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Toxic Atmosphere at Malibu High School?

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Recent cancer diagnoses among staff at Malibu High School have caused a scare throughout the community. Malibu High teachers Amy Loch, Bridgette Leonard, and Lisa Lambert were all diagnosed with thyroid cancer, while Bill Bixler was also diagnosed with bladder cancer. Other teachers have complained about migraines during the school year, and have noted that they have no symptoms during summer break,

suggesting the school as a possible explanation for the ailments. A letter was written by Malibu High School teacher Katy Lapajne to the administration to address the concerns of the staff at the high school. In the letter, Lapajne highlights how some members of the staff fear for their safety due to potential safety hazards. Lapajne questions the methods used for carpet cleaning, getting rid of rodents, and the questionable odors in classrooms. ...*(continued on Campus Life, page 3)*



MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL: Tristan Peterson holds handmade sign "Give us the answer not the cancer" (photo by John Ridgway)

Apple Unveils New Products

By Elliot Quartz
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Following their announcement of the iPhone 5s in September, Apple just hosted an event at their San Francisco headquarters with the tagline, "We still have a lot to cover". After much anticipation, Apple has announced their newest lineup of devices coming this holiday season: The iPad Air, Retina iPad Mini, and a revolutionary new

gest redesign since the iPad 2. It has been slimmed down a couple of millimeters, and nearly half a pound lighter. Much like the new iPhone 5s it is running on a 64 bit system and the blazing fast A7 chip. When commenting on this redesign of the iPad, Junior Vincent Hannley said, "It's a complete overhaul of the pad that we all have come to know and love, its design is playful yet sophisticated. Sign me up." Hannley also

release date. Measuring at just one-eighth the size of the previous generation Mac Pro, it boasts some of the most impressive specs ever on a desktop computer of its size. It is running on an Intel Xeon E5 processor and holds an entire terabyte of storage (1,000 GBs). Many people are in awe at how much power Apple was able to pack into such a small machine. Needless to say, this device will be a major breakthrough in consumer computers. When asked about his thoughts on this new jackhammer of a computer, Malibu High Junior and Mac super fan Bronson Bard said, "I can't wait for this wildebeest to hit stores. I am a little skeptical about its trash can like design though, but overall I am excited."



APPLE HEADQUARTERS: People gather the day of the announcements of the new products

generation of Macs. The new lineup of iPads come as no surprise as it has been almost exactly a year since a major update has been made. Although no new major or shocking features were added to this year's iPad, there have been a number of improvements made that will definitely allow it to continue its reign as the number one 10 inch tablet on the market. The iPad Air is a complete re-branding of the normal 10 inch iPad, with its big-

added that he still prefers the iPad mini because of his smaller and more delicate hands. It looks like Hannley got his wish because it was also announced that the iPad mini will be receiving a much awaited Retina display, making it the perfect competitor for popular book reading tablets like the Google Nexus 7. After Apple's teaser of the groundbreaking new Mac Pro in June, there have been many questions regarding its price and

When asked about his thoughts on this new jackhammer of a computer, Malibu High Junior and Mac super fan Bronson Bard said, "I can't wait for this wildebeest to hit stores. I am a little skeptical about its trash can like design though, but overall I am excited." The redesigned Mac Pro will be available this December starting at a whopping \$2,999. Not only did Apple announce their new Mac Pro but they also have a new lineup of MacBook Pro laptops. While the updates are very minor, they are definitely worth a buy for those looking to upgrade from older laptops. The MacBook Pro is now a few grams lighter and has been given a bunch of new hardware improvements such as the new Intel Haswell chip which has promised to improve battery life by multiple hours. The 13 inch MacBook Pro starts at \$1,299 and the 15 inch one starts at \$1,999. Both versions are already available for purchase on at the Apple Store. While Apple did not shock the world by announcing their rumored "iWatch" or any other groundbreaking innovations, they have made some much awaited updates to some of their most popular products as well finally providing in depth details for the new Mac Pro.

Government: Back in Business?

By Nolan Webster
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Over the past few weeks, the United States has endured a political crisis the likes of which has not occurred in seventeen years. From October 1st to October 16th, the American federal government was shut down, furloughing approximately 800,000 federal workers.

This government shutdown began at the end of the 2013 federal fiscal year. This crisis ultimately occurred because of dissension within the United States Congress. The Democratic Party and the Republican Party (GOP) were unable to come to agreement regarding the delay and/or defunding of the Affordable Care Act, most commonly known as Obamacare. While the President and the Democratic-led Senate have taken initiative to implement this program, it has been largely opposed by the GOP-led House of Representatives. Because of this tense political battle, a major budget crisis emerged, developing into an inability by Congress to create a compromise that would establish appropriate funding, resulting in the federal government shutting down until this crisis can be resolved.

One of the most crippling results of this government shutdown has been the impact on the federal workforce. Over 800,000 employees were furloughed without pay and an additional 1.3 million workers were required to work without pay. Fortunately, the members of Congress introduced a bill on October 5th to bring back all furloughed employees. Representative Elijah Cummings stated, "Our hard-working public servants should not become collateral damage. This is not their fault and they should not suffer

as a result." Although this federal crisis has certainly been a burden on the nation, it is worth mentioning that the members of the Congress have acknowledged that the furloughed workers were impacted the hardest, and were one of the first priorities in resolving the problem.

Although the government shutdown would seem a massive event in terms of our nation as a whole, it appears it has not been nearly as influential on the general public. As expected, most students did not have a strong opinion regarding the political dispute, although not all are apathetic.

Harrison White, a junior at Malibu High said, "We need to find a way to determine what happens with our government so we don't have these back and forth quarrels where nothing gets done".

On October 16th, after the federal government had been shut down for over two weeks, the United States Congress passed a bill to end the shutdown. This bill raises the federal debt ceiling, allowing temporary relief to the conflict in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Hopefully Congress will be able to make suitable changes in order to prevent an economic crisis like this from occurring again.



SHUTDOWN NOTICES: Images like this appeared all over the internet during the 17 day shutdown.

The Obamacare Rundown

By Jason Nikora
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The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PP/ACA), also known as the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or “Obamacare”, was signed into law by President Barack Obama on March 23, 2010. Together with the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, ACA represents the most significant change to America’s healthcare system since the creation of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965.

The ACA aims to increase the quality and affordability of health insurance while decreasing the number of uninsured people by expanding public and private insurance coverage, and reducing the costs of healthcare for individuals who could previously not afford healthcare. The new system provides a number of mechanisms including mandates and subsidies to increase coverage and affordability for the middle and lower classes. The law also requires insurance companies to cover all applicants within new

minimum standards and offer the same rates, regardless of pre-existing conditions or gender.

When asked about this new take on health insurance, Malibu High School Junior Vincent Hannley said “I think it’s a great idea but it has been really poorly executed. If the Canadians did it why can’t we?” Vincent is, of course, referring to the recent shutdown of the government which was caused in part by the new health care laws. On June 28th, 2012, the United States Supreme Court upheld that most of the ACA was constitutional in the case *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*. One thing that the Supreme Court ruled was unconstitutional was that states were going to be forced to participate in the Medicaid expansion under the threat of losing their current Medicaid funding if they don’t comply. Yet, even though it has been ruled constitutional, efforts to rid America of the new law have drawn support from conservative advocacy groups, many Republicans, a few small business organizations, and the Tea



OBAMA CARES: The President ponders his decisions regarding health-care

Party, a radical splinter group of the GOP.

The most recent development in the efforts to stop the implementation of this law have been the recent shutdown of the government, and South Carolina’s threat to jail anyone who tries to collect an Obamacare related tax.

Sophomore Dane Marshall said “It’s really ridiculous what’s happening right now. The

Congressmen who are opposed to this are having the equivalent of a temper tantrum. They are supposed to be grown adults but they are just acting like little kids.”

The government shutdown has, of course, been resolved (after 16 days), at least for now. It will most certainly be interesting to see where this topic takes the country in the coming months.

Killer Hornets In China: Oh my

By Max Watkin
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Giant Hornets have been responsible for 42 deaths in China. These giant hornets are the biggest in the world and are said by Christopher K “to look like a wasp mixed with a pit-bull.”

The hornets can extend in sizes to around 1.5 inches, or roughly the size of a human thumb. Smells such as human sweat, alcohol, and sweet flavors attract the hornets. Female hornets produce up to 2,000 offspring every year. Some swarms of these have started to invade schools and attack farmers, resulting in many people asking “why”? Dry weather provides easier conditions for the hornets to reproduce, leading to increased populations.

Another contributing factor is a decrease in birds and other predators of hornets, presumably due to ecological changes. However if you do get attacked by a swarm of hornets, there is little need to fret, because there are ways to protect yourself. The first tip: a person should not panic if he or she sees hornets, and they should not make any loud noises or sudden movements.

“The more you run the more they want to chase you,” said a CNN correspondent. The total number of hornets there are is unclear but officials reported that they have removed up to 710 hives and have donated 707,000 dollars to help the affected areas.

Doctor Suzanne Donovan, an Infectious Disease Professor at UCLA, provided the following responses to questions asked in a meeting.

Q: Are there any medicines that help with hornet stings?

A: Yes, there are many different types of painkillers and pills that help get the toxin out of the victim.

Q: Have you ever had to deal with something like this in your work?

A: Yes and no. I have helped people who have been stung and they were allergic or the wound got infected, but nothing like this.

Q: Is there any medicine that can prevent a hornet from attacking you.

A: Not that I know of.

Another person interviewed was Allie Izzy.

Q: What would you do if killer hornets came to Malibu?

A: I would wear a bee suit

Q: What do you think of the killer hornets in China?

A: It is extremely scary, I feel bad for the people affected.

Q: What do you think is a good way to stop the hornets?

A: Get the swat team there.

To Update or not to Update: How to Manage the Apple iOS7 Software

By Maisy Tarlow
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Apple’s newest software for iPhones and iPads has been out for around a month now, and it definitely still has a substantial amount of problems and complications that need to be worked out. Many of the new features are a great addition, and make navigating an iOS7 device quicker and easier. But for some people, the cons outweigh the pros.

There are many pros to focus on for the software iOS7 that many users may not be aware of. For example, there are now time stamps on every message sent and received. With iOS6, the time a message was sent or received was displayed usually only in the beginning of a conversation and

sometimes randomly throughout a conversation.

Charlotte Jackson, a sophomore at Malibu High School said, “I always used to wonder why they didn’t just show the time for every message.”

Now, if a user goes to messages and clicks on a specific chat with someone, the user may slide his/her finger to the left and time stamps for each individual message will be revealed.

Another helpful component of the new software is the ability to search ‘Bing’ images through Siri. Siri is the included feature on iPhones that allows a user to talk to, command, and interact with the iPhone. Ask Siri to show you a picture of anything and Siri will bring up the top Bing images for that search.

An additional nice touch is new

the ability to close three apps at once. Double click on the home button to pull up the already open apps and swipe up with three fingers. It is super easy and closing the open apps saves battery! If a user did not know about these features before, maybe the criticism felt towards iOS7 has lightened up after learning about these new features.

Junior at Malibu High School, Julian Paige, when informed of some of these new features said, “I admit they sound pretty cool, but they don’t totally convince me to make the switch. For me, there are still more cons than pros.”

One last neat new feature is that users can now correct Siri’s pronunciation of words. Tell Siri she pronounced a word wrong, and then give the correct pronunciation. It will then be remembered for next time.

Now, to address the cons of iOS7, there are quite a few features that users are unhappy with. Fortunately, there are ways to get around some of the inconveniences of iOS7, and there are some pretty cool hidden features that might change an Apple user’s mind about the update. In general, it seems that the reduced battery life is the most significant weakness of iOS7.

Jackson said, “My phone won’t even last me the whole day anymore. My battery drains so fast now.”

Paige, also commenting on the iOS7 battery life, said, “I still haven’t updated my phone because I heard the battery life was

horrible. Also, I don’t like how the new software looks.”

The iOS7 software introduced a new feature called Background App Refresh which keeps all open apps running and up to date in the background. This means that when an app is opened, a user does not have to wait the few seconds for the information to refresh and get back up to date. This feature that saves only a few seconds of time, turns out to be a major battery sucker. But luckily, Background App Refresh can easily be turned off. Just go to settings, General, Background App Refresh and slide the button to “off”. This will turn the feature off for every app. This feature can still be used for one or two particular apps if needed. The user can turn Background App Refresh on/off for each app individually. Another new feature of iOS7 is that it automatically updates the apps downloaded on a users device. This drains extra battery, but can also be turned off in settings.

Malibu High School Junior Elery Smoller said, “I turned both these things off and I noticed a change in battery life. Not any huge improvement, but still an improvement.”

The battery life will not be what it used to be before the update to iOS7, but these little tricks will provide some extra time.

For those iPhone/iPad users who find themselves unhappy with the new update, hopefully some of these tips and hints made life with iOS7 a little better.



PULP FRICTION: Famous actors display thier fancy iphones.

New Clubs at MHS

By Emma Kelly
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Malibu High School students should take advantage of the new clubs on campus and the opportunities they present for growth, both intellectually and socially. The Ghibli Club, Charity Water, and Home Economics are all fantastic ways to get the most out of this year. There is a niche for every kind of person – hipster, advocate, or Martha Stewart protégé.

Ghibli Club is presided over by Gena Ryan, an 11th grader and self-proclaimed connoisseur of all things related to the revolutionary director Hayao Miyazaki. Its focus is to widen viewership and discussion of his work. Her club meets during lunch on Tuesdays in Room 213 with Ms. Stowell.

The club takes its name from a Japanese animation film studio that was founded by Miyazaki. Eight of Studio Ghibli's films are among the fifteen highest grossing anime films in Japan. In 2002, their film Spirited Away won an Oscar for Best Animated Feature.

Ryan says a message that high schoolers can take away from Studio Ghibli is "you're never too old to enjoy magical cartoons."

Miyazaki's films are characterized by the reoccurrence of themes such as environmentalism, pacifism, and growing up. The animation done by his studio is famous for being painstakingly hand-drawn and painted. It is rare to find another medium of art in which complex storytelling is so intertwined with gorgeous art.

And perhaps the greatest draw of Ghibli Club?

"I bring food to every meet-

ing," says Ryan. "It comes out of my own wallet, so you better be thankful."

Another new club to Malibu High School is the Charity Water Club, a community service opportunity to develop sanitation projects in third world countries. It meets at lunch on Mondays in Room 604 with Mr. Ryan.

Olivia Cerio, co-president of the Charity Water Club, says, "We don't really think about it here in America, but one drop of water can really change someone's life forever."

She really does have a point. The World Health Organization reports that unsafe water and a lack of basic sanitation are responsible for the deaths of more than 1.8 million people every year. Children in developing countries are especially vulnerable, as their bodies are not strong enough to fight diarrhea, dysentery, and similar illnesses. Access to a clean water supply could prevent over 90% of these diseases according to the WHO.

Charity Water is a non-profit organization that brings sanitation to rural parts all around the globe. They build freshwater wells and proper bathing areas, as well as latrines. This comes about at a surprisingly low cost: just \$20 can provide clean water for one person. By the end of 2012, they have already served 3 million communities.

"I don't care about the amount of members we have, as long as everyone who joins wants to make a difference in the lives of these villagers," Cerio says.

Maya Eliahou is the founder of Malibu's first Home Economics Club. Join her for crafts and lady talk in Room 602 on Wednesdays at lunch with Mr. Ervin.

Home Ec. is the perusal of handicrafts, sewing, clothing, and textiles. It may also include cooking and interior design. Although traditionally Home Ec. has been considered practice for life as a housewife, Eliahou stresses it as a way of self-expression and gender empowerment.

"I love working with my hands," Eliahou says. "I've never been particularly athletic and I'm a terrible artist, so knitting is my way of being creative ... It's instant gratification."

The projects this club plans

to undertake in the school year include jewelry making, appliqué, sewing, and knitting. Plan to walk away from a meeting with mad skills for surviving the apocalypse.

Malibu High School's newest chartered clubs offer a fun and relaxed environment for students looking to broaden their horizons. No matter which one a student may choose, he or she is bound to walk a way with a deeper understanding of themselves and the world.

"The Ghibli Club, Charity Water, and Home Economics are all fantastic ways to get the most out of this year"

Features: Cat Cafe Craze

By Gena Ryan
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The latest theme café craze that is sweeping the globe is called "cat cafes".

Ten years ago in the city of Osaka, Japan, a law was passed that restricted Japanese apartment owners from owning pets. Cat enthusiast and entrepreneur, Norimasa Hanada had an idea that would solve Japanese apartment dwellers 'no-pet problem'. Hanada mixed two of Japan's favorite things: cats and coffee.

She opened Japan's first cat café, where customers can lounge around, sipping coffee and cuddling cats. Hanada called her café Neko No Mise (Shop of Cats), and immediately was a hit among young city-dwelling cat-lovers. What Hanada didn't realize is how soon her café idea would gain popularity.

In the past decade, over 150 cat cafés have opened up in Japan. Customers are usually charged by the hour, costing about 900 yen (9 dollars) for each customer, although café drinks usually cost extra. Many of these café's cats have been rescued from shelters, and are all happy and healthy, thanks to Japanese Health Code and Animal regulations.

There has been a noticeable increase of cat cafés lately, especially prevalent in Western culture.

The craze has most recently moved to France where cat-lover Margaux Gandelon opened a 'Le Café des Chats' where other Parisian cat lovers can unwind with some "purr therapy".

"To relax, be lulled by purring cats, all while drinking a tea is a philosophy that immediately appealed to me", said the twenty-six year old café owner, Gandelon. Gandelon also claims that cats are

good for your health, too.

"Purring produces vibrations which relieve arthritis and rheumatism, which lower your blood pressure and heartbeat.", said Gandelon.

Certain people were left wondering if the café's were a health hazard and speculate about the hygiene aspects of these cafés, but Gandelon reassured that in her café, there is a separate litter box room, and cats aren't allowed



CAT CAFE MAYHEM: Even guys can not resist the cuddly and fun experience that is a cat cafe.

near the kitchen.

Gandelon claimed, "The only thing patrons will smell is the aroma of fresh baked tarts and homemade pastries."

There has been a recent increase in demand for cat cafés in America lately. So far these cafés have opened in Boston, Portland, and New York, but none so far in Los Angeles.

Sophomore Emma Kelly rejoiced, "If there were a cat café opening in Los Angeles, I would be the first one at the door; I might just have to start my own."

Cat Cafés are a growing craze that hopefully aren't going anywhere. So far, Cat Cafés have been seen popping up all over the globe, and maybe one day could open in Los Angeles. Now that would be purrfect.

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By Kevin Baum
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...Lapajne also "questioned the nature of the soil removed from the Middle School Quad," referring to the soil that was removed in 2011 because of its contamination with carcinogenic PCBs, lead, and pesticides according to the districts official statement released in the summer of 2011.

Lapajne's letter reached the media, which caused the story to spread like wildfire. The story made international news within a few days of the initial reports. Big name companies like Fox News, KTLA, The Guardian, NBC, ABC, CBS, and the Huffington Post all reported on the story. As a result of the many, many reports, some facts were clearly misconstrued and fabricated as more and more reports came out. Students

were greeted with a plethora of news vans the Monday morning following the release of the story. Interviews with students, parents, and staff members were conducted the entire week. Some vans still show up on campus, even a couple weeks after the initial reports were made. Many Malibu residents can see familiar faces and names throughout the reports. While the media may have blown the story out of proportion, it is still necessary for safety measures to be taken.

As a safety precaution, all classes in the middle school building have been moved until it is confirmed to be safe in the area by a hired environmental surveyor. The first tests regarding mold levels came back as normal as specified by the District's statement that is featured on the school website. Tests

have not come back regarding the soil in the Middle School Quad. Full details of the survey, including interviews with teachers that are located in the building, can be found on the MalibuHigh.org homepage.

Students and parents in the community are worried for their safety. Some parents have pulled their kids out of school until the environmental surveyors confirm the area to be safe. While this may seem irrational, steps have been taken to ensure students do not fall behind. Teachers have been asked by the administration to make more, if not, all assignments accessible online so students who are not attending school are still able to complete the assigned work.

Bonnie Thoreson, Malibu High English teacher, said "The PTSA should have made the information public earlier, instead of ignoring it and not taking it seriously."

Thoreson did not agree with the delay in the report of the possible threat. She did not believe it was of the best interest of the school to withhold the information. Many, if not all residents, were alerted by a report on local website The Malibu Patch, which led to the questioning of school intentions. Conspiracy theories have been tossed around between parents

and students alike.

Ben Le, sophomore at Malibu High School, said, "I am happy they moved the students out of the middle school building, I mean my brother is in middle school. I want him to be safe."

Le was among those worried for his and his family's safety, although he did attend school the week of the scare. Le's fears highlight how many middle school students and underclassmen feel about the recent scare. While a little irrational, Le just wanted safety for all.

Vincent Hannley, junior at Malibu High School, said, "I mean in reality, if anything is wrong with the school, the damage has already been done."

Hannley's nonchalant attitude towards the threats reflects many of the upper classmen's views on the recent cancer scare. Hannley seemed to be thinking rather sen-

sibly about the subject and was clearly not swayed by the stories in the media.

Sources close to Hannley report that he was actually terrified of the cancer threat, but he did not want to let others know of this fear.

As time has passed and the ini-



NEWS VANS: One of many news cars that surrounded MHS. (Photo by John Ridgway)

tial scare has boiled over, classes are returning to normal, although no classes are being held in the middle school building, still. While the media made this story well known, it seems to have just been blown out of proportion. With initial reports showing that things are normal, students are returning to school and parents' fears are being quelled.



SCHOOL CONTAMINATION: Over the summer, MHS did construction over the lawn and removed soil.

Universal Horror Nights Samsung Note III

By **Clarity Ruffman**
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October 31st is coming up and Halloween Horror Nights is coming up and already taking over the season.

Universal Studios hosts this horrifying event every year in Los Angeles. During the event, horror movie characters run around the park chasing the screaming guests.

Upcoming dates for Horror Nights are October 31 and November 1st and 2nd.

The general admission is \$74 and the event goes from 7 pm to 12 am.

The objective of the terrifying event is to make its guests feel like they are in a horror movie. Not only will there be terrifying people dressed up scaring guests, but there will be mazes based on famous horror movies.

The themes of the mazes are The Walking Dead, Insidious, Black Sabbath, Evil Dead, El Cucuy, and Universal Monster Remix.

The terror tram, another attraction of Horror Nights will be invaded by The Walking Dead.

"The terror tram was for sure my favorite part of the whole night. I

love how the tram just drops you off and you become surrounded by one of my favorite shows, The Walking Dead", said former Malibu High student **Brandon Bassil**.

"It's not only horror mazes but there's real rides also," said junior **Roman Jensen** on Horror Nights.

When one needs a break from all the frightening things around the park, the classic Universal Studios rides are available.

This includes the 3-D Transformers ride, the Simpsons ride, Revenge of the Mummy, and Jurassic Park - in the dark.

The park includes scare zones, special places in the park where horror awaits. This year there are five different scare zones: The Curse of Chucky, The Purge, Walking Dead, Scarecrowz, and Cirque Du Klownz.



A-MAZE-ING: The Insidious maze is attracting crowds at Horror Nights

Ellery Smoller attended Horror Nights and shared what her favorite part was.

"I liked how scary the people looked, I mean I know they just had amazing costumes but it looked so real and I felt like I was in a real scary movie," said Smoller.

Universal Studios Hollywood improvement efforts on Halloween Horror Nights have really paid off - people feel like they're running around in an actual horror movie. People certainly seem to enjoy paying to be scared beyond belief this season.

By **Elliot Quartz**
STAFF WRITER

Samsung has announced that its latest flagship smartphone device will be hitting markets this holiday season. The Galaxy Note III is the next generation version of the well-known Note line.

The Samsung's Note lineup is famous for its endorsements by superstar athlete LeBron James in a series of television commercials.

The new Note III device is boasting one of the largest screens to ever be used on a smartphone with its screen measuring 5.7 inches. This increase in size comes as no surprise, given that the smartphone market has seen drastic increases in size in the past couple of years.

Even the iPhone has grown from its "perfect size" of three inches to four inches.

How big are our smartphones going to get? Local smartphone enthusiast and junior **James Handall** argued that there comes a point where a phone gets so big that it turns into a tablet.

"I think that our phones are getting a little bit too big for my taste, I would like to see a size more suitable for my small hands," Handall said.

A Malibu High Junior, **Bronson Bard**, shared his thoughts on how big "too big" is.

"In my opinion, the cut off from phone to tablet is at about 6 inch-

es. Any bigger than 6 inches and you got yourself a tablet," said Bard.

In terms of design and hardware, the Note III is even thinner than its predecessor is and packs even more punch with a 1080p screen, 3 GBs of ram, and a powerful 3200 mAH battery.

"This bad boy throws in a mix of sophistication, yet simplicity. I like it a lot," said junior **Vincent Hannley**.

The Samsung Galaxy Note III debuts this holiday season for \$299. Expect to see a new lineup of commercials starring LeBron celebrities using this device streaming over the next few months.



NOTE-WORTHY: The Samsung Galaxy Note III comes with many tech innovations.

CEO Elon Musk's Success: Tesla, Space X, & Hyperloop

By **Nicolas Paige**
STAFF WRITER

Ever heard of Tesla? How about SpaceX? These two companies have been on the top of their game throughout the last year.

Tesla manufactures the most technologically advanced electric vehicles on the market and SpaceX is the number one privately owned space exploration company. Both companies, Space X and Tesla Motor Vehicles, are led by Elon Musk, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Musk is the CEO and Product Architect of Tesla Motors and the CEO and Chief Technol-

ogy Officer (CTO) of Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX).

In addition, Musk is the non-executive chairman and principal shareholder of SolarCity, which he helped create. SolarCity is now the leading provider of solar power systems in the United States.

Prior to SpaceX, Musk co-founded PayPal, the world's leading Internet payment system, and served as the company's Chairman and CEO. Before PayPal, Mr. Musk co-founded Zip2, an Internet software provider for the media industry.

Musk has a physics degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a business degree from Wharton.

Over the past year the car company Tesla has received a lot of hype with their technologically advanced electric automobile.

SpaceX has made history sever-

al times with its privately owned falcon rockets. Many people are aware of the company's current success, but what will the future of Musk's empire hold?

Tesla Motors currently offers one car, the model S, a clean and electric version of a sports car. The much anticipated model X will become available in 2014 and is designed to incorporate the best of an SUV with the special advantages of a minivan.

With two relatively new models out already, it is hard to imagine what lies ahead.

"Tesla Superchargers allow Model S owners to travel for free between cities"

"Our long term plan is to build a wide range of models, including affordably priced family cars," Musk said in a blog, "The Secret Tesla Motors Plan".

Although the type of cars a company offers is important, it is not the only thing that matters. Consumers are now able to conveniently charge the batteries of the cars (in 40 minutes for full charge - which equals about a 300 mile range - and 20 minutes for half charge at a tesla supercharger station for free).

"Tesla Superchargers allow Model S owners to travel for free between cities along well-traveled highways in North America and Europe," Tesla's website said.

A map of the Tesla Supercharger



station in the USA today shows the limited average of free Tesla Charge Stations. The radiuses around the dots show how far a



car can travel from that station before running out of juice.)

Here is the map of Tesla Supercharger stations by 2015. By 2015 owners of a Tesla manufactured car will be able to travel anywhere in the USA for free.

Not only can a Tesla model be charged fairly quickly (40 minutes for a full charge) at one of these stations, but a battery swap may also be performed, which conveniently swaps all the batteries for new ones in under a minute.

Although this will cost 60 to 80 dollars for a swap (which is about the same cost as filling a 15-gallon gas tank) consumers will have the choice to travel free with a wait, or to pay cash and be on their way.

SpaceX, Musk's second company, is currently mass producing spacecrafts for the list of future missions.

"Accommodate a high production rate, the facility, manufacturing footprint has more than doubled to almost 1 million sq ft. SpaceX produces more rocket engines than any other U.S. manufacturer and the SpaceX factory is one of the largest manufacturing facilities in California, large enough to fit two complete Falcon 9s end to end along the short length of the building," the web

site said.

SpaceX is not only interested in what lies beyond the planet's atmosphere, but is also working on delivering high speed travel on Earth's surface. Musk introduced the idea for the "Hyperloop" in August; he predicts that with the new device a trip from Los Angeles to San Francisco could be cut to only 30 minutes.

In August, Musk bragged that capsules could be shot through a nearly friction-less tube suspended by magnetic levitation. It would go 4,000 miles per hour and would cost about \$6 billion, much less than California's high-speed rail project that is expected to carry passengers from San Francisco to Los Angeles in about three hours.

Musk believes the Hyperloop could go from New York to Los Angeles in under an hour.

Although Musk has not shown any personal interest in investing in the idea, 6 billion dollars will be needed to build the Hyperloop.

Where will the money come from? It is predicted that the government or some other investing company or individual will fund the project.

The government is already interested in funding a 68 billion dollar speed rail train for California but only

if there is community support for the Hyperloop; politicians can come together and the Hyperloop could be a very realistic future.

The Hyperloop was an unimaginable idea 10 years ago. If inventors continue to create and society supports ideas as bizarre and technologically advanced as these, then many unsolvable societal problems may be solved.

If scientists and entrepreneurs can collaborate and conjure more out-of-the-box ideas the near future will reveal previously unthinkable creations that will defy the current understanding of what is possible.



READY FOR TAKEOFF: SpaceX is manufacturing spacecrafts for further use

Malibu's Favorite Pizzas

By **Kate Kiefer**
STAFF WRITER

October is often thought of as National Pizza Month. To celebrate, here is a list of Malibu Students' Ten Favorite Pizzas.

1. *Hawaiian Pizza*: "I like the pineapple because it adds a fruity flavor to my pizza," said senior **Sandy Berggreen**.

2. *Combo Pizza*: This pizza includes mushroom, pepperoni, meat chunks, sausage, peppers, black olives, and onion.

"It gets the party started!" said sophomore **Adrian Bravo** on the delicious meal.

3. *Pepperoni Pizza*: "I just love pepperoni!" said sophomore **Oscar Mendez**.

4. *Barbeque Chicken Pizza*: "Barbeque Chicken Pizza brings me to my happy place," said junior **Stephanie Princi**.

5. *Cheese Pizza with Avocado*: "It's like heaven in my mouth," said senior **Sara Toussieng**.

6. *Sausage Pizza*: "I need a little meat with everything," said junior **Julian Paige**.

7. *Pepperoni Pizza with Shrimp and Pesto*: "I like it because it is very exotic" said senior **Bryan Salcedo**.

8. *Gluten Free Cheese Pizza*: "I like how it doesn't have any wheat," said USC student and former Malibu High student **Lara Kiefer**.

9. *Pepperoni Pizza with M&Ms*: "This pizza is a perfect utensil for a good time!" said senior **William Menjivar**.

10. *Triple Cheese Pizza*: "It is a very good food for me, King J," said senior **Jose Ochoa**.

Malibu has a very diverse taste in pizza. From meat to M&Ms, Malibu High Students enjoy them all. As for me, the school's cafeteria pizza is my all-time favorite.



READY FOR TAKEOFF: SpaceX is manufacturing spacecrafts for further use

By **Noah Gorelick**
STAFF WRITER

Natural gas powered cars are those that use compressed and liquefied natural gas to fuel the automobile more efficiently.

In most cases, this type of car shows to have very constructive affects on the atmosphere as well as the finance of the average American. However, before this car can be easily used among Americans, it must be made more easily accessible financially and geographically.

The average American could use these cars to be efficient with their money as well as to be helpful to the environment.

Roman Jensen, junior, agreed to comment on his views on the benefits of a natural gas powered automobile.

"The car will provide Americans with the opportunity to save money while still having a nice and reliable car," said Jensen.

Companies who carry these cars, such as Honda, Chevy, GMC, Ford and Lincoln, plan to have this affect on Americans, giving them a sustainable car while providing financial benefits as well.

Henry Jenkinson, an independent study student at Malibu High School, shared his opinion

concerning the expense of the initial price of the car and how an average American could afford to pay for it.

"The car will provide Americans with the opportunity to save money while still having a nice and reliable car," said Jenkinson.

While fueling an oil/petroleum vehicle costs an average of three to four dollars per gallon, natural gas vehicles cost one dollar per gallon.

Jenkinson responded by thinking of the car as something that saves money over time and that the initial price is not what matters, but the price of gas and how that could be helpful in the long run does matter.

While this car has many benefits, these benefits are only available due to the accessibility of gas for Americans.

Natural gas powered cars may be good for all reasons, but fueling these cars poses many problems for Americans. Currently, there are only 12,541 stations that supply fuel for natural gas powered



AU NATURAL: Natural gas powered cars are making their debut in the opinions of many students.

vehicles in the U.S., and in some remote areas, one cannot access any of these facilities.

"I would not purchase a natural gas fueled car. What if I run out of gas? Or what if someone cannot get to work because they need gas right away," said **Thelen Mckenna-Worrel**, an independent study student at Malibu High School.

It is easy to notice the financial and environmental benefits of having one of these automobiles, and how it would help the average American. However, finding somewhere that can be easily accessed could be troublesome.

While we as members of our society always want to save money, how easy it is to save that money is also a big component in all of our decisions.

Twitter: The Pinnacle of Social Networking

By **MacKenna Strange**
STAFF WRITER

Most people have probably heard about Twitter, tweeting, twitpics, sub-tweets, hashtags, etc., but those who aren't in on the Twitter trend probably have no idea what these things really mean.

Twitter was listed as the third most popular app on Apple.com's "Top 10 Social Networking Apps". Facebook is becoming old news as Twitter's popularity quickly increases.

According to Statisticbrain.com, about 135,000 users sign up to

use Twitter every single day, adding to the over 550 million users already signed up.

So what exactly is Twitter? It is accessible through Twitter.com or the free Twitter app on smartphones.

Twitter allows users to send out updates of 140 characters (tweets) along with pictures if so chosen (twitpics). The Twitter feed displays all of the tweets that people a user follows have tweeted.

Users can also choose to "favorite" someone else's tweet, quote it, or retweet it so that it comes up on his or her own Twitter page.

Twitter seems to have become

more popular than Facebook and Instagram among teenagers today.

"I like Twitter to find out what my friends are doing and what is going on in the world," Malibu High School senior **Samantha Gilliams** said.

"When something important happens I always find out about it on Twitter. Nobody watches the news anymore when you can find out what's going on instantly with people's tweets. And if there is something going on with your friends it's so much easier to tweet it than to send mass texts to

everyone," she said.

Gilliams also likes Twitter because users can follow celebrities and see what they are currently working on. A lot of celebrities give sneak peeks or behind the scenes shots on their Twitters.

Twittercounter.com, which records Twitter statistics, shows that the top five celebrities on Twitter are Justin Bieber, Katy Perry, Lady Gaga, Barack Obama, and Taylor Swift, and each has over 35 million followers.

Twitter has secured its place among the top mediums of social media, along with networks such as Facebook and Instagram.

The short nature of tweets makes the site unique and interesting; scrolling through the feed gives people information quickly and clearly.

"Twitter is kind of like a mix between Facebook and Instagram. You can post status updates like Facebook and you can also post pictures like Instagram," said Gilliams.

Twitter is also used for business and school purposes. **Eric Carri-**

er, tenth grade English teacher at Malibu High School, uses Twitter to post assignments and due dates for his students instead of using My Big Campus or sending the students emails.

"I first started using Twitter about four years ago to post homework. At the time I had never heard of My Big Campus and I got kind of used to using Twitter. It's easy, it's on my phone, I can just put a message on there real quick," Carrier said.

"It's easy because most students have smartphones nowadays that have the ability to have the Twitter app. I like the idea that I can communicate directly with the students. From what I've heard My Big Campus is... not as easy to access quickly," Carrier also said.

It is easy to use, it is getting more popular each day, and it seems that people who use it love it.

To sign up for a Twitter account and begin tweeting and hashtagging, visit Twitter.com or download the free Twitter app on any smartphone.



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SOCIAL EVOLUTION: Twitter remains in one of the top spots in the world of social media mediums.

Mr. Brainwash: Truly Brainwashing the Art World

By Jena Weinberger
STAFF WRITER

Artists have been known to sell themselves out instead of focusing primarily on the important message of their pieces and the vital works of art.

Thierry Guetta also known as Mr. Brainwash or MBW is heavily perceived as a major sellout who focuses primarily on the money aspect of the art world, rather than the idea of self-expression and rebellion against society. Currently, working out of a workshop at the Cross Creek Center in Malibu, Guetta is a Paris born amateur filmmaker, turned street artist turned professional, who sells his paintings to art collectors for small fortunes.

Thierry Guetta has now become a very successful Los Angeles street/ gallery artist who's art, film making, and story is shown in Banksy's movie (available on Netflix) Exit Through the Gift Shop.

Banky's film focuses on the self-expression that street art provides. In the start of the film, Guetta follows many street artists with his camera hoping to capture each moment while experiencing the art being created. Eventually, Guetta chooses to branch off and become an artist himself.

Guetta has begun to sell his work for large amounts of money between \$50,000 and up; at auction to high bidders and quality art collectors, desperate to find the next best thing in cutting edge pop culture and art.

Guetta makes his money by using copyrighted famous pieces of work and spray-painting over or making small alterations to them in order to make each piece his own. One of his more famous collections depicts different famous pop culture figures such as Michael Jackson, Spock, and Marilyn Manson; in the same format that Andy Warhol created his infamous Marilyn Monroe painting.

Additionally, Guetta does not perform the work himself. Unlike

other widely popular street artists including Shepard Fairey, Ox, Banksy, and many others, Guetta instead employs interns, and talented artists to create the work for him and put his name on it.

Malibu High School Junior **Claire Thomsen** said, "Blatant copying of famous works is both lazy and manipulative seeing as Guetta puts very little originality into his art and instead employs interns and staff to do the paintings for him."

Guetta's plagiaristic use of other artist's work has become recognized and is often ignored by buyers, as he continues to successfully market his high priced near knockoffs.

Guetta's antics are depicted in *Exit Through The Gift Shop* and many believe that Mr. Brainwash is, perhaps, a mere creation of Banksy who is attempting to unveil the hypocrisy of the art world and expose the fact that people will buy anything they believe will be the next new trend.

Malibu High School Junior **Vincent Hannley** said, "Mr. Brainwash is aware of the fact that many people will eat anything up and he has used this to his advantage in order to make a profit."

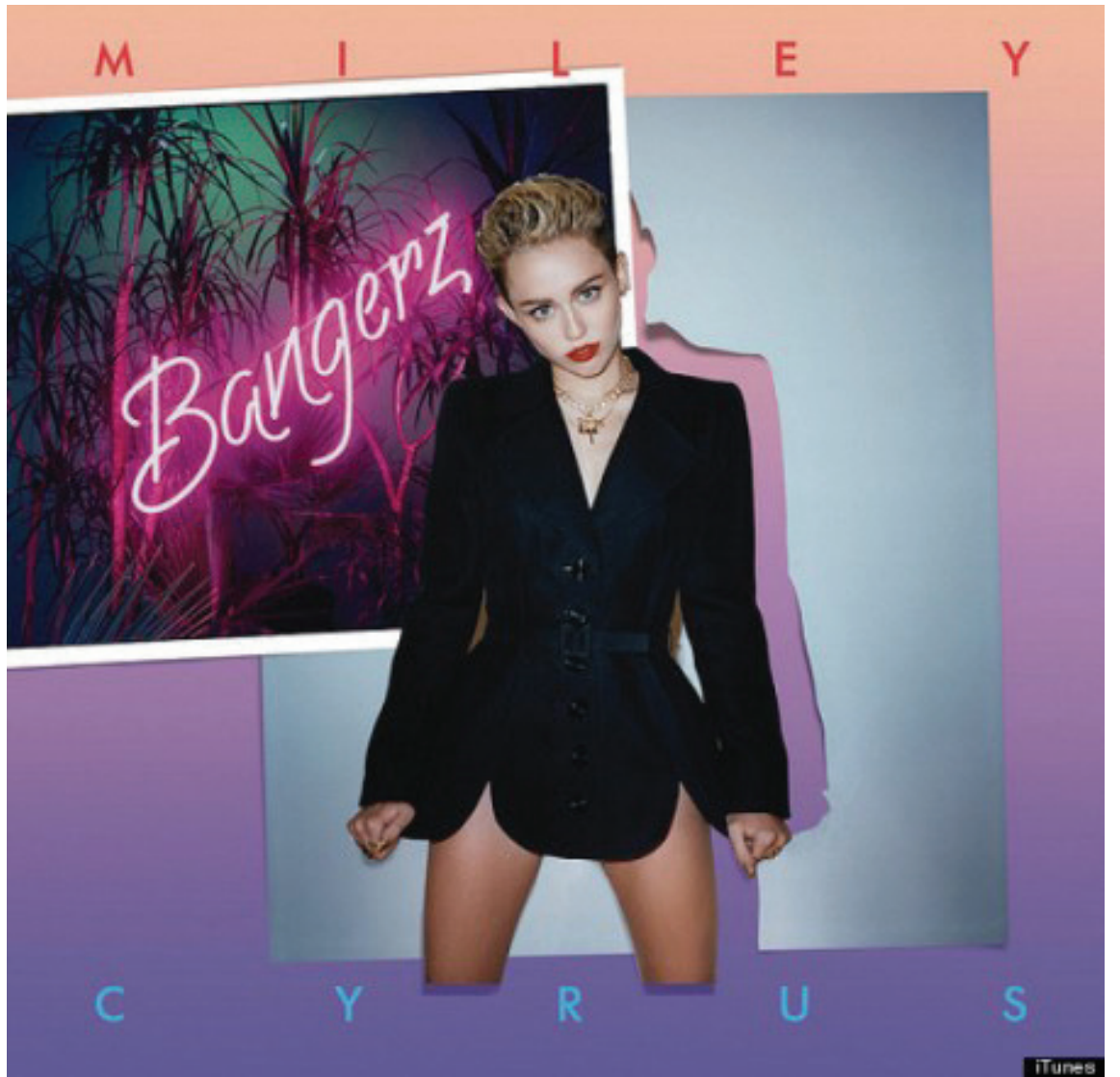
The fact that so many talented artists put such an effort into their work for nothing more than to create something for a wide range of people, and Mr. Brainwash merely convinces people that work that isn't even his, is valuable is truly appalling and just goes to show the problems with our modern culture and how easily swayed people can be.

Art is a highly difficult aspect of today's pop culture society to gauge, and much to the public's surprise, a shocking amount of art pieces can be manipulated by artists and sellers to make art purchasers believe that what they are buying is of value. Perhaps Guetta's art truly is one of a kind but he may also be purely a critical depiction of the art world today and a prime example of the gullibility that people adapt in order to stay trendy.



THIERRY GUETTA (AKA MR. BRAINWASH): Displayed above is a picture of Guetta's street art.

The Wreck of Pop Stars and Rise of Alternative Divas



MILEY CYRUS: Miley Cyrus strays from her childhood days of *Hannah Montana* and launches her new album, *Bangerz*.

By Olivia Cerio
STAFF WRITER

In recent news, Miley Cyrus did something vaguely scandalous and everyone is really confused, angry, and/or scared. Good thing, silent heroines Lorde and HAIM are here to balance out the violent twerking and pseudo-rap with chill beats. The classic bands you either love now or loved during middle school are back with albums to simultaneously make you cringe and reminisce.

Miley Cyrus – Bangerz

There is something nostalgic but a bit unsettling about the fact that *Bangerz* is Cyrus's fourth studio while her first studio album is *Hannah Montana 2: Meet Miley Cyrus*. Now, of course, the desperate need celebrities have to reaffirm their image is reasonable, but nevertheless is akin to a baby bird that has not quite found her way. She wants to stray from her roots, but she has trouble since she is most comfortable with her country roots and childish catchy beats. Cyrus tried to take off from her nest and ended up falling flat, leaving her unrecognizable and horribly disfigured. Also, I do not want any sass from the "Smilers" (a term that sounds vaguely offensive off print and should be used sparingly), because I listened to this album in its entirety in order to get the full effect of unironically saying LOL and having hashtags in song titles. Cyrus attempts to sound like a social media hip version of Amy Winehouse with an awkward accompaniment of Kreyshawn-

esque rapping, but only manages to make you feel like you have wasted forty minutes of your life listening to the slow mental breakdown of a Disney channel star pop-country singer. At least Taylor Swift's meltdown has not come yet. It will though; I can feel it in my bones. Cyrus is having an identity crisis, which is hilarious considering *Hannah Montana* only ended two years ago. Recommend? None of the songs even make sense. If you are angry and confused and love LOL-ing at relatable "just-girly-things" on Tumblr, then this album was made just to please your blessed ears. Godspeed.

HAIM – Days Are Gone

HAIM (rhymes with time) is an indie pop group consisting of three sisters whose new album is actually amazing. While the songs do not have much range, they are different enough from each other to provide an individual, yet equally enjoyable listening experience from each one. Also, these gals are totally cool (they choose *Falling* as the first track on their album because they thought its first few beats sounded like the *Jurassic Park* theme) and seem like a fun band to see live. Recommend? Yes, if you are into this genre, and you can appreciate a good girl band. I would definitely check them out.

Lorde – Pure Heroine

As someone who is sick of the monotonous, repetitive Lana Del Ray but likes her laid-back rhythm, Lorde (not pronounced lord-y in case you were planning

on using her name in a conversation to gain some street cred) has a hypnotic voice that lulls you to state of ease. This music is not the most revolutionary alternative music you will ever hear, but it is understandably good. The songs on this album are good for relaxing and doing homework, so do not expect any hits you can dance to.

"Lorde's new album is fantastic," said Sophomore Megan Lickhalter, "It's poppy but not too poppy. It's like a better version of Lana Del Ray."

Recommend? It will go great in all your Spotify playlists.

Panic! At The Disco – Too Weird To Live, Too To Die

Listening to the new *Panic!* album gave me the closest thing to war flashbacks I think I will ever have in my adolescent lifetime. The smooth and acoustic beats are reminiscent of *Pretty Odd*. and their slightly brush, yet emotional lyrical themes, similar to those of *A Fever You Can't Sweat Out*, give me a feeling of nostalgia for 6th grade, the peak of my obsession with them -- then the memories of watching *Sailor Moon* alone in a room become all too real. The beats are popular and luckily not overused; they cater to any casual music listener. They compliment lead singer Brendon Urie's voice, whilst giving the songs a respectable freshness to them.

Recommend? To be honest, it is an average album and would be best purchased along with their previous albums.

Upcoming Movies for Fall Season

By **Guiliana Roggero**
STAFF WRITER

G *Gravity* is a sci-fi drama directed by Alfonso Cuarón that was released on October 4, 2013. The movie features Sandra Bullock who plays an astronaut engineer, and George Clooney as a veteran astronaut. The two are in space on a normal mission, when disaster strikes, and the two are sent spiraling into the unknown. The movie received great reviews, and earned over \$55.6 million in ticket sales its opening weekend.

"It's a really unique movie, and they made it really graphic and cool," said Sophomore **Anna Cervantes**. "I jumped a few times because the graphics seemed so real". The 3D effects have made a good impression on *Gravity*'s audience.

Senior **Alex Baroodi** said, "I

think they did a great job making the movie in 3D. Not many movies these days are very good with it, but with the way it was shot I think it was very well done and they were able to implement the 3D very nicely." To date, *Gravity* has been expanding its fan base, and continues to do well in theaters.

Hunger Games: Catching Fire is directed by Francis Lawrence and is due come out in theaters November 22, 2013. The movie features Jennifer Lawrence, Liam Hemsworth, and Josh Hutcherson and is a sequel to *The Hunger Games*.

"I am definitely going to see it. I saw the first one and I enjoyed it," said Malibu High's reading specialist **Lynne Flowers**. The first *Hunger Games* gained a very large fan base and people are excited to see the sequel to it.

Sophomore **Quemars Adli** said,

"The first one was abstract and the plot escalated and got more and more interesting. I am definitely going to the next one. I really like the main characters and Jennifer Lawrence. I haven't read the books but I'm sure the next movie will be good." **Hunger Games: Catching Fire** is a hit around Malibu High and many are planning to see this action packed movie.

Free Birds, directed by Jimm Hayward, is an animated film starring the voice talent of Owen Wilson, Woody Harrelson, Dwight Howard and Amy Poehler. The movie is about two turkeys who team up, travel back in time, and change the course of history by getting the turkey off the Thanksgiving menu. This timely comedy will be released on November 1, 2013 in both 2D and 3D.

Great Expectations is directed by Mike Newell features Sally

Hawkins and Jason Flemyng. In this drama, a young boy, played by Jason Flemyng, is lifted from poverty and gets a glimpse of how life might be for him with money. He meets a young girl played by Sally Hawkins, who has never learned how to let others into her heart. This movie is a classic dramatic love story that may people will be able to relate to. **Great Expectations** comes out into theaters Friday, November 8, 2013.

Frozen is an animated adventure directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee, starring the voices of Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, and Jonathan Groff. The same creators of *Wreck-It-Ralph* and *Tangled* produced this action-packed animation. In *Frozen*, a group of friends team up to defeat the Snow Queen's "icy spell". This family friendly movie debuts in theaters across the country November 27, 2013.



By Sarah Schoenberger

Concerts: November 1st-29th

By **Moritz Weber**
STAFF WRITER

Kanye West and Kendrick Lamar

November 1
The Honda Center

The Flaming Lips and Tame Impala

November 1
*Santa Barbara Bowl

Father John Misty

November 2
*The Wiltern

Subhumans and Reagan Youth

November 5
The Glass House

The Meat Puppets

November 6
The Echo

Mazzy Star

November 7
The Wiltern

The English Beat

November 8
The Canyon Club

OFWGKTA Carnival

November 9
Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum

Dick Dale

November 10
Ventura Theatre

Of Montreal

November 11
Largo at the Coronet

Tycho

November 13
The Observatory

Thee Oh Sees

November 14
The Eagle Rock Center for the Arts

White Lung

November 15
The Echo

Misfits

November 16
The Observatory

Andrew Jackson Jihad

November 17
Zoey's café

Chance the Rapper

November 17
El Rey

CHVRCHES

November 18
The Wiltern

Screaming Females

November 21
Echoplex

Drake

November 25
Staples Center

Datsik

November 26
The Observatory

Suicidal Tendencies, Trash Talk, Sprung Monkey and the Inspector Cluzo

November 29
The Observatory

The Decline of Halloween Creativity

By Riley Riley
STAFF WRITER

The excitement of halloween is swarming through the air. You've been waiting all year to see pumpkins, crisp leaves flooding the ground, to the feel of cold air, and see costumes of all sorts. You walk into your first period and you see your friend dressed as a black cat, then you walk into your second period and you see two other girls dressed as skimpy black cats, and in third period you see six more skimpily dressed black cats. You see where I am going with this? There is no longer any diversity in Halloween costumes. Every girl feels like she needs to wear something raunchy and revealing. When did this idea get put in place? I took a trip around the campus of Malibu High School and revealed the opinions of a few people on the matter at hand. What shouldn't you wear on halloween?

To wear a bad costume is one thing, yet to feel it is a good idea to leave your home with it on is something else. Those girls who wear leggings and a black shirt and draw some whiskers on their face and call themselves any living animal that has whiskers,

please, for the world's sake, use your imagination, be creative!

Rachel Weinberg a senior at Malibu High School, explained that store bought women's costumes seem to be getting shorter and shorter every year. "With crappy material, they rip super easily, and they're just ugly as hell," said Weinberg.

Why do women feel the need to objectify themselves with these crappily put together costumes that barely cover their lower half. Yeah Yeah, the guys think they are hot, and yes yes you can't be judged "because its halloween." However, it is a false statement that one will not be judged for wearing half of the clothing they would normally wear, even on Halloween.

"No one needs to see that much of your body," said Junior **Lisa Consiglio**.

Slow down, and take a look in the mirror. You are practically naked!!

There are also costumes that are just plain wrong. The censored costumes, and just some of the costumes that don't even mean to be wrong.

"In eighth grade I saw this guy and he had like a black face cause he was like Wiz Khalifa or something, it was terrible!" said

Sophomore **Sean Kelly**.

People obviously do not understand the meaning of the word appropriate. It seems that couples costumes tend to be very weird, for instance a plug and a socket. Is that wrong, or is it just me?

"I saw a wet t-shirt costume. It was like a white t-shirt and it was supposed to look wet with big fake boobs under it. It was really not that cute," said **Raena Riese** a Freshman at Malibu High.

You must be fairly oblivious to think that you actually look decent.

"It's like those people who think that they can sing, but they can't. You think you look good, but you don't," said an anonymous junior at Malibu High School.

So please ladies, let's keep the Lululemon leggings and crop tops at home this year. And Gents, let's keep it racially appropriate. And let's try to keep the revealing clothing to a minimum. So that by the end of Halloween, we all still have our eyes.

We've all seen the slutty cats, slutty witches, and slutty nerds. We don't need to see them again.



HALLOWEEN KITTIE COSTUME: Drawn by Cole Murphy.

Has Malibu High Lost its Mojo?

By Sophie Pertofsky
STAFF WRITER

The issue of school spirit among Malibu High School students is a touchy subject, at best. While some refuse to even attend school-organized events, others see our school to be brimming with enthusiastic potential. As a student who has attended schools before coming to MHS and has played witness to the pizzazz of other schools' games and pep rallies, I'd have to disagree. But whose fault is it, if anyone's?

Malibu High School's Associated Student Body has somewhat of a mixed reputation throughout the school. Although not inherently bad, ASB-planned events have been raised onto pedestals upon which they usually cannot reach.

In an interview with ASB's Vice President, Senior **Michael Jacobson** stated that the Body's poor reputation was indeed a result of bad outcomes to school-organized happenings.

Jacobson said, "Originally, [ASB's reputation] came from bad events in the past. For example, some events last year didn't do so well. In fact, they did really poorly and [the bad

events] stand out more than the good events. They overall create a bad reputation for ASB."

Jacobson concluded that Malibu High's lack of school spirit is not the fault of ASB, but rather is due to the negative mindset students have in relation to ASB as a result of failed events.

"In years past, ASB plans an

“Although not inherently bad, ASB-planned events have been raised onto pedestals upon which they usually cannot reach.”

event, and the general mentality or the general...public viewpoint is 'oh, it's gonna be bad.' And that just continues to dig ASB deeper and deeper into a hole of negative reputation. But so far this year, the reputation of the events has been better and more positive," said Jacobson.

This led to the question of what we as students could do to fix the negative outlook? After all, no one enjoys himself or

herself at a pep rally that is metaphorical equivalent to flat soda.

"To improve the school spirit at our school, change your mindset to: I can go to school, I can enjoy myself and I can be [an active] part of school," said Jacobson.

When asked why she didn't enjoy pep rallies or attend ASB-planned events regularly, Sophomore **Sakura Smith's** answer was to be expected:

"It's more like: why are we excited? I don't get it."

However, her attitude seemed to change when asked about the root of our school spirit, or lack thereof, as she defended ASB.

"I think it's the people. We don't know why we're supposed to be excited. I think it's the students. I think that ASB is trying hard and the people in ASB are very energetic, have school spirit, but then it's the rest of us [that don't]."

This surprised me. I had been expecting that the students inside and outside ASB would have followed the usual blame game us human beings love to latch onto.

Malibu High School is slowly improving its concentration of school spirit. With a new ASB advisor and a fresh set of faces on the team, it feels like we can go nowhere but up. But with only an estimated 20% of students attending these games, dances, etc. it's hard to be optimistic. Approach ASB and pep rallies clear of judgment. Because who cares if we win the games or ran out of punch in the end? Almost anything can be enjoyable if you work to make it fun.

SHARK WEEK

SHARK WEEK: Is it possible to instill true school spirit at MHS?

Why iTunes Beats Spotify

By Cameron Smoller
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to listening to music, there are two main programs that are used. One is iTunes, and the other is Spotify. The first iTunes, was created by Apple in 2001, and has since dominated the music industry. iTunes is a proprietary digital media player application that is used for playing and organizing digital music and video files. Each song download varies from \$1-\$1.99. All the songs on iTunes are professionally recorded, which prevents pirated tracks. The profit from iTunes is approximately \$6.9 billion dollars a year.

Spotify, on the other hand, is a commercial music streaming service that allows users to listen to unlimited music free for a period of six months, after which users have the option to pay \$4.99 a month for Spotify Unlimited or to pay \$9.99 a month for Spotify Premium. Daniel Ek and Martin Lorentzon created Spotify in Sweden, but the service quickly spread around the world.

The difference between Spotify Unlimited and Spotify Premium is that the Unlimited option provides unlimited ad-free listening on any computer/device, while Premium offers unlimited higher quality listening on any computer/device, as well as the ability to use Spotify on mobile devices, such as supported tablets and phones. Premium also includes the ability to download and sync playlists inside the Spotify client

so they can be listened to them when there is no Internet connection.

Both subscriptions allow users to access accounts from abroad for an unlimited period of time as long as the service is paid for (only 14 days free).

Senior **Ross Alcaraz** said, "iTunes is better because Spotify gives you bootlegged songs and karaoke mixes."

Senior **Ricky Felipe** said he uses Spotify because you can listen to any genre any song at anytime for only \$4.99 a month. "It's a way better deal to me," Felipe said.

He does not like Spotify because of the monthly fee you have to pay. Reflecting upon this, I realized that iTunes isn't free. Savitsky also related that he downloads songs right to his iTunes library off groveshark.com and youtubemp3.com.

Personally, I prefer using iTunes because it's more reliable, and is better quality. The obvious choice to me would be iTunes but, for some reason, people still love-using Spotify. It seems that the reason why so many people like Spotify over iTunes is because it is a lot cheaper.



ITUNES VS. SPOTIFY: iTunes triumphs over Spotify, hands-down.

The Futility of the American Government

By Roger A. Quentin
STAFF WRITER

Ted Cruz, you brilliant and petty politician. I say brilliant because he may have just enacted one of the most effective tactics of governmental change in this era of ne'er-do-well politicians. He started off by protesting the soon to be implemented Obamacare by filibustering for close to 24 hours. Throughout his filibuster, Cruz comprehensively covered a variety of topics, including the desires of his constituents to defund Obamacare, as expressed in their tweets, the urgency of repealing Obamacare due to its unfortunate effect on college students' ability to find unhealthy burgers late at night, to Dr. Suess' "Green Eggs and Ham." While this is a heroically laggard way of doing things he did, in fact, draw attention to himself and to his cause. Ultimately, we gave him exactly what he wanted. Cruz made it clear that his intention was to demonstrate that the Republican Party will not settle for Obamacare.

After the filibuster, Cruz convinced John Boehner to essentially say if something isn't changed soon, there would be a government shutdown. Batten down the hatches sonny, the world is about to end! Just kid-

ding, the government shutdown basically meant that "non-essential" workers were sent home without pay and all of the good stuff that the government does is liquidated for the duration of the shut-down, but don't feel bad, you probably didn't notice an effect on your life.

Sending workers home without pay is hard-bitten, to say the least. The fact that back-pay was even up for debate is a joke. While the zoo keepers and park rangers were sitting at home with mortgages and simple food cost bearing down on them, the seldom sane remain in wealth.

Politicians on the side of reinstating the government attempted to put pressure on the republicans by closing parts of the government that should not be shut down. For instance, the KIA funds, which, by the way, is a software that automatically pays a roundabout sum of one hundred thousand dollars to the families of soldiers who were killed in action, were actively shut down by the government. I think that this is just an extremely disrespectful approach to try and pressure people. The people whose loved ones died are now with no compensation and are dishonored.

As well as this whole thing being totally petty and disrespectful

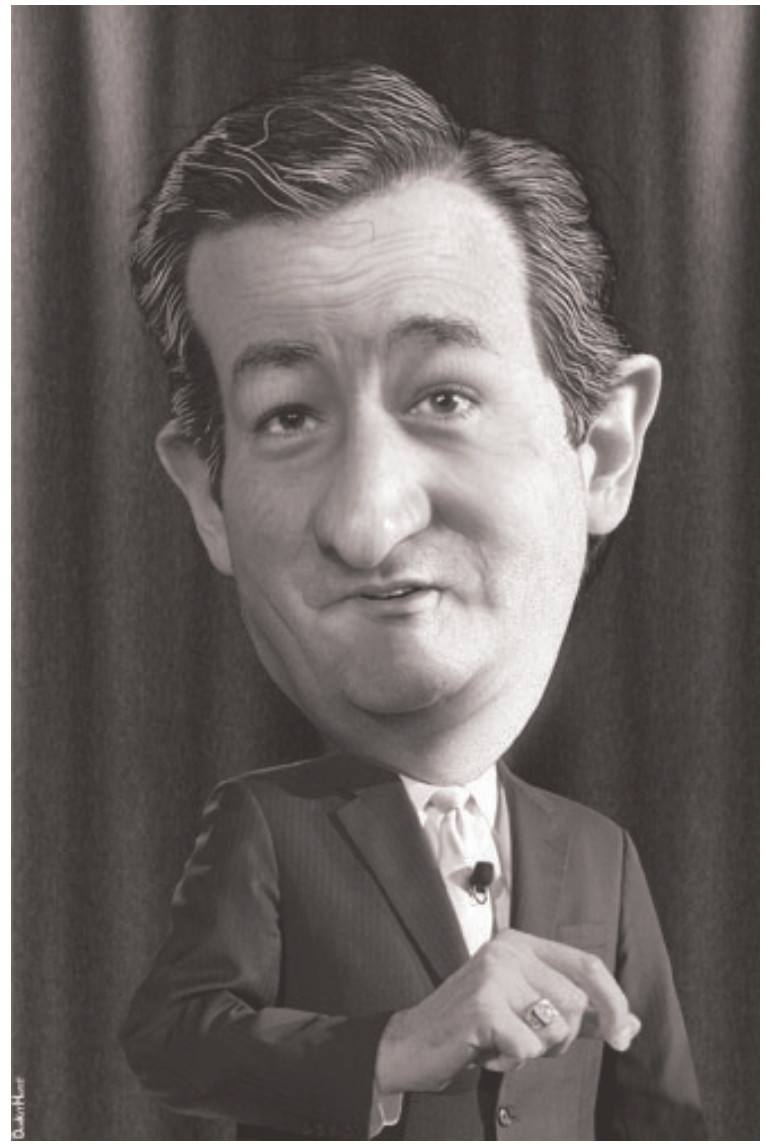
it also sends a negative message to other countries.

Jordan Ervin, a Malibu High School teacher said "the whole thing is an embarrassment, especially to the countries abroad that look to us as an example of democracy."

This, overall, is just an example of how our government needs some serious improvements. While Obamacare is a convoluted and, let's be honest here, broken system of health insurance, it should not be taken as an excuse to shut down the government. Honestly, what they should have done was carried on as normal, TRIED to work out an agreement and then if they couldn't do that, we kick them out of office and elect new people. That's how this works. You don't go around closing war memorials, funds, zoos, or remove people's income because you were unable to function. This is just simple stupidity, but what else is new with the government.

This just-in the government shut-down has now ended. The United States Government stated "ehhh, we'll deal with it later".

And so the obese gentleman known as the U.S. government retreats to its LA-Z-Boy.



TED CRUZ AND THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN: Ted Cruz, Senator from Texas, brilliantly, yet selfishly, used the government shutdown to further his own political ambitions. (Source: The Moderate Independent)

Twerving Hard or Hardly Twerving?

By Jena Weinberger
STAFF WRITER

The once innocent and pure hearted Disney Channel star has outgrown her child persona and has become one of the most widely criticized, blunt smoking, twerking, sex infused, and craziest, young adults in today's pop culture. Now, the fact that Miley has begun to grow up and mature is nothing to be looked down upon, but the complete dramatization of the entire affair has begun to be just a bit overkill. Miley was able, in the past, to conduct herself in a

civilized manner as a teenager, but as a young adult she has been desperately attempting to shock the public, by proving that she's no longer fifteen.

As we all know, the fun began in her music video "We Can't Stop," in which Miley shamelessly tried to prove to each and every one of her fans that she can party like no other and wants nothing more than to be so utterly shocking to everyone who will dare watch or look at anything having to do with her. The obscure images throughout the video were her poor attempt at creating an esoteric image of

obscurity and hipsterness that she will most likely never achieve.

While there is absolutely nothing wrong with having fun in your twenties, Miley seems like she constantly has to prove that she is not a kid anymore. Her frankly racist performances is her trying to show the public that she can be just as bad ass anyone else who had normal crazy teenage years. Miley needs to step out of the spot light for a while and have fun, but not continue trying to show everyone that she has control over her life.

The obvious desperate cry for attention at the VMA Awards has invoked discussion concerning her image and has drastically lowered any previous respect that she had from many of her fans. In short, Miley's endeavor to completely eradicate her perfect young image has been one-hundred percent successful. She has officially become one of the many jokes of the generation and her fan base is dwindling quickly.

Junior Carmen Flood said, "I understand that Miley feels she needs to grow up and go in a new direction, but I'm definitely not a fan of that new direction."

Now, the issue of twerking and her overuse of black women in her music videos is her racist attempt at proving that she herself is an African American, which clearly is not the case. Personally, the fact that she has begun

to act like she herself is a black teenager is frankly concerning.

Miley states, "A lot of people wanted to try to make me the white Nicki Minaj. That's not what I'm trying to do. I love 'hood' music, but my talent is as a singer."

"The problem with our pop culture is the over sexual ways of young people and the desperate attempts at using sex and drugs to portray themselves as more adult than they truly are"

She has obviously made it very clear as to how limited her knowledge is about black culture by referring to rap as "hood music." The black women that are present in her music videos are frequently limited to twerking and/or Miley spanking them. Specifically, in her VMA's performance the women were all black and were fundamentally used as props on stage. The close mindedness of a girl who is so in the spot light and majorly focused on attention is appalling and frankly very irresponsible.

Junior Claire Thomsen said,

"She's alienating a large amount of her fans and she's trying way too hard instead of just being a free young adult. I'm just not a fan. She gives me secondhand embarrassment."

The problem with our pop culture is the over sexual ways of young people and the desperate attempts at using sex and drugs to portray themselves as more adult than they truly are. Miley is trying so hard to prove that she is an adult through over sexualization and demonstrating that she smokes weed, drinks, parties and does molly as she has referenced in countless interviews, music videos, and songs. There is absolutely nothing wrong with this lifestyle but if she chooses to live this lifestyle whilst being in the spotlight, it is extremely necessary for her to demonstrate that this particular lifestyle is not the way for every child to grow up.

Miley seems to have decided that because she did not have a complete childhood, seeing as she was so busy being on television, she has used her spotlight today, to make a complete fool of herself and be an immature young adult. In all honesty, this was the perfect plan to get everyone talking about her and realize that she is no longer the child persona she has been so desperately trying to escape. So pat yourself on the back Miley, you have America just where you want us.



MILEY CYRUS: Miley Cyrus' performance at the VMA Awards outraged the public and frightened off even the most-dedicated of her fans. (Source: EOnline)

I Am Alarmed By Clocks

By **Rodrego (Rodrego) Sanchez**
STAFF WRITER

War, war never changes, but the time does. If you exist, or have ex-

isted at one time you probably know what time is, so I'm not going to tell you. Clocks on the other hand are a mystery.

Clocks have been around since the dawn of time in order to tell the time, but it seems nobody today actually knows how they work and whether or not they can be trusted.

Clocks, while harmless looking on the outside, are jerks and constantly make people late for things and mess up people's schedules all the

time. This behavior has led me to believe that clocks just want nothing more than to fail in life and have been lying to us.

In order to find out more about the possibility of time not exist-

ing, I sat down with esteemed scientist and all around dead person Nikola Tesla to get the details about what the clocks are hiding from us and whether

or not we should be listening. I was appalled to find nothing but a grave at the address I was given.



CLOCKS: *The very first clock ever discovered, 2001 B.C.*

The Daily Life of Morgan Freeman

By **Riley Riley**
STAFF WRITER

As Morgan wakes from his deep slumber, the majestic sun rises. It did so because he had narrated it in his dreams. He walks over to the bathroom where he gargles good dreams and rainbows, which make his voice sound so beautiful. Whilst he is brushing his teeth, he has his daily deep conversation with Mirror Morgan.

"Good morning Morgan. How are you on this fine day?" Said Morgan

"I am very swell Morgan. Thank you for asking!" said Mirror Morgan.

He is then clothed by woodland birds and squirrels who are mesmerized by the sound of his voice. Morgan has always been ahead of his time. When he was 13, he went through puberty, and immediately became old. On his way to work, instead of taking the freeway Morgan rides on a chariot hoisted over the clouds

which is powered by the sound of pure awesome. Morgan loves his job, after all he is god. When he gets to work, he sits in the recording studio, and manifests something about the world, then the producers create a movie to go with it. The world did not exist until Morgan Freeman said it so. Therefore, penguins did not become so until Morgan narrated March Of The Penguins. Therefore whatever Morgan Freeman says becomes so. When he was commenting on the new Miley Cyrus music video he said, "Her brain is the size of a large pea," and it was so...

On halloween Morgan dresses as god, so he doesn't have to spend money on a costume. When Morgan goes to sleep at night, instead of playing soothing ocean noises he listens to his narration of Bruce Almighty, and falls fast asleep.

A Truthful and Accruate Re-telling of What Occured During the Govt. Shutdown

By **Johnny Reardon**
GUEST WRITER

Not long ago there was a serious crisis in our nation's capital. It is truly hard to fathom that our boys in Washington could do any wrong in the law and decision making for our country, especially with the approval and blind faith from the American people. My intention is not to demean or deprecate, my only goal is to give an accurate and factual recount of what occurred during the government shutdown. I undertook this noble deed to inform Americans that are unaware of the heroic and cooperative efforts of the Congressmen and to further expose them for more accolades and laurels.

On the crisp, cool morning of October 1, 2013 I heard footsteps ringing throughout Washington D.C. The noise echoes from the Senate Chambers, the haste and intention of the noise signifies the severity of the action that is about to be committed. The clacking of wooden heels quickens as a large wooden door meets the man's diligent pace. "Ah, shit" the man says, "I didn't think it would come to this so soon, especially after last time..." His voice trails down long corridors and he finally reaches the last door in the hall. He violently throws it open and steps into a room no bigger than a broom closet, allowing the door to close behind him. The only other thing in the room is an ornate switch that harkens back to the industrial age. It protrudes from the ground, with three large cogs at its base, three feet and is capped with a long iodized bronze handle. As the man places his hands firmly on the lever, a voice quietly trails down out of the space above his head:

"Identification and name please."

"John Boehner, Speaker of the House."

"Access Granted; thank you Mr. Speaker."

With a tear in his eye, he pulls

the lever vigorously. A loud whirring sound comes out of the wall in front of him. The entire chamber building shudders. A sudden stillness and silence falls over the entire capital. All that is heard now, is a low hum from the machine behind the wall in front of John. He looks around the room pensively and takes note of a red flashing light coming from beneath his suit sleeve. He pulls it back to expose a blinking red light strapped onto his wrist by a black leather band. "It worked." he speaks quietly.

To reassure himself that the

ancient machine actually did its job, John takes a step outside. Everything in his line of sight is frozen in place. He glances up and even notices a flock of canadian geese in a tight V formation are

halted in place. He half-heartedly chuckles and walks back into the chamber building, his face returning to its familiar solemnity. Upon entering the Situation Room he feels a little depressed. It is filled with men and women completely frozen in the midst of their work. He weaves his way through the human obstacles and enters a conference room with blacked out windows. The conference room is already filled with Senate and House majority and minority leaders. John notices similar blinking from his bracelet, crimson in color, faintly coming off the various men's wrists. President Barack Obama is sitting at the head of a confer-

ence table preparing papers.

He looks up and says: "Ah, John, you made it. This meeting can now begin everyone." Angry grumbling is heard throughout the room as the men take their seats.

"I hate these negotiations."

"This is probably *unconstitutional*."

"God dammit, the damned coffee maker wont even work, this is going to be hell."

"I hate agreeing on anything."

"Enough complaining gentlemen" Barack exclaims, "The method of stopping time during

great American crises is tradition and I'm not going to break it. Plus, Clock-Stopping has proved to be very effective in the past, just look how well the Bush administration handled 9/11 with the Patriot Act."

"I know, but it's so damn boring being stuck in here."

"It gets so hot in this room..."

"Not to mention we have to talk to these jack-asses, oh I'm sorry, I mean Democrats."

"Enough talk, McConnell, I am willing to throw down right here, right now" Harry Reid rolls up his sleeves.

"Yeah, ya old tortoise."

"QUIT YOUR BICKERING"

John finally pipes in. "Sit back down Mr. Reid. From now on, no one talks unless asked to. This meeting will go swiftly and efficiently so we can all go home and not deal with legislation."

"Hey, wheres Biden?"

"Oh, he gets frozen like everyone else." Barack says, "It's funny, people always think the Vice

President has power or something."

"Enough pleasantries" John adds, "We need to deal with the pressing matters at hand."

"You're right John, you're always right." Barack says with a grin, "If only you were close enough so I could tussle your hair."

There is an odd silence in the room after that comment. Barack looks around, sees no one is smiling like he is and quickly says, "Anyways, how should we deal with this fiscal crisis? Anyone have any good ideas?"

The silence still lingers. Everyone in the room is avoiding eye contact from each other and the President. A cough rings out, causing the leaders to flinch. They straighten back in their chairs when they realize it was not a proposal for a productive idea.

"Nothing?" Barack says, shattering the silence. "Nothing at all? Well I do not have any ideas myself so let's just postpone it to...

Does anybody have a calender on hand?"

"Yeah I got one on my phone."

"Read me a random date next year."

"But Mr. President, next year is election year."

"I am fully aware of that, maybe then you will come up with some actual ideas on how to solve the issue to win support in time for elections."

"February 7th"

"February 7th it is. We will fund the government and raise the debt ceiling until then. All those in favor?"

There is a unanimous "Aye"

"Great" Barack exclaims and smashes his gavel on the table; causing some of the elderly men to jump a bit. "Okay now we need to set a date for when we vote to end this shutdown to make it seem as if we are debating or something. What's a nice even number?"

"16"

"Perfect. We will vote to end this shutdown in sixteen days."

"But Mr. President, that will cost



TIME FREEZE: *Cold-hearted Boehner makes the government shrivel up.*

Girls Volleyball Find Victory Under New Coach

By Troy Schlobohm
STAFF WRITER

The varsity girls' volleyball team has had a rough season to say the least, as injuries have plagued the team. With a new season came a new coach **Airess Padda**, which raised high hopes for this season. Yet the injuries to juniors **Ellery Smoller** and **Chelsea Bostwick** as well as sophomores **Ally Sidley**, **Natalie Aldrich**, and **Sienna Dugan** left the team crippled and unable to reach their maximum potential.

With a record sitting at 3-9-1, it is clear that the season has had some turbulence to begin with, but momentum seems to be shifting in the teams favor as they claimed victory at home over

Oak Park. The return of **Chelsea Bostwick** and **Ally Sidley** helped boost Malibu in a nail biting win, as it came down to the tie breaker. Yet Malibu came out on top, winning by a margin of 2 points.

"I really think this is a turning point in our season. After an amazing conference win like that and the return of all the injured players, I can't imagine us not riding out the momentum," said team captain **Devyn Masterson**.

Padda introduced a new system of learning, new tactics, and a brand new play style that the girls have to adapt to. Most of the girls are fans of the new system, and say the coach motivates them to try harder and pushes them to be better. Even if that is so, an adjustment period is always

imminent when switching from one style of play to another.

"This win definitely reflects our season as a whole. The girls have been working really hard and it has showed on the court. There are definitely good things to come." Said coach **Airess Padda**.

"I really like [Padda] because she connects with us well. She'll actually show us how to do things and play and brings a different point of view that we've never had before," said junior **Ara Bolander**.

"I think we're actually playing very well together. The injuries have obviously created obstacles, but I also think things just haven't been going our way recently. It's a year where we have had a lot of developing talent and have been going through changes throughout the team," said Bolander.

Team chemistry obviously plays a huge role in every sport, but in volleyball communication and chemistry are especially key factors in the success of any team. Luckily, the girls on the volleyball team have formed a bond and connected, which hopefully will lead to further success. The Girls Volleyball team has always been a popular one amongst our student body, and this year it is no different. As long as the team keeps trying their hardest and the students continue supporting the girls to the greatest extent, a league championship is not out of reach.

Cross Country Still Up and Running

By Jesse Weinstein
STAFF WRITER

Malibu High has high hopes for its cross country season this year. The team has been having a pretty good season so far, and is led by superstar **Caroline Pietrzyke**.

Pietrzyke has broken Malibu High records left and right, and has been leading Malibu High to victory in their matches so far this season. The team's new coach this year **Sean Waco**, who has been doing a great job in coaching and improving the team. The team has improved since last year with the addition of **Alec Wilimovsky**, who decided to drop out of waterpolo in order to join the cross-country team. The team this year has some new great freshmen as well including freshmen superstar **Troy Gewant**. The team's veterans are also continuing to improve.

"Although I have no broken any personal records, I have grown in strength and pacing ability," said team captain **Dyer Pettijohn**.

Pietrzyke hopes to go far in CIF this year and hopefully win it all. The team has had a magnificent season so far with the help of **Pietrzyke**, **Wilimovsky**, **Erik Rosenberg**, **Linus Gordon** and sophomore **Khoi Prakasim** they hope to make it far in CIF this year and win it all. **Pietrzyke** was the MVP of the league last year, as a sophomore, and hopes repeat that feat this year. **Pietrzyke** came

in 4th place in the Division 4 State Cross Country Championships. Last year she was named Malibu's Athlete of the Year, by Malibu Times.

"The fact that a team from a small school like Malibu that struggles to meet the minimum requirements of a full team has the potential to go to CIF is pretty impressive," said senior **Emma London**.

The coach has taken a very hands on approach to the team this year according to players on the team, and tends to run with the team when they are practicing.

"I like our new coach. It is interesting training with a new person because they bring a multitude of new workouts, and exercises that allow us to improve," said **Pettijohn**.

As **Wilimovsky** put it, "The biggest struggle is getting the varsity players to all run well in the same meet so we can place high. Some meets I won't run well and in others, others won't."

If the team can all work together they can rack up some serious wins.

Although the team competes individually, there is a clear team bond that exists. They all improve as a whole and with a great mix of new and experienced runners, the team should not only be able to have great success for the rest of this season but for years to come as well.

SHARKS FIND A NEW HOPE: *The Girls Volleyball team finally comes away with a huge win after suffering a few tough loses.*



Dodgers' Fans Involved in Violent Series of Murders

By Jens Coles
STAFF WRITER

The Los Angeles Dodgers' season has been filled with surprises including the addition of **Yasiel Puig** to the team, the amazing three month long winning streak, the appearance in the 2013 Major League Baseball Postseason and surprisingly the occurrence of two murders. Yes, murders. In the last two months, two murders involving a Dodgers fan have occurred.

The first murder transpired after the Dodgers played against the Giants in the Dodgers Stadium parking lot on Sept. 19, 2011 involving a young 25-year old man, **Marc Antenorcruz**. Let it be stated that these two teams have a history of violence and epitomize the meaning rivals. Yet, this history disregards violence to such a severe degree. **Antenorcruz** was heading to his car, when two men and two women had initiated a confrontation, over the rival teams. The victim, a fan of the Giants, was shot several times in the upper body after which two alleged murderers fled the scene immediately. One perpetrator, 33-year-old **Manuel Hernandez**, was arrested as a murder suspect. The other alleged murderer,

19-year-old **Pete Marron**, was able to escape to Northern California, and has been since sought out by the police force with a \$25,000 reward fee for the capture of this suspect.

The other instance of murder involved the killing of a Dodger's fan on March 31, 2011, 24-year-old **Jonathan Denver**. Attending the Dodger and Giants game in San Francisco, Denver and several friends had left the game around the eighth inning to attend a local bar. During the walk from the AT&T Park, home of the Giants, the group was confronted by group of Giants fans, including **Michael Montgomery**,

who was later arrested for suspicion of homicide. Investigators stated that the two groups exchanged offensive remarks, which transpired into a

fight. Later on in the night, the two groups confronted each other again and in this situation Denver was stabbed to death. **Montgomery** argues it was actions of self-defense but is still facing charges for murder and is scheduled to appear in court soon.

The Giants' Manager, **Bruce Bochy**, reacted to the situation by stating, "It just breaks your heart that a young man lost his life. I don't get it...I don't know what else can be done except send the message out to let the two teams compete, battle it out on the field, be fans."

Rivalries between professional sports teams have sparked violence among fans, yet the degree of severity in these circumstances is has been denounced and stated unacceptable, by fans across the board. Riots and fights have been

"No violence between teams should be tolerated, even if they're rivals. It goes against the philosophy and the sportsmanship of America's greatest past time."
- Senior **Declan Lynch**



A HARD LOSS: *The Denver family mourns the sudden and tragic loss of Jonathon Denver.*

regular results of confrontation between opposing fan groups, but murder has thankfully proven a very rare occurrence.

"No violence between teams should be tolerated, even if they're rivals. It goes against the philosophy and the sportsmanship of America's greatest past time. I think there should be more security and regulations, especially during playoffs because violence makes the team and our city look bad. Fans should be supporting the dodgers instead of bashing other teams. I think the only way is

increased security and regulations at games and increased police presence outside of the stadium before and after games," said Senior **Declan Lynch**.

As the Dodger team continues to play in the Postseason, it is easy to wonder if significant victories down the road will lead to further violence stemming from rowdy fans. Hopefully, murder is not the result of future games.

Sharks Search for 2013 League Victory



SHARK ATTACK: The Sharks get pumped up for their game with a wild entrance.

By David Ochmanek
STAFF WRITER

As the Malibu High School Sharks are seven games into the 2013-2014 league season, they look to get a win. So far the season has not been what the team had hoped, however their goal remains the same- win. "The season is not going well, but these first games were a learning experience and we have to get it together," said junior quarterback **Dylan Lubell**.

With a record of 0-7, it is clear that the Sharks need to change something in order to have

success.

Lack of school spirit is definitely an issue for the Sharks this season. Junior free safety **Winston Churchill** said that he wishes that the school would be more spirited and make more of an effort to support the team. "I wish everyone would come to the games, said junior linebacker **Billy Humphreys**.

When the whole school shows interest, it makes the games much more exciting to be at and play in.

The Sharks have recently made a number of changes including a new center, **Jason Nikora**. New defensive and offensive plays

have also been implemented with hopes of success.

Injuries have also played a huge role in the Sharks struggle this year. With junior runningback **Matt Vincent** out due to a knee injury, the team has had a hard time filling his spot as the "verbal and physical leader of the team," said Churchill.

Vincent's absence is deeply felt. After qualifying for CIF last year and one loss in their league run, it is fair to say that a lot of the team came from having to fill the many gaps left over from last year's team. Without the help one of the State leading receivers, **Brennan Cassone** and star quarterback **Chase Gardella** as well as the loss of a vast majority of their defense leaving, it is unfair to expect the team to perform anywhere near to the same level as they did last year. Especially when you consider one of their biggest assets, Vincent, is out for almost the entire season and with his back-up, **Justin Baldinger** also nursing an injury, the team has had an uphill battle from the very start.

However, Since the beginning of the season, the team seems to have improved their chemistry and togetherness immensely by continuing to work hard.

Girls Tennis Aim for CIF Finals

By Jesse Weinstien
STAFF WRITER

The girls tennis team shows good signs for the future due to many of the doubles

and singles teams starting off strong. Malibu's varsity girls tennis team is currently undefeated in league, finishing #1 in their league and seeded #3 as they enter CIF.

They have beaten some pretty tough teams in league, including Oaks, Flintridge, Simi Valley and La Reina, twice.

They've also experienced some losses outside of league, they have lost to West Ranch, Newbury Park, and a close game to Santa Monica, ending in 10-8. These experiences are what make them work and harder, and gave them the ability to dominate in the Tri-Valley league.

Seniors and double partners **Raven Odian** and **Rachel Purewal** are undefeated this season. One may ask how they keep their poise and good stature.

"Coach Todd! He is the best, I love him. I think he's incredibly supportive. He definitely makes

the team more of a family by hyping up the whole team," said Junior **Lisa Consiglio** and Senior Partner **Elena Clarefield**.

However, the still has some things to improve on.

"I think we all need to work on our serves, it's the little things that are hurting us, and if we can do that we should be fine," said Clarefield.

Soon, the team begins League Individuals where the top two singles players and top two doubles teams will compete in a tournament against rival schools.

After coming up just short of the CIF finals for the last two years, the team hopes to finally be able to get a shot at the CIF title. Considering that about half the team is graduating next year, it could be their last chance for quite a while.

The Girls Varsity Tennis team is putting in hard work in order to get to where they want to be. They have simple things they must work on, but there overall play is great, and they have the record to prove it.

Gewant on NBA Summer Season

By Jack Gewant
STAFF WRITER

The National Basketball Association 2013-2014 season is on the horizon and a casual fan of the NBA might be surprised to find that some teams that seemed mediocre have made some improvements over the summer.

Dwight Howard was one of the new additions to the Los Angeles Lakers last year, after a disappointing last year for the Lakers many people speculated that Dwight Howard probably would join another team in free agency. Dwight wanted to become the face of a franchise, which could not be provided by the Lakers, as Kobe Bryant has been the face for years. After a lot of drama and indecision Howard finally made a choice, the Houston Rockets. Howard is an excellent fit for the Rockets. The Rockets already have star shooting guard James Harden. They also have Chandler Parsons, a young small forward who is developing into a solid player in the NBA. The Rockets are young and have some great shooters to spread the floor for Howard. The Rockets also have a bench with a lot of depth in one case too much. Omer Asik, the Rockets center last year, proved to be an impressive big man who can rebound (averaging 11.7 rebounds a game last year). Asik is an excellent defensive player as well. The Rockets are going to have a problem finding a way to keep Asik happy, so the Rockets suggested that Asik may start at power forward, but this could risk clogging the paint and

causing spacing issues with two centers playing together.

Another big surprise in the NBA was a trade between the Nets and the Celtics. The Celtics traded forwards Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and D.J. White and guard Jason Terry to Brooklyn for forwards Gerald Wallace, Kris Humphries and Kris Joseph, guards MarShon Brooks and Keith Bogans and 2014, 2016 and 2018 first-round draft picks. This trade makes the Nets an extremely dangerous team with incredible depth.

In the off-season the Detroit Pistons made a few big moves of their own acquiring former Atlanta Hawks power forward/small forward Josh Smith and trading for Milwaukee Bucks point guard Brandon Jennings. On paper these additions look amazing, yet there are a few problems with both players. First, Josh Smith is athletic, a great defender, and a very good scorer inside, but the problem is that it looks like Smith will be playing small forward for Detroit. Josh Smith is not afraid to shoot the ball, but that is not a good thing. His shooting percentage is atrocious.

Next there is Brandon Jennings, who had an unbelievable rookie season with the Bucks, which led to him becoming a very over-rated player. Jennings has shown no improvement as his career progressed. His main problem is his shooting percentage, which is below average and his low assist totals. These may not be inherently bad moves but don't expect a championship.

There are a couple of teams who could make the jump to the playoffs because of a good off-season after not making last year. One team that did a lot in the off-season to improve are the Portland Trailblazers. Last year Portland drafted rookie of year point guard Damian Lillard who gave Portland an instant spark of offense. Portland also has one of the best power forwards in the league LaMarcus Aldridge, but what Portland didn't have was a good bench to help out when player needed a rest. In fact they had one of the worst in NBA history. This off-season Portland went out and signed former Utah Jazz point guard Mo Williams and former Philadelphia 76ers small forward Dorell Wright. Portland then traded for New Orleans Pelicans center Robin Lopez and Houston Rockets power forward Thomas Robinson who last year was the 5th overall pick in the draft. The Trailblazers added a ton of depth to their lineup, which will help get them to reach the playoffs this year.

Another team I think will make the playoffs that didn't last year is the Toronto Raptors. Last year the Raptors made the most exciting trade of the regular season when they received talented small forward Rudy Gay from the Memphis Grizzlies. Toronto last year was lacking experience and team chemistry, which will be fixed by this upcoming season. Toronto is a young team with shooting guard Terrance Ross the 7th draft pick from last years draft and 21-year-old center Jonas

Valanciunas, these two player have developed a lot over the off-season Terrence Ross last year delivered lots of highlight dunks but his shooting was inconsistent and his defensive knowledge was lacking at times.

This NBA season will be entertaining to watch because it will be interesting to see if all these off-season moves will

payoff, will the Rockets be a championship contender this year? Are the Brooklyn Nets too old? Will Josh Smith help the Pistons? Those question will be answered soon enough as the NBA season starts October 29th.



BENEDICT HOWARD: Center Dwight Howard has now twice turned his back on two separate franchises and his attitude this year will make or break the Houston Rockets.