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MHS STUDENT MAXIM WINS GOLD

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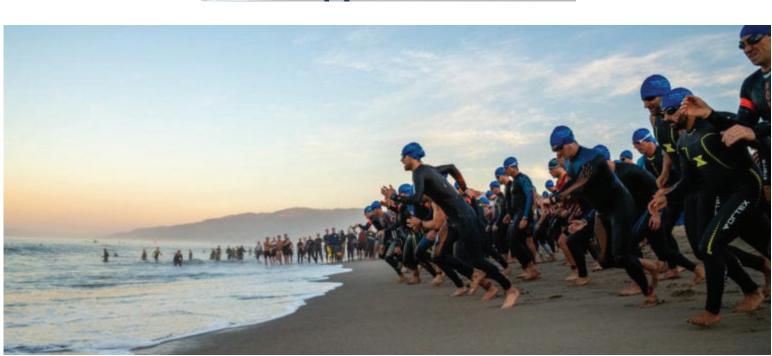
n Septemeber 25th Maxim Podgore, Malibu High Senior, Participated in the Malibu Triathlon. A total of 1,100 people participated in the event that Saturday. Maxim was able to finish 1st in his age group which ranged from ages 14-18 and had a total of 6 competitors. The course consisted of a 0.9 mile swim, a 26 mile bike ride, and a 6 mile run. With this challenge at face, Maxim was able to



finish in a record time of 2 hours and 38 minutes.

In order to prepare for the rigours of such an event Maxim made sure to prioritize spending time playing water polo and devloping an athlete endurance and mindset.

Reflecting back on his experience Maxim stated "I hate running. I literally couldn't feel my legs as I hopped off the bike, and then the only thing I felt during the run was pain. The medal was nice though". Congrats Maxim!



MALIBU WATER POLO IS BACK

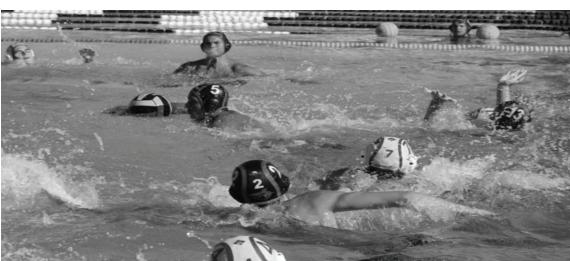
Luis Berg STAFF WRITER

uring the lockdown, many sports were cut short or canceled, including my Junior year of water polo. Yet now the season is in full swing and people are excited, many water polo players missed the pool and all the fun that being on a sports team brings. The Malibu high varsity water polo Coach Hayden Goldberg is very optimistic this year, hoping to "put a ball up there", in other words, win the league title. While the expectations for the team are high they still have a far way to go. As many of the athletes on the team havent played water polo for almost 2 years, there's alot of rust to shed. Many of the other teams have had club or other forms of practice throughout the

pandemic, this means the team will have to work twice as hard to catch up. Diego, the Malibu High water polo team Captian said this "we have enough talent and size to be really good this year we just need to stay focused and work hard" Diego has high hopes for the team and how far we can go.

While the varsity team is trying to catch its stride, Junior Varsity is trying to put the pieces together aswell. With a team of mainly 9th graders playing for their first time, they're doing great so far. All the JV players said they were happy to be back at school and playing sports with thier friends. It's a tough challenge for Junior varsity Coach Mulligan, but he is optimistic about this team potential. All together everone is just excited to be playing water polo, win or lose, it's a great experience for everyone.







MALIBU SURF TEAM

Allegra Barzan STAFF WRITER

ast week, I interviewed some of the Malibu Sharks Surf Team members at one of their weekly practices. The surf team meets twice a week before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They practice as a team at Zuma Beach. The surf team

also practices for competitions, which happen every few months. I asked John Cross, the coach of the sharks, some questions about the surf team. I was interested to know when his love for surfing started. "I started surfing in Ventnor, New Jersey when I was 12." His favorite surf spot in Malibu is Leo Carrillo. "I love surfing off the rock. The waves there are really fun." I then asked him when and why

he decided to start coaching the surf team., "I started coaching the sharks because my son joined the team and the team needed another coach. I had so much fun coaching and this year would be my sixth year coaching the team. I love seeing the smiles on the kids faces." I then asked Oliver Merlob, who just joined the surf team this year, when he first started surfing, "I started surfing in Malibu Makos." When asked about his favorite part of the surf team, he says, "I love meeting with friends and competing." His goal for this season is to get better at surfing. Lastly, I interviewed tenth grader Shelby Woodman, who has been surfing since he was four. His favorite thing about being a part of the sharks is "The surf contests and practices." I also interviewed a few other surfers and they more or less said the same thing. They all love getting to surf with friends and learning new things surf tricks. The Malibu Sharks Surf Team is a great way for students to come together to do something they love as a team.





Shark Word Search

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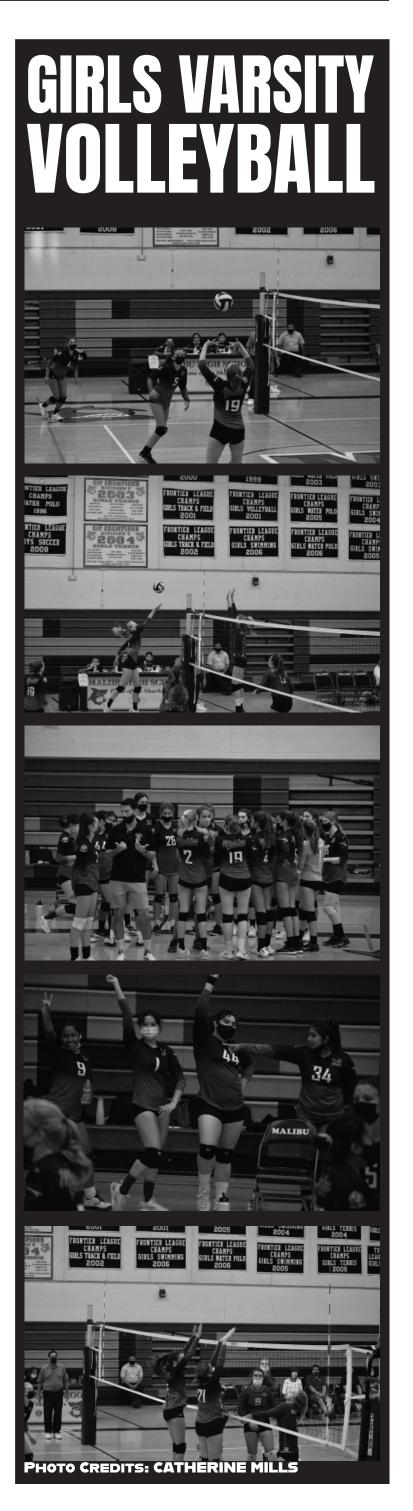
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Student Take on : the Vaccine



Noah Redclay STAFF WRITER

alibu High School's students are on campus, with an abundance of stories of their endeavors during the "Covid Summer". Not only do people have stories, but also newly formed opinions. A now highly prevalent topic of conversation is the administration of the covid vaccine.

When Students were presented with the simple question "What do you think about the vaccine?", many had different views. In an interview with our ASB President, Linda Morazan stated "Well, I got the vaccine and would strongly encourage everyone else to get it if they want to stay in school.".

Linda's opinion was reasonably based on the threat of going back to zoom and not getting an on-campus Senior year. Other students don't quite see it this way; An interview with another Senior, who chose to remain anonymous said "This vaccine was created and given out in under a year, how can you trust it's safe. The FDA won't even approve Pfizer." When I brought to her attention that Pfizer had just recently been FDA approved she rebutted saying, " Even if they did it's still too new to know what will happen in the future."

Both this interviewer and Linda had strong opinions on the vaccine, but others are more nonchalant about their opinions. When presented with the question, Lucy Thrall said, "I got it but I don't really care what other people do." Lucy clearly couldn't be bothered with the choices of other people, however, this is not an opinion shared amongst all peers.

An example of this is Rio Mcbreen, who took a passionate stance during her interview saying, "People who don't get the vaccine are idiots." As you can see we have a colorful set of opinions ranging from campaigners for the vaccine to active protesters.

The vaccine is still a matter of opinion in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified school district, but the L.A. school district just mandated that students must be vaccinated by January 1st, 2022. Los Angeles is one of our

RAMIFICATIONS OF A SHRINKING STUDENT POPULATION

Lily Romanov-Wechsler STAFF WRITER

or the past few years the talk of the declining enrolment rate has been circulating around the school. Whether or not you've noticed class sizes become smaller, it is undoubtedly a big concern.

Around 2007 there were somewhere between 800-900 kids enrolled in Malibu High School and now there are 430 which has caused class sizes to drop in half from 200-225 students to 100-125 students. This trend shows that each year the amount of students enrolled in the school becomes less and less. Another example of this can be seen by the graduating class of 2021 only having 147 students and the incoming 6th-grade class only having a small enrollment of 67 kids.

Although the problem isn't students leaving the school, because only about 6% leave to go to other schools such as Oaks Christrans, Viewpoint and Cross

Roads. The problem is the fact that the population of Malibu itself is dropping. Malibu's population went from around 13,000 to 10,000 in the last 3 years. An issue that contributes to the small population is that not a lot of families, with kids, are moving into Malibu, due to the fact that housing is not affordable and real estate prices are hitting an all time high. People think of Malibu when buying vacation homes, not necessarily to raise their kids.

The biggest threat of the declining enrollment is the reduction of staff in the school. Classes are supposed to be 35 students per teacher, a benchmark that our school fails to meet. Luckily, the district has been letting this slide for now. If we do have to end up getting rid of teachers it will be by seniority. Meaning that we might have to get rid of teachers that we love, one being Ms. Stowell, "I'm one of the last english teachers hired at this school, so if staffing was reduced I would probably be one of the first ones transferred to Santa Monica Highschool" As teachers go so will their electives that they teach. Mrs. Stowell teaches three electives: at this Shark TV, Journalism and Advanced film. "The electives I offered could probably disappear" is how she responded when I asked her what would happen to these classes.

You may be wondering how the school is going to fix the problem, the answer is that there really isn't much they can do. They hope that the new buildings will attract more students and cause them to enroll. Really all they can do is hope for more students to come in and unless more families start moving to Malibu it's unlikely that will happen. If the trend continues,

the school will continue to shrink.



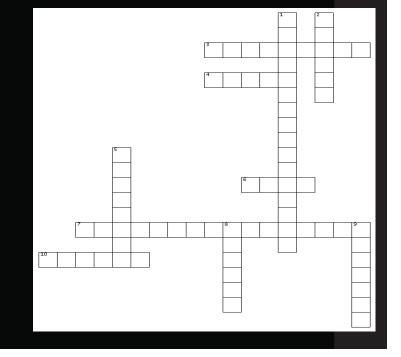
neighbouring districts, which leads to speculation that our school district will administer a similar mandate. As of now students are required to complete a covid screening everyday before school starts, and must have their masks on during every class. Along with these precautions every student receives a covid test every Tuesday. With these safety measures already being implemented, only time will tell if the mandation of the vaccine will become another requirement to attend MHS.

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WHAT ARE YOU EATING?

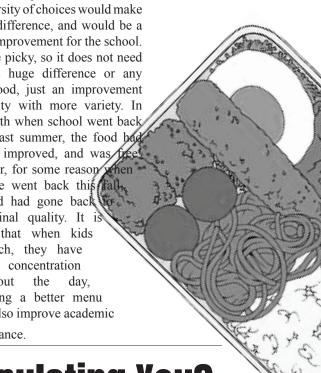
Ayla Griffin-Jassby STAFF WRITER would rather not eat.". said tenth grader Murial Buran in response to whether or not she would eat cafeteria food. The cafeteria food at MHS extremely limited, and only gives about three choices, such as lunchables, burgers, or corn dogs, all of which are unhealthy and unappetizing. The lines to receive the food are so long that it's not even worth waiting, and people who depend on the food have to stay in line for almost the whole break to be able to eat. Cafeteria food is cheap, but

much as possible. Healthier, more appetizing foods and a wider range of options should be available, as having a good menu at school is important. If there are more options to choose from, more people will eat it, creating a better day for students at school.

When asked, "Would you eat lunch at school if there was a wider variety to choose from?" tenth grader Noelle Weeger responded that,"Yes, I think if it had something I liked I would definitely start to eat lunch at school more. Maybe like salads or something".

Adding sandwiches, pasta, salads, etc to the menu would motivate students to want to eat lunch, instead of having to choose between a bean burrito and an unfrozen burger. Replacing unhealthy foods with healthier or more appetizing options might be slightly more expensive, but if there is enough money to spend it is a worthwhile change to make.

Simply a slight effort to increase the diversity of choices would make a huge difference, and would be a strong improvement for the school. Kids are picky, so it does not need to be a huge difference or any fancy food, just an improvement of quality with more variety. In the month when school went back before last summer, the food ha majorly improved, and was/ However, for some reason everyone went back this the food had gone back its original quality. It is shown that when kids eat lunch, they have better concentration throughout the day, so having a better menu would also improve academic performance.





Davis Newman STAFF WRITER

OVID-19 negatively impacted student learning across the country in all subjects. Although all subjects are facing a negative impact, Math and subsequently science have faced the worst of the "Covid Slide" or hole in knowledge due to COVID-19. Both students and teachers are feeling the pressure of learning with such difficult circumstances, are picking up again in person. NWEA, a research-based non-profit organization that creates academic assessments for students up to 12th grade with assessments used in over 9,500 schools and districts in 145 countries, found that math scores have been upwards of 10% lower than years without major disasters. Furthermore, NWEA findings show the English language arts scores were largely the

> With nearly all students behind on math, some teachers are feeling the crunch. Ms. Sekiali, a Malibu High School calculus teacher, describes that she feels

> same as previous years.

up to half of her students may be behind, but "not that much more behind than previous years," and is more concerned about the transition from online learning to in-person instruction. Similarly, Ms. Smith, another MHS math teacher, says that some students are "struggling to remember the intensity of math" specifically in person. Although pressured by the status of students, Ms. Seikali says she is "prepared for this" and "students are way better than I expected... and most of them are working hard." Both Ms. Sekiali and Ms. Smith noticed that the differences in the effect of COVID-19on math skills are very individualized to each student and are different for each math class. For instance, Ms. Smith states that a student behind in a certain topic may be given extra work, and students may have to work a little harder on where their "holes" in knowledge are, stating that students may "have to push a little harder." Ms. Sekali also noted how students are working hard to push through the difficulties of returning to school. Ms. Smith says that what teachers in the math department are looking for is "balance... and the big idea standards." Although some materials may be cut out, students will be prepared for the future.

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Although math may be more affected by COVID-19 than other subjects, teachers are confident in their students that they will be **Is Tik Tok Manipulating You?** Take a look at these

"DEVIOUS LICKS"







Helena JouJon-Roche STAFF WRITER

o you remember freshman year? If so, how was it? What are some pros and cons for you? Due to covid, this year for freshman is very different from one you might remember. We have to social distance and wear masks the whole entire day. Covid has impacted our freshman year a lot, but it still hasn't affected the way we go to school. Here are some perspectives of how freshman year online and freshman year in person are different. According to a 10th grader there were more pros than cons. "Some main cons were not being able to experience the normal highschool experience, things like dances, sports, football games etc". I also asked them about homework and they talked about how "the homework was doable but still hard compared to work they have to do

As a Freshman

now", they also said it was "pretty easy especially since they were online it was easier to get answers and get homework done". When asked if they prefer the online or in-person experience of school, they responded, "Definitely in person", although online was easier for them. They missed the social part of going to school and "missed seeing my friends/ teachers and people I had not seen in a while". She mentioned that they feel that they "missed out on lots of memories that should have been made and the original highschool experience. We missed out on events, sports, dances and so much more". On the other perspective of 9th grade freshman year in person I interviewed a 9th grader Allegra Barzan. What are some pros and

cons so far? "One of the pros of

9th grade in person was that the teachers are much nicer since they had been on zoom for almost a year. A couple cons was work being so much harder and not being able to do your work at your own pace at home". When asked how covid has affected her freshman year so far, Barzan responded, "although it's so different from how regular school used to be, it's also not that bad and is definitely doable even though it can be hard at times". To conclude freshman year is very different from the normal freshman year and we all have had very different experiences but at least there experiences we will learn from and remember forever.

Julien Lescure STAFF WRITER

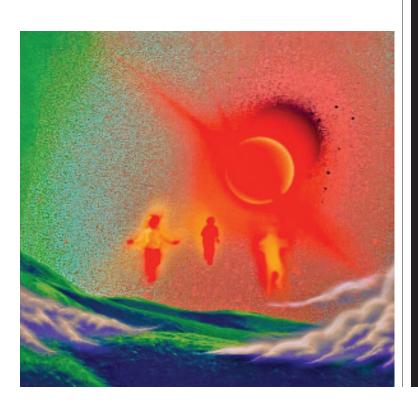
Being one of the most influential and controversial artists of our time, a new album from Kanye West is undoubtedly going to stir up some opinions, but the album Donda created an unusual amount of drama.

Ye's 10th studio album was first scheduled to drop July 23rd, the day after his first of three listening events. After several delayed release dates, Universal finally released the album to the public the morning of August 19th. In an Instagram post following Donda's release, West claimed that the record label, Universal Music Group, dropped the album without his permission, but this could very well just be a publicity stunt.

West was able to create a huge amount of hype and publicity around Donda, which brought increased expectations made the release even more controversial. Three different theatrical listening events took place in stadiums across Atlanta and Chicago. These three listening parties increased the excitement around the release of Donda. It was also made clear that Donda wasn't going to be a typical album. Kanye sent out multiple tweets speculating how good the album would be and how well it would do after it's release. A huge amount of excitement was created through social media and other platforms. West's early remarks weren't wrong. Donda made the largest debut of the year, opening at number 1 on the Billboard and already producing 357 million plays.

I asked a few of my Kanye West fan friends questions about Donda. In Akiva Friedman's opinion he loved the album, saying that, "it was Kanye's best album since the previous few he has released". Although Donda was a great success, Akiva said that "It ranks high up but isn't his best album." He also added that he believed it met the hype created around it. Asher, another friend I interviewed said, "the album is actually very good after a couple of listens." But in contrary to Akiva's belief, Asher said that "it didn't meet up to the hype around it". In my opinion, it was a good album but not his best. It didn't fully meet my high expectations but it still fully outperformed some of the other Kanye albums like Jesus Is King or Yeezuzs. In a lot of cases people can't separate the art from the artist, making it hard to get into Ye's music. But if you can overcome his controversial decisions and lifestyle, Kanye as an artist is up there with the greatest. West made this album in a very vulnerable state as he was still dealing with his recent divorce with Kim Kardashian and his decline in mental health. The album was also made for his mom who passed away in 2007 making it even more personal. Donda covers topics like his relationship with God and his mother and the struggles he faced in his life. Just like any other Kanye album, it will create controversy and have an influence but in this case it was more than normal

and for many valid reasons.



FROM SHARK, TO MINNOW

Lolitta Reynlib STAFF WRITER

a transformation of

Por young individuals, the time always presents itself where one parts ways with their childhood selves. As a developing person looks in the mirror, they may see

their features and in the way they dress.

During the era of middle school, many people

f i n d that it is an awkward and confusing

in which one is trying to develop a fashion identity before the beginning of their high school years. Being in a community where someone has practically been raised with the same mutuals since birth, leaves them with no escape in forgetting the times when they had once worn an outfit that every ounce of their body would wish to forget. As a new chapter of their lives presents itself, how do they find the inspiration for inhabiting a new fashion sense for their first year of high school? For this question, I decided to ask the posing idea to a student which had gone through transition themselves. Senior Lexi Spivack remembers the infamous transition and the ways in which she found inspiration that then influenced her fashion choices. This leads into one of the questions I asked Lexi, which was, what was it that inspired her middle school to

high school fashion sense shift; to

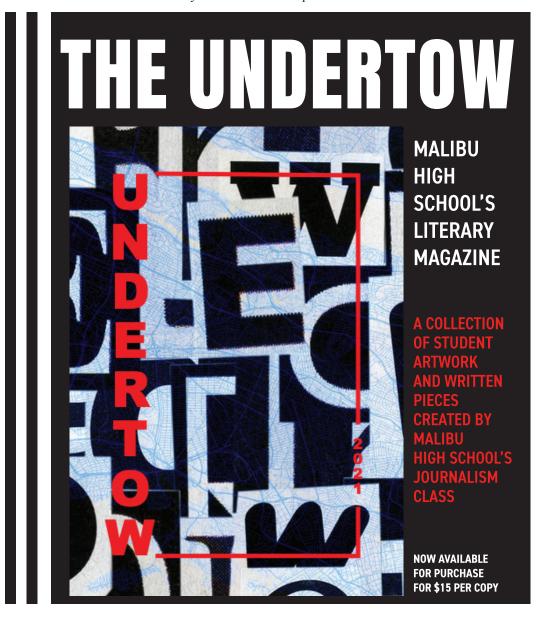
this, she responded with "I think that the music I was listening to at the time really influenced the way I dressed and helped me explore different styles." Different artists serve as a unique impact for those who are in search of a change. The genres can promote a certain fashion sense that can then inspire minds who have a longing for dressing differently

from what they once wore the previous year in middle school. I asked her what artists she listened to during

that time, she responded by naming "Tyler, The Creator, Kurt Cobain, and Jesse Rutherford." These artists have a mixed media of hip/hop, alternative, pop, and rock. As Lexi popped in her headphones to fully consume the lyrics and the way the beat made her feel, she looked upon these singers as idols that she then wanted to feel a closer connection to. In order to do that, a change in her fashion is what served this purpose. The way Lexi had once dressed in Middle School before discovering these artists included, "graphic tees, like not cute graphic tees... And skinny jeans with rips in the knee, along with slip-on vans were my go-to." Looking back, Lexi feels alienated towards what she wore considering this sort of outfit is no longer a "go-to" when looking in her closet. This then poses the question of where Lexi once shopped, "Brandy Melville, Urban Outfitters, and literally Goodwill." These places had once been her inspiration before discovering her favorite artists in her first year of high school, which had become a fresh influence in her transition. In this case with Lexi's responses, an insight is given into the idea that one of the factors that play a role in this transition is the influence of music. How an artist of a certain song can make one feel, can instigate the change in the way that they dress.

Their confidence flourishes, considering it is

sourced from an inspiration they hold close to their mind and heart. Another impact is friendship, and how building a bond with others can assist in finding insight on changing the way they dress. Friendships can inflict pressure that can dominate the cultural style with their newly formed group. Though on the other hand, a genuine feeling for wanting to become friends with someone due to finding them endearing can create an impactful connection. Cases of dictatorship by outside sources may command individuals of this age to dress a certain way. This struggle becomes apparent to the youth with their adaptation to the first year of high school, while others may feel that the transition is easy, many struggle in going beyond the silly cartoons or plain graphic tees. There is most definitely pressure, but every teenager goes through it whether they may be alone or with others, there will always be a time where you truly find yourself and how you want to dress. This confidence will find its way to you, middle school and high school is only a fragment of a time that helps you be yourself today.



MRS RYAN'S BOOK NOOK

Claire Buran, Mrs. Ryan EDITOR, TEACHER

Teanor and Park, Rainbow Rowell ✓ "I love this book" for the characters, but I also love the way it is structured. The chapters go back and forth between the perspectives of Eleanor and Park. She is a new kid in town, with loud hair and unique tastes and hobbies. Park, a kid who has friends and cares about what people think of him, ends up sitting next to her on the bus. Over time they bond over comics and music and their relationship grows despite their very different backgrounds." Eleanor and Park was granted Goodreads Choice Awards Best Young Adult Fiction as well as the Michael L. Printz Award. The book has a 4.6 Stars rating on google. It has overwhelmingly good reviews and mostly everyone only has good things to say about it. The author, Rainbow Rowell, has many other popular books such as Fangirl, the Simon Snow Trilogy (Carry On, Wayward Son, and Anyway the Wind Blows). Clap When You Land, by Elizabeth Acevedo "This is another book that I love for both the characters and the structure. This is a story about two teenage girls, one is living in the Dominican Republic and

the other in NYC. After a tragic plane accident kills both of their fathers, they both search for answers,

Voiced Performance, and Audie Award for Young Adult. Elizabeth Acevedo is also the author of the

d eccentric parents. As the story unfolds, we learn that 6/12 children have schizophrenia. Half the book is

about their stories. the other half looks at schizophrenia, the mental health system, and how we might better deal with mental illness. I found the book fascinating." This is a true story based on the Galvin Family, which actually had half of their children diagnosed with schizophrenia while the other half was completely untouched by the mental disability. The book debuted as number one on the New York Times bestseller list and was named one of "The Best Books of 2020" by The New York Times Book Review. It was also

chosen by Oprah Winfrey for her book club, launching the book even more in popularity. The author Robert Kolker is an American journalist who worked for The New York Times and graduated from Columbia College of Columbia University. He is also the author of the well-known book Lost Girls: An Unsolved American Mystery, which was adapted into a film that was released in 2020.



which eventually bonds them. This story alternates chapters between the girls' perspectives, but unlike Eleanor and Park, this book is told in prose (meaning poetry, but easily accessible prose so that you don't even notice after a bit)." A New York Times and Indiebound bestseller. It has also been awarded Goodreads Award Best Young Adult Fiction, as well as Audie Award for Multi-

book The Poet X, she has a BA in performing arts from George Washington University and an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Maryland. 96% of google users loved this book and it has a 4.3/5 user rating on Goodreads.

Hidden Valley Road, by Robert Kolker "This is the true story of a family of 12 children from Colorado with very FILMS OF 2021-2022

Noelle Weeger STAFF WRITER

The past year has been filled with a lot of change, especially in the movie industry. Due to Covid, movie productions and theaters were forced to be shut down. As the vaccine continues to spread, restrictions on movie theaters and production are starting to be lifted. This year there are many new and exciting upcoming films coming out. Here are some of the top five films to look forward to this year as theaters start opening up again.

One of the many films to look forward to is House of Gucci. The film is based on a story written by journalist Sarah Gay Forden. The movie is a must-watch, containing murder, drama, fashion, and insanity. A tenth grader said, "I'm very excited to see The House of Gucci so that I can see Lady Gaga, and I also love Gucci in general.". The movie's stars will be Lady Gaga, Jared Leto, Adam Driver, and many more familiar faces. While House of Gucci is just one of the many exciting upcoming movies, there are still many more from all genres. Another upcoming film is Dune starring Timothée Chalamet and Zendaya. Dune is a science fiction movie about a young man who was born for greatness. His world breaks into conflict, but

Herbert. Overall the movie had a budget of \$165 million! Another film to look forward to is Dear Evan Hansen, based on a

he is destined to help solve the

problem. The film itself is based

on Dune, the book by Frank

famous Broadway musical. Evan Hansen, a teenage boy, struggles to fit in and truly finds himself throughout the film. Evan Hansen will be played by Ben Platt, the actor originally known for playing his lead role in the tv show, The Politician. The film will be directed by Stephen Chbosky, and the music by Justin Paul; Dan Romer. This will be a film to look forward to if you are somebody who loves musicals.

Sing 2 will also becoming out this December 2021 and has a similar plot to the first movie. The sequel will be streamed on websites such as Netflix, DVD, Hulu, and amazon prime. Some of the cast members are Scarlett Johanson, Halsey, Bono. The previous character will embark on the journey of throwing another extravagant show, but to do so, they have to persuade a rockstar to join along. Overall, the film will be a great movie to see and very family-friendly.

Eternals is another exciting film coming up this year. The film already has high standards set because it is part of the Marvel universe. It will be coming out in November 2021 and starring Gemma Chan, Angelina Jolie, Kit Harrington, and Richard Madden. It will ultimately be about a group of superhu mans who have secretly lived on Earth for years. After many years of separation, they come to defeat the evil Defiants. It will be exciting to see if this film meets the standards set for it.

THE DOWNFALL OF NETFLIX

Murial Buran STAFF WRITER

sucks. It went from being the platform advocating for our TV binge watching addictions, producing low quality originals with TikTok stars. The decline has massively associated with the loss of licenses to 3rd party films that were the source of more than 60% of the platform's viewing hours. That money has slowly moved over to the heavy spendings on original content that are a cry for help.

Over the past several years the streaming service got rid of The Office, Friends, and Gossip Girl, three of their top most watched tv series. Many others including Mamma Mia, How I Met Your Mother, and That '70s Show were slowly taken off with no plan of coming back.

"I noticed that that 70 show was taken off and that it was one of my favorite TV shows that I never got to finish which was super upsetting. I also believe that taking off The Notebook was a total disgrace and completely ruined the

value of Netflix," said Noelle Weeger, a 10th grader at MHS.

writer To replace those iconic watches, we were given three sucks. It went from different versions of The being the platform Kissing Booth and To All the sting for our TV Boys I Loved Before, all well watching addictions, known for being absolutely



added was He's All That, starring Addison Rae, and a soon to be reality tv show featuring The Hype House, both of which speak fully for themselves. There are so many other mistakes marketed as movies that make the average rating of the Netflix

originals series a 3.8 out of 5.

When a 12th grader was asked their opinion they said, "I'm pissed off that the Netflix originals are the worst movies I've ever seen and they're taking off all the good shows, I don't even think I should

pay monthly for it anymore.'

Netflix is trying, but failing, to cater to the younger Including 'famous people' of our generation in the content, but coming from millennials' perspective. The choice made by Netflix to focus more on including newer social media stars has resulted in these young influencers receiving hateful backlash throughout nearly all platforms of social media. To make it all worse, the writing in these controversial shows and movies try to include popular slang, but is always a miss and never a hit, making the experience unenjoyable. The monthly payments going towards Netflix have started being put towards competing platforms, like Hulu or Hbo max, as they are displaying the current and classic fan favorites. The hope of Netflix redeeming itself is long gone, due to its self destruction







STOCK MARKET BASICS

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The combination of buyers and sellers of stocks (also known shares) symbolizes ownership claims companies, and is known as a stock market, equity market, or share market. Stocks that are listed on a public stock exchange, such as shares of private enterprises, "are" sold to investors through crowdfunding equity Stockbrokers platforms. and computerized trading platforms are the most common ways to invest in the stock market. The majority of investments are made with a specific investing strategy in mind. Individual and institutional investors join together in stock markets to buy and sell shares in a public setting, now known as electronic markets and apps. As buyers and sellers place orders, supply and demand in the market determine share prices.

What Are The Different Stock Market Types? There are two types of equity markets: primary and secondary.

The primary stock market, also known as the new issues market, is where securities are originally offered to the public. In this market the new issues are made in following four ways; public issue, rights issue, private placements, and preferential allotment.

Stock exchanges, also known as secondary stock markets, are a significant aspect of the capital market. It is a regulated market for the trading of securities. Governments, semigovernment organizations, public institutions, joint stock businesses, and other organizations issue these securities.



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ver since elementary school, the words reduce, reuse, and recycle have been engraved in our heads with hopes of being able to influence younger generations to make a change. But in truth, more than 91% of plastic isn't recycled, whether that be due to the fact that people are uneducated about what can and can not be recycled, or because it is burned instead of recycled because of the expenses.

According to National Geographic, "Mass production of plastics, which began just six decades ago, has accelerated so rapidly that it has created 8.3 billion metric tons [of plastic]". As most of us know, plastic takes a long time to completely degrade, more than 400 years, so over 88% of plastic that has ever been produced is still around today.

Living in a town that is surrounded by marine life, plastic directly affects our environment and community. Birds, marine animals, fish, and all sorts of other animals that live on the coastline are put in danger by the amount of plastic and trash that floats around in our oceans. It's our environment, our beaches, and our surf spots, something that holds importance to many of the residents and tourists here in Malibu. Roland Geyer, a specialist in the industrial ecology field, explains how different metals and plastics have different decomposition rates. He spoke about how the growing concern is due to "the rapid acceleration of plastic manufacturing, which so far

In a study created in 2015, there was an estimated 8 million tons of plastic that flowed into our marine ecosystems. To put this

has doubled roughly every 15

years" (National Geographic).

in perspective, that is about five grocery bags of plastic trash for every foot of coastline around the world. Since plastic was produced so rapidly, controlling the amount of plastic waste wasn't a thought until it was too late. Now, finding a way to manage all the plastic waste gets more and more complicated by the day, especially since recycling percentages have remained very low throughout the years - around 9% since 2012.

Since the world is drowning in plastic, governments have taken less environmentally friendly measures, throwing plastic in landfills, and causing hundreds of other issues. Plastics contain many harmful chemicals, and when the plastic enters the landfill,

of other diseases. According to no-burn.org, "Persistent Organic Pollutants travel long distances, and ultimately deposit into the ocean and polar ice caps, where they can adsorb onto other plastic marine debris and microplastics, bioaccumulating up the food chain, threatening marine and human health".

Adding onto the previous point, since plastic is a petroleum-based material, when it is burned, it releases mass amounts of climate pollution, resulting in "rising sea levels, increased ocean and air toxicity, and destruction of coral reefs and other marine life" (no-burn.org).

In general, the whole concept of recycling has slowly begun to

rganic In order to rid the oceans of plastic, people not only need into to clean up what is already caps, in the oceans, but also what onto is entering the oceans by closing the so-called river "tab".

According to globalowls.com, there is plenty of data on which

According to globalowls.com, there is plenty of data on which rivers are the most polluted, therefore making it the best starting point. "The Ocean Cleanup works together with government leaders, individuals, and private corporations to tackle the 1000 most polluting rivers all over the world, in five years from rollout" (globalowls.com).

Another fascinating discovery would be the usefulness of plasticeating bacteria. All around the world, scientists have been able to discover unique types of bacteria that can decompose and degrade certain types of plastics. In simpler terms, "By secreting an enzyme which "eats" the chemical bonds in the chain, the molecules are broken down into their smaller components, making them easier to be recycled" (immago.com)

As you can see there are plenty of different solutions to the escalating issue, both economical and environmentally friendly. Within our city of Malibu, there are many efforts in order to improve our recycling and ensure that our community does everything it can to help. There are also many other programs that Malibu has in order to help clean up our beaches and support recycling. Recycling plastic is effective when done right, and if done correctly, can pull us out of this climate crisis we are suffering. As much as we hear it, it truly is up to our generation. We have the willpower, the new technological advancements, and enough love for our environment to give back, ensuring that it gets taken care of the same way it benefits and takes care of us.

REDUCE, REUSE, BURN IT ALL

those chemicals seep into the soil, contaminating drinking water, other supplies and streams, and eventually reaching the ocean.

Essentially, China used to buy our plastic and other waste products until 2018, when they shut their doors and prohibited "24 types of waste from entering the country" (theguardian. com). As a result, the price of plastic plummeted, making it, to some, not worth recycling. Instead, most countries have resorted to dumping their waste in illegal dumps within Malaysia. Countries have also resorted to incineration, but this also comes with its harmful effects.

Incineration poses a threat to all life forms, contaminating soil, water, and other life essentials. Burning plastics and other wastes releases pollutants into the air, contributing to the development of asthma, cancer, and hundreds dissipate, being replaced with environmentally threatening alternatives, such as incineration and illegal trash dumps. The more plastic produced, the further into this hole we climb, throwing us even deeper into a global waste and climate change crisis. The goal is to find a solution, an environmentally friendly, economically friendly, and effective way to manage the trash crisis.

According to globalowls.com, there have been some advances on ocean pollution clean up. A company named The Ocean Cleanup invented new methods to clean and remove over 50% of the Great Pacific Garbage patch. Normally, using conventional methods such as vessels and nets, this would take thousands of years. However, with new passive systems, it is estimated that this clean up would take about 5



THE PLAGUE OF NEXTDOOR

Lola Weber EDITOR

Nextdoor, from page 1

In cities like Malibu, where white people make a remarkable predominance in population, the algorithm of Nextdoor amplifies inequality. Nextdoor has a local moderator system that elects neighborhood 'leads' who are granted privileges of moderating and removing any posts or comments that they deem 'harmful' to the Nextdoor environment.

None of these leads have any specific training or qualifications other than the fact they are either prevalent voices on the site, long-time users, or friends who were granted referrals by other leads. This model of amplifying voices comes at the expense of drowning out any minority voices within

these communities and trigger happy moderation privileges that have shown their power.

One of the most - if not THE most - popular topics within Malibu's Nextdoor sector is homelessness. The website creates a 'safe' environment for the wealthy and white to voice their opinions, and people get pretty mask-off when it comes to their dehumanizing rhetoric.

One Malibu Nextdoor user writes, "White privaledge? Right. Entitlement?? Paaaaaaalease... Dbl standards for homeless Start fires, dump trash, no registration, no license... all in prime zones of Malibu. Bum Privilege." while discussing the state of homelessness in the city. Another user calls homeless encampments on Zuma beach 'Kafkaesque', continuing that

"We all know what issues from these encampments aside from criminal stalkers, these untreated human waste fields are dangerous health risks. One could almost observe that the invasion is planned and deliberate.".

These comments are the mere tip of the iceberg when it comes to the problematic site, especially considering this is what the aforementioned 'leads' left up. Creating a digitized space exclusive to one of the most inaccessible neighborhoods was always bound to spew apathetic remarks and elitist behavior.

On a broader community scale for Nextdoor, racial profiling has also found a home within the site. In one BuzzFeed news article compiling various cases of profiling, a Bay Area resident justifies their 'suspicion' over a man walking with his child by stating, "Well he was walking on foot and I don't really know what made him suspicious, but he looked like a Cholo. Maybe it was how he was wearing his pants.". Another Nextdoor user complained that it "concerned me to see Dreads biking by my house this morning with 3 other less desirables. Sure don't need him with a posse of like minded individuals roaming our neighborhood.".

In response to this persistent issue on the platform, Nextdoor has attempted to roll out functions within their algorithm to stop posts that solely focus on a person's race, as well as an update to their community/lead guidelines. But once again, this is where the conflict of neighborhood 'leads' comes to a fault, since as long as these posts work within the interests of random leads nothing will be done.

Nextdoor also unveiled its 'Nextdoor for Public Agencies' app, introducing a new crime monitoring tool that works hand in hand with police departments to optimize law enforcement. For example, posts with images of innocent protestors, or pedestrians, could be employed by law enforcement to make targeted arrests, also leading to users becoming 'watchdogs' with close proximity to police.

Needless to say, predominantly white communities such as Malibu have, and will continue to be plagued with the perversion and detriment of classism and racism. Ultimately, it is a question of how these digitized community spaces amplify the harm that is done.

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Top 10 COVID Safe activities for the Holiday Season

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T's almost time for the Christmas holiday season! ▲After almost two years of losses and hardship because of the COVID pandemic, it is finally time to enjoy the season many people are looking forward to. Despite Covid restrictions being more flexible, there is still a lot of risk for many families all over the world. So what can you do for fun in the middle of a pandemic? Here's a list of the top 10 COVID-safe activities you can do with friends or family during the upcoming holiday season.

Fall treats; Everyone loves the smell of freshly baked cinnamon bread on the table, while the end of fall breeze sways the trees, so why not make your own favorite treats? Find easy recipes online make pumpkin pie, hot chocolate, gingerbread cookies, apple strudel, and peppermint chocolate with loved your ones. And to elevate the

holiday

mood, play your favorite Christmas tunes while you bake! Binge holiday movies; Nothing says holiday mood like binging favorite your Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas movies on the couch with your family. You can watch fun classics like Charlie Brown Christmas, The Grinch, or thriller movies like The Conjuring and The Purge. There's a fun movie for every occasion and it is a great opportunity to take a moment to relax and enjoy the cozy nature of the season! Drive-thru movies; What's better than watching a movie with

friends and family? Watching it on a big screen with the winter a i r! Drive-thru theaters are a super fun way to get outside and do the things you love without having the worry of chor c o v i d shop peopyou.

inside. Bring snacks and enjoy the picture perfect moment with as many friends as you want, but stay in your own cars. Ice skating; Everyone dreams of a perfect Christmas in the snow, but that's hard to find in California. At least you can get

of a perfect Christmas in the snow, but that's hard to find in California. At least you can get the same enchantment of the chill by ice skating at a local fair or mall. Those candid memories are always unforgettable, and trying something is always a fun experience!

Snowy getaway; Sometimes

just feeling like you're in a

winter wonderland isn't enough to create that true Christmas happiness, so going to a local ski resort can be a different and special holiday escape. The closest locations in Los Angeles are Mountain High and Big Bear, but to get the full grasp of winter snow, visit Mammoth Mountain or even Aspen! Christmas Shopping; Christmas shopping is always a way to show people how much they mean to you. Whether it's a homemade gift or purchase, buying crafts and finished accessories is entertaining. At either outdoor malls or online shopping, buying gifts is the perfect preparation for Christmas and a way to get outside.

Farmers market; In the season of giving, supporting local business owners and agricultural workers can be both a fun and rewarding activity. At farmers markets there are plenty of homemade goods to buy or fresh fruit from local gardens. These goodies can be gifts for teachers or tasty snacks for the home.

Hiking; Enjoying nature with the beautiful weather we have here in California is always pleasant. But there's something about fall and winter that makes the air smell fresher and sweeter. Hiking with family and friends or even alone can help you unwind and feel refreshed with the touch of nature. There are plenty of hiking trails nearby with beautiful views and greenery, just make sure to bring plenty of water and snacks! Biking; Another exciting outdoor adventure is biking at a park or by the beach. Enjoy a peaceful ride with the company of a friend. Being outside and talking with someone while doing exercise can help you appreciate the beauty

Beach bonfire; Cozying up by a toasty fire is a great way to make the most of world famous beaches in California. Some campfire songs and fun family stories are a way to help bring joy to the holiday season. And you can never go wrong with smores! While the leaves drop, the colors turn, and the weather changes, take time to enjoy the cozy fall weather

of life surrounded by nature.

can never go wrong with smores! While the leaves drop, the colors turn, and the weather changes, take time to enjoy the cozy fall weather and try a few new things! Make the most of your holiday season and remember to enjoy and be grateful for the good things in life.

WHAT ARE OUR MALIBU HIGH ALUMNI DOING NOW?





Sophia Pilot EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

hat years did you attend MHS? 2012-2016, and I went to middle school there too!

What kind student were you in high school... Would your teachers surprised about what you've accomplished? I really liked my classes, especially my history and English ones. I talked too much in class sometimes, and I always loved writing, so I don't think my teachers would be surprised to find out that now I'm a magazine journalist, where I talk to people and then write about it for a living.

If you could thank one teacher from your time at MHS who would it be and why? Many of the teachers who impacted my life the most were at MHS. I really can't choose just one, so I'll try to limit it to three. I'd say Ms. Leonard (she taught me in middle school but I'm gonna pretend that counts) for giving me great advice at critical junctures in my high school life, Mr. Panish for caring about his students so much as people, and Mrs. Loch (MHS's former choir teacher) for introducing me to jazz singing which I still do today.

Is there anything you learned in math class that helps you in your career today? I don't use math much in my job, but I use algebra

and geometry for things like budgeting and figuring out how much paint to buy when painting my apartment. Also, this goes back to elementary school, but don't forget your multiplication tables! I had to break out a calculator to remember what 7x9 was recently, and it was very embarrassing.

Is there anything else you would like to say to the Malibu community or students at MHS? To current students, I'd say that MHS and Malibu are two very special, completely unique places. Savor all the weirdness and togetherness that comes from being in a tiny school district with people you've known your whole life. Nothing else will ever be quite

like it (for worse and for better!). Many high schoolers are drawn to colleges in Boston, how do you think Malibu students would adjust to Boston winters? It won't be as bad as you think! My first year at college, I got all these thermal layers and insane Catcher-in-the-Rye-style hunting caps and I never ended up using them. So much of life in the northeast is built for winter that you'll be in warm buildings most of the day. Seasons are also festive, and I think MHS students will find a lot of novelty in them (I know I did). Maybe get a sun lamp though, because there is a lot less sun in Boston than California, especially in the winter. That part is hard to get used to at first.

UP COMING SCHOOL EVENTS

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OCT 13 2021
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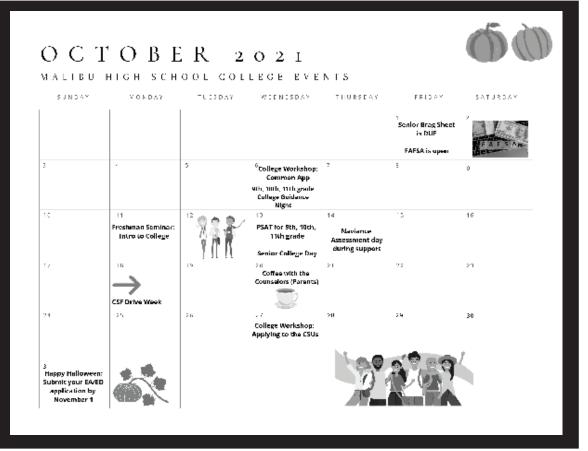
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FOR ALL
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AT MHS

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WHERE TO GO FOR OFF **CAMPUS** LUNCH

Colten Fisher STAFF WRITER

There are tons of good options for food in Malibu but a lot of them are far from the school or take too long for off-campus lunch. Seniors are the only grade that can get off campus lunch privileges. Your only able to drive so far and make it back to school in time so the choices you have are limited to only a few options which are Vintage, Sunlife, Lilys, and

Vintage has tons of great options whether you're there before school, during off campus lunch, or after school. They have sushi, a hot bar with tons of good options, and even some hot meals from Kristys. The hot bar switches from breakfast to lunch foods at 11:00 am, the breakfast usually has waffles, french toast, eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, donuts, and monkey bites, For lunch they typically have rice, orange chicken, mac and cheese, and much more options that vary every day.

VINTAGE GROCERS[®]

Sunlife is a good place to get quick light food located in the Point Dume Village. They make healthy smoothies and bowls. You can also get other things, like avocado toast which has a really good spice on it. Sunlife has an app you can download and order from so you can order before you even leave school so it's ready right when you get there.

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Lilys is a Mexican restaurant in the Point Dume Village. There are breakfast burritos, tacos, and other Mexican foods. It can take a while if you order there so it's better to call before and order so you don't have to wait long.

Pavilions is a grocery store in the Point Dume Village. You can get many snacks there but they also have a prepared food section, sandwich station, and a bakery that makes deserts fresh each



To get an off campus lunch pass you need to be a senior and fill out and sign the off campus lunch form. Then you can get a sticker you put on your ID card that tells the security you are allowed to do off campus lunch. You only have 35 minutes on a regular day for lunch so you have to be back if you want to get back and time and keep the privilege to have off campus lunch.





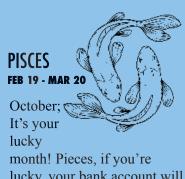
comfort relaxing, and slow-paced zone. With the new moons on month. Scorpio's, use this October 6 and October 20th, month to recharge. you may feel more curious than usual.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21 October; Plantetary

to have a

packed into your sector of communities and friendships, so expect to have fun this month.

energy is



lucky, your bank account will be filling up. Be cautious of Mercury in retrograde though.



October; Taurus, you could

be feeling unmotivated and

in retrograde, you may be

time to rest and recharge

sluggish. With the messenger

slacking on deadlines and not

fulfilling your responsibilities.

Stay calm, and carry on. Take

October; **GEMINI** MAY 21 - JUN 20 Discover a new hobby this month. Take advantage of the orbiting planets in your passion sphere, and focus on having fun.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22 October; You may be feeling lost or confused as Mercury, the planetary power is warming up, so use this energy to plan for your next getaway.

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JUL 23 - AUG 22

October;

Take a

vacation! Short and Long-

distance planetary power

is warming up, so use this

getaway.

energy to plan for your next



energies. Capricorns, prioritize this month, and focus on your professional careers, and you may see rewards.



ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19

October; The sun, new moon, Mercury, and Mars are in combined their orbit. Prioritize relationships working as a team.



desire to chnage up their living space. The new moon will bring attention yo your domestic and family life.



SEP 23 - OCT 22 October my bring a great

deal of personal growth and advancements. Focus on your professional goals. October 6, 2021, marks the most important new moon of the year. So start manifesting!