

Photos of our MCA High School Court Yard by Tara Demko



# Mount Carmel Area School District School News and Feature Stories

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Thank you for a great news reporting year!

Front L-R: Sierra Nolter, Miranda Moser, Kayla Witt, Rachel Startzel, Tyler Thompson, Brooke Karycki, Taylor Conches, Dominic Farronato. Standing L-R: Luke Duceman, Stef Cimino, Tara Demko, Isabella Stellar, Danny Lesko, Alex McLeod, Paige Hornung, Caity Avellino, Nick Stancavage. Seated L-R: Mary Rose Latorre, Marisa Montgomery. Missing from photo: Doug Cole, Michael Swatski

## Exxon Mobil Grant Award

Tower Exxon Mobil Convenience Store, 3rd and Maple St, Mt Carmel, and Marketing Manager, Monica Bradford recently awarded the Mount Carmel Area School District the Top Star Express Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Grant. Store manager, Melony Kisela, nominated and presented our school district with this prestigious award. Top Star Express invests in school and community involvement through \$500 grants designed to help schools purchase supplemental learning tools such as science and technology equipment and supplies. The Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance provides fuel retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of the community where their businesses are located through grants to neighborhood schools. A special thank you to Exxon Mobil Corporation and store manager, Melony Kisela for nominating Mount Carmel Area School Distaict for this grant.

-Mary Rose Latorre

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## **Glodan Paper Grant**

MCA Students in Mrs Hooper-Begis and Ms. Jessica Yerges classes paid a visit to Willow Creek Horse Farms in Catawissa, through a grant from Glodan Paper. Students had the opportunity to groom horses, walk and jump them with a lead rope, and learned about horsemanship. Reading, Science, and Math lessons were also integrated into the outdoor trip. Seniors 4H members, Keri Bennet and Samantha DeWald, assisted the students on the trip.

At a later date, representatives from Gloden visited students in their classrooms and the students presented them with gifts to thank

them for the opportunity to visit the farm. Students framed photos from the trip and decorated a decoupage flower vase with photos and student names. MCA thanks Glodan for their generous support!



-Mary Rose Latorre

# Award Winners















Page By: Kayla Witt

<u>Clks Awards</u> Student of the Month Jr. Student of the Month Teen of the Month Jr. Teen of the Month

#### February:

Bryson Purcell-12th Jessica Pachuski-11th Miranda Moser-9th Maci Mazzatesta-7th

#### <u>March:</u>

Stefanie Cimino-12th Bryce Fiamoncini-11th Sara Parker-8th Adam Weissinger-7th

**April:** Nicole Purell-12th Hannah Fetterolf-10th Leah Nicola-9th Emilge Barnhardt-7th

<u>May:</u> Kristen Duceman-12th Morgan Miriello-11th Natasha Nevis-9th Tyler Krah-7th



Elks Students of the Year: Presentation:

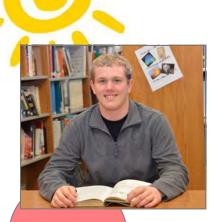
L-R Mount Carmel Elks Treasurer, Dave Berezovske, Youth Activities Committee Chairman Ron Shopinsky, School Award Coordinator Deb Parkansky, Teen of the Year Chantelle Skavery, Jr Teen of the Year Nicole Varano, Jr Student, of the YearAli Varano, Student of the Year Eric Joraskie

#### Rotary Student of the Month

<u>February:</u> Nicole Purcell-12th <u>March:</u> Danny Fletcher-12th <u>April:</u> Tyler Kwiatkowski-12th <u>May:</u> Mary Rose Latorre











<u>HS School Board</u> <u>Mgrit Award</u> <u>Fgbruary:</u> Algx Mrozgk-11th <u>March:</u> Marisa Montgomery <u>April:</u> Rachel Toter









Junior High Pride February: Maura Fiamoncini —8th Sarah Cooper— 7th

<u>March:</u> Marisa Kløman-8th Bøn McFaddøn—7th

**April:** Brianna Kruskig-8th Tyler Krah—7th







They say good things come in threes and MCA High School will have three new very precious arrivals by the end of the summer. Mrs. Haden, Mrs. Fourspring, and Mrs. Sierdzinski will be welcoming new, possible MCA students into the world before the end of summer. All three already have at least one child in their families, and all three are expecting little boys. Mrs. Haden, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade English, 11<sup>th</sup> grade Honors English, and AP Lit teacher has a lot on her plate. And while she and her husband, Paul, already have 21 month old daughter, Sophia, Mrs. Haden says she is not

nervous at all, and even quite excited to have two so they can play together. On April 12, 2013, Mrs. Haden gave birth to a baby boy named Eli Paul Haden. On the other hand, Mr. and Mrs. Fourspring, both

teachers at MCA, already have two girls, Hannah, 5 and Tessa, 2 and are now adding a boy to the mix. Girls are right up her alley, but business teacher, Mrs. Fourspr Mrs. Fourspring

right up her alley, but business teacher, Mrs. Fourspring is definitely not sure what to expect or how to prepare for a boy. This new arrival is Tech Ed teacher, Mr. Fourspring's opportunity to take charge and add some testosterone to the Fourspring clan. Mrs. Fourspring is due July 8<sup>th</sup> Finally Mrs. Sierdzinski is our last expectant moth-er and with a due date of June 19<sup>th</sup> will be staying here with us at MCA until summer vacation. Mrs. Sierdzinski and her husband, Tom, already have a son, Zaden, who just turned six and said "I love the baby so much, I can't wait until he is here!" until he is here!"

Everyone here at MCA would like to wish the best to all of our expectant teachers and their new arrivals. Good luck with your growing families and we can't wait to see the adorable pictures when we return next school year! -Michael Swatski





Tessa and Hannah







## OAK TREES FOR ARBOR DAY!!

Each year, the last Friday in April marks Arbor Day; a holiday that encourages the planting and care for trees. Arbor Day originated in Nebraska City in 1872. Today, Pennsylvania is the largest producer of hardwoods in the country.

Alumni of Mount Carmel Area did their part in celebrating all- that- is- trees by donating 100 white oak saplings to anyone in the area who wanted to plant them. Father and son duo, Karl and Nathan Kort of Kort Forestry arrived at the high school at 8:30 to deliver the trees to members of the science club and envirothon. The Korts demonstrated to the club members and club adviser, Mrs. Dianne Candelora, how to plant the seedlings and how to tend to them thereafter.

Mr. Karl Kort explained that the White Oak is great for wildlife like deer because of their acorns. Mayor Kevin Jones came to pick up five oak saplings to plant in the Mount Carmel Town Park. The rest of the saps were distributed after school. Although the saplings won't be full grown for sixty more years, planting a tree now is a great way to leave your legacy behind.

~Marisa Montgomery













With the hot weather of the summer, you'll love some refreshing treats to keep you cool. Here's some easy-to-make recipes that are a perfect way to beat the heat!

## Garden Pasta Salad with Chicken



#### **Ingredients:**

- 4 (8-ounce) bone-in chicken breast halves, with skin
- Coarse salt and pepper
- Juice of half a lemon
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 4 cups rotini
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 cup frozen edamame, thawed
- 1 cup matchstick carrots
- 1 cup baby spinach, chopped

### **Directions:**

- 1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil.
- 2. Season the chicken with salt and pepper and transfer it to the baking sheet. Drizzle on the lemon juice and oil, then bake the chicken until the juices run clear when pierced with a knife, about 1 hour.
- 3. Transfer the meat to a plate to cool, reserving the cooking juices.
- 4. Cook the rotini according to the package instructions, adding the broccoli to the pot for the last 2 minutes.
- 5. Drain, reserving ¼ cup of the water, plus 2 tablespoons if you're using a rotisserie chicken that has no cooking juices.
- 6. Transfer the rotini and broccoli to a large bowl. Add the reserved cooking juices and pasta water and toss to coat the ingredients.
- 7. When the chicken has cooled, remove the skin. Pull the meat from the bone, tear it into bite-size pieces, and add it to the pasta.
- 8. In a small bowl, stir together the mayonnaise and mustard until well blended.
- 9. Add the mixture, along with the remaining ingredients, to the bowl and toss well. Taste and adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper, if desired.

## **Berry Blue Smoothie**

### **Ingredients:**

- 2 cups fresh or slightly thawed frozen blueberries
- 1 (8 ounces) container low fat vanilla yogurt
- 1 (6 ounces) cups milk
- 1 (12 ounces) can pineapple juice
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 12 to 16 ice cubes



### **Directions:**

- Place all ingredients, except the ice cubes, into container of electric blender and blend on high until smooth.
- With blender running, add 2 to 3 ice cubes at a time through the center opening in the lid until all ice cubes have been added.
- 3. Blend until smooth.



#### **Ingredients:**

\*You will need an ice cream maker

- 6 eggs, beaten
- 3 1/2 cups white sugar
- 10 fresh peaches, pitted and chopped
- 4 cups heavy cream
- 2 cups half-and-half cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3/4 teaspoon salt

#### **Directions:**

- 1. In large bowl, mix together eggs and sugar until smooth.
- Puree peaches in blender or food processor and stir 5 cups of puree into egg mixture.
- 3. Stir in cream, half-and-half, vanilla and salt and mix well.
- 4. Pour mixture into freezer canister of ice cream maker and freeze according to manufacturer's instructions.

Apart from these refreshing treats, other popular foods in the summer include grilled foods, such as barbeque chicken, burgers, and hot dogs, fruits, and a variety of fresh desserts. During these seasons, get out and experiment with new and unique recipes and enjoy the season with great foods!

**By: Alex McLeod** 



## 22 March 15 & 16, 2013 Directed by Sharon L. Styer

Set/Detail Director-David McFee **Choreographer-**Gary Wychock

The musical, Grease, is based on a romance between innocent Sandy and greaser Danny. Parting after a love-filled summer together, Sandy and Danny meet up again at the same high school, where social differences interfere with their romance. While the relationship takes its winding ride, the Pink Ladies and T-Birds provide opposite storylines about teenage life in the 1950's.



Miss Lynch- Joanna Rompallo **Patty Simcox**– Kathryn Fest Eugene Florczyk– Douglas Cole Jan– Isabella Stellar Marty– Tara Demko Betty Rizzo- Alexandria McLeod **Doody**– Cody Dietz **Roger**– Luke Darrup Kenickie– Daniel Lesko Sonny LaTierre- Christopher Stellar Frenchy– Hannah Fetterolf Sandy Dumbrowski- Jessica Pachuski Danny Zuko- Eric Joraskie Vince Fontaine– Dylan Patrick Johnny Casino– Luke Duceman Cha-Cha DiGregorio- Chelsea Matos Teen Angel– Jared Maciejewski

#### **Ensemble:**

Bobby Beierschmitt, Nicole Brosius, Elizabeth Cooper, Kelsey Dietz, Ashley Docherty, Elijah Duran, Cameron Getty, Kaitlyn Milo, Jillian Mazerkevich, Marisa Montgomery, Natasha Nevis, Sierra Nolter, Shelby Scott, Chantelle Skavery, Jessy Stankavage, Rachel Startzel, Taylor Stefovic, Peyton Worhach

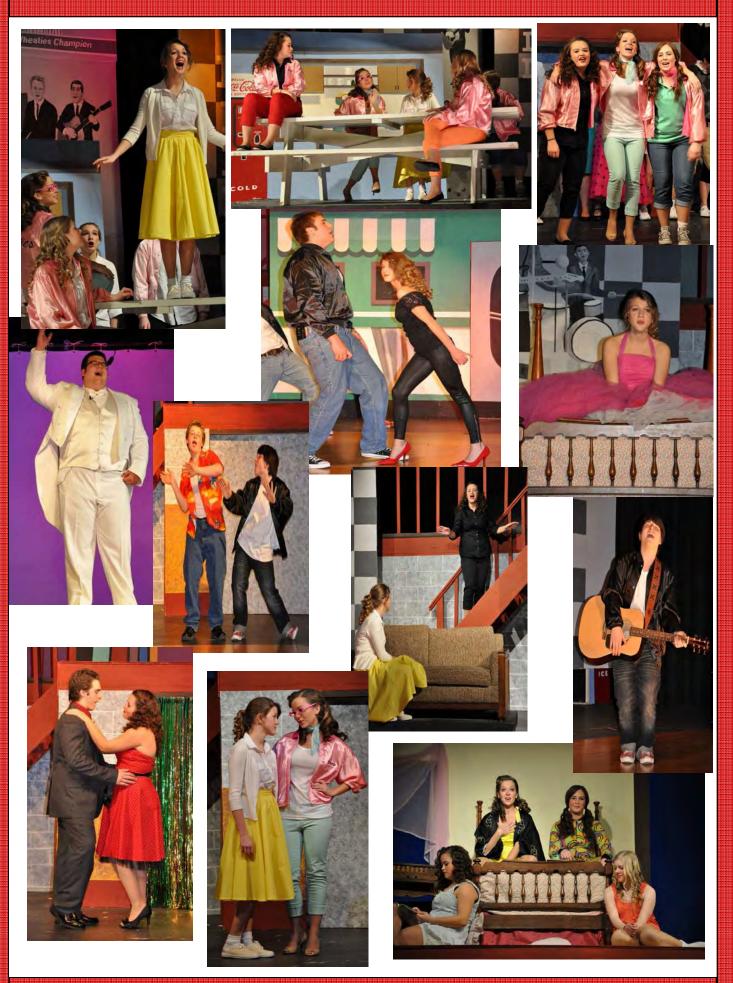


#### **Stage Crew:**

Megan Troutman, Leah Nicola, Brianna Latovich, Brianna Lutz, Tara Demko, Caity Avellino, Alyssa Bielski, Joe Zanella, Eric Joraskie, Emilee Barnhardt, Ben McFadden, Cassie Troutman, Olivia Bressi-Harman, Aurora Froutz, Mary Rose Latorre, A.J. Mrozek, Justin Skavery, Caitlyn Curran, Jason Eichelberger, Nicole Purcell, D.J. Malick, Kelsi Wayne







By: Alex McLeod



MCA sent five teams from the high school, and two teams from the elementary school to compete in the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition in Berwick. Teams worked hard to perfect their vehicles, balsa wood structures, skits, and costumes and presented them to the world. Last year was the third year in a row that Mount Carmel sent a team to the World Finals and the regional competition is the first step on the road to Worlds again. The competition was held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Berwick High School and hosted up to 100 PA teams from the Northeastern part of PA.

With more than 100 teams at the competition, MCA had 6 teams place to receive a trophy and five teams advance to states. Teams must place in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> to advance. Coming in first was Mrs. Donna James and Mr. James Weissinger's team. Second place winners included Mr. and Mrs. Aaron and Kelly Domanski's team, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Andrew Yaracz's team, Mr. Corey Lombardo's team, and Mrs. Margaret Barnhardt and Mr. Aaron Domanski's team.

Two teams just missed the cut, coached by Mrs. Eileen Zarski and Mrs. Anne Darrup and Mrs. Zlocki and Mr. Domanski, placing 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively, but not advancing.

As the teams prepared for states, they had a chance to improve their skits and props for the next level of competition. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Yaracz's team along with Mr. Lombardo's team, finished in second place at states and advanced to the world finals in Michigan. The teams made a great accomplishment. With help from fundraising and donations from the community including \$1000 donated by The Mount Carmel Area Education Foundation, the OMers are ready to take on worlds May 22-25, 2013! Good Luck!

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# MCA School Spirit Week!

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Our MCA Student Council sponsored Spirit Week. On Monday March 18th through the 22nd, and Mount Carmel Area high school held a Storm of Tornado Pride and School Wide Fun.

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Monday was the warm and fuzzie day, because it was "Pajama Day". When Tuesday rolled around, it was "Favorite Artist Day." Eve-ryone rocked out the T-shirt of your favorite band. On Wednesday it was "Class Color Day." Each class being assigned a class color to represent. Thursday, the school showed their favorite sports or athletic team while wearing jerseys or team shirts for "Jersey Day." Finally we summed up the week with "Tornado Pride Day!" Everyone was encouraged to wear Red and White to show our pride here at MCA! ~Nicholas Stancavage





## MCA Annual Band Banquet April 28, 2013

The Mount Carmel Area High School Band held their annual banquet on Sunday, April 28, at the Mount Carmel Area High School Cafeteria. After the meal prepared by the band parents, Band Direc-tor, Mr. Bernard Stellar, recognized this year's achievements, the two-year student members, and most importantly, graduating seniors. Congratulations to all award winners and good luck to the graduating seniors!



2012-2013 MCA Band Award Winners (from left): Jon Phillipine, Eric Paul Outstanding Percussionist Award; Alex McLeod, Robert Sowa Dedication Award; Carl Darrup, Most Improved Award; Matt Cimino, Rookie Of The Year Award; Kathryn Fest, Outstanding Marcher Award; Luke Duceman, Outstanding Musician Award.



2012-2013 graduating MCA Band seniors (from left): Row 1: Kathryn Fest, Kelsey Deitz, Cassandra Troutman, Ashley Docherty, Alex McLeod, Alyssa Bielski, Samantha Nevius, Tara Demko, Stef Cimino Row 2: Rich Coffman, Doug Cole, Kim Shicowich, Marissa Klinger, Bernie Stellar, Director, Karissa Trent, Vinny Candelora, Quentin Troutman, Rob Varano

## MCA Annual Art May 8, 2013





Spring is here and what better way to end the year than with some visual pleasures at the annual art show. The art show displays students work of all grades and gives art club members a chance to win prizes in categories ranging from painting to metals, stained glass, enameling, basketry and more.













# **MCA Spring Sports**



Boys Varsity Track 2013 State Qualifiers

























Page by: Mary Rose Latorre

## VFW POST 2110 LADIES AUXILIARY ART WINNERS 2013



Three MCA high school students placed in the Patriotic Art Contest hosted yearly by the VFW Post 2110 Ladies Auxiliary. 1st place winner is Niracha Marchetti, who received \$75 along with a certificate and pin and her artwork will move on to the next level of competition. 2nd place winner, Ashley D'Andrea, received \$50, a certificate and a pin and 3rd place winner Jessica Gibson received \$25 a certificate and a pin. VFW auxiliary president, Chris McLaughlin, and contest Chairman, Barbara Stief, presented the students with certificates, pins and monetary awards, along with MCA Art Teacher Mrs. Jen Stahr who coordinated the contest at the school.

Students were allowed to use a wide variety of art materials, but were required to follow

the federal flag code when portraying the U.S. flag in their artwork. 2nd and 3rd place winning entries were on display at the MCA Art show and are now at the Mount Carmel Area Public Library throughout the month of June along with 1st place when returned.



PHOTOS BY: Caitlyn Curran L-R: VFW Contest Chairman Barbara Stief, 1st place winner Niracha Marchetti, 2nd place Ashley D'Andrea, 3rd place Jessica Gibson, MCA Art Teacher Mrs. Jennifer Stahr, VFW auxiliary president, Chris McLaughlin



Before midterms or any exam, it`s easy to feel the immense stress of preparing to ace those tests! But here are a few key tips you can use to better your chances at success

- Don`t Cram! ~ Instead study for 20-50 minutes intervals and give yourself a 5-10 minute break in between"
- Play Calm Classical Music such as Mozart, that has been shown to stimulate both sides of the brain which makes it is easier to understand new material, and retain information.
- Mix Up Your Location: Choose multiple, guiet and interesting areas to study to stay refreshed or grab some friends. Study groups can motivate you to get started plus the added bonus of being able to ask for help on more difficult topics.
- **Cocca!** That's Right, the pure, untainted cocca bean was recently proclaimed as a "super food". To take full advantage of the nutritious bean, dissolve a spoonful of organic cocca into a hot milk of your choice.
- Stay Calm, Yet Alert. Do not stress out. Try deep breathing exercises, peaceful happy thoughts and take the test one guestion at a time.
- Take a Jog. Taking a break in nature is more relaxing than jogging in public, where your mind is constantly aware of your surroundings. But if it `s freezing out and the gym is closed, you can always take a guick little dance break.
- Stick Around. Tutoring help could be critical to your success. Your teachers are here to help, and can answer your concerns about upcoming tests.

If you know how to include all these tips into your study routine, then you will have a solid, yet entertaining and fun way, to prepare and improve your grades. Remember, whether you're preparing for an exam, SATs, or even a guiz, bettering your grades, betters your future. Take some time to help yourself, and CRACK OPEN A BOOK!, because it could change your life.



Date Of Test:	Seniors:	Underclassman:
May 23	Foreign Language, Arts and Humanities	
May 24	Foreign Language, Arts and Humanities	Foreign Language, Arts and Humanities
May 28	English AM, Math PM	Foreign Language, Arts and Humanities
May 29	Social Studies AM, Science PM	Science, Math
May 30	SENIOR EXAM MAKEUPS	Science, Math
May 31		English, Social Studies
June 3		English, Social Studies
June 4		UNDERCLASSMAN EXAM MAKEUPS

Story and page by Nicholas Stancavage

## Congratulations & Good Luck!

Senior Dates:

Sat June 1 Prom 7PM Sun. June 2 Baccalaureate 7PM Mon. June 3 Class Night 7PM Tues. Honor Students Dinner 6:15 Thurs. June 6 Graduation 7PM







Graduation: A Journey Graduation is a turning point in our lives It is an achievement and something to be proud of These four years passed by right before our eyes We will remember this bittersweet moment forever As we look around, we'll realize that we'll miss these familiar faces I hope we all succeed in our endeavors Just remember, while we're on our journey the future is a big place. -Shelby Scott



#### A Journey in a Cap and Gown

Move your tassel to the right, You're now a high school grad, Shed a tear and share a smile, For all of the times you've had.

Walking to the stage you smile, Having flashbacks of your past, You shake your teachers' hands a while, And wish these moments could last.

One journey ends and another begins, And it all starts within you, Believe in yourself and you will achieve, Have faith in whatever you do.

A farewell and a beginning, All wrapped into one, A celebration of your achievement, And of all you have not yet done.

Be proud of the place that you come from, And the people you already know, But welcome the future with open arms, As people come and people go.

Tornado Pride dwells within you for life, No matter where you will head, You can always come back to your faithful town, Your home is **white** and **red**. ~Marisa Montgomery









#### -Different Ways-

The sweet smell of summer hangs in the air And we're all seniors, we don't have any cares The last six years have gone so fast High school is nothing but memories of the past Some of us may be lawyers, doctors, or fire fighters putting out flames, Some of us may be teachers, in halls like this, calling students names Some of us may go very far away, Some of us may only leave Mount Carmel Area on vacation days But as we go out into the world to start our lives fresh, We'll all share similarities in our failures and success We've all slowly walked the same halls, We've all spent countless hours within these same walls And now we're leaving to do many a different thing When that final alma mater plays, we know the words to sing And out of a whole, we are all individual parts,

No matter what we do, we'll always be Red Tornadoes at heart

By: Elijah Duran



#### Time

We started off as nobodies living in a small town, Now we are on top, never coming back down. Here we are all gathered in this common place, To say "goodbye" to each other as the tears roll down our face. We reflect on our journey, our past, and the climb, And we have all came to the conclusion that it is finally our time.

We sit in these pews during this holy service, There is a smile on our face, but we are truly very nervous. We think about the memories that we will have forever, But we sadly recognize that this is one of the last times we'll be together. The service begins and the church bells chime, We sit back in our seats and remember it's time. We listen to the words of God, as we bow our heads and pray. We thank Him for the guidance That He gives us day after day.

We lift up our heads and feel a sense of delight, Because we know that our future is going to be bright. The service has ended but the day is still in its prime. We leave the church with smiles, knowing that we will see each other again in time.

~Kelsey Dietz

## **Fage by Stef Cimino**

There once were two brothers: Sinkovich "Most Handsome" was Steve's special niche We labeled Mike, "Steve" So we must beg your leave... But how could we tell which was which?????

~Tornado Times Staff

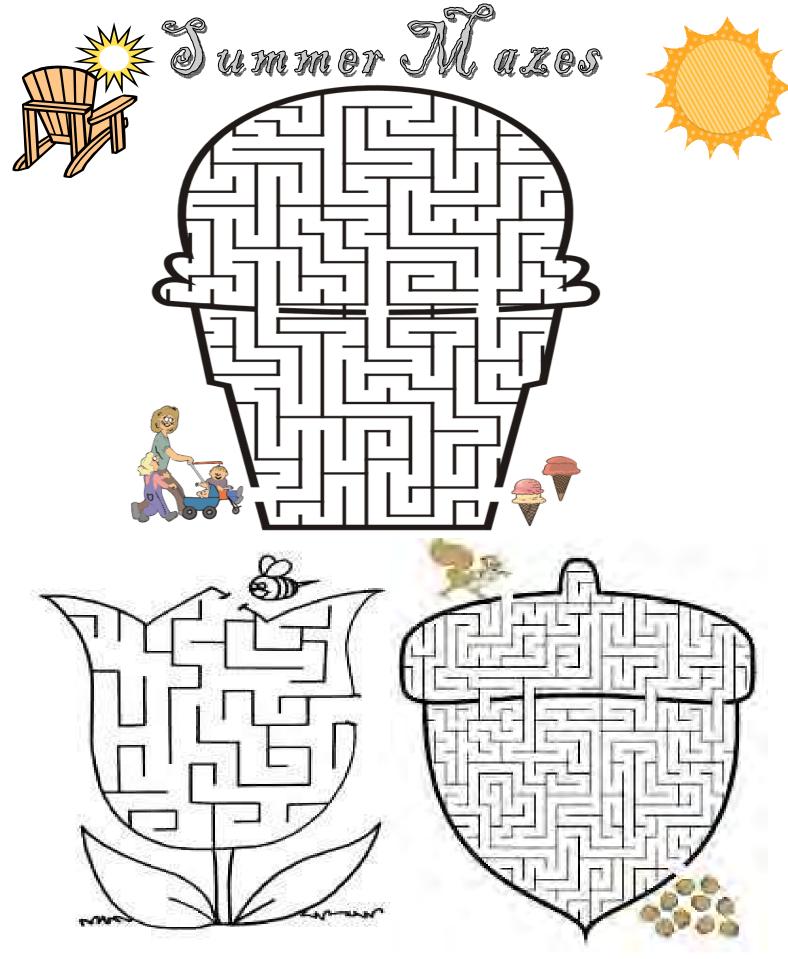
Senior Superlative for

1999 Most Handsome –

Stephen Sinkovich

Which is the REAL Sinkovich? Mike Terry Award Winner 1997—States Gold Medal Wrestler-1998 MCA class of 1999?

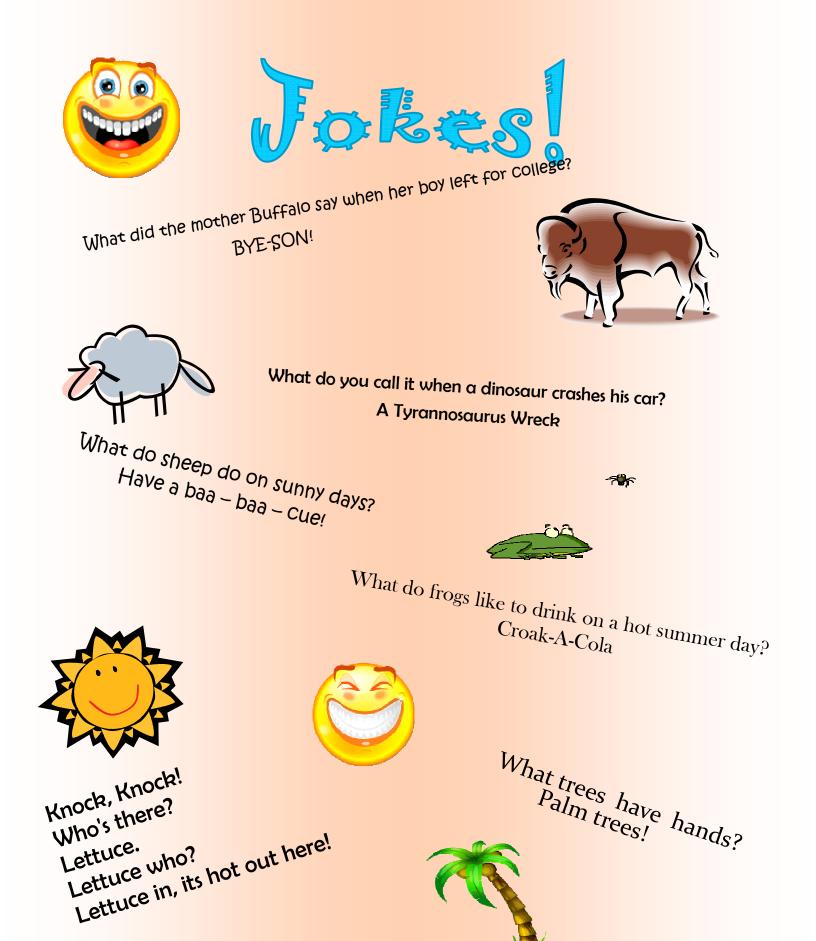
....The "most handsome", of course!



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By: Brooke Karycki



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JUNE HOROSCOPES

Aries - Now is the time to consider taking a rest from your labors. Like many of your sign, you may have burned yourself out without once getting away for a few days of real rest. If you can manage to do so now, your health — and future productivity — would benefit immensely. There is a chance for romantic adventure in the offing, but you should be rested before you play.

**Taurus** The knowledge you have in special areas has long been virtually wasted. Consider seriously baking advantage of your knowledge and your skills to make money for yourself for a change, instead of adding to the coffers of others. An old romance could be replaced by a torrid new one, but not at a cheap price. This should be taken into serious consideration. Expect a phone call.

**Gemini** Academic pursuits and/or specialized learning activities go well for you now. This could be a good time to take up the study of that musical instrumennt you have been threatening to learn for many years. You could also run into some financial problems now, resulting from poor planning or unwise investments, but this could be forestalled if you act quickly.

**Cancer** Catch up with the world and try to stay out of dreamland. Your biggest fault is talking about grandiose plans and never getting off the dime to do something concrete about them. Your talents are virtually endless, but your love of ease and sloth can be your undoing. Expect an important message from an old love concerning a situation dear to your heart.

Leo Upward and onward should be your cry now. Your abilities have never been tested so much as they are likely to be in a short time — but if you react with one-tenth of your capability, you could rise to the top of the pack with scarcely a feather ruffled. Speak seriously with an employer or colleague about your situation and don't mince words when it comes to placing a value on your services.

**Virgo** An interesting new romantic situation could open up for you at this point — and it may well be with someone you already know and least suspect. Correct behaviour is important to you now, however, as many eyes are on you. If you are already in a mate situation — or if your new friend has commitmentsit might be well to cool things for a time.

**Libra** Playing things safe might seem the wiser course, but it won't bring that sweet knowledge of having stayed in the game to the end. Losing isn't the worst thing that could happen. It could seem far worse at a later date not to have tried at all. And the chances might just be about 50-50 that you could win. Don't expect miracles or depend on others to bail you out, however.

**Scorpio** Use every effort to get in touch with a close friend whom you have let slide into oblivion. There could be something truly amazing and exciting in it for you if you do. Social activities should be soft-pedaled for awhile until you find out more about a certain situation. Keek your ears open for word of an important business transaction that could benefit you in more ways than one.

Sagittarius Set up some intricate safeguards to protect yourself and your property, especially if you are dealing with a financial project of some size. Risking personal debt on an unproven project could bind you up for some time to come — but if it seems right, there is no reason why you shouldn't take a solid position with savings or personal leverage.
Say no to an unsavory proposition.

**Capricorn** Try turning yourself around by making an honest effort to look at both sides of a situation before sounding off. There is an excellent chance for you to improve your present financial or career position, but you may have to take the bull by the horns and move as quickly as an Olympic sprinter to do so. Your love life could be dampened by the actions of a third party.

Aquarius Stealing a kiss may seem like enormous fun at the time, but such simple pleasures could develop into big problems if the proper safeguards are not taken into consideration. Steer clear of fast-money schemes. In all likelihood, those who would recommend such action stand to make a great deal more than you — and you could easily be left holding an embarrassingly empty bag.

Pisces Strongly consider rewarding your co-workers for the successful completion of a project for which you have
received the lion's share of credit. This could insure future loyalty and it might take no more than a simple pat on the
back, although something more concrete might not be amiss. Check out a romantic situation very carefully before you
commit yourself.