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Shark TV Returns New And Improved

By Rachel Uvaydov
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Shark TV: it's new, improved, and funnier than ever. Both students and faculty at MHS have things to say about the new Shark TV, and there's no wonder why; the brand new cast of 2011-2012 is not only dedicated to bringing important news and information to the students, but also connecting to the student body with the comedy and entertainment introduced on the show.

Although the cast, script, and goals of this year's Shark TV are completely different from last year's, the directors and producer, Rachel Stowell, remain the same. This year's cast includes junior Will Rosenthal, senior Patrick Fontenette, senior Benji Krieff, junior Shea Roula, and senior Alec McClansky (Al Joker).

With such a diverse cast, the show delivers a combination of different types of comedy, which guarantees

the amusement of the viewers. Although the filming of the show doesn't always go smoothly, the cast is still experimenting with ideas for the show and is excited for future episodes and topics for the show.

This year, Shark TV will cover the basketball season, soccer season, college, water polo, current weather and surf reports, winter formal, coffee house, teachers at MHS, and at the end of the year, bloopers from the whole year will be shown to the students.

The show will be broadcasting the entire year, and the cast can't wait to have the fun and good time they share with each other while bringing each episode to life for the whole year. "The show is like a breathe of fresh air for me," said cast member Fontenette, who looks forward to more of the fun and laughs he has on the show.

The cast tries to find a way that students can relate to the going-ons at school and in the community by

adding humor to the show to get students interested. This year, the cast, script writers, and directors are attempting to reinvent Shark TV, not only by making Shark TV funnier but also with new technology for filming, editing, and newer, better cameras. This year, a green screen is used on the show and there is a tripod for the camera. Also, there is a new editing system for the show, along with more costume flair.

The filming of Shark TV takes place after school and each episode takes about three to four days to film, even though each episode is about three minutes long. A new episode is filmed about every two to three weeks. Although there is a script, most of the show is improvised by the cast. Shark TV is Mrs. Stowell's production, and each episode is filmed in her classroom under her supervision. "Being on set is one of our favorite parts of the week," said senior Sam Haft (writer and filmmaker of Shark

TV along with seniors Andrew Borenzweig and Kyle Sandler). He also explains about how Shark TV is something for the students to look forward

show. Students believe that Shark TV should work on creating more episodes and putting more work into the scripts for the show. From a teacher's opinion, Shark

ticed how Shark TV helps students attain school spirit, since it is difficult to get most students to care about or have school spirit.

This year's Shark TV has



LAST YEARS SHARK TV CAST: From Left to Right CJ, Davis, Evan and Chase

to and for the whole school to find out about events and current news in a non-conventional way.

The point of views from interviewed students and teachers differ, but both encourage and urge more episodes and the involvement of more students on the

TV should include more interviews in their shows in order to get more students involved.

Also, teachers have been noticing that this year's Shark TV has better graphics and is more comical than ever before. In addition, teachers also have no-

changed tremendously from last's and is dedicated to bringing MHS together and keeping all of the students aware and alert of the present news and events in not only MHS but in the whole community of Malibu.

Illegal Immigrants Pose Questions For Local Governments

By Natalie Bark
STAFFWRITER

Abedragged congregation sat huddled on the cold morning sands just south of the county line. These ten suspected illegal immigrants had washed up on the beach at 4:30 am, not far from Neptune's Net.

An anonymous tip had been sent to the Border Patrol, and officers arrived on scene before the suspected illegals had the chance to disperse.

It is a rare occurrence for illegal immigrants to be

arrested as far north as Malibu, but U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Lori Haley told the Weekly that it is suspected that this may become a more regular occurrence. As the waters off the coast of San Diego become more heavily patrolled, she explains, the smugglers are forced to drop off their passengers further north.

The ten are now in custody and being investigated. The boat that dropped them was never found. One

woman suffered a broken nose, and one of the men sustained a broken leg as

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the party made its way ashore.

Although not many illegal immigrants have been caught this far north, small clues have lead to the

conclusion by Federal immigration spokeswoman Virginia Kice that illegal entry is occurring more frequently in this area. In March, a small panga boat (the kind usually preferred by human traffickers) was found abandoned on a beach in Ventura County.

In August, federal authorities detained five suspected illegals at Leo Carrillo Beach. They suspected that this event was related to the empty panga boat they discovered not too far up the coast, which was

filled with gasoline containers and clothing. Nine life-vests were also found on the boat. The August discovery marks the fourth panga boat to be found off the coast of Malibu this year alone.

The sea route illegal immigrants take can be just as treacherous as the route over land. "[The smugglers'] main goal is to make money and not the well-being of their human cargo," said Rodolfo Zuniga, a spokesman for the U.S. Border Patrol.

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2012 Republican Presidential Nominees

Entertainment Editor Natalie Kaufman's cheat sheet for Republican nominees

	Romney	Cain	Perry	Bachmann	Paul
Craziest Quotes	"PETA is not happy that my dog likes fresh air." - on strapping his dog to the top of the car	"We'll have a real fence, 20 feet high, with barbed wire, electrified, with a sign on the other side that says 'it can kill you'"	"You can always follow me on Tweeter"	"I find it interesting that it was back in the 1970s when swine flu broke out under another Democrat president, Jimmy Carter. I'm not blaming this on President Obama, I just think it's an interesting coincidence."	"The notion of rigid separation between church and state has no basis in either the text of the Constitution or the writings of our Founding Fathers. On the contrary, our Founders' political views were strongly informed by their religious beliefs."
Religious Affiliation	Mormon	Preacher (Baptist)	Evangelical	Evangelical	Christian
Immigration Policies	- fence on border - pro legal and tech immigration	- extended fence along border	- views a border fence as impractical - in-state tuition laws for children	- pro-boundary fence - greater enforcement of current immigration laws - not reward current illegals	- physical boundaries - enforce visa rules - no amnesty - no welfare for illegals - end birthright citizenship
Scandals		- accused of groping a young woman	- ranch previously named "Niggerhead"		
Healthcare	- tax deduction for all - limit federal standards - similar to consumer market	- free market health care reforms tailored to patients - deductible health insurance premiums for everyone	- reforms to health care systems (ex. Medicare) - stimulate jobs to increase employee covered health care	- Americans to save limited amount of money tax free for health care - small businesses band together to give healthcare to employees - make medical expenses 100% tax-deductible for all individuals.	- total free market competition will make health care affordable - deduct all health care costs from taxes
Tax Plan	- extending Bush tax cuts - lowering corporate rate taxes	- 9-9-9 - 9% national sales tax - 9% individual flat tax - 9% business flat tax	- optional flat tax of 20% - if flat tax is paid there will be tax deductibles and potential exemptions	- federal income tax for everyone in U.S.	- elimination of income tax - elimination of Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Off Campus Lunch Returns with Revisions

By Elena Clarfield
STAFFWRITER

Off campus lunch is a Malibu High School policy that changes almost every year. Before principal Mark Kelley came to MHS, seniors were allowed to go off campus for lunch one day a week, but they could miss ten minutes of both third and fourth period. Dr. Kelley felt that school should not be missed, so he granted the seniors four days of off campus lunch every week. Now, it has been changed to three: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, to promote student involvement in ASB's "Werk it Wednesday."

For the most part, these regulations are respected and agreed with. However, some students at

Malibu High School believe that juniors should also have off campus lunch, not just seniors. A few neighboring schools, such as Agoura High School, allow juniors and seniors to go off campus for lunch, and Malibu students think that they should have the same rules.

Junior Tallulah Daly stated that while improvements have been made to the food at Malibu High School, "Most people prefer the food off campus, at places like Pavilions, Lily's, and Point Pizza."

Dr. Kelley noted that this would put too much pressure on the food

vendors near the school. He said that "Especially without How's now, I don't think that there are enough restaurants close by that can quickly serve both juniors and seniors in the amount of time they have for lunch."

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Allowing two grades to leave for off campus lunch also presents a safety concern. This would double the amount of traffic

departing from and re-entering the school. Additionally, seniors are trusted as more responsible drivers.

Senior Maddie Clarfield agreed. "By the time people are in their senior year, they have usually had their license for at least 12 months, which lowers the risk of students illegally driving their friends to lunch."

Principal Dr. Kelley stated that off campus lunch for seniors is a privilege and a reward, not a right. Clarfield agreed with this as well, although she thinks that off campus lunch for juniors should be something that they can work for, possibly with their involvement in the magazine drive or other school fundraisers.

Immigrants Wash Ashore Further North

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In the San Diego area alone, there were over six deaths at sea by August. Zuniga recalls a particular incident in which the panga boat capsized, but the smugglers were still able to send out a distress call from inside the boat. The passengers were left in the water to drown, as many were unable to swim. "They left everyone [else] in the water," Zuniga said. "A few of the people held onto the buoy, others to the boat."

Despite this danger, more and more are choosing to enter the United States this way. Last year, there were four reported incidents in Southern California and there have been 12 in the first six months of 2011, according to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Most of these immigrants

come from, or travel to, the town of Popotla, which is close to Playas de Rosarito in Mexico, located about 15 miles south of Tijuana. Zuniga said. They pay an incredible amount for the ride, often enduring many hardships just to obtain the amount needed. Then they give the money to a smuggler, whom they must trust not only with their money but with their lives. This smuggler crowds fifteen to twenty people on a panga, a small craft unsuitable for long distance travel. Nevertheless, they begin their journey, often in the dead of night, to a point off the US coast, fifty or sixty miles away. However, because of the increased patrol along San Diego waters, these boats are traveling further north.

Friday Night Lights Return to Malibu

By Eloise Massett
STAFFWRITER

On October 5th, the California Coastal Commission approved an amendment, which gave the city of Malibu the authority to permit lights for Malibu High. For the past 3 years, MHS students have been deprived of a lighted field to play sports at night. Originally removed due to environmental issues and arguments of "light pollution",

the lights are expected to return and restore a sense of high school tradition back to Malibu.

A group of students from Malibu High took the initiative on the topic in early October, and attended the California Coastal Commission meeting in Huntington Beach. Students including, Jessica Murray, Brennan Cassone, Evan Anthony, Devon Baldinger, and Will Rosenthal, along with Malibu Mayor Laura Rosenthal.

Junior Jessica Murray, a current MHS cheerleader, not only attended but spoke in front of the commission.

"I talked about the benefit the lights would be not only to our school, but our whole community as well" said Murray.

Prior to the removal of the lights, MHS football games hosted bigger crowds and more spirit. "It will make games a thou-

sand times better" said junior Cassone, the teams current quarterback.

"Even those students not affiliated with sports agree the return of the lights will help attract more people to school games."

The conditions of the amendment allow the lights

to be on until 7:30 p.m. three days a week, from September to May, with an additional eighteen days a year until 10:30 p.m.

"We love cheering on the boys, but not very many people show up, or help to cheer on the team with us" said Murray.

Even those students not affiliated with sports agree the return of the lights will help attract more people to school games. "I definitely think more

people will go and it will raise school spirits" said sophomore Skylar Steinberg. "I think having games at night will draw more kids" said Steinberg.

The temporary lights are expected for installation by next year and the inaugural use is soon to be announced.

Many students, as well as parents and faculty, are excited about the approved lights and hope rekindle the "Friday Night Lights" feeling back to the community.

United States Exploited Native Americans Again Through WWII Codes

By Drake Baglietto
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

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English Version of Above Story

Hello to all of my fellow code breakers. In case you have not noticed this article is written in a code. Codes have been used for a long time in order to hide information. The codes that we used during World War Two were based off of Native

American languages. The army actually took Native American translators with them throughout the Pacific theater. These Native Americans were putting their lives at risk as they were sometimes mistaken as Japanese soldiers and shot by their own troops. When Hitler heard about the code he had German anthropologists research

Native American cultures in order to try and decipher the language. There were so many different dialects that they were unable to break the code. However, the fear that they would discover the code was great enough to prevent it from being used in the European Theater. Codes such as this are very effective, and they have been used throughout

human history. If you have a message that you don't want a teacher to see, try using a code to obscure it. Your teachers will love to see the creativity, and they will not doubt reward you with extra credit. All in all codes are amazing things, and they are absolutely worth the valuable time that you spend on them.

Possibility of Uniforms Evokes Strong Emotions From Students

By Nathan Kertes
STAFFWRITER

One of the most discussed topics within our school of Malibu High is uniforms. Chatter related to uniforms has swept across the nation with many schools now making the switch. Many people want this new dress code yet many do not.

However, the real concern within many students and teachers is whether or not Malibu High will make the switch to uniforms.

In an interview with a random guy walking down the street:

Nathan: How long has the thought of uniforms been going around MHS?

Random guy: No one cares about uniforms.

Nathan: Why don't you

care?

Random guy: Because uniforms are for noobs.

Nathan: What is a noob?

Random guy: A noob is someone who does not know what a noob is.

Nathan: Okay, is it possible that students will be wearing uniforms by next year?

Random guy: I do not care.

Nathan: Okay, thanks for your time.

Random guy: Sorry, I don't respond to noobs.

As shown from an interview with the random guy there is definitely a possibility of getting uniforms. Here are the takes of some students whose did not want their names mentioned due to the huge controversy surrounding the issue.

Nathan: What is your take

on uniforms?

Person 1: I think they would be horrible for the students because you can not express yourself.

Person 2: Uniforms are for losers.

Person 3: They are not good because it is nice to have freedom of self.

Person 4: I would not mind because it would make some girls look sexy.

The debate about uniforms is one that continues to linger within many schools including our own.

As is quite apparent, some students strongly support the idea of having uniforms and are willing to fight to the death to support their ideas.

Others have less vocal opinions simply commenting that they would become noobs or losers while oth-

ers do because it would make some girls look sexy.

We the people of MHS

must take a side and fight

for what you believe be-

cause this is an issue that

may continue on for years

to come.

Cootie Epidemic Strikes

Malibu High

By Josh Corrigan
SPORTS EDITOR

A new horrible outbreak has reached Malibu High School and has wreaked havoc on the students' lives. A new, more versatile strand of cootie has hit Malibu High hard and its origin was from the recent Neon Dance.

The school has tried to take action to vaccinate and cure the hundreds of students who are all prone to the disease. Unfortunately, the cootie shots that were supposed to be given out to the kids while they were in preschool does not cover this specific strand of the germ and the school cannot afford the new, super cootie shots.

What happens with the new form of cootie instead of just remaining on the skin for around a day before it starts to spread around the body, like a normal cootie, this super cootie is able to enter the bloodstream. When it enters the bloodstream it bonds to immature cells and soon goes to the brain.

Luckily, this is not fatal but causes a sharp change in personality, that make people fumble over words and not think straight when around the opposite sex. The district now trying to make several new adjustments to stop the spread before it becomes a complete epidemic. Due to the effects of cooties and the victims boy or girl crazy mentality have caused peo-

ple to be easily distracted in class.

The school is rumored to try and create a dress code to stop students dressing provocatively, and this may slow down the effects of the disease. Still, even if they do create the dress code, there so far is no way to kill a super cootie due to the germs immunity from the cootie shot.

Since the Neon Dance had such a large attendance, there is no way of knowing how many people were venerable to the super cootie. As the school continues to assess its cootie problem, parents are to advised to make their kids wear medical masks and rubber gloves to prevent any further spreading of the germ, as well make them their PE uniforms to school to stop the effects of cooties on those unfortunate enough to have them.

Many scientists have started to do extensive research on the super cootie but they have yet to discover any weakness in the germ. Scientist believe they will have a temporary cure, but will not have it released until after Thanksgiving break.

Hopefully, school can obtain the new super cootie shot and slowly stop cooties from spread before it is too late. For now, students should be aware that cooties are all too real and should remain overly cautious to avoid contracting the super cooties if you can.

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A Generation Awakens

By Marsalis Andriano
ASSISTANT EDITOR

With the United States government under enormous influence by the corporate system, young Americans began to form a movement in response to our fading economy. The Occupation Movement is a mass demonstration protesting a variety of different problems the world is undergoing. This is also referred to as the 99% Movement due to the slogan "We Are The 99%" which alludes to the statistic showing that 1% of the population controls about 40% of the wealth in the country and in the world. After 30 years of plutocratic rule (a state ruled by the wealthy), these shocking numbers have sparked mass anger throughout the country, which led to the formation of the Occupation Movement. This movement urged a diverse set of people with many different perspectives to join together through common frustration of the state of our country.

The Occupation Movement was designed to give the people a voice when confronting our nation's problems through a direct, consensus democracy. This means that every person is entitled to their own opinion and will bring these thoughts together to create a mutual decision that

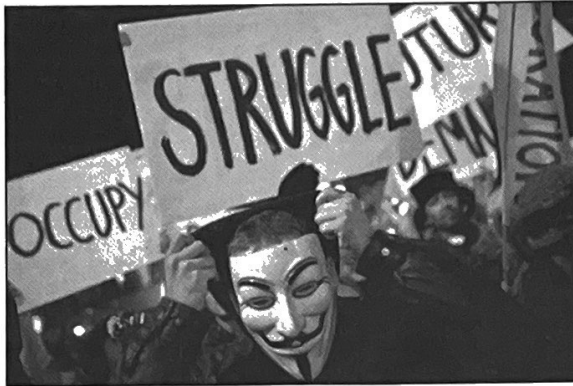
benefits everyone. The vast array of opinions and sentiments brought to this movement contribute to addressing our global situation and problems, ranging from financial regulations

goes on to say, "It's a democratic process. It's a non-violent process. But it is a revolution, because these oligarchs have been transferring wealth from poor and working people at a

Occupation Movement is a grand gesture and is taking part in the awakening of our generation. Political organization through social networking is a trend that is growing vastly popular and is being put to good use, as evidenced by the revolutions of the Arab Spring. Decades of corruption by our politicians have separated the people financially through unequal distribution of wealth and power. The plutocracy that this country has been ruled by is taking away our freedoms one act at a time. The corruption on Wall Street and by high

ranking CEO's and politicians is disjuncting our economy and forcing us into deep class warfare.

This movement is a demonstration of what freedom should look like and is portraying the anger that has been circulating throughout the world for decades. These global protests are our response to the Arab Spring; we, too, are now taking part in the fight for change and freedom. What's happening on Wall Street and throughout the entire world is a revolution and could be one of the greatest movements of our generation and in the last century. Whether the media chooses to depict it as a growing phenomenon or not, the world is changing in ways no one could've imagined. These protests are just the beginning.



GUY FAWKES IS ANGRY: All over the world, people join in solidarity to fight for change in a movement, known to many as "Occupy Wall Street."

to human rights. The movement's widely varied perspectives and thoughts give much of the participants a sense of empowerment. And with no clear leader organizing the movement and deciphering the messages of the protestors, the people decide how they want it to move.

Acclaimed Princeton professor and civil rights activist, Cornel West, spoke of the significance of the Occupation Movement by saying, "You're talking about raising political consciousness so it spills over all parts of the country, so people can begin to see what's going on through a different set of lens." West

very intense rate in the last 30 years and getting away with it, and then still smiling in our faces and telling us it's our fault. That's a lie."

September 17, 2011; shouts rang through the streets of lower Manhattan yelling slogans like, "We Are The 99%" and "Banks got bailed out, we got sold out." This was the beginning of what soon became a global revolution starting with Wall Street. The sensation of direct democracy and peaceful protests soon began to rise and by October 15, 2011, the Occupation Movement, along with its ideologies, touched every corner of the world from

into a great moment in modern history.



POSTERS FOR CHANGE: Signs reflect growing tension within the country.

Haqqani Attacks In Afghanistan Pose Problems For NATO Forces

By Kevin Payne
STAFFWRITER

The Haqqani family is the most notorious family in Afghanistan that you probably never heard about. Who is the Haqqani family? Why are they important? What threat are they to us? The Haqqani's are an insurgent group that terrorizes the U.S NATO forces and the government of Afghanistan. The network started as a small unit of terrorists and has since grown to a large network crossing borders and spreading their terror. Although little is known about this group and they are isolated from the general public, they have been called "the most resilient enemy network" by the US military commanders. This network poses a great threat to our Homeland Security as well as our troops serving in the Middle East.

They originated in Afghanistan in the 1970's. They were nurtured like al-Qaeda, which was backed by Pakistan's Intern Service Intelligence and the United

States CIA during the Soviet invasion in the 1980's.

The leader of this terrorist group is Maulvi Jalaluddin Haqqani and his son Sirajuddin Haqqani. It is believed they are stationed in the Waziristan tribal frontier of Pakistan but also operates on the Afghan-Pakistan border. The location of where they are most active often interferes with the U.S military and poses a serious threat to our government.

The Haqqani family activities make them very important to the United States and very dangerous as well. Not only do they operate in secret, they run their own training camps and companies that are used to have people believe that they sell cars and real estate. "Like many family's that have power and run certain areas they extort, [that] is their main way of getting income", says a former Haqqani commander.

The attacks that they are responsible for have been

happening quite recently and the casualties are rising

"When it was all over, four police officers were dead, seventeen civilians were injured including six NATO soldiers as well as three coalition soldiers."

every time. The most notorious attack by the Haqqani network was the attack on Kabul, which lasted nineteen hours. When it was all over, four police officers were dead, seventeen civilians were injured including six NATO soldiers as well as three coalition soldiers.

They are very important to the US government because they revolutionized suicide bombs in Af-

ghanistan. The Haqqani use foreign bombers, while the Taliban sticks to locals to attack. The Haqqani's method sacrifices fewer locals, which keeps their group alive. They are the only group that makes sophisticated bombs, which has been responsible for killing most of our ground troops. Their bombs have pressure-plated activators that are remotely triggered, which makes them more difficult to avoid in

combat. They claim to have mastered bombs and explosives; for this reason we must act and find where they operate.

Although all of this is happening in the Middle East the Haqqani network is still a major problem for the US government. The Haqqani network is not only a threat to neighboring countries to the Middle East but if we do not intervene, we could potentially have another tragedy.

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The Physical Manifestation Of All That Is Wrong With Society: A.K.A. College

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America is the land of equal opportunity, except when it comes to the college application process. Is the SAT/ACT too difficult? Don't worry about it. If your parents have money then they can get you a tutor that will help you to get an almost perfect score. If they don't, then your score will be measured against those who had this intense coaching. This score will go into the colleges' formula for rating you, then you are given a number. You may be the most kind, caring, and compassionate person on the face of the earth. Unfortunately for you, all these traits combined give you a raw score of zero. Colleges today are more interested in which classes you have taken, whether you have shown leadership ability, and how involved you have been in community service. The only hu-

mane part of this process is the essays that you write. However, even this aspect is being given over to the private sector with essay tutors that can help you be the best that you can be.

How do you beat the system? Well as a result of people getting help with so much and hyper inflating both grades and test scores, you have to start early. In ninth grade you need to involve yourself with sports, you should make varsity if you are an athlete, or just being on the team if you are not. Also, you need to involve yourself in different clubs, you don't necessarily have to be interested in these clubs and put all that much effort into them, you just need to show up. Take every advanced class that you can, don't worry about whether you are able to understand the material or not. The reason for this is that your parents should now begin paying for your private tutors, to help you in every class.

During the summer begin some type of internship program in whatever you want to do. In tenth grade take all the AP courses that you can, follow the steps above. At the end of the year pay

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for private tutors to help you get five's on the AP exams. This is also the time that you should be paying a little bit more time in your clubs, and start establishing yourself as a leader. Begin to work with your private SAT/ACT tutor. During your summer break do an even more prestigious internship in the same field, possibly at an Ivy League college. In eleventh grade, continue to use your private

tutors to help you keep up your 4.2 grade point average, and use those private tutors to ace the AP exams at the end of the year.

Establish yourself as a leader in your various clubs and sports. Use those private SAT/ACT tutors and get between a 2300 and a 2400, if you don't succeed at first try again. Begin to work with college tutors to formulate your essays. Spend your final summer in a leadership role in your chosen field, possibly abroad doing some sort of reputable service. By your senior year you know the drill, most difficult classes passed with the help of tutors. You then apply to whichever college that you want and you compete against others who have done the same as you.

Now honestly, does that sound humanly possible? Congratulations to all of those of you who can do that. The main problem with our college system is that it values all of these things,

and yet the true quality of a person is overlooked. People are so focused on getting into college that they look at high school as nothing more than a step towards something grander.

There is only one problem with this outlook; there is no end. In this way of thinking, college is really nothing more than a stepping-stone towards graduate school. Which if you really look at it, it's nothing more than the necessary next step towards getting that dream job. When you first enter the work force you start at the bottom of the totem pole. As a result, you work as hard as you can so that you can work your way up the corporate ladder. When you become the boss, all you think about is that joyous moment that you can retire. When you retire you will have a big house, with a beautiful car, and absolutely no joy.

This is the problem with the education system, to be truly competitive you must

forgo any enjoyment in life. The college system needs to be reworked, in order to truly evaluate people you must look at their personalities, at their work ethics, at intangibles that cannot be put into numerical form. The current process creates people that are inhumane they are not enjoying the human experience. This leads to a society full of people who look outside themselves for joy, people who have to go to others in order to feel good about themselves.

These people are not innovators, they are not creative thinkers, and while they may seem like it they are not true leaders. This system does not create well-rounded individuals. These are not people who are going to be willing to do something, even if most people are against it. And if our society keeps socializing people in this way, then we will continue in our downward spiral.

Democracy In Burma At Last?

By Gabriella Grahek
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Burma, otherwise known as Myanmar to the corrupt, immoral supporters of the current military dictatorship, is located between India, China, Thailand, and Laos.

Once a province of India under British colonial powers, Burma experienced years of warfare while China and India fought to maintain control over the isolated and resource-rich territory. As many adjacent powers fought to dominate Burma, the country struggled for independence and to resolve domestic differences that was a consequence of many unique indigenous groups separated by rugged geography, unique languages, traditions, and centuries of cultural isolation.

Starting in the 1920s, Aung San, a young law student who championed national autonomy, became a visible advocate for a different future.

Burma, a colony of Britain at that point, witnessed the rise of citizens wanting to claim their own destiny and gain independence.

Struggles between Japanese and British colonial powers in the nineteen thirties climaxed in May 1945 with the successful expulsion of the Japanese presence at the end World War 2. Initially, the government was again subsumed under the military authority of the British Empire but eventually Aung San manipulated Burma's independence from Britain. This resulted

in a landmark agreement between the many ethnic groups who had never before been willing to work together for a unified country with a stable democ-

leadership of U NU, were a progressive age for Burma's struggle towards democracy until 1958 when the Burmese military took over the government. The



FREEDOM PROPOGANDA: Aung San Suu Kyi, the influential pro-democracy leader in Burma

racy.

A brief democracy was present under the leadership of Aung San and the development of a constitution was underway, until the disgusting bastards that support the corrupt military unjustly murdered Aung San, along with other prominent cabinet members. After his death, U Nu—a colleague of Aung San—took over the main power in Burma and was successful in gaining independence for Burma on January 4, 1948. Thus the British military administration was no longer in control the country was hopeful for National Unity under an effective democracy.

The 1950's, under the

military's actions—under the command of General Ne Win—was unsuccessful in developing a constitution and consequently resulted in widespread dissatisfaction and unrest.

Thus U Nu was elected Prime Minister in the 1960 elections and the institution of a democracy followed, but unfortunately it only lasted until 1962 when General Ne Win staged a coup and a long era of corrupt military dictatorship began. General Ne Win ruled as a dictator with the Burma Socialist Program Party, abused human rights, lead the country to economic ruin, and ended all international relations. In response to Ne Win's corrupted

leadership, Aung San Suu Kyi—daughter of the political leader Aung San—took a non-violent stance against the dictatorship by expressing her democratic hopes and successfully won the hearts' of the Burmese people. Suu Kyi (a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize) and other political leaders sharing her opinion then worked to develop the National Democratic League (NDL), of which Suu Kyi was chosen to represent in the elections for Prime Minister. The Burmese people, hopeful for the development of a democratic government, immensely supported the NDL and elected Suu Kyi for prime minister in the 1990's election. But while the military allowed a fair election process, they refused to hand over government control to the NDL.

Protests against the military dictatorship, inspired by Aung San Suu Kyi's non-violent approach, have continued, but with little success. In 1993, the military regime proclaimed a seven-step roadmap to democracy, which was more recently addressed in 2007 when the regime concluded the process of "drafting" principles for a constitution. The regime allowed 54 pro-regime men to sit in on the process of drafting the constitution, but did not allow any delegates to debate freely, discuss, or attempt to amend the thwarted principles instituted (by the military regime) in the constitution. The completion of the constitution was

declared in 2008 along with the announcement of multiparty elections to be held in 2010.

While the military regime has claimed, and is claiming, to be making progress towards a democracy, their actions are contradictory, as they have kept Aung San Suu Kyi under house arrest in Burma for fifteen years and nine months of the last twenty years. Kept from seeing her dying husband and only allowed occasional visits from her sons, Suu Kyi never failed to maintain her morals and keep working to develop a democracy in Burma. November 13, 2010 Suu Kyi was finally released from house arrest, but it is estimated the corrupt government still holds another 2100 political prisoners. Not only has the government strived to suppress the NDL and all supporters of the political party, they have also treated Burmese citizens with inhumane behavior, killing numerous innocent people just because of their support of the NDL.

The Burmese government has violated basic human rights for half a century and their corrupt actions need to stop. The Burmese people have fought and opposed the militaristic government without much success for long enough, and it is time for other countries to step in and take action against their inhumane treatment of the Burmese citizens. While I am glad countries are starting to intervene and address the issues in Burma, not enough has been done, and

not fast enough. We live in the twenty-first century and it is time for modernization in the methods of the Burmese government. If the citizens of Burma cannot achieve pro-democracy change in their nation themselves, then foreign nations need to act and make more of an effort in supporting developments for a democratic government. While I hope governments will take more actions in helping the revolutionary efforts in Burma, I think the most immediate changes will come from the actions of the Burmese people.

The claims the militaristic government makes of moving toward a democracy—in response to pressure from foreign nations—may provide hope to some people, but the true hope is in the words and actions of people like Suu Kyi. The dictatorship, still in place after 50 years, is full of lies, unprincipled actions, unethical opinions, and immoral behaviors, and their words and promises of working to establish a democracy are better ignored than faintly believed. The faith should remain with the non-violent leaders, like Suu Kyi, and the continued protests as the people have the real power to change the country.

"My very top priority is for the people to understand that they have the power to change things themselves. Then we can do it together. Then we'll be home and dry," said Suu Kyi in an interview with Time Magazine.

Quidditch Has Come To Malibu High School To Help Expand Your World View



Chasers: The Chasers, three per team, use the Quaffle and attempt to throw it through the opposing team's goals for ten points. They may hold the Quaffle for an unlimited amount of time, and use it to block incoming bludgers. The Quaffle can be passed to any other Chaser or Keeper on their team and may even be kicked. There are also no restrictions on where the Chaser can be, and the Quaffle can hit the ground. The Chasers wear white headbands.



Keepers: The Keeper prevents opponents from throwing the quaffle through the goals. Within their restricted zone, the Keeper is allowed to kick or pick up the Quaffle. Also, opposing players are not allowed to steal the Quaffle from a keeper's possession when the Keeper is in the Keeper safety zone. While in this zone, the Keeper is immune from the Bludger knockout effect meaning that if a Keeper were to be hit by a Bludger, that person would not have to circle their goalpost. Keepers may use the Quaffle to block incoming Bludgers. The Keeper is found wearing a green headband.



Beaters: There are two Beaters per team who throw Bludgers with great force at opposing players to ensure that the player struck is aware of impact. Once a player is hit by a Bludger they must drop any game ball they have obtained and circle around their goal zone, after which they are allowed to officially return to the game. However, players may catch a Bludger that is thrown at them which does not require them to leave the game. Also, Beaters are allowed to kick a Bludger and may run with it for an unlimited amount of time. Bludgers can be passed between Beaters and may be used to block other incoming Bludgers. Beaters are denoted by their black headbands.

Malibu Students Take to the Sky

By Amber Collins-Parnell
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For the first time in all of Malibu High School's history, a Quidditch team inspired by the Harry Potter series has been created. In regards to the release of the last Potter film, many students felt a Quidditch team was exactly what the student body needed to recreate this aspect of the series, and simply have fun. The rules of the game are slightly different than the book's rules due to the fact that flying only exists in the wizarding world, but the overall rules do their best to stay true to the book. The positions on the team include three Chasers, two Beaters, a Keeper, a Seeker, and a Snitch. Each team has three hoops on their side of the field acting as goals. Each player has a broom that must be kept between his or her legs at all times. Any play made without the broom in place is an illegal play, and as a result it does not count.

The other equipment necessary for game play in-

cludes a Bludger, a Quaffle, and a tennis ball in representation of the Snitch. The Bludger is used only by Beaters and is thrown at opposing players. Once a player is hit they must drop any of the balls that they are holding and run to their goal before returning to the game. In J.K. Rowling's version of Quidditch there are only two Bludgers, but to ensure that each team will always be in possession of at least one ball the Muggle version increased the number to three.

Another ball used throughout this game is the Quaffle. This ball is used only by the Chasers and Keepers who run down the field passing this ball, overall attempting to throw it into the opposing teams goal to score for ten points. There is only one Quaffle.

For the Snitch, a tennis ball is placed into a long sock that is to be tucked into the back of the Snitch Runner's shorts. When a Seeker from one of the teams success-

fully snatches the Snitch the game ends, and fifty additional points are rewarded to that team. This number may be adjusted for shorter games.

Physical contact is one of the most essential parts of the game, and creativity is encouraged, so in this area

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the majority of the rules are left open ended. Permitted actions include pushing, shoving, shouldering, slide tackling, and tripping. The Snitch has no restrictions and may do whatever is necessary to avoid capture.

The length of each match is dependent upon the number of players, and the tiredness of the snitch. Fifteen to twenty minutes is recommended. Overall, this sport sticks to the book

series and is very competitive at times.

The Malibu High Quidditch team has for the most part received an optimistic reaction from the student body. Most of the positive reactions have come from dedicated fans but even some indecisive people (including teachers) have found themselves getting into this sport.

"Though running a round with a broom between your legs makes

you feel stupid, it was actually really fun," said Mr. Wadsworth, an uncommitted fan who happened to participate in the homecoming Quidditch match.

Evidently, one does not have to be a Potter genius or even like the series to get into this sport. One could participate simply to have fun. Students on and off the team are also getting excited about this new sport.

"It's really fun. I love

that we can just go and play with friends," said junior Jayron Lashgari, a Beater for the team.

There are some challenges players have recently struggled with though.

"You have brooms between your legs so it is kind of hard," said freshman Sarah Stipanovich who is also a Beater for the team.

However, Quidditch would not be considered a sport without a little bit of a struggle. Also, learning how to play with a broom is just the beauty of Quidditch itself.

Not too long ago a conflict arose concerning the scheduled time for practice. The Quidditch team has open practices every Friday, after school from one to four, but players can show up and leave at any time. The dilemma with this arrangement is that some students who want to participate in the Quidditch team are not able to because they have seventh period P.E. during the same time. Captains of the Quidditch team discussed the issue with the physical education teachers who rejected their pro-

posal. Ironically enough, these teachers have allowed students in the past to take part in other Friday activities such as choir, which in comparison to Quidditch requires no athletic ability at all. Quidditch is an extremely athletic sport and, for the record, one would be pushed into more physical activity playing this sport as opposed to being in the PE class. The physical education teachers should allow students interested in playing Quidditch to leave for at least a portion of the time.

This sport, despite the challenges with brooms and conflict with the physical education teachers, is worth playing even if you are not a fan. It allows students to connect to the series in a new way, without having to read one of the books or watch one of the movies. It is also really fun and promotes physical activity. But this sport will not survive without the support of the student body. If you are not interested in specifically playing on the team then come out and support at the next game.

Seeker:

There is one Seeker per team, and their objective is to snatch the Snitch. In order to do so, the Seeker must follow the player representing the Snitch and pull the Snitch from the back of that person's shorts. The snatch by the



Seeker must be a clean grab meaning that the player may not assault, im-

pede, or subdue the Snitch Runner. If the player representing the Snitch falls, then play is halted and the Snitch is given three seconds to run before play resumes. Seekers may not use or touch any other game ball besides the Snitch.

The Snitch: The snitch is composed of two elements, the Snitch Runner and the Snitch ball, which combine to form the Snitch.

The Snitch is allowed to traverse a much wider space than the field. At the start of

each game the snitch is



given time to hide so that the seekers have to spend some time looking for the

snitch before they can even chase.

Rules forbidding specific types of fouls do not apply to the Snitch. Therefore the Snitch can do whatever it takes to avoid capture. The Snitch can be found wearing yellow or gold.

Thanksgiving: Still a Time to Give Thanks?

By Catalina Wrye
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How many helpings of mashed potatoes, stuffing, creamed corn, cranberry sauce, and marshmallows smothered yams can you fit into your stomach before calling the paramedics? How many pounds of turkey can you polish off before PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) bang down your door with a warrant? It had better be enough to hold you over until next year! Or at least until the next day, when those leftovers get hauled out and heated up, even though the thought of one more sliver of pie seems like the very bane of your existence.

Thanksgiving is one of our most cherished holidays, a day filled with luscious aromas and crackling fires. This gathering of

family and friends in the anticipation of a day of fellowship and food is a time to give thanks for all of the blessings of life. In the

made seven times more graves than huts and as a result their Thanksgiving was a day of thanks for all those who had survived.

Now, almost four hundred years later families still come together on Thanksgiving. But has the bigger picture been lost? As we sit around our flat screens cheering for our favorite

football team, as we huddle around the table glistening with silver spoons, and crystal vases, have we forgotten how to feel grateful for all that we have? Has the true meaning of Thanksgiving fallen by the wayside, and all that's left is a day of gorging on food picked up at the local grocery store?

Malibu High School junior, Ellie O'Neill tells of a comical family tradition.

"My mom buys the tofu turkey that no one ever eats," said O'Neill.

This represents a dramatic change from the previously accepted tradition of slaughtering turkeys. Of course, every family celebrates Thanksgiving in its own unique ways.

"We will celebrate Thanksgiving just like at home," said former MHS student Marie Vazelakis, who now lives in Dubai. "Our non-American friends will come to dinner to experience our tradition."

Other Malibu High School students place different values on Thanksgiving. Junior Skylar Steinberg describes holiday bonding time with her dad.

"Every year my dad and I wake up at four o'clock in the morning and shop," said Steinberg. "The Black Friday sales are the best!"

There are as many traditions as there are people, which is what makes America so great. But let us remember to give thanks for all that we are, and all that we have. From where the Pilgrims sit, that's a lot.

As author E.P. Powell once said, "Thanksgiving Day is a jewel, to set in the hearts of honest men, but be careful that you do not take the day and leave out the gratitude."



PRESIDENTIAL POULTRY PARDON: Former United States President Ronald Reagan at the Rose Garden pardoning ceremony

chaotic and joyous whirl of a day, a minute should be taken to remember how the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621. After a long year of hunger and starvation, the Pilgrims, with help from the Native Americans, learned how to plant crops and how to survive. They had a successful harvest, and in November they celebrated the first Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims were said to have



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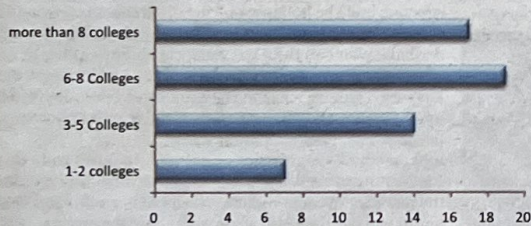
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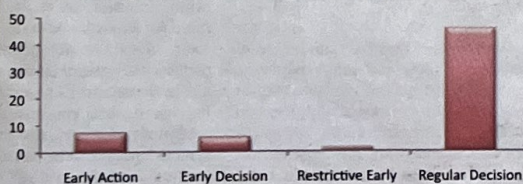
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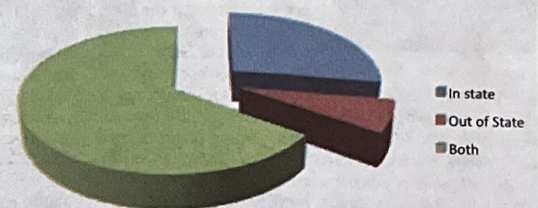
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Comedian, Rapper, and Nerd, Childish Gambino Has It All

Josh Corrigan
SPORTS EDITOR

Donald Glover has slowly been taking over every aspect of today's entertainment, whether it's on an i-Pod or a television, he is one of the generations top up and comers. The NYU graduate has become a master of acting, stand up and now rapping: his debut album has been projected to make high up on the music charts. For a twenty-seven year old, Glover has earned many accomplishments after leaving his comedy sketch group "Wicked Hammerkate" and was fortunate enough to have the chance to study improv comedy with Amy Poehler and Horatio Sanz. He quickly found work as a writer for Tina Fey's masterpiece "30 Rock" and made several appearances on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien". He now stars as Troy on NBC's "Community" and has developed a strong

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stand-up career. Although his routines may not be as well known as other black comedians, like Chris Rock or Dave Chappelle, he still has accomplished more than most twenty-seven year olds are expected to when their just starting a careers.

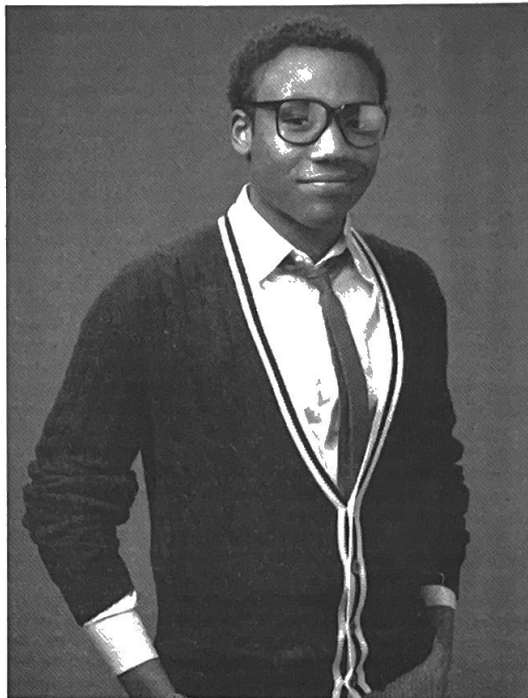
Despite his innocent roles as Troy on "Community" and his self-proclaimed nerdiness, he is now started turn his talents to rapping. He has come out with a few unofficial albums and his first official album officially came out on November 15. He had the chance to showoff his new on stage rapper persona; he calls "Childish Gambino", on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon". His controversial and adult language certainly raised eyebrows when the imaginative, well known, and naive character

on "Community" was rapping about things that were not so nice or innocent.

Still, even in songs, he does incorporate his sense of humor and his obsession with superheroes. In his album, he does boast about his "swagger" like any other rapper does, but he does in the most nerdy way possible saying things like, "I am in my prime; I am an autobot" in his song "New Prince." Childish Gambino does more than just boast about his life a lot when he says phrases such as, "I don't sleep, I dream awake" ("Glory"). In his songs, Glover also discusses his childhood being raised by foster parents. He goes beyond what most rappers can do of just talking about how cool they look when they kill people in clubs, instead he uses smart analogies and his sense of humor to get his points across.

A lot of rapping is talking about how good are, because you never know when there will be an unex-

pected rap battle. Childish a legitimate rapper. Even



Donald Glover, known as Childish Gambino is 28 years old and on the road to success.

Gambino's raps go past that and tell people about his life and his insecurities. He also shreds apart his harsh critic's hate in every song, and attacks the idea that he raps "white" and is not

though a lot of rapping is about keeping a certain image, he is willing to wear a tie and glasses on a regular basis without having any fear of losing his "street cred."

Even for those who do not normal like rap, but Donald Glover's new type of nerd rap can appeal to anyone. No matter what his few critics say, he is one of the best rappers out there and finally brings a much needed new style to the rap world, which is incredible, even though it may be nerdy. This shows how being a nerd is slowly being appreciated for its awesomeness in society. Glover has become one of the most influential nerds in the entertainment world. He is slowly becoming one of the next big rappers, as well one of the biggest comedians.

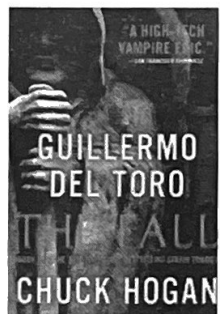
For a twenty-eight year old, having awards for writing for "30 Rock", playing a lead role on a popular TV show, making a stand-up appearance on "Comedy Central", and coming out with a rap album that is one of the most popular streams on the web and will sell millions of albums, is no small feat. His fans hope he keeps up his work ethic and continue pushing the limits on how well rounded a person can be. If comedy and rap could be described as royalty, he would be the prince of both, ready to inherit the throne.

November Novel Review

Dylan Hannigan
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Have time for anything other than exponential amounts of homework? If not, make some and read these books. **The Strain**, by Guillermo del Toro and Chuck Hogan. **Rated: Adult.**

All is normal in New York City. Then an airplane touches down at the JFK International Airport, and all the lights are off inside. When investigated, it is discovered that every single passenger is dead, so



peaceful and undisturbed that they could have been sleeping. Little does anyone know - save for an elderly pawnshop owner with a dark and disturbing past - the plane reaching its destination ensured the

transportation of a creature whose identity is shrouded in death, and whose goal is to kill the entire human race. It only takes one of these creatures to create an army of blood-sucking monsters, and it will take all of the determination of a troubled doctor and a determined pawnshop owner to save the world. And even that might not be enough.

This story - rated adult for the language used as well as the graphic detail in relation to the killing of the creatures - is extremely creepy, but at the same time it's so insanely well written that it makes up for everything remotely disturbing. The authors (one of the first books I've read that has more than one author) cleverly weave together a chilling tale that is told from many perspectives, one that is so captivating that you will be hooked until the last page. *The Strain*, a book about gruesome vampires that are such a different take on what the term "vampire" entails, is not for the faint of heart. If you enjoy horror and suspense, then this story is definitely for you. Enjoy! Be warned: after reading this, you will never see vampires in the same light.

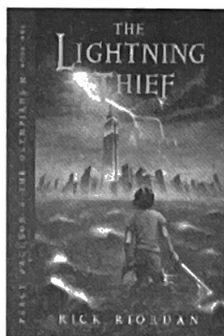
Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief, by

Rick Riordan. **Rated: Teen.**

Percy Jackson is a troublechild - being dyslexic, as well as a magnet for anything remotely illegal and/or dangerous. Dangerous as in fires and explosions, as in ancient Greek monsters who want nothing more than to tear him limb from limb and deliver him straight to Hades, the God of the Underworld. Yep, Percy Jackson is a demigod, also known as the love child of a Greek god and a mortal. The powers of demigods are especially noticeable to monsters, and as a result demigods are often being involved in "accidents" every waking moment. And the demigods are unable to ask the mortal authorities for help, because mortals' minds are clouded with the Mist, which prevents them from knowing anything about the magical world right under their noses. Percy is sent to Camp Half-Blood, where he is told of the Greek Gods and their role in modern day society. All is peachy until the Big Three - Hades, Zeus, and Poseidon - begin to quarrel over a stolen item of power, and Percy and his friends get pulled into the mix.

Percy and his friends end up on an adventure to prove

Percy's innocence. *The Lightning Thief* is a clever story integrating ancient



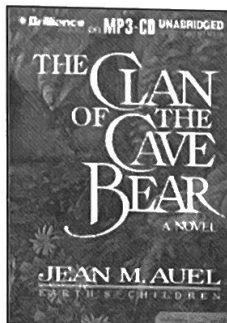
Greek society into modern society that is witty and a great page-turner.

The Clan of the Cave Bear, by Jean M. Auel. **Rated Adult.**

Set in Europe nearly 27,000 years ago, near the body of water that is now known as the Black Sea, *The Clan of the Cave Bear* tells the tale of a young Cro-Magnon child who is orphaned as a result of a terrible earthquake. Without the means to survive independently, she wanders upriver, soon becoming weak and delirious from lack of food and exposure to the elements. The girl is attacked by a cave lion, and manages to escape with

only four deep wounds on her leg, and with no way to treat it, the gashes become infected, and she collapses. A group of traveling Neanderthals, who call the Cro-Magnons that share their land the "Others", happen upon the girl, and are hesitant to save the strange-looking child. Compassion for the injured orphan leads the medicine woman of the group to take the child in, and the Neanderthal diligently heals the Cro-Magnon's wounds.

The girl, named Ayla by



her adoptive clan, is an outsider, and must overcome many challenges and suffer through cruel judgment in order to remain with the only family she has ever known. But it soon becomes obvious that the gap between their species is greater than

previously assumed; will Ayla be able to ignore (or at least pretend ignorance of) the differences between the clan and herself? Or will the capabilities of her more advanced and adaptable brain force her to leave the clan and search for her own kind?

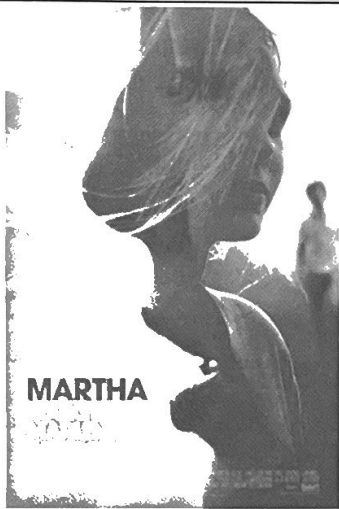
I fell in love with this story the first time I read it, and that was when I was only thirteen years old. I've continuously re-read this story throughout my high school career, and it never fails to amaze me. The intellectual brilliance of the author's writing and obvious knowledge of prehistoric times (I learned SO much about history and plant-life, reading this story, but it wasn't at any point boring or tedious) is mind-blowing, and I highly recommend it to readers who are looking for a more mature read. The adult rating is there because of a scene in which a woman is forced to participate in acts against her will, and while it is rather dark, it is there for a reason. Also, the scene does not dominate the story afterward; it isn't a core theme. So I'm warning you now, if you're not ready to read adult writings such as this, you'd be better reading another book.

“Martha Marcy May Marlene” Movie Review

Marsalis Adriano
OPINION EDITOR

The feeling of depression and paranoia subtly seeped into the audience's minds as they watched the new indie, award-winning thriller, “Martha Marcy May Marlene.” With obscured and creative camera shots, subtle metaphors, and innovative writing, this movie would make a great introduction to the meaning of a true indie film.

While many thrillers send out nightmares through overdone gore and graphics, this film took a different approach. It begins with Martha (Elizabeth Olsen) running from her troubling past to find solace with her sister, Kate (Sarah Paulson) and Kate's husband, Ted



“Martha Marcy May Marlene” went into theatres on 23 October 2011.

(Hugh Dancy). But staying

with her sister didn't erase her memories. Flashbacks of the horrendous occurrences she endured while with the cult she began following a couple years back, frequently show up throughout the film. At a certain point, Martha, as well as the audience, begins to lose focus on what's reality and what are paranoid memories. This blend of ideas and lost perception slowly height-

ens the intensity throughout the film, thus accomplishing its goal as a thriller.

Another film known for its heightened intensity is Darren Aronofsky's “Requiem For a Dream.” Although both directors (Aronofsky and Sean Durkin) accomplish the teeth-grinding intensity they set out to find, the approach they took was very different. Aronofsky's film used visuals of drug-use, sex, and violence which were graphic and utterly obscene, while Sean Durkin decided to slowly build the deep feeling of horror and confusion through a slower paced visual and mental process.

The main point of a thriller is to force the audience into a state of intensity similar to that of the characters. Sean Durkin and his cast and crew accomplished

this task through subtle visuals, flashbacks and actor's hints. The writing of

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this movie seemed to be carefully structured to give it a sense of sloppiness in order to heighten the intensity. The flashbacks given were well put-together and carefully timed, helping to give the sense of an obscure reality. Along

with the writing, the actor's performance of hysterical paranoia and confusion gave the audience a similar feeling, putting us right in the middle of the movie as if we were living through the moments alongside the characters. But to really sell the skewed vision of reality and memories, the director, Sean Durkin, chose creative shots that would give us a sense of confusion and heightened intensity.

Most of the components of the film were well executed and were all used to accomplish the goals of a thriller. Using subtle visuals and little amount of gore and graphics, this indie film gave the audience a sense of horror and deep emotion. This could easily be considered one of the most intense movies ever made.

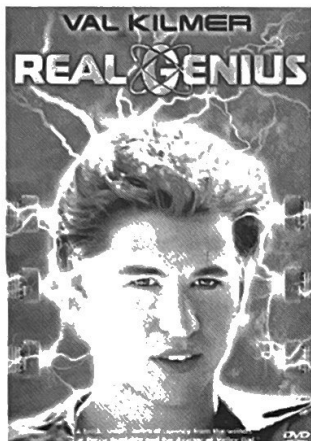
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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Real Genius

A title befitting of the film, Real Genius is a clever and funny movie in the classic 80's style. It seems an impossibility, but in this enjoyable movie Val Kilmer was still good looking! The movie follows several college students at a prestigious university who manage to balance fun and studies. Two kids in particular, Chris Knight and Mitch Taylor, develop a laser as a side project. While working on the project, the boys develop suspicion about the intentions of their patron. Adding some mystery to this humorous comedy, it makes for a very enjoyable watch. Kilmer as the witty relaxed partier works well with his nerdy counterpart in this entertaining movie. Unsure what to order on Netflix? Here is a fantas-

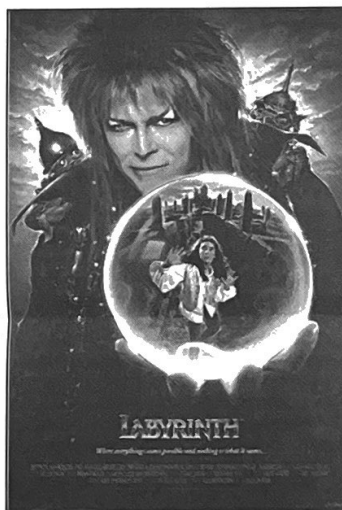
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Don't believe that Kilmer once was attractive? Here is the perfect movie to prove you wrong.

The Labyrinth

David Bowie in spandex, what could be better? When a girl, Sarah (Jennifer Connelly), resents the burden of her younger brother she wishes that the Goblin King will take him away. Little does she know that Jared the Goblin King (Bowie) is in fact very real and willing to grant her request. Sarah immediately regrets her wish and must embark on an adventure through a labyrinth to rescue her brother, Toby. Filled with many obstacles and surprises, the labyrinth provides for a trippy and adventurous journey. The interesting filming and unexpected occurrences provide for an entertaining and exciting film. When you combine all these great aspects with David Bowie singing and dancing, this is a stellar film for any occasion. The acting is great and the plot and characters are incredibly creative. It is a movie worth seeing for its fun story that still has an eerie and mysterious feeling that will keep you enraptured.



The costumes, makeup, and hair alone are enough to watch this movie.

Siri Says Hello: iPhone 4s

Sam Stafford
STAFF WRITER

Just when you thought you had the latest and greatest new phone, Apple released the iPhone 4S. Although this newest addition to the iPhone lineup does not differ in appearance to the iPhone 4, it offers much more in the way of features and improvements. Additions that make the iPhone 4s differ from the iPhone 4 include a better camera, iCloud, and a virtual assistant named Siri. Even with all this, is it worth buying?

The iPhone 4S has the best camera of all the iPhones so far. The iPhone 4S camera is 8 megapixels, which is 60 percent more pixels than the iPhone 4 camera. In addition, the camera contains advanced optics which shapes incoming light in order to give you the best picture possible.

The camera also lets in greater amounts of light

than the iPhone 4, which makes photos look brighter, and an infrared filter allows

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picture colors to be accurate. You can even edit your pictures right on the phone. According to many owners, there is a noticeable improvement in the camera. Stray from taking pictures at night, however, because there will be a heavy glare on eyes due to the flash.

The iPhone 4S includes iCloud software, which allows you to sync infor-

mation between your various Apple products. This means that you can share and manages files between your iPhone, iPod Touch, PC, iPad, and Mac.

With this program you can view your apps, music, and documents on whatever device is most convenient. Owners sometimes complain that iCloud can get annoying, however, when a large app automatically downloads to your iPhone, and it crashes. Many of the advantages of the iPhone are most significant only for those who own multiple Apple products. For those PC users, some of the new features are not that groundbreaking.

One of the most significant additions to the iPhone 4S is the intelligent virtual assistant called Siri.

Siri responds to commands you say into the iPhone.

and more.

Siri understands, for the most part, your everyday speech, and will talk back to you. Siri is especially convenient for drivers, as it allows you to do what you need to without getting a ticket for using your cell phone, as long



Although the iPhone 4s has many different features, its physical appearance is the same.

This includes things like scheduling events, placing phone calls, sending texts,

as you are using your hands-free device. Siri can also be entertaining to the

normal bored teenager.

If you ask Siri, “Which is the best smart phone?” Siri will respond: “The one you're holding.”

This is just one of the many witty comebacks Siri has in store for you. The voice recognition is definitely not perfect, however, especially in noisy areas. This could end up in embarrassment if Siri misunderstands you, so be careful. Siri provides quick answers hands-free, but often it is more prudent to just use the internet to find your answer.

So, if you're looking for a more advanced version of the iPhone, the iPhone 4S is a great option. Unfortunately, like all new things, the iPhone 4S is sure to be outdone by the next installment in the iPhone family. Then you will feel like your iPhone 4S is outdated, and want to buy the iPhone 5.

Sandwiches for Every Holiday Season

By Henry Philipson
PHOTO EDITOR

Do you like sandwiches? All over America people are preparing for the holiday that lives up to its ideal as an American tradition, Thanksgiving. The time of year between candy comas and eggnog induced cardiac arrests where families can come together to feast on the industrial hormone grown animals and artificial flavors that have made this country great. We remember the loving friendly relationship between the pilgrims and the Native Americans and we smile fondly upon our memories. This is undoubtedly a season of celebration and more importantly, a time to eat.

Food plays a pivotal role in celebrations and allows for the making of strong connections. The sympathetic nervous system is known to dictate the "Fight or Flight" reactions of the human brain, however its lower functions further dominate human nature and mentality. It could be said that it is a mono-processor, only capable of synthesizing one function at a time and in front of the sensory stimuli of a big meal it processes hunger. It has been shown that when presented with a feast a person will become less belligerent. It is human nature not to feast with his or her enemies, therefore with a big enough decadent meal everyone will become a friend. Food has the profound effect of transforming people especially around the holiday season. But with such a large amount of food one requires variety to ward off the monotonousness of a week of left-over turkey sandwiches. For some new sandwich concoctions try these recipes.

Hot 'n' Spicy Meat Delicacy

Ingredients

- 8 slices bacon
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 2 teaspoons poultry seasoning
- 4 slices pepperjack cheese
- 4 hamburger buns, split
- 4 leaves of lettuce
- 4 slices tomato
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced onions
- 12 slices dill pickle

Directions

1. Preheat the grill for medium heat.
2. While the grill preheats, settle the bacon in a large skillet over your fire. Brown it on both sides. After you take it out, drain its juices on a paper towel.
3. Massage the seasonal seasoning onto the breasts, and

lay them on the grill. Cook for about 6 minutes per side, or until they sizzle with love. Drape 2 slices of bacon and 1 slice of pepperjack cheese all over that chicken. Grill for 2 to 3 more minutes to get that cheese hot and melted.

4. Put your breast between 2 buns, and smother with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle slices before serving with your favorite condiments.

Chanukah Surprise

Ingredients

For the roast beef

- 3 shell steaks (about 1/4 pound each)
- Kosher salt for the coleslaw
- 3/4 to 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1/2 head green cabbage, cored and finely shredded
- 1 carrot, peeled and coarsely grated
- Kosher or sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- For the Russian dressing
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup sweet pickle relish, drained well in a sieve
- 3 cornichons, thinly sliced
- 8 to 12 slices seeded Jewish rye
- Kosher salt

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 450°F. Rub the meat all over with your kosher salt (about 1/2 teaspoon per steak). Gently place your steaks in a rimmed baking sheet and roast the meat until tender and hot, about 25 minutes. Transfer your meat to a board and take a breather until cool (about 30 minutes). Do not refrigerate your meat.
2. For the slaw, stir vigorously in a large bowl, the mayonnaise, sugar, and vinegar. Add the cabbage and carrots then toss well and shake your salt and pepper.
3. Gently knead your ingredients into a fine dressing.
4. Slice your meat, always against the grain. Smother your rye bread in your home-made Russian dressing. Fold your meat between your saucy slices and sprinkle the meat with a little salt, then top it with a heaping scoop of coleslaw. Top your slaw with another dollop of Russian dressing, and make sure to have plenty of napkins, that sandwich will be messy (if you're not licking your fingers afterwards you're doing it wrong).

Delight from the Sea

Ingredients

- Blackening Seasoning 2 tsp (8 grams) blackening seasoning: per fillet or to taste
- 1 heaping tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 heaping teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 heaping teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 2 teaspoons black pepper-1/2 teaspoon leaf thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon leaf oregano for tilapia
- 2 tilapia fillets, room temp
- 2 Tbsp (28 grams) butter
- 2 sandwich buns of choice, I used sandwich thins



- 2 Tbsp (28 grams) mayonnaise
- Toppings of choice; tomato, onion, lettuce

Directions

1. Place cast iron skillet on grill, close lid and heat it up, between 400 and 500 degrees. Season that raw fish fillet with 2 tsp blackening seasoning, or enough to spice up your life.
2. Now it's time to melt that butter, stick it in the pan and spread it all around until your mouth waters. Lay your fish down on that sizzling pan and cook until your meat begins to get crispy, about 3 to 4 minutes. Flip once and cook an additional 3 to 4 minutes or until you feel like you've reached the desired crispiness. Take that fish out of the skillet and cool it down.
3. Toast your sandwich buns, and spread liberally 1 Tbsp mayonnaise on one side of each bun; get your fish between those buns and add toppings 'til your heart's content.

Increasing Demand for Caffeine

By Eloise Massett
STAFF WRITER

As the school year continues, Malibu High Students are hard at work to keep up their grades and make it through the first semester. Buried under hours of schoolwork, in addition to extra curricular activities, some students struggle to stay awake. Common in both teens and adults, people will result to caffeine in an effort to stay energized throughout the day.

Caffeine is present in coffee, tea, and energy drinks, which are the most common ways in which people attempt to stay active. Unfortunately, caffeine is notorious for evolving into an addictive habit, and usually leads to dependency. Many students at Malibu

High School are well acquainted with the caffeine craze. Junior, Annie Thacker claims to have started drinking coffee in second grade and says that she still drinks it regularly.

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-Junior Lara Kiefer

ing just to have a Starbucks in your hand," said Thacker.

Under today's intense pressure to succeed in school, Thacker takes on a heavy homework load and explains that she usually drinks coffee the

day after she loses sleep. Thacker is just one of the many victims of caffeine addiction here at Malibu High.

"It helps me to wake up and become less stressed," said Junior Lara Kiefer, another advocate of caffeine usage. "I just don't want to become dependent on it."

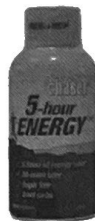
Studies show that after a certain extent, many people do become addicted to the energizing qualities of caffeine and need it to be fully functional. In fact over time, one will need more and more caffeine in order for it to be effective through the tolerance one build

towards it.

Some argue that the energy acquired from drinking coffee or energy drinks is often all mental. Junior Gigi Hadid explains that after having one sip of a Five Hour Energy she was extremely hyper. Hadid now recalls that she believes that the extent of her energy was all in her head.

Although the energizing effect of caffeine is proven, the idea of caffeine can also cause people to convince themselves of their changed mental state.

Whether the effects are mental, physical, or both, it is certain that coffee, tea, and energy drinks like Red Bull and Monster help adults as well as Malibu students to get through the day.



11/11/11: Luck or Coincidence?

By Emma Blackwood
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

November 11, 2011: a day that many looked forward to eagerly. 11:11 is thought to be a lucky time, a minute of the day for one to make a wish, so it is no surprise that the date 11/11/11 would be considered to be the most epic wish.

Many people just saw this day as a lucky coincidence, made a wish at that time and moved on. Others celebrated the United States Veterans that day, remembering their commitments to their country. But for some, this day had a much larger significance.

Aziz Inan, an electrical engineering professor at the University of Portland, studied it as a palindrome. This date occurs once in century (the last one being in 1911) and is a repunit. Repunit is a fancy term for repeated digits, thus November 11, which has six "1"s in the date. Inan also discovered that 111111 can be ob-

tained by multiplying two palindromic numbers as well: 111 x 1001. He then discovered that this month has quite a few palindrome days 11-2-11, 11-3-11 and others.

Similar to October 10, 2010, this date has merely numerical implications. In math, the number 11 is prime. The numerical sequence of this date is significant in the binary number system where numeric values are represented by 0 and 1. People have put far too much significance on this day without really knowing why. The tradition of making a wish at 11:11 is just that, a tradition, nothing more.

A hundred years ago, the Great Blue Norther hit the United States. Record high temperatures hit the Midwest followed by record lows at night. Other than this? November 11, 2011 is a day to remember the Veterans of the United States; the numerical significance is just another coincidental fun fact.

Girls Tennis Slices Its Way to Semi-Finals

By Josh Corrigan
SPORTS EDITOR

The Girl's tennis team successfully won their league and made it to the semi-finals in CIF, only losing twice for the entire season.

The team has improved on last year's team, even though they lost three of their seniors in their starting line-up. Although they may have lost players they increased their talents depth with the addition of **Ilana Oleynik** and **Davis Ferity** into the varsity line up as well as having many other players in their junior varsity team. The team finished league without a single loss in their league play and only ended up with one loss in the over twenty games they played. The teams not only have a strong team this year their will only lose two of their starting players, **Maddie Clarefield** and **Madi-son Felman**.

The team this year was not only a strong force as a unit, it consists of some strong players that performed well individu-

ally. In the CIF individual playoffs, sophomore **Raven Odian** and sophomore **Rachael Purewal** were able to finish forth as a doubles pairing, sophomore **Lauren Louks** was able to finish in third and junior **Britta Mosser** took home the first place honors. With all of these players making up some of the entire league's

finalists and one individual CIF champion returning for next year, the team looks on to repeat their league dominance and try and pick up some CIF rings next year. Rachel Purewal said, "we had a great season this year, the team has become so much closer and we are looking forward to doing better next year."

Regardless of the fact that the team had such a strong CIF performance, people have not been talking about the team. Girl's tennis has always been a consistently good team that has never reach the popularity as other sports like water polo. Although most



Slamma Jamma: Senior Maddie Clarefield slams the ball during her last season with her semi-finalist team.

cream of the crop, the Malibu High School's girls tennis team has done more than enough to prove itself of being one of the strongest teams the school has. The team's goal of winning CIF may have fallen just short after losing to the three time champs St. Margarets, the team picked up more experience, and will be even stronger next year. With two individual semi-

sports have been overshadowed by the footballs early five game winning streak and homecoming victory, girls tennis is worthy of more attention than its been given. With a near perfect season and a CIF champion in its mists, the team has proven itself to be one of the schools best teams, and hopefully now, will have receive more popularity in the school for its success.

Boys Water Polo Swims to a League Title

By Raven Odian
STAFFWRITER

The Boys Varsity Water Polo team has tied for league champions with rivals Oaks Christian and made plans to win CIF. During league, water polo achieved a record of 9-1 and an overall season record of 18-6-1.

The team has eighteen amazing players with Junior **Dane Sartorius** playing goalie, seniors **Walker Gareri** and **Michael Mitze** along with junior **Jordan Clarke** playing center. **Henry Buckley**, **Theo Guillemot**, **Drew Dvorsky**, **George Karaghossian**, **Emmet Pierson**, **Jens Cole**, **Shaan McPartin**, **Jack Oakey**, and **Morgan Hathorn** are playing the position of driver, in which the player is constantly driving through the set up and tries to draw an ejection or gets a pass for a shot.

Water Polo beat archrivals Oaks Christian 3-2 at an away game. But sadly, they later lost in the Shark tank 5-6 in the grudge match. This left the Malibu team tied with Oaks Christian for the league champions. Buckley explains that both teams were playing really well but it turned out to be whoever got the most turnovers.

Cole mentioned that they

were not putting away their goals and completing opportunities, but overall it was fun with Clarke, Mitze, and Guillemot scored goals.

Coach **Mike Mulligan**, said that he was pleased in fulfilling his goal of winning league even though they are co-champions with their archrivals. His next goal was to make it to the finals of CIF as the team did last year (which unfor-

we can build off of each other."

Thursday, November 10, the water polo team had their first CIF game. The Sharks beat 16-5 against the Hemet Bulldogs. In the first quarter, Sharks were up 3-1 with goals from Clarke, Mitze, and Guillemot and great assists from Karaghossian. After the second quarter, the Sharks went into halftime with a 6-2 lead. Up 11-5, junior varsity players

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played in the fourth quarter of the game. The Sharks closed the game 16-5. Pierson had two goals, Karaghossian one and six assists, Clarke with four, Guillemot with five, and Sartorius had twelve saves in goal.

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Football Pleases Malibu with Successful Season

By Troy Schlobohm
STAFFWRITER

Malibu High football wraps up, we start to see how big of an improvement we made since last year. The team won an astounding 5 games this season, and lost only 4, ultimately leading to a positive win loss ratio. With **Dylan Miller** out for most of the season, back up quarter back **Brennan Cassone** lead us to victory on numerous occasions, one being the Homecoming game against Villanova. As the season progressed, things started looking up for the team, going on a four game win streak. It really got the morale going for our football team. As the JV team's season did not look as good as the Varsity, they did end up win-

ning 1 game, led by Freshman **Vincent Hannley** with 2 touchdowns.

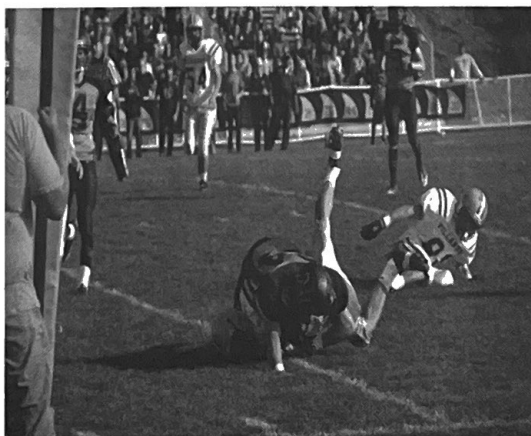
The Malibu High Football program is starting to look up after last year's season, the difference is substantial. We have improved in every aspect of our game. From linesmen to the kicker, we have been doing better. As a Division 13 Team, there is always room for improvement, and we are making those necessary improvements to get up those divisions. As our skill level increases so do the amount of fans in our stands, as we saw a substantial number of increase in support at our games. If we continue to keep up the good work "We may move up a few divisions" say Freshman **Jack Gewant**. Also, Freshman **Vincent Hannley** said that "If MHS

was to be one NFL team it would definitely be the Detroit Lions, because you

every game."

Although the team barely missed the CIF playoff

Clara 20-27, the team saw a much more successful year that included a four game



Total Domination: Malibu High School football crushes Villanova Prep on the field and on the scoreboard.

winning streak before league play. This winning streak was snapped in their first league game loss to Bishop Diego, they were able to come back and win the homecoming game, destroying Villanova Prep 48-14. Even though this would end up being their last win for the season, because of two narrow defeats to Grace Brethren and Santa Clara, Malibu High's boys football team was able to bring all

lot of excitement and faith

in the team. Something that this school lacks. They will need to find a way to keep this buzz around for next year after losing 11 of their seniors, including captains **Devon Baldinger** and **Evan Anthony**. Due to the fact that players tend to play on both sides of the football, losing these players will weaken the team's performance on both sides of the game. Luckily, one of the most talked about players **Brennan Cassone** and starting quarterback **Dylan Miller** will be returning to next year. Hopefully, the team can show off some of their depth and find some adequate replacements for their seniors and repeat, if not improve on, this years success and keep the buzz around this team going.

Girls Volleyball Serves a Successful Year

By Briana Verham
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After a successful season, the Malibu High girl's volleyball team ended up with a record of 17-6 ready to take on California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) games. On Tuesday, November 3, the Malibu High School girl's varsity volleyball team won their first CIF game against Bishop Conaty-Loretto with the scores of 25-14, 25-11, 25-23. After winning the first round, the Sharks were next paired with Fairmont Prep on Thursday, November 10. After a rough game, the Sharks ended up losing their second CIF game with the scores of 25-13, 25-17, 25-16.

However, this team was more than a bunch of players getting together to win a game, they were more of a family.

"Every year is something

different, you lose some girls and gain others but for the most part, this team has been together for two years, and I have honestly never felt closer to a group of girls," said Coral Silverberg, senior, who has been playing volleyball for four straight years.

The team consisted of mostly juniors and seniors, including captains Paige Stoker and Amara Gwyn, Carleigh Madden, Makenzie Kizis, Lara Kiefer, Wendy Rodriguez, Bridgette Ricketts, Maddy Rotman, Coral Silverberg, Allison Hahn, Kimmy Watson, Gigi Hadid, and Logan Beitler.

"I don't think I can ever forget all the bus rides, singing, eating, sleepovers, games, and all the other stuff we did as a team," said, junior Lara Kiefer, who reminisces over the past few years on the team.

"Next year the team will

be completely different group... I will miss the amount of spirit and dedication this team had most."

In the past, Malibu High School's girl's volleyball teams have gotten close, but never this far in CIF games in any season before.

"Commitment, dedication, drive, [and] heart," said Maddy Rotman, senior. "[are] all things this team brought together."

Through all of these, this team has set the bar higher for the future Malibu High Schools girl's volleyball teams, who are hopefully going to go farther in CIF next year.

"I think that with hard work and persistence next years team can be successful, but this years team set a standard that is going to be hard to equal in the years to come," said junior Gigi Hadid.

Not only did this team bring the girl's volleyball

one step closer to winning CIF, but also brought together the majority of the students and raising school spirit.

"My favorite part of the season would probably have to be our home game against Grace Brethren. Even though we lost, I have never felt so supported and felt so much spirit for a MHS athletic then that night," said Hadid. "Our fans were absolutely amazing this year and it really meant the world to us when we saw those bleachers fill up."

The student section at the last few games was packed full with high-spirited students. Some of the fans began making their own cheers and chants for the girls and their opponents."

Gigi Hadid said, "thank you to our fans and coaches for supporting us through everything and helping us play to our full potential."

Cross Country Season Ends With Runners Qualifying for CIF

By Lauren Louks
STAFFWRITER

The Malibu cross-country team recently ended a very successful season. The players set new records and further their goals for the season. Many players have beaten their individual times, not only setting a personal record, but leading the team to success. Although many cross-country teams focus on individual times, the team at Malibu High School works as a team, scores as a team, and succeeds as a team.

Sophomore Dyer Pettijohn said, "My favorite part about the team is our success to come together as a family who always supports each other."

Pettijohn's optimistic outlook has led the team to many accomplishments. The cross-country team lost their league MVP this year, Zach Hamilton, and therefore was not expected to do as well as they did last year, but the team has exceeded the expectations. The team is a lot stronger this year and more balanced overall.

The girls' team finished in first place and the boys'

team is in second and qualified for CIF Preliminaries. Pettijohn qualified for second team while sophomore Eric Rosenberg made first team. The girls team qualified sophomore Emma London and freshman Nicole Parker for first team. Parker also finished second in league.

Senior and Captain of the boys' team, James Gorden, said, "The team has gone beyond my expectations."

Captain of the girls team, London, has made an extreme effort to succeed and placed first in league even though she started the season in fourth. Freshman Caroline Pietrzyk has also done extremely well. Although she did not have many goals at the start of the season, she has added to the depth of the team. She ended up as League MVP.

Pietrzyk said, "Even though you run by yourself, you run for the team".

The friendship and unity between the players has led to many accomplishments. The team hopes to continue their success in CIF and in years to come.

NBA Lockout Continues to Frustrate Fans

By Josh Corrigan
SPORTS EDITOR

The NBA lockout has been going on for over a quarter of a year now. Like many sports fans, I am getting sick of seeing the players in stupid Subway and Nike commercials anytime I watch TV.

The lockout was started by the NBA attempt to cut the players' salaries, which would total to 350 million dollars for the league, and the players formed a union to resist the salary cuts. These selfish players need to get over their greedy egos and start realizing the quality of the world outside basketball.

The country is in a recession, unemployment is high, and they are annoyed that they might lose a few thousand dollars out of their yearly ten million dollar paychecks. The truth is, the American economy is in a terrible situation, the rate of people losing their jobs, homes, and generally losing their normal quality of life is in a dramatic rise and these NBA players are too busy thinking about themselves to care.

The entire idea behind the fact that professional basketball players earn more than teachers, scientists, and anyone with an occupation that actually improves society is ridiculous.

Dwayne Wade, who is one of the leaders of the players' union, is paid around 200 times more than the average teacher in California.

Professional athletes have always had a slight tendency towards arrogance and self-centeredness, but this just crosses the line. Not only are they too greedy to consider the fact they make way more money than they probably deserve, but they could potentially ruin the chance for the college players below them to get drafted into the NBA.

The college players who have worked their entire lives may see their chance to live their dream crushed because the players in the





NBA feel that doing what they love is not enough and they need to make a ridiculous amount of money to be satisfied.

The worst part this is that kids who look up to these athletes, as role models will lose the idea of playing a sport for passion and fun, not money. Sports fans everywhere should just hope this lockout ends soon so we can actually watch some of our favorite athletes compete next season.



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What was the most exciting part of your season/ what are you looking forward to?

 <p>EQUESTRIAN</p> <p>"The first show was the most exciting; our team is very supportive"</p> <p>9</p>	 <p>SOCCER</p> <p>"I'm excited to be back with all the girls again"</p> <p>10</p>	 <p>FOOTBALL</p> <p>"Destroying Villanova at homecoming"</p> <p>11</p>	 <p>SOCCER</p> <p>"The outcome of the team was strong, we have a lot of strong starters and substitutes"</p> <p>12</p>
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