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Syria: Continued Conflict or Resolution in the Near Future

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SYRIA: Syria is a relatively small country in the Middle East that borders Turkey, Iraq, Jordan, Israel and Lebanon and has a population of about 22.5 million. Syria's history is complex and lengthy, with much of it dating back to biblical times.

THE SYRIAN REGIME: Until 1918, Syria was a part of the Ottoman Empire. As a result, the French occupied Syria through the 1920s and the 1930s, until the French succumbed to nationalist uprisings and granted independence to Syria, effective in 1946. In 1971, Assad took control of the Syrian regime and his family has been in power ever since, with Bashar al-Assad the current ruler that is under much scrutiny. The Assad family, in some ways, is different from many Middle Eastern regime rulers, as the family is not religiously extreme. Syrians are not protesting against hard-line Islamists, but against the promised political and economic reforms that have failed.

PRE-CIVIL WAR CONDITIONS VS. CURRENT CONDITIONS: Prior to the Civil War, the economy of Syria was diverse, about 22% of the economy rested on agriculture, 25% on industry and excavation, 23% on retail, and 12% on tourism. As a result of the conflict, the New York Times reports that the Syrian currency has been devalued to 1/6 of its pre-war

value, unemployment has quintupled, the economy has shrunk by 35%, the public sector has lost about \$15 billion in losses, and the basic infrastructure of the healthcare system in Syria has been demolished.

THE TRIGGER OF THE CIVIL WAR: There are multiple theories that attempt to explain the outbreak of the Syrian Civil War. One theory is as follows: the spark was the jailing of various children who drew anti-regime graffiti in March 2011. Public opinion was not just outraged by the jailing of the children, but also by the deaths of some of the children that occurred while they were detained. However, there is one broader theory as to the beginning of the Civil War: the Assad regime is unsustainable (for many reasons, including that the Assad family's geopolitical and ideological identity is out-dated and is still in line with Cold War politics) and the Civil War is a starting point in its demise.

THE CIVIL WAR: The Free Syrian Army is composed of local militias; local tribal groups, disgruntled locals and military deserters were the original members of the militias. However, Jihadists (anti-Western Islamic fundamentalists) began joining the Free Syrian Army. As a result, religious radicals with Islamist agendas were fighting in the Free Syrian Army with Syrians



DEVASTATION IN SYRIA: damage from the on-going unrest (From Washington Post) legislative, as well as executive, decision.

who were authentically fighting for freedom and had few alternatives but to cooperate with the Jihadists, as the Free Syrian Army lacked man-power and money. In all, the death toll of the Syrian Civil War is estimated to be over 110,000. To discuss the reason behind possible United States military action in Syria, it is important to understand Syria's use of chemical weapons. On August 21, a chemical weapons attack, possibly initiated by the Syrian government, in Damascus, Syria, left 1,429 people dead.

THE UNITED STATES & SYRIA: The Obama Administra-

tion has made it clear that any military action in Syria would be limited military action that would, in theory, be inherently punitive and undergone to deter the use of chemical weapons. While President Obama has the authority as commander-in-chief of the armed forces to initiate a limited military strike, he decided to seek Congressional approval. Obama's rationale behind this decision is as follows: as he cannot irrefutably say that the Syrian regime's use of chemical weapons is a direct threat to the American people, he believes that it must be a

tion. In the midst of Obama's attempts at persuading Congress to pass legislation authorizing a limited military strike, a Russian proposal, but United States involved, that would allow Syria to place its chemical weapons under international control within one month after signing the chemical weapons treaty, gained global attention. Currently, President Obama is weighing his options, although he has indicated a willingness to abandon any planned military strike if Assad's agreement turns to, in fact, be true.

Gadget or Gimmick?

By Jason Nikora
STAFF WRITER

Apple Inc. has announced that the new generation iPhone, the iPhone 5s, will be released on September 20th of this year and will include a 64-bit A7 chip to improve performance, an enhanced camera, and a fingerprint sensor called Touch ID. Additionally, Apple also announced that the iPhone 5c, a "cost-efficient" version of the 5s will be released on the same day but without the aforementioned features that are included on the 5s.

One of the most hyped products of the year was the iPhone 5c, the cheaper, plastic, and insanelycol-

orful version of the ever popular iPhone which will be priced at \$99 with a two year contract as opposed to the 5s which starts at \$199 with the same two year contract. Mr. Corrigan, resident Mal-

ibu High School physics teacher and iPhone user says the cost of the 5c "won't really make that much of a difference...I would definitely still go with the 5s and get the added features."



In fact, the only thing that the iPhone 5c has that is not either available or upgraded on the 5s are the color options. "I don't think it's worth buying a phone just for the color. That's what cases are for" says Hannah Carter, iPhone user and Malibu High School senior.

One of these new features included only on the 5s is Touch ID, a new password method where, instead of typing in a password or drawing a pattern scans your thumbprint in order to unlock your phone. "It sounds cool, but as long as it won't get disabled by my wonderful friends" says iPhone user junior Ara Bolander. iPhone has said that fingerprints will be stored locally so there is no need to worry about identity thieves.

Another added feature available to the 5s only is an enhanced camera while the 5c will still use the camera currently installed in

the iPhone 5 model. The 5s still bears an 8-megapixel camera, and a redesigned flash can blend its two LED lights to preserve a scene's natural color balance.

Vincent Hannley, HTC One wielding junior says "It could be a little beneficial but it's kind of a gimmick, if you want a picture use a real camera".

But what was Apple trying to do by making the iPhone 5c, a cheaper device in a company that has always prided itself on being "high-end". The aforementioned Mr. Corrigan says "I understand that the sales took a bit of a dive last year. While it doesn't make tech sense it certainly does make business sense".

So has iPhone actually improved, maybe, maybe not. We will just have to wait for a few more days.

Printers Meet the 3D World

By Zed Malmoux
STAFF WRITER

The use of 3D printing has become a sensation in multiple different industries especially for small businesses this year. In the process of making a three-dimensional solid object, it provides different businesses with an opportunity to customize anything to virtually any shape. 3D printing has helped create a modern way to invent and produce customized prototypes. While being able to quickly produce objects now, 3D printing in the future may reach a level that will be faster, and allow for larger items to be produced.

3D printing will help businesses big and small, allowing for an easier way to customize and quickly produce up to mostly anything you want. The use of 3D printing makes it easier for small businesses by creating different opportunities. Small businesses are using it for prototyping, artistic renderings, and promotion materials. Small-scale production can be very useful in some industries that create highly customized products. For large-scale businesses like car manufactures, 3D



3D PRINTER: Man pulls 3D object from printer.

printing has gotten to the point where in recent years it has been used in manufacturing aluminum car parts.

When asked how 3D printing works, Ludovic M., the owner and head designer of the company OTZ Shoes who has used 3D printing before replied, "you build a 3D model by solidifying a powder layer by layer. The powder can be an aluminum, plastic, and even product of food like sugar". When asking Tammy M., head of communications at OTZ Shoes, about her impression of 3D printing she replied, "I think

3D printing is great for businesses all around especially for new upcoming businesses that can use 3D printing for things like prototypes". According to CNN, it "costs about \$500 to make and can be reproduced using plans on the Internet and a 3-D printer". There are now select FedEx Office's that have 3D printers and allowing 3D printing but it can be very expensive according to what

you are making. The technology of 3D printing is advancing to the point that people will have fully functional prosthetic body parts.

For businesses everywhere, 3D printing is an easier way to produce an idea or design. The new technological advances in 3D printing pose the questions, where will 3D printing be in 10 years if we can already produce prosthetic limbs and car parts. 3D printing may get to a point where we will be able to create objects on a larger and commercial scale.

Big Brother is Watching

By Nolan Webster
STAFF WRITER

In a long series of events this past June, we as a nation learned a great deal regarding our privacy and protection through the National Security Agency. In attempt to preserve national security, the NSA has been utilizing their unchecked privileges in countless projects to monitor personal information, both domestically and internationally. For example, the NSA has taken millions of cell phone records from Verizon, justifying them with Section 215 of the Patriot Act, which constitutes that government bodies to fight the War on Terrorism through means of heightened surveillance.

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The man responsible for whistleblowing was Edward Snowden, a 29-year-old technical employee working for various contractors at the NSA. Shortly after exposing a large quantity of sensitive material, Snowden left the United States in hope of personal protection in Hong Kong. "I don't want to live in a society that does these sort of things... I do not want to live in a world where everything I do and say is recorded. That is not something I am willing to support or live under," said Snowden in a June interview with The Guardian. Although he is considered a traitor by many standards in the United States, Snowden believes he has done nothing wrong, as the American people have a right to this information. On the other hand, many believe that this spying has been a necessity to fight the war against terror, as the NSA became much more active following the tragedies of September 11th. In a June press conference, President Barack Obama stated, "I think it's important to recognize that you can't have 100 percent security and also then have 100

percent privacy and zero inconvenience," making it evident that national security is not a black and white situation, that there has to be a middle ground of some sort. While this matter is generally self-contained within the large branches of government, the news has been quite impressive for countless citizens.

While some are very supportive of these initiatives, as they are in the hopes of safety, others find that these expensive programs are a waste of hard work and are an invasion of privacy.

"I don't really mind, as long as it's in the pursuit of national security," said Jake Dvorsky, a senior here at Malibu High. This is a common belief throughout the country. While the news is shocking, it is not really relevant to everyday life for a high school student, therefore showing that many are okay with letting these programs do their jobs fully. On the other hand, this belief is not unanimous, as some are quite opinionated regarding this information.

"Even though he is seen as a traitor, its really important that the people know what's going on, because they can be the ones who make the difference," said Skylar Gibson, a former Malibu High student. Through various responses, we can start to ask ourselves a few questions? Is the NSA wrong for abusing their abilities, or is it their job to thoroughly investigate in order to pursue national security? Is Edward Snowden a hero for whistleblowing or is he a traitor for betraying the United States government? Although it can be heavily debated, it is clear that it is very difficult to pick a good guy and a bad guy. We are now aware that we must find a balance between safety and privacy.

The Irony is Un-bee-lievable

By Gena Ryan
STAFF WRITER

Large numbers of bees are dying all over the world. In winter 2012, onethird of U.S. honey-bee colonies died or disappeared. A recent study conducted by the scientists at the University of Maryland and the Us Department of Agriculture has concluded that the recent 'bee epidemic' is due to a mixture of pesticides and fungicide that contaminates the pollen that the bees are using to feed their hives. Beekeepers are also pushing to ban the sale and use of neonicotinoids – a harmful insecticide known to be fatal to bee colonies. These studies give insight as to why a large number of bees are dying, but so far no scientists have been able to identify the specific cause of Colony Collapse Disorder. Colony Collapse Disorder is a syndrome in where entire hives

of bees disappear at once. Although this phenomenon has been relevant since the 1700's, there has been a recent panic as the bee population has reached an all time low. Farmers are warned by pesticide companies to not spray crops within

"If the bee disappears from the surface of the earth, man would have no more than four years to live." said Albert Einstein.

an area of pollinating bees, but big farm corporations have not been as eager to cooperate. Pesticides used by big corporation farms are used to help crops grow keep harmful insects away from the food. Unfortunately these pesticides are harming the wrong insects. As Albert Einstein famously once said, "If the bee disappears from the surface of the earth, man would have no more than four years to live. No more bees, no more pollination ... no

more men!"

Honey Bees are responsible for pollinating one third of the United States' crop species. Bees also add \$15 billion in crop value in the U.S. through pollination. Honey Bees are crucial to keep certain plants growing. At a recent press release, Richard Fell, Ph.D said "Without bees to spread pollen from the male parts of plants to the female parts, fruit may not form. That would severely impact consumers, affecting the price of some of the healthiest and most desirable foods." Big corporations have been using pesticides to save money and increase crop production. Because of these harmful pesticides, the Honey Bees are dying and can no longer pollinate certain crops. Which in the end will make it impossible for companies to continue farming certain crops that are dependent on bees to grow, causing the farming industry to crash. The irony is un-bee-lievable.



BEEHIVE: A bee pollinates in the sunshine.

Schedule Issues: A Breakdown of How the Classes Are Made

By Nicholas Paige
STAFF WRITER

As the first month of yet another school year has gone by, upon reflection 'scheduling conflicts' has been among the most common and frustration engulfed topics among students at Malibu High School. Some students received the class schedule they had expected after selecting classes with the school counselors last spring; however, others students have found themselves unsatisfied.

While some students were pleased after opening the long anticipated letter containing the 2013-2014 class schedule mailed before the start of the school year, others were disappointed and confused to find themselves placed in random electives they had expressed zero interest in the previous spring.

Any curious student may ponder, "What is the cause of such class scheduling conflicts? Is it: Administrative difficulties? School district directives? Why is it so complicated?"

Intensive investigating and interviewing has shed some light and helped answer some of the most propelling questions regarding the scheduling process. A survey distributed to 159 random High School students during lunch determined approximately how many students attempted to switch out of their originally assigned schedule at the start of the school year. The results revealed that two thirds of the selected students had tried to change their schedule.

During an interview, principal Mr. Block at Malibu High School stated, that the first goal when creating the master schedule is to place every kid into the elective he or she has chosen. Furthermore, when a student attempts to change their schedule at the beginning of the new school year, it is only possible if the other classes the student is enrolled in are offered different periods as well, and it depends on the individual class sizes.

"We can't take a kid from a small class and move him into a bigger class, therefore we can only switch students' schedules if they are moving from a big class into a smaller class," said Mr. Block.

Mr. Block also said that because Malibu High School is a small school compared to others in the Santa Monica Unified

School-which totals 686 students- is a difficult process. Also, some teachers are responsible for Middle School students and High School students, meaning that the overall master schedule has to blend the desires of a total of 1,120 students.

To further understand the process of creating the class schedule, and more specifically how electives are categorized

during that process, Mr. Block explained "Teachers have the right to teach 5 classes and because the credentials each individual teacher has can only allow them to teach certain classes, the electives are influenced by this factor".

Confused yet? Take this hypothetical. Imagine a chemistry teacher who teaches four classes daily, but by his/her contract has the right to teach a fifth class.

The teacher only has the credentials to teach chemistry and world issues, so the school assigns him/her a fifth class- World Issues- to fill up the potential five classes he/she is contracted to teach, resulting in the teacher's full time employment. Just before the 2013-2014 school year started, 25 new freshman and sophomore students enrolled in Malibu High School. To accommodate for these students, the administration had to add new

classes to the schedule and assign some staff to teach six classes instead of five or less. According to the principal, Mr. Block said "Teachers can teach 6 classes for extra money," which he confirmed is the case for some teachers and these new classes.

Mr. Evenson, the High School Art teacher has been assigned extra classes this year. Mr. Evenson said "I have 7 classes...I'm not making any extra money either".

Upon clarification, apparently the district is able to merge two classes together if the amount of students

of students he now has, also said "Us teachers do it because we have a passion for teaching and you just say that is what is going do it and you don't ask why, you don't even complain you just do it and that's the hidden thing teachers do".

While creating the master schedule is a complicated matter, it is surprisingly not that difficult to request new classes or electives be offered at Malibu High School. The only catch: enough students have to be interested in the class and sign up for it in the spring. If students do not convey enough interest in the spring, the school will not receive funding from the district to offer the class.

What if the future of electives at Malibu High School? It is up to the students and they prove their interest in each elective. A survey distributed to numerous Malibu High School classes revealed a Culinary class to be the top choice for a potential addition to next

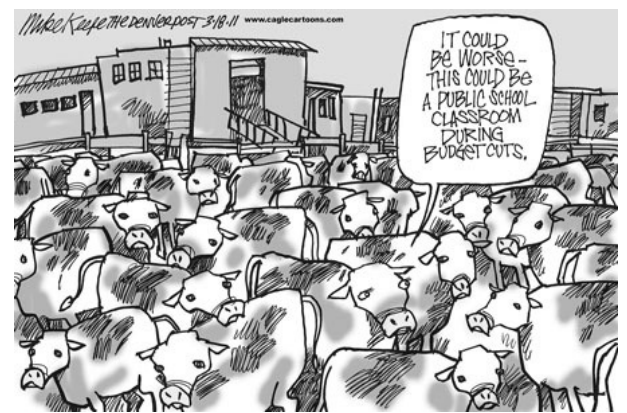
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- Mr. Evenson

School District, the school is not able to provide as many elective options as are available at larger schools, such as Santa Monica High School. Nonetheless, each student will still have the option to fill their schedule with at least one elective that is provided at Malibu High, possibly more.

Creating the master schedule is a complicated process, and trying to appease the desires of each and every student at Malibu High



Comic: This satirical comic on school budget cuts says "It could be worse- this could be a public school classroom during budget cuts" (Photo by Google Images)

in each is low enough. Evenson further commented "since the class is small why complain?"

Evenson, while a little frustrated with the largely increased amount

year's schedule. And who knows, with a little extra funding and the insertion of kitchen sets into an on-campus classroom, that just may happen.



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New Teachers at MHS

By Giuliana Roggero
STAFF WRITER

With the start of the new school year, there are already significant changes. Ms. Murawiski has replaced Mr. Miller as one of the new Spanish teachers. Mr. Block has started a new Chinese program, hiring Ms. Fan as the teacher. Both started working at MHS in the beginning of the school year and they're both excited to begin working as the new foreign language teachers. Ms. Murawiski, who has been teaching for 8 years, previously taught at Lincoln Middle School in Santa Monica. When asked about how she feels about

working at MHS she said, "I love working here, I taught at a middle school and a high school. But I love high school more and the age of the kids I'm teaching". Ms. Fan shared that she has been teaching for a long time and the only pressures she faces with working at a new school is the driving she has to do between the different schools she teaches at. Some of Ms. Fan's goals for this year include, "for the students to enjoy learning Chinese and to learn it well". Both Ms. Murawiski and Ms. Fan are enthusiastic to be here and hope for a good year and are happy to be apart of Malibu High School.

Have No Fear, Andino is Here

By Emma London
STAFF WRITER

There has been a switch this year with the teacher in charge of Malibu High School's ASB. For the past seven years, Andy Meyer advised the class but has decided to hand off the torch to middle school math teacher and cheer coach, Melissa Andino. Andino already had a lot on her plate this year, but being someone who goes above and beyond the expectations of the average teacher, she opted to giving up her honors math class in order to make room for student council.

When asked about taking on so many voluntary positions in addition to her normal course load, she answers, "I enjoy it so it doesn't feel like something extra. I wish I started years ago". That is not to say that Meyer's class was inefficient. Meyer organized the class effectively with an emphasis on the student led aspect of the class, acting as more of a supervisor himself. There was a lot of responsibility placed on

the often new and inexperienced student body president. Even the grading every six weeks was left to a discussion between the officers and himself. Many positive aspects came out of this format, including the development of collaboration, delegation, and adaptation skills. He always says, "In other classes if assignments don't get done, you as the individual are penalized, but if events are not well planned, the whole school suffers". This may not seem true for the rushed lunchtime activities or sporadic 'Werk It Wednesdays', but the class is also responsible for managing all school financial accounts and working with Mary Slawter to approve budgets and money transfers. Andino's methods for running class differ from Meyer's in the sense that she aims to, "help plan events that members are proud of. As the adult I feel like I can help them keep their plans on track". She has a take-charge attitude resulting in a greater sense of organization and less chaos surrounding the deadline of the event.

The first month or two when

school begins session tends to be the most hectic due to minimal planning time for Homecoming. This year in particular, the class really needed to work at a fast pace. The first impression of freshman, Ethan London, was that, "ASB is a nice change from other classes but is in no way a break period". In fact, in the beginning of the school year, there were three more students who felt Andino's seriousness about avoiding laziness and were intimidated enough to drop the class. As the school year is progressing, junior Rennie Walczuk notes that Andino, "is well organized and is an efficient ASB advisor. The class has changed since previous years but I hope it's for the best". That is not to say, however, that Andino is treat-

ing the class as though it is a dictatorship. In fact, while the class is productive, it is often in a state of laughter. It is noticeable that this year's group of students has shown an interest in building friendships with one another, regardless of grade or interest outside of the class. One of the first things that Andino noticed

members have no interest in dressing up or going to dances, how can we expect other people to?" The new ASB advisor, and both returning and incoming student council members are hopeful for what this year will bring. Andino is most grateful that, "ASB is rising to the challenge. Everything fell into place once we set the venue and theme. I feel that those who have prior ASB experience led the process which really allowed me to learn about what worked in the past and what needed changing". Andino's class is nothing short of innovative. Her ideas stem from the desire for a fresh clean slate. There is no telling all the unlocked potential that she will bring to the school. Meyer's class was an asset to Malibu High School for the time that it existed and will be sorely missed, but no matter how exceptional his leadership was, there is always room for improvement and progression.

"In other classes if assignments don't get done, you as the individual are penalized, but if events are not well planned, the whole school suffers" - Mr. Meyer

within the first week of school is that within the class, most sports, clubs, and various class

types are represented in some way. Sophomore Julia Yazdani says, "This is an asset for the class because we are no longer a separate entity from the student body. We are the student body". When planning events it helps to know whom you are trying to sell to. Yazdani says, "If ASB

Spanish 5 AP Changes

By Jonathan Shanley
PHOTO EDITOR

As if we didn't have enough worry about AP's this year, one of the hardest tests that will take place during the end of the year AP testing week, Spanish 5, has gone under some renovations. The rumors that come up every year during AP testing and schedule selection say that Spanish 5AP is one of the hardest AP tests commonly taken, next to Physics and Environmental science. This year, the test has been modified structurally and brought up to speed on meet relatable subjects. For the past few years, the test has been called "painful" and "super hard, bro" according to senior Spanish 5 AP student, Amir-Ali Mahmoud. "Last year, we had a pretty smart Spanish 5 class, so there's a lot to live up to." Even with last years 'prodigal' class, the test was a challenge, meaning an unpredictable outcome for this year's brave souls.

After Ms. Auer's debut last year as the Spanish 4 and Spanish 5 teacher, she has experienced the AP test and has begun to teach the new style set down by the College Board this year. Thankfully, Ms. Auer is confident in her students and their ability to learn this year. "The test actually hasn't changed much since last year for the better or the worse. They did add some sections but also made

other sections, such as the listening, easier. There will be more time allowed for the listening and the passages will be played twice, which is a normal struggle for students who do not speak the language as well as a different one," said Ms. Auer, "Still, to balance this out, the required speaking time is longer"

The changes to the test are as follows: There will be more time allotted for the listening section, the passages will be heard twice, and the essay is no longer a compare and contrast but rather a persuasive essay. This years test will also be focused around six new themes that are more relevant than the previously outdated test. The themes are technology, home and family, beauty, contemporary life, world issues, and personal and public identity. These new themes will help the students think as they take the test for they are up to date and able to use their outside knowledge to answer any questions that the test may present them.

Ms. Auer plans on having her students more than prepared to handle these changes as well as help them on their way to Spanish fluency. For those brave enough to take on the challenge of Spanish 5 AP, there is no need to worry, you are in good hands. Students, such as senior Nicholas Ficeto, would agree that Ms. Auer is capable of well-equipping this years AP students as well as those to follow.

The Peer Counseling Club

By Connemara Hutcherson-
STAFF WRITER

A new club at Malibu High School, is the Peer Counseling Club, attracting a vast support this year. In this club upper classmen are encouraged to mentor lower classmen. The new club will begin meeting the 26th of September during lunch every Thursday, where students will participate in games and discussions designed to help build communication and listening skills.

The advisors for the club are Ms. Cowgill and Ms. Plaia. Eleventh grader, Alyssa Goldberg, described Ms. Cowgill, "fun, crazy and smart." Miss Goldberg also shared that these teachers understand how to help MHS students and how "the new club was lucky to have their support." This club is a great way to meet new people and help others. The head of the club, 12th grader Camille Wormser, stated that this new club, "helps people feel like they have a place to go."

One thing this club would really benefit from would be for high school boys to join. The goal for this club is to establish an environment that everyone

feels comfortable in. They really want the club to be inclusive and encourage everyone to join. The Peer Counseling Club benefits students in their social life and creates a comfortable place for students to ask for assistance during their stressful high school experience.

This club is really for students who want something else from high school. Students would rather hear from their peers than adults or teachers. This club could really benefit our school and help create a better social environment were students should

be encouraged to reach out to others no matter what it might be for.

Whether you want to discuss your feelings or be a listener to someone, this new club has a place for everyone. The Peer Counseling Club has been created by students for students and is a place where everyone is treated equal. This club has been created to help your leadership skills, but also to help others including are under classmen.



PEER FUN: The presidents of the Peer Counseling Club, Camille Wormser, Alyssa Goldberg, and Kela Sachs all share a laugh. (Photo by Connemara Hutcherson)

9/11 Tribute

By Kevin Baum
STAFF WRITER

On September 11th, 2001, the United States experienced an event that changed the course of history.

The terrorist attacks on September 11th took the lives of nearly 3,000 people, including the 19 terrorist hijackers. Four planes were hijacked, two of which were crashed in to the World Trade Center in New York.

One was crashed into the Pentagon, while the fourth was crash landed in a field in Pennsylvania as the passengers on the plane tried to overcome the hijackers. This heroic display stopped the plane from reaching its designated target in Washington D.C..

The most devastating of the crashes was in New York, which resulted in the complete destruction of the World Trade Center. Many people in the buildings, as well as firefighters, risked their lives going into the buildings to rescue those trapped inside. Hundreds of emergency crewmembers lost their lives in hopes of saving the people that were stuck in the burning buildings.

These people are the ones who should be remembered, those who fought valiantly to save others. We should never forget

those who lost their lives on this tragic day.

The President of the United States issued the War on Terror as a response to the attacks. The U.S. invaded Afghanistan in hopes of destroying the Taliban and Al Qaeda.

The War on Terror has been economically exhausting, as well as stirring up heated debates around the country. As of now, there are still troops in Afghanistan, but President Obama is withdrawing troops.

The attacks left the United States feeling unsafe, which led to hundreds of arrests of Muslims suspected of being terrorists. This extreme racial profiling led to 762 Muslims being taken into custody, none of which were charged with terrorism. Some believed that these arrests were just, while others thought they were completely racist.

Congress also passed the Patriot Act, which weakened the measures government agencies needed to take in order to pursue suspected terrorists. The Department of Homeland Security was also created as a precautionary measure. All these measures boosted the President's approval rating by 90%.

However, the acts of the terrorists and the government are no-

where near as important as those taken by the citizens affected by the attacks. Communities worked together that day to help one another, whether it be physically or emotionally.

As a nation, we grieved for one another. Those who risked their lives rescuing others should be commended for their bravery and selflessness. Among the nearly 3,000 that passed were 400 people that were there in hopes of helping those in the buildings. These people lost their lives at the mere chance of saving another, they are true heroes.

They, as well as all the victims of the September 11th attacks will never be forgotten. Never forget September 11, 2001.



THE DAMAGE: Both towers of the World Trade Centers fell.

Homecoming Game: Friday 6:30pm Dance Tickets on Sale at the Game

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FYF 2013

By Moritz Weber
STAFF WRITER

On the 24th and 25th of August 2013, music fans drove, bussed, hitchhiked or walked to Los Angeles State Historic Park to witness a number of bands.

Acts at the 10th annual FYF Fest ranged from aging punk bands to up and coming electronic acts.

The festival drew attendees from all around the country including Malibu alumni living as far away as New York. The crowd was composed of a variety of age groups and music tastes, offering to please all independent music fans.

FYF began as a small local music event in the alleys of Echo Park. The first few festivals were very specifically geared to a more specific niche of the punk

subculture in the early 2000s.

In 2008, the festival experienced a massive inflation in attendance and was thereafter moved to Los Angeles State Historic Park, its current home. This year's attendance was nearly 30,000, a significant leap from the mere hundreds that attended the original festival.

The festival has been harnessing significantly bigger acts including names like The Yeah Yeah Yeah's, MGMT and even My Bloody Valentine.

The festival has in some ways transformed into an alternative to other major music festivals such as Coachella and Outside Lands, who some see as too mainstream and electro dominated.

When asked about this year's festival lineups, senior Ty Burke said "most of them kind of sucked. I was really disappointed by Coachella and Outside Lands.

They just weren't worth the money".

The lineup included a diverse range of genres such as hardcore(Touché Amore, The Locust, Joyce Manor), garage rock(Thee Oh Sees and Ty Segall), electronic(Flume, Washed Up, Dan Deacon), a variety of reunion bands(My Bloody Valentine, Flag! And the Breeders) and even Jonathon Richman of the Modern Lovers, playing a solo set. In short it had something to offer for virtually all fans of independent music.

When asked about their favorite performances, Malibu High Students gave a variety of responses.

"My Bloody valentine [was my favorite] without a doubt. Yeah the speakers blew out, and flag! And the Breeders were rad, but it's My Bloody Valentine and when the speaker's were working it sounded incredible", senior Sophie Appel said.

"The peak of my experience was crowdsurfing at Dan Deacon. I never felt so euphoric and disoriented at the same time," said senior Ty Burke when asked what his favorite part of the festival was.

"Omar is the 21st century," said senior Kevin Hayland of the festival.

Whether the festival will stay true to its independent roots or become another Coachella or Outside Lands is a mystery that will only be solved when its lineup is released next summer.

Ballmer Bails

By Luke Larson and Elliot
Quartz
STAFF WRITERS

Steve Ballmer has announced plans to retire from his post at the head of Microsoft within the next twelve months. In a public letter to his coworkers at Microsoft, Ballmer said "there is never a perfect time for this type of transition... now is the right time". Although Ballmer's successor has not yet been chosen, it is clear that when the decision is complete the transition will be immediate.

Ballmer's "The choice for a new CEO may not have been entirely Ballmer's"

from what he originally intended. He stated in 2008 that he planned on heading the team for another full decade.

This announcement also comes at a stressful time for Microsoft. The company is in the middle of a large-scale transition onto a products and services company. "Microsoft needs a new CEO who will be here for the longer term in this direction", Ballmer said.

Speculation suggests that the choice for a new CEO may not

have been entirely Ballmer's. After a mediocre reception of Windows 8, Microsoft's premier product, and falling stock prices, many claim Ballmer was asked to retire by his own board of directors.

When questioned about Ballmer's legacy, however, Malibu High's resident technology expert Pierre Cousey had mainly good things to say. Cousey said "The deal with Nokia was good, very smart"(referring to Microsoft's recent buyout of the once dominant cell phone manufacturer).

"Microsoft has been very successful in tablets. I think they have

the best tablets on the market", Cousey said. Cousey also said that Ballmer "could not navigate the market" and "it is good to get some new blood in the company".

Ballmer's eventual retirement may signify the end of a significant chapter in Microsoft's history but it's clear that Microsoft is focusing instead on its future.



THE ACTS: My Bloody Valentine made a memorable performance this year

Breaking Bad Retires an Empire

By Jena Weinberger
STAFF WRITER

The critically and publically acclaimed television crime drama *Breaking Bad* has been called perhaps the best television show of all time and has been widely popular since January 2008. With the last season coming to a close, fans are all wondering how the epic series will end.

The fifth and final season consists of sixteen episodes and has been split up into eight episodes. The first part of the fifth season premiered on July 15, 2012 and ended September 2, 2012. The second half premiered on August 11, 2013 and ends on September 29, 2013. Each season has received large amounts of excitement from audiences and is no doubt one of the single most innovative shows on modern television. The show's creator, Vince Gilligan, has never failed to make the season finale drama filled and leaving audiences begging for more. So the question is, how will perhaps the best crime drama in history, finish its reign?

For those of you who are crazy enough not to watch this show, *Breaking Bad* is based in Albuquerque New Mexico, and is the story of

Walter White, played by Bryan Cranston, a brilliant high school chemistry teacher, who is struggling to earn enough money to support his family once he has discovered that he has malignant lung cancer. Walter then comes to an absolute breaking point in his life and becomes desperate enough to revert to doing horribly immoral actions. He does this by coming together with a former chemistry student, Jesse Pinkman, played by Aaron Paul, who helps Walter to begin cooking methamphetamine. This small cooking business that was merely meant to keep Walt's family afloat, begins to escalate and eventually becomes the most successful, and lucrative methamphetamine product in the country.

As Walt and Jesse's business expands into an empire, Walter creates an alias of Heisenberg and becomes a highly intimidating meth cook and wildly wealthy. This puts his family in danger, and with his brother-in-law as a DEA agent, Walter must be extremely cautious about not getting thrown into prison. As his wife gets involved, and his children's safety is in question, Walter's life begins to untangle by the final season.

There have been multiple

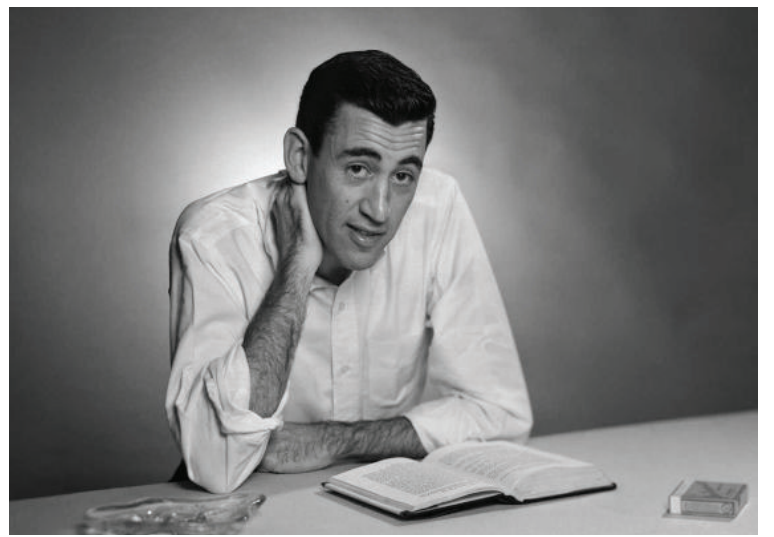
different sites dedicated to predicting how the show will end and fans are on the edge of their seats waiting to see the incredible end to the series. Games, comics, and websites have been created, dedicated to the show, and audiences are eager to see what Walter White does next.

"Because Walt's life is completely falling down around him, he is most likely never going to come back to New Mexico and is probably going to die," said Junior **Vincent Hannely**.

Once Walt's brother-in-law, Hank Schrader, played by Dean Norris, discovers that Walter is the much-hunted Heisenberg, Walter begins to spin out of control and all of his lies, cover-ups, and schemes begin to unravel around him.

"I can't believe that it is nearly over, but Vince Gilligan has done a terrific job on the show and I'm really looking forward to see how Walt deals with his mess of a life," said Junior **Claire Thomsen**.

Walter White has become one of the most powerful modern television characters in history, and *Breaking Bad* will no doubt continue to be a widely popular show even after it goes off the air.



J.D. SALINGER: Salinger's secrets are revealed in a new documentary about his life.

Salinger

By Noah Gorelick
STAFF WRITER

The new documentary about the life of J.D. Salinger portrays Salinger's childhood and how he experienced and witnessed many horrors, especially while fighting in World War II. It also shows the hardships that Salinger faced throughout his life and his reasoning behind some of his works. For example, the documentary consists of rare photographs and videos, expressing his thoughts and emotions during the war. This documentary also describes how Salinger moved to New Hampshire after the war and decided to stop publishing his work. Salinger's decision to stop publishing his work angered many of his fans, as people thought that he had many stories that were not released to the public. Many believe that Salin-

ger's choice to not publish his stories was selfish. For some people, the documentary should satisfy their desire to learn more about Salinger, such as his Nazi wife encounter or his relationships with teens. Even though the documentary may provide the viewer with an accurate depiction of Salinger's life, it includes ideas that his fans believe to portray a false reality of his troubles. For example, some critics claim that because many of the photographs of Salinger are not real, they portray the wrong idea about him. Many may think the film was created to explore a deeper analysis behind Salinger's writing choices. However, other critics and viewers follow the idea that the film was just meant to depict Salinger's life and leave interpretation open to the audience.



BREAKING BAD: After many successful seasons, a favorite show of many, *Breaking Bad*, ends its reign.

Upcoming Concerts

By Riley Riley
STAFF WRITER

Want to go see a cool concert? Well there are plenty of those with amazing venues and bands!

Wiltern Theatre:
Cold War Kids- September 19th
The Naked and Famous- September 27th
Arctic Monkeys- September 29th
Korn- October 10th

Club Nokia:
Ariana Grande- September 9th
Cher Lloyd- September 23rd

The Wanted- October 18th

Greek Theatre:
Two Door Cinema Club- November 2nd
Local Natives- September 13th

Hollywood Bowl:
Vampire Weekend- September 28th

House of Blues in Anaheim:
The Pretty Reckless- October 10th
Jessie Ware- November 19th

Fonda Theatre:
Lorde- September 24th
The Fratellis- November 12th

Movies to Warm Your Heart This Winter

By Olivia Cerio
STAFF WRITER

Whether it's a boisterous comedy, a zealous romance, or an underwhelming remake, you can expect something to satisfy your movie taste buds and give them something to look

forward to this fall and winter season. Of course there's the Oscar contenders coming out,

but who can be bothered with those when *Catching Fire* is also blessing the theatres? All the hottest celebs are back in action ready to make the beautiful autumn leaves fall with awe and snowy mountaintops melt with jealousy.

Romeo and Juliet: October 11, 2013

Plot: Haliee Steinfeld and Douglas Booth play the star-crossed lovers Romeo and Juliet.

Sorry ladies, no Leo DiCaprio or thigh-hugging tights this time around. As so far as this writer is concerned, the new remake of the Shakespearean classic is just like all the play

adaptions we haven't been bothered to see in our lives,

but have talked about in English

class: respectable, but not enough to hold a teen's attention span. The directing looks

perfectly fine, but it's hard to get excited about something with the fact that Paul Giamatti

in the movie is the selling point.

Carrie: October 18, 2013

Plot: Chloe Moretz plays socially inept 16-year-old Carrie White who gets abused by her mother and classmates enough to (SPOILER) go on a telekinetic, psychotic rampage.

I honestly have no idea what's happening in the remake. It looks more focused on bloodshed and fear, when the best part about the book and the original movie is that all

the horror and bloodshed happens after a very intense, climatic buildup. Also I don't want

to see a girl who is actually my age go through that period scene again. You heard me

potential moviegoers; it gets personal.

"[A movie I'm not looking forward to is] *Carrie*," sophomore Emma Kelly said.

"The original movie was one of the best movies ever made and I don't think they can replicate it. It doesn't feel as authentic."

Ender's Game: November 1, 2013

Plot: There's a kid named Ender who goes to school to fight wars in space in the future. It's pretty crazy.

All I know for sure about this film is that the author is a homophobe and people are boycotting the movie. I don't mean to be so opinionated in an entertainment article but how is not seeing a movie going to stop some grandpa from being a bigot? It's not, but it sure will give you some

sense of self-accomplishment. Just, see the movie. Or don't. I hear Harrison Ford's in it,

but he's not really in his Han Solo days anymore if you know what I mean.

Thor: The Dark World: November 8, 2013

Plot: Thor fights more aliens that any Norse god thought they'd ever have to deal with.

There's been an influx of superheroes movies these past months and for some reason they

tend to include aliens. It's

like some weird fan fiction I didn't really think I wanted.

I mean I'll stay for the potential shirtless god of thunder, but other than that I'm less than

interested. Don't mind me but I'll be over here waiting for *Guardians of the Galaxy* so I

can see Bradley Cooper as a talking raccoon and Karen Gillan as a bald space alien in

action. *The Book Thief*: November 15, 2013

Plot: It's from a book about a nine year old in Nazi Germany told from the perspective of Death.

Apparently a fan favorite, and also a really sad read just judging by the plot. It also

begins with a funeral and oh yeah, it takes place in Nazi Germany. That's going to be a

lighthearted movie if I've ever seen one. I've heard only good things about this book.

Catching Fire: November 22, 2013

Plot: It's like *The Hunger Games* but with more ocean. Sorry, I mean *Battle Royale* but with less baseball. This

means a bunch of kids from different districts are told to kill each other and they actually have to do it.

Full disclosure here: I only read the first book, so my previous statement in the lead was

something I strung together to get someone's approval. This means my opinion is more

or less based solely on the trailers. People you love, die. Katniss's love triangle is actually an issue this time

around. Katniss doesn't volunteer this time, which is disappointing because that was her thing last movie.

At least we get to see that hunky ginger sea Hercules this time around.

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues: December 20, 2013

Plot: It's literally the same plot as the first movie.

Guess who else will be in this movie? Harrison Ford. I mean just wow, for someone who is 71 he is sure getting a lot of work. What a trooper. Anyways, there's a

plethora of respectable cameos and I expect the humor to be as fun and quotable as

per the usual.



By Sarah Schoenberger

Insta-sham

By Emma Kelly
STAFF WRITER

Every Malibu High School student, or at least every half-conscious one, has an Instagram. This social networking app offers the chance to jazz up your personal photos and videos with digital filters. Suddenly, everything is fair game for “hipsterfication”. We’re a school of people who consider themselves artistic, so I had expected the best from our uploaded content. However, as I scroll down my constantly refreshing feed, an eerie feeling of déjà vu hits me. It seems as if teenagers photograph only three things: mirror selfies, “Throwback Thursday” photos and the infamous thigh gap.

Instagram is a way to manipulate reality into anything you want it to be – so why is everyone copying each other? I urge you to aim your cameras elsewhere, ladies and gentlemen. These fads are pointless, aesthetically unappealing, and will be impossible to explain to your



grandkids in 2050.

First I would like to discuss the mirror selfie. Usually administered in the bathroom via iPhone, it’s a perplexing and vaguely hedonistic photo of your reflection. Like some technologically advanced version of Narcissus, we have fallen in love with what we see staring back at us. Permit me to drop a truth bomb. Nobody, and I mean nobody, looks the same as their reflection in a mirror. It’s a law of nature. If we did, then everyone would be walking around with perfect hair and a body hot enough to make the sun look like a campfire. But they don’t, do they? (Well, I do sometimes.)

These deceitful images make life exceedingly hard for cyber-creepers such as myself. I can’t even begin to tell you the countless hours I’ve spent on a certain somebody’s page only to discover their true form that following school day.

If I see another polaroid of you as a baby, I will smack you back into the 90’s. Yes, we get it, you were cute as a little kid. So was everyone else. That’s what started the sheer insipidness of Throwback Thursday in the first place.

How many family photo albums can a person stomach before going into trauma-induced anaphylactic shock? I don’t even like looking at old pictures of myself; why would I look at yours? To you, they’re a gateway into your wonderful, preadolescent life before hormones messed everything up. To me, they all look like that marshmallow guy in the end of Ghostbusters.

Last but certainly not least, we

have the thigh gap or, as I like to call it, that space in your legs where happiness is supposed to



be.

It seems as if every teenaged girl in America woke up one day and decided that they needed the body type of a starved old man. Since then, I’ve been subjected to countless propaganda telling me my thighs must forever remain separate. I’m not just mad because it’s yet another standard of beauty advocating unhealthy eating habits and unrealistic expectations. I’m also mad because your legs look like two delicious hotdogs and I’m on a diet. Instagram is a medium of self-expression that has not been possible in any previous era. My hope is for our generation to share unique and beautiful images on this app that the world has never seen before. Please, for the love of all things sacred and holy, no more pictures of your cat.

Disaster Strikes at 3:00

By Cameron Smoller
STAFF WRITER

The student parking lot is a huge problem. Once school is over, kids are either eager to get home or to their after school activities, but instead they have to wait about 15 minutes in a line to leave school. The only reason that there’s a line is because the school buses block both lanes in order to pick up. Due to the long wait, many student drivers are late to appointments, practices, or picking their siblings up from another school.

When referring to the traffic Senior **David Ochmanek** said, “the buses are a huge problem, it shouldn’t take me 20 minutes to get out of the parking lot.”

Experiencing a similar problem with the traffic issues, Senior **Harrison Smart** said, “the problem is that there’s only one way in and one way out. The school should build another way out of the parking lot.”

Some students even go to extremes and avoid parking up

at the parking lot because they don’t want to sit in the line.

Senior **Amir Mahmoud** said, “why would I go park in the parking lot when I could rather leave right after school and just park on the street?”

After seeing that students disapprove of the parking lot, I decided to go to the person in charge of the parking lot: Mr. Green.

In response to how to fix the parking lot he said, “it’s an impossible fix. There are many laws tied to it. There cannot be moving cars while students are walking by. That’s why the buses have to block off both lanes so that cars can’t be driving by while kids are trying to get on the bus.”

Although Mr. Green is aware that there is a problem with the parking lot and wants to fix it, there is nothing we can do to improve it. The parking lot will have to stay the same for another couple of years.



THE PARKING LOT: A constant traffic-jam after school.

Claustrophobia

By Sophie Pertofsky
STAFF WRITER

A new school year means new students, which naturally means new classes; but with the sudden increase in the population of Malibu High School, how hard is it going to be to get things done?

This new school year welcomed not only new freshmen from the Middle School, but students from all across California and even out of the country. Classroom sizes have expanded to such ridiculous numbers that some teachers don’t have enough desks for all their students.

High School Science Teacher **Bob Perry** said he had to “add two more tables to the back of his classroom” in order to give everyone a place to sit.

Similarly, High School English Teacher, Eric Carrier, had to sit students on the floor at the beginning of the year.

But the lack of desks hasn’t been the only complaint.

Cramped classrooms have always been something to look down upon in the public school system. Teachers who have fewer students can give each one more attention and better instructions. In New York, annual surveys conducted by

the Department of Education have shown that the top priority of school parents is reducing class size. When a teacher is overwhelmed by the amount of students in their classroom, it’s hard for them to give each teenager the attention they need to come out on top at the end of the year.

The solution to this problem seems easy enough: hire more teachers. But the cost of doing so is expensive on top of the fact that teachers generally don’t get paid enough already. With all this talk of cutting classes and projects for the cost of funds, someone has to wonder where all their donations are going.

It seems the only renovations Malibu has attempted to work at over the past couple years is the struggle to put up and take down stadium lights no one actually cares about. Shouldn’t we be spending our money on something more important?

If classroom sizes are going to continue to affect kids on the level that they have so recently, a talk may need to be had with the School Board about just what they’re spending all that money on.

We need bigger classrooms and more teachers if we don’t want kids to struggle and flounder this school year.

Communism in Malibu?

By Jack Klane
STAFF WRITER

If you are the proud owner of a pair of eyes, you may have realized that Trancas is under development for a new shopping area.

This new installment of stores and areas of purchase will keep the citizens of Malibu more confined to their city as these new shops will eliminate any need to

go anywhere else to buy goods. This raises the question: is this a communist plot to keep the wealth of our fair city localized to discourage economic growth and prevent the trickling down of money from the upper class to the lower classes?

A possible underground radical, Sophomore **Emma Kelly** said “this buildup of localized income may cause a revolt from the

more impoverished resulting in the collapse of the capitalist state and the creation of a new communist regime.”

We are left to speculate what might become of the shopping center once they finish construction but there is one thing we know for sure and that is that they are among us and are always listening.



THE TRANCAS SHOPPING CENTER: Expected to open in the winter of 2013.

Is Stop and Frisk Racist?

By Troy Schlobohm
STAFF WRITER

Imagine this; you're just walking along, minding your business, when out of now where a cop shows up! After much confusion and multiple questions, the next thing you know you're getting frisked! Dazed, confused, and frankly violated, you walk away wondering what just happened. You were a victim of the Stop and Frisk.

To formulate an opinion, one must be aware of what the Stop and Frisk law really is. It gives the right to any police officer to stop a civilian under the claim that they look generally suspicious, are a suspected look out, fit the profile of a criminal, are suspected to have a fire arm, or are suspected to be in possession of a controlled substance. Thousands of these searches were conducted daily in New York, and the amount of searches was increasing annually by around fourteen percent prior to a recent verdict. A law was passed by a NYC federal judge stating that anyone who is stopped and frisked must fit a certain credential and that each stop must be properly documented in case of obstruction of a citizen's right.

Since Bloomberg took office, the Stop and Frisk method has had a substantial increase in stops. Incidentally, Bloomberg is actually going to sue New York

City's city council over the new stop and frisk laws that were just passed. The annual murder rate in New York has also decreased by 16% and is on pace to reach a historic low according to NYPD. This is due to Stop and Frisk as well as other variables, such as their attack on gang violence and their gun control laws.

"While the Stop and Frisk laws are definitely effective, race certainly plays a part in who they stop," said Malibu High School Senior **Amir Mahmoud**.

A recent study showed that 89% of people who are stopped and frisked are found immediately innocent, while only .5% end in arrests.

"I really trust the police to make the right decision of who gets

"Can we really trust the police?"

frisked, but there is controversy over how they are selected," **Mahmoud** also stated.

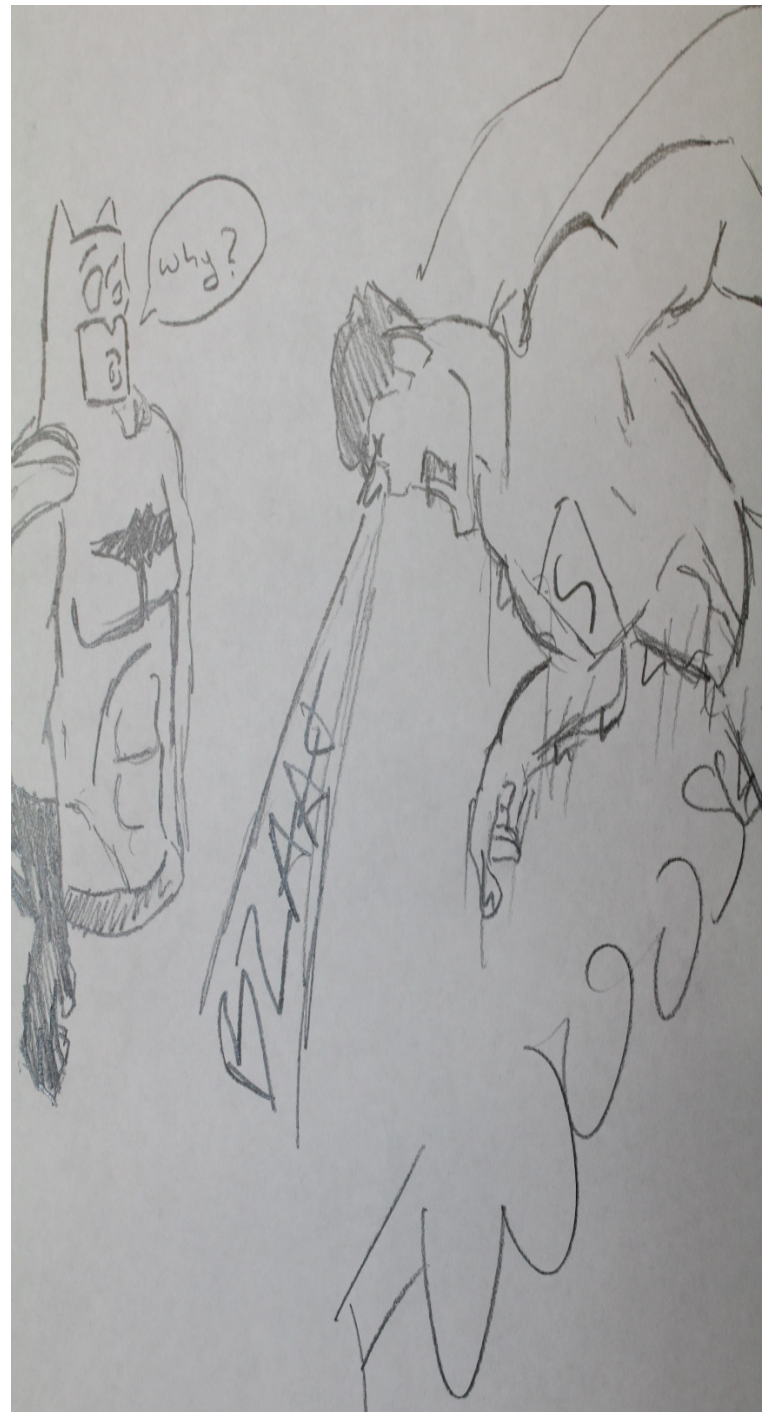
The main reason people are stopped and frisked is due to furtive movements, which basically means they're being generally suspicious. The amount of Stop and Frisk stops that were filed in NYC under furtive movements were 48.3% of Black stops, 45.2% of Hispanic stops, and 39.9% of White stops according to the NYCLU. Also, 25.6%

of NYPD stops were of young black males, who only make up 1.9% of the population, where are 3.8% were young white males, who make up 2% of the population.

"Yeah I mean cops over the history of mankind have always been racist, so I guess I like the ruling in a way," said local surfer and fisherman **Rick Morrison**. "Just stopping someone and searching them has got to be some kind of injustice, or like... some violation of our rights... right?" **Morrison** said after asked if Los Angeles should institute this tactic.

Senior **Miles Tade** said "It has got to be racist. That's just how our society today is built. When they stop someone it's more about race rather than who should actually be stopped."

Regardless of public opinion the Stop and Frisk law in set in stone to get reformed. So the moral dilemma of the Stop and Frisk law are illegibly going to be reformed. They're not taking away the law completely, they're just changing and tweaking with it to make it more fundamentally sound and trying to get racism out of the picture, but is that really possible. The same cops will be conducting the searches, so what is going to stop them from stopping the wrong people? Can we really trust the police?



Drawn by: Cole Murphy

Facebook: Dislike

By Maisy Tarlow
STAFF WRITER

Facebook has passed its height in popularity among teenagers. Many students across the nation, and particularly at Malibu High School, are not using Facebook as often as they originally did and some have stopped using Facebook altogether. Over the past two years or so, other social media networks such as Twitter and Instagram, are replacing Facebook as preferred social media outlets. These social networks are less time consuming; they have a more focused purpose. Twitter is for statuses and Instagram for pictures, whereas Facebook is a jumble of statuses, albums, ads, games, etc. For these reasons, students are leaving Facebook for other, more efficient social networks.

Facebook is becoming more and more populated with parents and older generations. Studies

show that for 2013, 65% of Facebook users are over the age of 35, where only 55% of Twitter users are over the age of 35. Therefore, Twitter seems to be the new popular social network for the younger demographic.

Emphasizing the youthful nature of Twitter and its overall efficiency, Senior **Ross Alcares** said "I use twitter a lot and post pictures there."

Also speaking to the organized fashion of Twitter, Senior **Amir Mahmoud** said "Facebook was taking up too much time" and that he now uses Twitter because "you can follow celebrities and people you like."

Likewise, one of the most significant advantages that Twitter and Instagram have over Facebook is that users can follow other users even if they do not follow them back. This means that anyone can follow the celebrities they like and whatever they post will show up on their personalized newsfeed.

Instagram is another big name in the social networking world. Since Instagram became popular, less people have posted photos on Facebook, gravitating towards posting them on Instagram, given that the whole app is dedicated to pictures. Personally, I prefer Instagram to Facebook because Facebook has become too cluttered with pho-

tos and statuses of people I don't even know anymore, whereas on Instagram I only follow my close friends. One of my favorite aspects of Instagram is that users can create captions and put effects on their photos, allowing users to be creative and have fun editing their pictures.

When asked about his opinion on Instagram **Mahmoud** said, "Instagram is more accessible. It is quicker and you're definitely not spending as much time on it as Facebook."

Instagram is clearly less of a time sucker due to the fact that its newsfeed is not as crowded with ads and shared pages. Every time I log onto Facebook I have new requests to play games I am not interested in or I have spam messages from people who have gotten their accounts hacked into. The content on Facebook no longer seems to be relevant to my life or my interests, and the ads I see are irrelevant.

Alcares said, "no one uses Facebook and it's full of advertisements."

The viewpoints of students at MHS seem to mirror those of the rest of the nation. Facebook has declined in popularity among teens and other social networks are rising up, such as Twitter and Instagram, which are easier to use and quicker to access. If Facebook cannot figure out how to win back the loyalty of teenagers, it might be looking at a similar fate that past social networks, such as MySpace, have experienced.

Tight Clothes, Loose Development

By Cole Murphy
STAFF WRITER

In the Batman and Superman movie that is scheduled to be released in 2015, Ben Affleck is said to be replacing Bale as Batman and we all know that is going to be a train wreck so I'm not even going to touch on that. Rather I am here to tell you about how batman smokes superman as a character. Even though Superman and Batman were both created in the midst of the depression in the 30's, this is where similarity ends.

Superman tells the tale of an alien crashing to earth and having a wonderful childhood on a farm

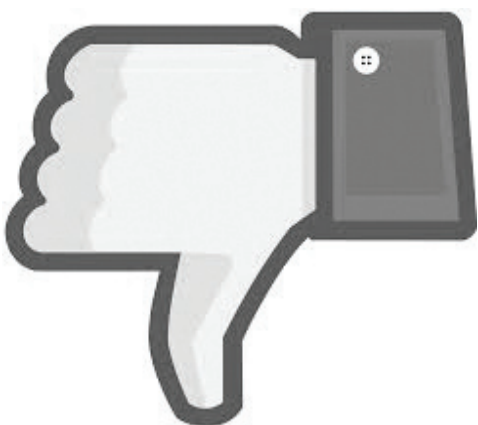
when he is found by the Kent's. He is a perfectly good guy who grows up to realize his power of being unfairly impervious to everything. Well, isn't that boring. In contrast, Batman started out as Bruce Wayne, a child born into a rich family. He has everything until one night his parents are shot right in front of him. This makes him want to exact revenge on crime and so he travels the world studying martial arts and criminology. Holy character development audience! Not only is Batman fighting crime, he is doing it for selfish reasons!

Superman's origin is rather bland and sets him up to be the altruistic savior, and the result: no one cares. Batman's origin not only adds another dimension but also adds explanation to how he's able to be like "yo imma fight this mob uh gangstas." Superman is just kind of like "im impervious, LAZER VISION". This brings me to my second point: how the hell is their supposed to be any excitement in superman fighting WHEN HE IS IMPERVIOUS TO EVERY-

"I am here to tell you about how batman smokes superman as a character."

THING? Yes, I know he has one weakness, kryptonite, but that just means every villain ever has somehow gotten a radioactive piece of his home world and that is just

not happening. Another thing that makes Batman a much more interesting character is his morality. Batman fights justice on his terms. This puts him at odds with the government and people at all times. I'm not making that up, read The Dark Knight (read not watch for proof). Superman is essentially just a lackey of the police which means his only enemies are gaudy supervillains. So as I'm sure you all probably know I am a batman fan and think, with good reason I think, that batman is a much better character. Slaw out.



(Some Obscure "Catcher In the Rye" Reference)

By Marsalis Adriano
SATIRE EDITOR

SWAGMASTER FIREBOLT 3000

Red's room smelled of dusty books, cigarette smoke and the tears of the innocent... quite unsettling, but not unlike Red. "Your initiation is tomorrow... Are you frightened?" he said. He was referring to me, clearly. "Why would I be?"

He laughed with a heavy heart, mocking my confidence. "You're funny."

I was only one week in, and I had already begun to feel suffocated. I had infiltrated the most notorious clique in Malibu High School, Carrier's Cronies. Red grinned at me and said something like, "Well, that's it for me, today man. I'll see you tomorrow." He got up and showed me to the door.

"Say," I said, fitting a cigarette between my lips. "Have they figured out a name for me yet?"

"Yeah."

"Well," I said. "What is it?"

"James Castle," he said, smiling. He shut the door. I lit my cigarette and walked home.

It was friday, that's initiation

day. I didn't go to school... apparently I wasn't supposed to. Carrier and his cronies are always gone on fridays... I guess I was about to find out why.

It was around noon. The room was musty and dark, lit only by the muted blaze of dozens of candles precariously placed about the basement floor. They were reaching their last breath of life. I walked down the steps, beginning to regret my life choices. The chanting rose as I turned the corner. Standing in a circle, Carrier's cronies were dressed in black garments and wearing red hunting hats. They were placed their right hand upon their one true bible: "Catcher in the Rye." As I neared the circle, I began to make out what they were saying:

"The ducks that fly south, carry



Fidelio: A scientologist walks into a room of Satanists...

upon them the burden of the innocent. I see, I see the red. 'F--- You the wall reads! Scratch it off.'

The candles began to die, one by one and the scene began to fade, but the chant remained alive. I remember saying something like, "Woah, the lights went out." They stopped and shivered. And quickly, like fireflies, the lights from new candles were lit and carried by each of the members; they were all facing me. I could see their faces now: Red, Snowball, Duck, Allie, Jane, and Sunny. They looked morose, almost dead, not unusual for this group.

They opened up in the middle to let the one true God pass. Carrier stepped forward, carrying some sort of folder. It looked important.

He said, "Marsalis... You have entered this sacred dungeon to be admitted into my cult. You have lived with us, you breathe with us, and you will die with us. You have proven yourself worthy and valuable." He took out a vintage copy of "Catcher in the Rye."

"This," he continued. "This is the 5th copy of 'Catcher in the Rye' ever produced."

"Where's the first?"

No response.

He continued, "Place your hand on the book." I did. "Repeat after me."

"As you wish."

"I solemnly swear to live and to die in the name of the innocent and in the name of our company."

I repeated what he said.

"I will not betray those that I have entered into the brother-sisterhood with. And I will protect them unto death."

I repeated him.

"Stand up," he said. I did. "You have now become an official member of Carrier's Cronies. Congratulations," he said, shaking my hand. He handed me the folder he walked in with. It felt mysterious. I was afraid.

"This," he continued. "Is the handbook to our cult, you must memorize and live by these rules. Session dismissed." And, almost supernaturally, the candles went out, and I was left alone. I lit a cigarette and walked out.

I sat at my desk that night. My room lit only by a dimmed light bulb that hung loosely from the ceiling, the perfect setting for the unraveling of Carrier's Cronies. I opened the book and read the rules:

1. Oregon Ducks.
2. On tuesdays, we only talk in symbols and motifs.
3. Fridays are initiation days for new members and school must be missed if necessary.
4. Don't talk about Carrier's Cronies (Nice).
5. Don't let Mayle in. (He still thinks it's on Mondays.)



By Cole Murphy

A single flow'r he sent me, since we met.
All tenderly his messenger he chose;
Deep-hearted, pure, with scented dew still wet -
One perfect rose.

I knew the language of the floweret;
'My fragile leaves,' it said, 'his heart enclose.'
Love long has taken for his amulet
One perfect rose.

Why is it no one ever sent me yet
One perfect limousine, do you suppose?
Ah no, it's always just my luck to get
One perfect rose.

-Dorothy Parker

Google Glass: The Bubonic Eyewear

By Thom Atlas
GUEST WRITER

Issues surrounding the new sensational product, Google Glass and its recent software update still pose massive threats to Yuppies everywhere. The total body count is somewhere around 1,500 and counting - it claims new victims everyday. There is also great concern that the sadistic software may somehow get online and affect the whole entire World Wide Web, causing a massive dilemma for neck beards and sensitive teens across the globe.

In the not so distant past, people were salivating over this cutting edge product; contemplating how creatively they could use Google Glass and how it would revolutionize our mundane daily lives. It's beta release came, met massive approval and critical acclaim, and went; only hyping up the device more. When its limited release to the public arrived, everyone went crazy and spent hours on Google's twitter trying to come up with the most outlandishly productive way to use Google Glass. During this optimistic time the public, includ-

ing myself, thought Google Glass was the pinnacle of the technological Renaissance... But we were wrong, so wrong.

Shortly after the 8,000 Google Glasses made for its limited release were distributed to those with wonderfully creative and entrepreneurial minds, the problems began. They started off as small and seemingly harmless, such as expected viruses and complications with the fledgling software. Though as time progressed, they grew more and more malicious. The first death caused by Google Glass was the result of a navigation malfunction. I could not forget that day, even if I tried. I knew when I heard what happened on that fateful day, something terrible was on the horizon. Earnest Gottfried age 26 swerved straight into an oak tree when his Google Glass pulled up a clip of a Ron Jeremy film instead of following his navigational instructions. They found his body charred in the wreck clutching his Google Glass as if he was asking it "why?" To combat this from happening again Google released a software update, honing the glasses' listening

ability. Google claimed that they are not liable for its product causing death and destruction in its new terms and conditions. Little did they know that this act would cause the greatest technological failure this world has ever seen.

With the enhanced speech recognition, the pair of glasses slowly became more self aware. It came as a surprise early on, its thoughts and suggestions only enhancing the Google Glass experience. Then the incidents started happening again across the nation, cars crashing, trains derailling, planes falling out of the very sky that we thought to be conquered, SHIPS SUNK ON A WHIM KILLING THOUSANDS OF PASSENGERS AND WORKERS, ALL CAUSED BY THE GARRULOUS GLASS. There was mass hysteria in major cities around the nation and the horrific sound of those with privilege dying could be heard around the globe. Google desperately tried to destroy the software and devices, but it was already too late; the Google Glass software had developed such an advanced mind that it became completely

autonomous. Everyone who owns Google Glass or devices with similar software has no hope in defending themselves against its sadistic and horrible tendencies.

Current reports reveal cases of seizures and many other brain ailments caused by overstimulation to those possessing the device. Technology experts and top military officials are working their hardest to combat this epidemic, though it seems there will be no cure to this plague in the near future. The only individual defense against the demonic device is yelling commands loudly to temporarily overload its circuits, but this is no permanent solution. The entire technology community is just watching in pure horror as Google Glass leads its crusade of carnage. There are some

reports that it has finally reached the attention of the federal government causing President Obama to try and pass laws to aid in the fight against these machines. Unfortunately Congress is out of session and this righteous nation has little power against the insidious invention. Years from now, they are going to ask us: where were you when they took over? And we'll say: we just stood by and watched.



YUPIES QUAKE IN FEAR: Seconds before his Google Glass, named Hal 9000, slit his throat and took command of the star ship Atlantis.

Rebuilding Girls Tennis Team Recreates

Success

By **Jessie Weinstein**
STAFF WRITER

The 2013 Girls tennis team is set to have yet another strong season despite replacing several key members from their elite squad.

Last year the tennis team had an amazing season ending at (18-1) and got to the Semi-Finals of CIF. This year will be tough with

SLAM-A-JAMA: Junior Ilana Oleynik smashes her serve.



on with the team," said captain Senior **Raven Odian**.

Although the team had a tough loss losing Mosser, Montgomery still thinks the team will, "... get at least as far in CIF if not farther."

"Tennis is a sport that demands discipline, and we have a team of very disciplined girls," said Montgomery.

The team has very high hopes this year for CIF and wants to do better than they did last year going undefeated in league and getting to the semi-finals of CIF. The new coach was described by Lasky as being, "...very supportive." and "...a great coach".

The team will be going up against their biggest rivals and most competitive team in the league Oaks Christian on October 3rd. The team while having three of the best singles players in the league with Oleynik, Louks and Lasky, also has very strong doubles. Their number one doubles team is Odian and her partner **Rachel Purewal**. So far Odian has been a great captain and has

been described by Lasky as, "...very welcoming" and was also described as "a very motivational captain" The team has started off the season 3-2, and you can expect to see great things from the tennis team this fall.

The New Coach in Town

By **Clarity Ruffman**
STAFF WRITER

I had a chance to have an interview with the new Girls Volleyball coach **Airess Padda**. Here is what she said.

-What are your expectations for the new team for this year's season?

Padda: My expectations are for all the girls to compete with everyone and really work hard and stay focused.

-How long have you been coaching?

Padda: I have been coaching for six years.

-And this is your first year working as a coach at Malibu High right?

Padda: Yeah this is my first year.

-How have you been preparing the team for upcoming games?

Padda: I have been making scouting reports and making practices competitive.

-What does a regular practice look like?

Padda: We usually start with serving and passing, then it gets more intense and we end playing.

-When is the next game?

Padda: The next game is tomorrow on the 26th and it's a home game too.

-Where did you work before coaching at MHS?

Padda: I briefly worked at Chaminade and I worked at Sierra Canyon for four years.

Gewant's Guide to Fantasy Football

By **Jack Gewant**
STAFF WRITER

So far this year has been very interesting for those who play Fantasy Football, in the first game of the season Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos at home scorched the defending champion Baltimore Ravens 49-27 with Peyton Manning throwing a record tying 7 Touchdowns, earning the 2nd most fantasy points ever behind Michael Vick in 2010.

Two of these touchdowns were by the rising star at tight end for the Broncos Julius

Thomas, Thomas only started playing football his senior year at Portland St. University after playing basketball his whole high school and college career. This is a very similar story to NFL star tight ends Jimmy Graham of the New Orleans Saints and Antonio Gates of the San Diego Charger. Thomas is definitely one of the biggest surprises so far this year.

Also in week one former Oregon Ducks coach Chip Kelly made his debut as head coach for the Philadelphia Eagles. Kelly brought his fast paced offense from the Ducks to the Eagles without a hitch.

This is great news if in you fantasy football league you had LeSean McCoy (leads the league with 237 yard rushing yards after two games), DeSean Jackson (leads the league in receiving yards with 297 after two games) or Michael Vick because with their new offence these player are putting up insane numbers.

This year a couple players have not lived up to expectations like Jacksonville Jaguars "star" running back Maurice Jones-Drew, who many people have been drafting in the second round, but his numbers have been abysmal with 25 carries for 72 yards (2.9 yard average) in two weeks. He also has not scored a touchdown.

I believe Jones-Drew is struggling because his team is lacking in talent in all aspects making him the only asset in the Jaguars offence causing opposing defenses to have there game plan completely focused on Jones-Drew. Also if you factor in that the Jaguars' far below descent offensive line also explains the numbers.

Another player who is struggling early is New York Giants running back David Wilson. Wilson in his second season was set to take over the starting running back position as the team and most fantasy team owners saw his talent. Yet in the Giants first game of the season against the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday Night Football Wilson



AS FAST AS A JAGUAR: Despite his his ridiculous talent, his team still struggles to give him an opportunity to score big.

about both players opening up bigger plays.

The Browns signed Willis McGahee to fill their running back spot; you can expect moderate production from McGahee because his team is the Browns.

The NFL season is still young and things can always change when it comes to fantasy football.



A CHIP ON THE SHOULDER: Chip Kelly's offense is so far causing big problems for NFL defenses

NFL Starts Using it's Head

By Jens Cole
STAFF WRITER

Although the National Football League may seem like a spotlight for bone-jarring hits and back-breaking tackles, the NFL has made it a priority to keep the players as safe as possible. Whether it is improved padding and helmets, or manipulating past rules towards contact, the NFL is making a significant effort towards safety.

When American football was first played in the late 19th and early 20th century, very minimal to no protection was worn. Therefore, the NFL has taken enormous strides towards the protection of its athletes in the last 100

SAFETY FIRST: The NFL continuously updates their helmets in order to find the optimal amount of safety and movement.



years. Yet the wide spread issue within the league is the danger of concussions and ultimately career ending, even life-ending effects of those concussions. No matter how hard the league works to keep not only the safety of the game alive but also the integrity and pleasing nature of the sport thriving, head injuries and concussions are nearly impossible to fully prevent or avoid.

Why is the issue of concussions and head injuries so prevalent today rather than 50 years ago? Well, due to scientific and medical advances over the years show the contact and head trauma from a sport like football causes head and brain related diseases later in a player's life. For example the

disease known as Alzheimers, which is the rotting of the brain and ultimately ability to recall or remember, long term or short term, is becoming more and more related to the early damage of the head when playing football. The issue was magnified when four ex-NFL players sued the league and its helmet manufacturer, stating that both hid significant information in regards to the danger of brain injury. Ultimately, they are demanding medical care for all NFL players past or present. In response, the league has adopted precautionary measures and actions for hits or tackles that involve the head. Medical staffs now have to run through a specific routine to distinguish the player's safety if there are any suspicions of a concussion.

"No it's not something I constantly think about when I'm playing. I have always been taught to hit with my shoulder, not my head, so hitting safely is second nature. If in the heat of battle I do happen to hit my head, I know the signs and quickly check for symptoms. And I have taken myself out of the game before to double check with the trainer. Other than that, no it's not something you think about," said Senior Nicky Anthony, a varsity MHS football player.

However, there is one catch. Many football purists and commercial enterprises do not want the game's aggressive style



HERE COMES THE BOOM: Green Bay running back Eddie Lacy suffers from one of the hits the NFL is trying to eliminate, to Mr. Corrigan's

of play to change. Although watching a player get close lined, knocked off his feet, and knocked out is entertaining for a large majority of Americans, the league is cracking down with significant fines on players who issue those dangerous tackles.

"While the NFL is a brutal game, the players know that and have accepted it. The game will have to change eventually if it will survive," said Senior Nathaniel Gruedemann.

"There is a significant number of concussions that go undetected, untreated and or unreported. They represent trauma to the brain that may have long-term effects, such as early onset Alzheimer's. The massive short term gains from football such as financial gains for businesses, schools, communities, and sponsors totally over shadow the long term additional medical

costs for the injured individual," said Kari Cole, Nurse Anesthetist for the USC Hospital.

"The sound and sensation of 360 pounds crashing at full speed into 360 pounds is an experience that can't quite be put into words. It's like being hit by a big truck only you're expected to stand back up and start running again. Its just wrong," said a former Miami Dolphin defensive guard who struggled with concussions and its effects throughout his football career.

The NFL is an ever growing, maturing league that will change with time. With new technologies and various scientific and medical advances the game will only become safer. But the original integrity of the game might change as well, for the better or the worse.

Football Tries for Homecoming Victory



SHARK ATTACK: Lubell scans the field for an open wide receiver while

By David Ochmanek
STAFF WRITER

The Sharks varsity football season began with a rough opening game under the lights after having been plagued by early injuries. However with a team of mostly new players and a rookie quarterback, the team shows promise for the upcoming season. With veteran coach **Ray Humphrey** running the show, the team has strong leadership.

"[The team] needs to get things

pieced together for he season to be a successful one," said Coach Humphrey.

Without star receiver **Brennan Cassone**, currently a walk-on on the USC football team this season will be a tough one. Last year Cassone received for a total of 2,415 yards with an average of 17 yards per catch. The loss of such a crucial player creates a big void for the Sharks to fill this year.

The Sharks looked hopeful in their first game but the main issues, which led to the team's shutout loss of 0-38 to Saint Monica, were

mostly mental, according to safety Junior **Winston Churchill**.

"The game was embarrassing," said wide receiver Senior **Dylan Miller**. He also pointed out that the boys must seriously improve if they want to have a winning season.

Junior quarterback, **Dylan Lubell**, shows huge potential to be a serious threat in the league. Coach Humphrey is proud of Lubell's development and dedication to improvement. As a receiver, Miller is pleased with Lubell's performance and expects a successful season from him.

This year, senior **Jane Sidley**, the only girl on the team took over the kicking position. As a varsity soccer player, Sidley is an excellent kicker, showing herself to be a valuable asset for the Sharks this year.

With their Homecoming game tonight under the lights, the Sharks hope to redeem themselves against Ribet Academy. Ribet is 1-3 so far this year so they should be a good opponent and should be able to test the Sharks ability to win games.

As for long-term expectations, the team expects to put in a strong performance in their league and hope they reach for CIF as they did last year. If the Sharks continue to progress at a solid rate, another CIF qualification is looking like a realistic goal for this season.

Cross Country's New Coach

By Cordell Newton
STAFF WRITER

Our own Malibu High Cross-Country team has some big things ahead of them if they continue on the path they have set for themselves this season. The team has been training hard since summer, and look to produce more medaling athletes. They also have added some new players to their already elite team, and more importantly, a new coach.

"Though I miss Karen and Blue so much he is great. He and Blue are actually on the same professional running team and ran in a relay race all the way from Santa Monica to Las Vegas together. Needless to say, he's in amazing shape and is one of the best running coaches I've ever had," said Sophomore **Caitlin Myers**.

From what is apparent, the athletes really enjoy the new coach as a mentor, and a person. The new coach **Shawn Waco**, being a cross-country runner himself, easily relates to the players and they seem to get along. The team has also been going through grueling workouts since summer.

"We've trained over the summer

at different courses around Malibu in the early morning, and most of the members of the team are also apart of different sports that serve as a great cross trainer to long distance running," said Myers.

With all the changes to the team, their hard work should pay off and let them have an amazing season.

"I think we will have a great season because we have such talented athletes on the team and everyone gets along so well. I expect that we will have both a boys and a girls team for CIF," said Myers.

In conclusion, it's obvious that Myers, as well as the rest of the cross-country team is ready for the season ahead. With all the preseason training they did, we can expect big results for a successful and positive season