (House)

(Cal Penn) Left because he committed suicide.

Iconic Comic Opens Up



BOOK

Tina Fey is celebrated for her writing and for her impressions of Sarah Palin, but in her new memoir, *Bossypants*, you get to see a new side of Ms. Fey.

Still funny, of course — how could she not be?, but the book offers a unique view into how a lost University of Virginia grad worked her way up to becoming not only the head female writer on *SNL*, but a celebrated figure — everywhere.

CONNOR RYAN '11

Magner returns for Spanish Immersion Trip

BY KEVIN SHPUNT '13

Prep students have once again been offered the incredible opportunity to increase their language skills, by taking a summer course for four weeks in Madrid, Spain. Over those four weeks students will live with a Spanish family, and have a number of cultural excursions. Courses are held for 4 hours a day, and the classes are spoken only in Spanish. In these classes, the student will be able to enhance their abilities in every aspect of the Spanish language: grammar, vocabulary, composition, etc. Outside of class, living with the family, three meals will be given per day. Usually, two students will be living with the same family, and will be rooming together. Other than Prep students, students from around the globe will be attending this highly regarded summer course.

At the end of the trip, Mrs. Magner, a former Spanish teacher at Fairfield Prep, takes the students on a five day trip to Sevilla, Cordoba, and Granada before returning home. The entire trip costs around \$5,000. This includes everything, round trip airfare, the classes taken, transportation, hotels, and visits to several attractions that will be visited in Spain. To apply for this trip, students must have at least a B average in their Spanish class. The departure to Spain is scheduled for June 11, and students will arrive home on July 15.

"We have been extremely pleased with the results of the students who participated in past year's summer immersion. Most have demonstrated a considerable improvement in their language skills that has continued throughout the academic year. In addition, because a great deal of responsibility is placed on the students they grow in confidence, maturity, poise and independence." - Mrs. Magner

For the last three summers, Fairfield Prep has brought a group of its students to this wonderful summer conference and retreat called Notre Dame Vision. The group going will be attending the week of June 20-24, 2011.

This exciting retreat takes place on the beautiful Notre Dame campus in Indiana. Those who go on this trip see it as a way to make a deeper connection with God. In past trips to Notre Dame, it was broken down into ten sessions throughout the week, each day with different speakers giving students their own insights and experiences in life, and sharing it with them. Mass is celebrated almost everyday, and those who attend this trip will be given the opportunity to receive Reconciliation. Students will also be given the opportunity to have fun, and develop friendships with those around them. One student said "I created new friendships, I became closer with good friends, and I became closer with God all within one week."

ND Vision Trip

BY KEVIN SHPUNT '13



Wisconsin Judge Stops the State from Ratification of Law Crushing Collective Bargaining Rights

BY JONATHAN R. FORMICHELLA '11

The western- like showdown over Wisconsin's union bargaining law has moved from the Statehouse to the Courthouse, this shift is still unclear when and whether this law will take effect. As the Republican controlled Statehouse pushed through the passage of this law in early March, a massive protest drew up 85,000 people to the State Capitol and a boycott by the Democratic State Senators. The opponents immediately filed many lawsuits that resulted in much more chaos and will only end if the State Supreme Court weighs in. The Supreme Court's intervention appeared to be even more likely during a hearing on March 29th when a Dane County judge ordered the state to put the law on hold while she considers a broader challenge to its legality. This judge has chastised the Republican state officials for ignoring her earlier order to halt the law's ratification.

Maryann Sumi, the Dane County judge, said "Apparently that language was either misunderstood or ignored, but what I said was further implementation of (the law), was enjoined. This is what I now want to make crystal clear." This statement was made during one of the hearings.

Sumi heard additional arguments on April 1st. These arguments were made to answer a larger question of whether the GOP legislative leaders violated the Wisconsin code on open meetings during debate on this measure. Sumi also considered Republican claims that the law technically took effect the week before the hearings after the state agency put it online. Regardless of what Sumi decides to do, the matter is going to the state Supreme Court.



Health Care Initiative Revocation in the Midst of Government Shutdown

BY JONATHAN R. FORMICHELLA '11

Last Tuesday, Congress revoked the first significant parts of President Obama's health care bill when the Senate overwhelmingly voted to eliminate a tax paperwork requirement the law imposes on business. The Republicans called this bill "A down payment on total repeal", when most Democrats called it an improvement on last year's law. This revocation marked a rare flash of bipartisanship between Republicans and Democrats as the legislative branch is preparing for a shutdown. Even with that battle unresolved, the House Republicans opened a new front in the "spending wars" when the Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan revealed his 2012 spending blueprint, which calls for major changes to both Medicare and Medicaid. These two big health care programs are projected to drive up the federal deficit.

The governments staggering debt and annual trillion-dollar deficit since the beginning of the year have dominated the discussion in Washington. But as the April 8th deadline approaches the discussions have come to a head. Republicans are demanding deep cuts in spending and Democrats have been moving in their direction, even though Democrats may argue the GOP is pushing too far.

President Obama has gotten into the negotiations by holding a meeting on Tuesday. But the President has stated that he shouldn't be the referee for the two parties. *(continued on next page)*

NATIONAL NEWS

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Democrats, who controlled both the House and the Senate last year, shut down Congress in the run-up elections and used the lame-duck session to extend the tax breaks and unemployment benefits and to end the don't ask don't tell policy. During this year Republicans and Democrats have traded proposed cuts, but only the House has passed a funding bill, which includes \$61 billion in cuts from 2010. Democrats in the Senate have expressed an interest in negotiating a deal behind closed doors.

Democrats have said that they thought a compromise had been reached with the House Speaker Boehner. But Boehner said that no deal had been finalized because Republicans and Democrats couldn't agree on the exact makeup of the proposed \$33 million in cuts and additions. These legislative add-ons are known as policy riders. Among these riders are provisions to restrict federal funding for Planned Parenthood and to curb President Obama's authority to implement the health care law.

With these broader attackers on health care law, Republicans on Tuesday included a provision to undo the health care law's tax paperwork requirement. This measure was passed by the Senate by a 87-12 vote and was sent to the executive. The executive after the bill was passed said that the President was open to change and that he is pleased with the fact that Congress has acted to correct a flaw that forced companies to have an "unnecessary bookkeeping burden" on small businesses. The measure has been known as the "1099 Repeal" because it will relieve business of having to file 1099 tax forms for any person or company they pay at least \$600 in a year.

To make up for this lost money in the repeal, House Republicans rewrote the way in which government could pay for subsidies under the new health exchanges in the law. Under the current law consumers are allowed to keep a lot of the money the government had over paid them, but the new bill would claw back most of that money from the taxpayers.



Congressional Ticket

BY JONATHAN R. FORMICHELLA '11

Every morning many Prep students drive themselves to school and when they go to their cars at the end of the day they are greeted by an orange ticket from the Fairfield University Public Safety Officers. Our members of Congress do not need to worry about receiving that orange ticket. Members of Congress have immunity from many parking tickets in the District of Columbia, but this does not mean that they are immune to receiving fines. In a Roll Call survey of the cars parked on Capitol Hill and at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, lawmakers as of late March have racked up to \$15,000 in outstanding tickets. These tickets range from speeding camera violations to expired parking meters. More than 76% of these tickets were in default because of a lack of payment.

These tickets are not allowed to be paid with public funds so they must be paid out of pocket. The way in which the police know that a vehicle is a member of Congress's car is that the member gets a special tag attached to their license plate. Though Congressmen are exempt from routine parking tickets they must obey restrictions for rush hour, fire hydrants and loading zones.

Japan Crisis Impacts World

BY JOSEPH SANFILIPPO '13

On March 11 at 2:46pm JST a massive 9.0-magnitude earthquake occurred near the northeastern coast of Japan, creating extremely destructive tsunami waves which hit Japan just minutes after the earthquake, and triggered evacuations and warnings across the Pacific Ocean. The earthquake and tsunami have caused extensive and severe damage in Northeastern Japan, leaving thousands of people confirmed dead, injured or missing and millions more affected by lack of electricity, water and transportation. The estimated cost of damage from the earthquake and tsunami is expected to top \$300 billion, making it the world's costliest natural disaster.

The earthquake also created another major crisis in Japan. On March 11 a powerful tsunami triggered by the earthquake swept away cars and homes and knocked out regular and backup cooling systems at the six-reactor Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. Several reactors are affected. This caused the Japanese government to tell everyone within a three-mile radius of that plant to evacuate because of the radiation exposure. As the days go by with the radiation getting worse the government then told people within a 12 and a half-mile radius to evacuate and the government began to test people who may have been affected by radiation exposure. This radiation leak was rated by the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) as a level four out of seven on the scale of international nuclear disasters.

As a recap of the damage this is what we know. About 10,000 people are known to be dead (Unaccounted for: at least 17,500). Over 500,000 people have been evacuated from their homes. More than 86,000 buildings have been damaged or destroyed. There are about 543 (14 teams from 12 countries) International Search and Rescue specialists on the ground. More than 120 countries have pledged assistance to Japan.

The earthquake, and subsequent natural disasters, in Japan has left an extensive impact on the world. One example of its impact is that Japanese carmaker Honda has had to limit production. This is because the earthquake hurt their plant and caused them to have a less supply of parts in Japan because of the disasters. Likewise Toyota (who also had three factories affected) and Suzuki have had to cancel inaugural openings of car facilities because of the earthquake and tsunami. An example of how the disasters affect production is Apple's new iPad. Its production has been lessened because it gets some parts for its iPads and other devices from Japan. The last major effect that this disaster has created deals with Japan's government more notable its national deficit. Disaster in such a large scale means that the government will have to invest a lot of money to rebuild what's damaged. With a disaster that will cost an excess of \$300 billion and an already weak economy in Japan, it does not bode well for the country.

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APP OF THE MONTH

Tiny Wings

Tiny Wings is available on the App Store, is rated four and a half stars out of five making it already one of the top selling games of all time on the App Store. The game is very easy to play and also very easy to get addicted to. You play by tapping your iPod Touch or iPhone's screen to dive and gain speed to fly and jump which you let go of the screen to do. The objective is to get as big as a score multiplier as you can and also to make it as far as you can before the sun goes down while you are island hopping. This is one of the best and most addicting apps I have ever played and it is a must download!

—**Matt Kingsbury '13**

Not quite a grand slam

The MLB2k11 game isn't perfect, but it's entertaining

BY MATT KINGSBURY '13



As a new season of baseball kicks off, I thought it would be a perfect time to review, videogame, MLB2K11. The game's graphics are stellar and make you feel as if you are in the game. The umpires will also make calls that are close which can be either right or wrong depending on the situation. One such instance is if a ball clips the strike zone, it may be called either a ball or a strike when it could be the opposite of what is called.

The game's level of difficulty was also upgraded since the last game that was released, hitting is more realistic in the sense that you will not be hitting homeruns as often as you could in the 2010 game. When fielding, though, you get the sense that it has remained the same as many baseball games, but the smoothness of the animations when throwing and catching are outstandingly smooth. You may also notice how close and how difficult it might be to turn some plays while fielding.

Overall this game is great and very entertaining, but still not your ideal baseball game.

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INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup of butter, melted
1 cup of tightly packed dark brown sugar
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon of vanilla
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/8 teaspoon of baking soda
Pinch of salt
1 cup of all-purpose flour
1/3 cup of butterscotch chips
(chopped walnuts and chocolate chips are equally tasty)

Blondies

The sweet treat that is easy to make and perfect for any occasion!

METHOD

- 1 Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly butter and flour an 8X8 pan. Whisk together the melted butter and sugar in a bowl.
- 2 Add the egg and vanilla extract and whisk.
- 3 Add the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt, mix it all together. Add the butterscotch chips or other mix-ins.
- 4 Pour into the pan and spread evenly. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Allow to cool. Cut into squares and serve.

Makes 9 blondies.

Sebastien Laforest '11 is off this month.

*Recipe from
simplyrecipes.com*