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Craig Foster's Uphill Battle for the SMMUSD School Board

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Malibu father and long time education activist Craig Foster is running for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District board this year despite daunting odds.

Foster has been working to improve Malibu's quality of education for seven years. Beginning as a room-parent when his daughter attended Webster Elementary, the then retired Craig Foster found his passion.

In 2009, Foster began a masters program in education at the University of Phoenix. After receiving his teaching credentials, Foster became the Webster PTA President, was appointed to the district's financial oversight committee, and became the president of Advocates for Malibu Public Schools (AMPS) in 2010.

"My goal is to get kids a spectacular education and make sure we do whatever we need to give every child the opportunity to find that special something inside themselves and learn the skills they need to compete in a world that's changing every day," Foster said. "Running for the school board was the logical next step for me."

For Craig, landing a spot on the school board will not be a simple task. Malibu residents make up only 16% of the district's voting pool. Santa Monica residents make up 84%. Malibu has not had a representative on the SMMUSD board since 2008.

"Even if I get every vote in Malibu, I still need more than that many votes in Santa Monica also to win. It's that ugly."

Malibu and Santa Monica are

two independent and geographically unconnected cities, each with its own city council. They are only united by the school district. The students' issue is this: the people making crucial decisions for Malibu's public schools are not Malibu residents, nor do they have children who attend Malibu public schools.

Foster ran for the board in 2012 along with AMPS's vice president, Karen Farrer, and Seth Jacobson, an AMPS board member. None of the three were elected to the board, primarily due to the difference in population size between Malibu and Santa Monica. According to the United States Census Bureau, the population of Malibu in 2013 was 12,861 and the population of Santa Monica was 92,472. The numbers alone show the difficulties any Malibu school board candidate would face. Is it right that Malibu's public schools have such a lack of representation? Worse yet, is it right that Malibu candidates must face an uphill battle to represent Malibu's five public schools?

To his advantage, Foster has been very active in the district ever since his room-parent days, so this time around he is more recognized in the Santa Monica community, and most importantly, recognized in education circles. The Committee for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS), a group based in Santa Monica, is endorsing Foster in his campaign. Foster is also endorsed by current board member Nimish Patel, who will not be running for re-election, and education advocate and Santa Monica city councilperson Gleam Davis.

Foster says he is running an old fashioned, personal campaign. He

calls his voters individually, goes door-to-door introducing himself, and sends mail messages. Foster has made a huge effort to spread the word of his campaign and his intentions to better the education of every child in this district.

"I want to do the same thing for the district that I want to do for Malibu. Let's put in place incredible 21st century education. Let's take the Vision for Student Success program and make it a big visionary program about technology and computer science. Let's move out of the 18th century."

A major issue Malibu faces is the question of district separation. The district's Financial Oversight Committee say they are reviewing the circumstances and will give the board an outline of all the facts, pros, and cons to the split.

"The reality is that both districts would be better off financially if separated. We have two different cities that could not be legally combined today. The asymmetry in voting and the geographical discontinuousness are killing our ability to have our schools represent our community," Foster said.

Although he is involved in the issue, Foster stresses that separating the schools is not the focus or motive for his campaign. "This is about helping influence the community I live in to get them the best education, and right now that community is Santa Monica-Malibu," he said.

With Election Day quickly approaching on Nov. 6, Foster is reaching to his community members for support in his pursuit to gain representation for Malibu's public schools and improve the district's quality of education as a whole.

MHS Vending Machine Water Back at \$1.00

Jack Gewant
SPORTS EDITOR

In January 2014, the price of water in the school vending machines was raised from \$1.25 to \$1.50, which is more than 2.5 times more expensive than the same water sold at Vintage Grocers.

If students do not bring water from home they are limited to two options overpaying for water in the vending machines or testing their luck with the unreliable water fountains on campus. Freshman **Lucas Halperin** said, "It's ridiculous. I stopped buying water from the school because it's a total rip-off, now I bring a canteen of water from home instead."

Malibu High School senior **Owen Franz** said, "I don't understand why the school keeps raising the price of water, yet they keep the unhealthy sugary juices at a lower price." Some of the juices in the vending machines contain 51 grams of sugar per can, which is more than most commercial sodas. Senior **William Tosdevin** said, "A lot of times I find myself buying juice from the

vending machines because I'm a quarter short or sometimes I'm just un-willing to pay such a hefty price for water."

Malibu High is not to blame for the vending machines prices. SM-MUSD and the vending machine company regulate the price of water. Karl Caraveo, the client relations representative for First Class Vending, said, "The Arrowhead water should be \$1.00, the \$1.50 price is for premium and bigger waters such as Dasani." Caraveo also said, "There must be a pricing error in the vending machines causing Arrowhead water to be priced as premium water."

Wednesday, October 15, the Food Services director for SM-MUSD Orlando Griego, was contacted about the vending machine's error. Griego said, "Tomorrow (October 16) the vending machines will be selling water for \$1.00 and premium water for \$1.50."

The price of water in the vending machines officially changed on Monday, October 20, ending the era of overpriced water at Malibu High School.



APUSH Curriculum Protested in Colorado

James Handal
STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 19, the students and teachers of Jefferson High School in Jefferson, Colorado, began protesting the curriculum of the AP United States History course. According to the Guardian, 73% of teachers and 81% of students have called in sick due to this protest.

The Jefferson County Public Schools, JCPS, are calling for a change in curriculum due to what they say is an "excessively negative" view of United States history. Julie Williams, a board member for the JCPS and an advocate for the new curriculum, says she wants to remove instances of social and civil disorder in the United States.

Williams is allegedly trying to change the education of the civil rights movements for women and African-Americans. Additionally, Williams claims that slavery ended voluntarily without the Civil

War.

Three conservative board members of the JCPS board want to promote the "feel good" aspects of AP US History. Students and the College Board argue that negative historical events in past history such as the Civil Rights movement shape the future of our history and must be included. During school demonstrations, some students have made signs with slogans such as, "Don't make history a mystery" and "Keep your politics out of my education".

On Oct. 4, College Board sent a letter to Jefferson County Public Schools threatening to drop its entire AP US History curriculum. In the letter, College Board said, "If an institution censors essential topics from an Advanced Placement course that course can no longer be named AP."

College Board also threatened to drop the Jefferson County School District from AP designation for all classes.

Domestic Violence Continues in the NFL

Cameron Smoller

STAFF WRITER

Several cases of domestic violence involving NFL players have come to the forefront of sports media this season. Players like Donte Whitner of the Cleveland Browns, Kevin Williams and Tony McDaniel of the Seattle Seahawks, Erik Walden of the Indianapolis Colts, Brandon Marshall and Antonio Holmes of the Chicago Bears, Dez Bryant of the Dallas Cowboys, Randy Starks of the Miami Dolphins and Frostee Rucker of the Arizona Cardinals have all been arrested for domestic violence or related charges since 2005. Most recently, Ray Rice of the Baltimore Ravens, Ray McDonald of the San Francisco 49ers, Greg Hardy of the Carolina Panthers, and Arizona Cardinals running back Jonathan Dwyer have been accused of domestic violence in the last couple of months.

“They don’t have a diplomatic immunity from the law and any crime they commit just because they play football,” said Junior Varsity football player Cooper Richman. “They should be getting charged.”

The NFL’s biggest off-the-field problem involving players is domestic violence, with 87 arrests involving 80 players over the last 14 years, its starting to become a serious issue, reported NBC.

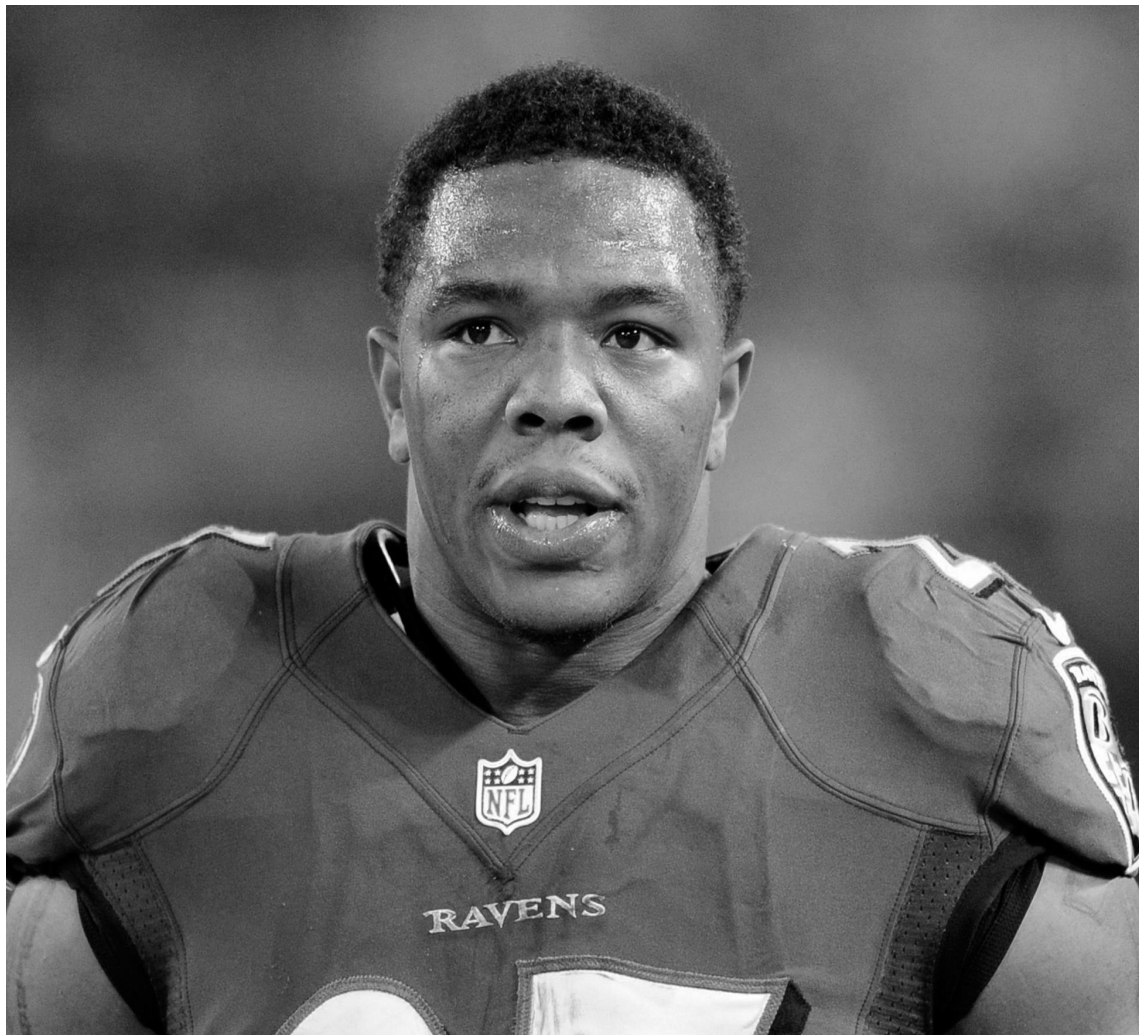
Both Ray Rice and Jonathan Dwyer have been accused of assaulting their wives. Rice pleaded not guilty in response to assaulting his wife in February, and was granted a 12-month pretrial intervention in May as part of a deal with prosecutors in Atlantic County, New Jersey. He was later released by the Baltimore Ravens and suspended from the NFL indefinitely.

Rice made public apology saying, “I failed miserably, but I wouldn’t call myself a failure be-

cause I’m working my way back up... one thing I do know is that I’m working every day to be a better father, a better husband and a better role model,” reported ESPN.

Jonathan Dwyer was accused of head butting his wife and breaking her nose in July. He was arrested on Sept. 17 and released on \$25,000 bail. During his trial he pleaded not guilty to the charges of domestic violence. The Cardinals placed Dwyer on the reserve and non-football illness list, which means he cannot play again this season. Dwyer’s next court date is Nov. 20.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell recently announced the new NFL Domestic violence policy: a six-game suspension without pay for the first offense and a lifetime ban for a second offense. This also applies to all NFL personnel, such as executives and owners, not just players.



Hazelnut Shortage Expected to Raise Nutella Prices

Erik Vargas

STAFF WRITER

There will be a shortage of hazelnuts this year due to recent poor weather in Turkey, the chief exporter of hazelnuts. This shortage will cause a rise in price of Nutella and other hazelnut based products.

In a normal year, production of hazelnuts amounts to about 590,000 tons, but with the recent bad weather and crop failures, this year’s production is set to fall to only 370,000 tons, reported Business Insider.

With the loss of approximately 220,000 tons of hazelnuts, wholesale prices have already increased some 80 percent. Nejat Yurnur, the head of a hazelnut factory in Ordu, Turkey, told Business In-

sider, “Last year, the price of a kilo of hazelnuts was around six Turkish lira [\$2.75 USD]. Now it has reached 11 lira [\$5.0 USD].” When Turkey faced similar weather conditions in 2003 and 2004, the price of hazelnuts similarly increased.

Ugur Corut, the head of the Chamber of Agriculture in Turkey told reporters that while international buyers will likely suffer, Turkish markets would remain well supplied.

Dominic Rouse, a sophomore at MHS, said he does not think the price raise of hazelnuts will affect the price of Halloween candy. “Most of the Halloween candy is already out in stores, so I think it won’t have much of an effect” he said. “I think Christmas chocolates will be affected though.”

The crop failure in Turkey may benefit the sales of Oregon growers, who produce 99 percent of the United States’ hazelnut crop. Jeff Fox, the chief executive of Hazelnut Growers of Oregon told the Oregonian, “I think we’ll start getting calls from manufacturers here domestically that we otherwise wouldn’t get.”

But Oregon is only responsible for about seven percent of the world’s supply, and according to The Oregonian, growers fear that the industries that use hazelnuts will start looking for a cheaper and more reliable alternative to hazelnuts, which could negatively impact the hazelnut industry and the Nutella we all know and love.



Apple’s iPhone 6 Has Arrived

Kai Brady

STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 19, Apple Inc. released the iPhone 6, the latest generation of their popular smartphone. The features of the iPhone 6 include a larger 4.7 inch screen, a thinner 6.9 millimeter frame, and a faster 1.4 gigahertz A8 processor. It contains Apple’s new M8 Motion Coprocessor, a unique device that manages power efficiency, has an improved camera, and prolonged battery life.

Released alongside the iPhone 6 was the iPhone 6 Plus, which has an even larger screen at 5.5 inches with 1080p resolution, as well as a better camera and battery life than the standard model.

Both models are equipped with the updated operating system (iOS 8) and the new digital wallet and credit card system Apple Pay, which operates using Near Field Communication (NFC), a form of close range WIFI connection.

Apple fans waited for days outside Apple stores to purchase their new devices, and more than 10 million units were sold in first weekend alone. Reviewers were quick to critique and praise the phone. It is “one of the best phones you can buy right now,” reported Engadget, a technology news website.

Several Malibu High School students purchased the iPhone 6, such as sophomore **Jaime Le**. “I got it yesterday. I like it, I haven’t

found anything wrong with it,” he said. Le said he is comfortable with the 4.7-inch screen of the iPhone 6. “It’s a good screen size, but if it was any bigger it would be bad.”

Some negative concerns have been reported with the iPhone 6 Plus after the forum website MacRumors received claims that some users’ phones were bending after prolonged periods of time in their pockets. Several videos were published on YouTube showing the ease of which the phone can bend using one’s bare hands. Apple has refuted claims that bending can occur simply by keeping it in a pocket.

Malibu High senior **Nicolas Paige** said, “Battery life is one issue I’m bummed about. I hear the battery life isn’t too good.”

However, Paige said that he enjoyed the new iPhone. He said he likes, “The slo-mo videos, the fingerprint scanner, and all the little tiny things. You can leave a group chat, which is awesome.”

Le and Paige both said that they would recommend the iPhone 6 to others, and that they have not experienced any bending issues so far.

Both models of the iPhone 6 are very popular products with sales nearing 20 million devices, reported Forbes Magazine.

Paige said, “It’s a great phone. I love it, it knows my fingers, and it’s a great change from what I had before.”



Blood Drive

October 29th



8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m @ the old gym

MHS Blood Drive and You

Cubbie Kile
PHOTO EDITOR

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, Malibu High School students and community members have the opportunity to help save lives by donating blood. Malibu High's Associated Student Body will be hosting the blood drive with the UCLA Blood and Platelet Center.

"High school and college students are the largest group of donors," said junior **Kelsey Holmes**, the ASB treasurer. "They make up almost half of the people who donate."

The blood drive gives students a chance to make a difference in the lives of others. One pint of blood can help as many as three people. Students who donate blood at the drive will also receive free movie tickets and two hours of community service.

Senior **Ellery Smoller** said, "The blood drive takes only fifteen minutes, it is a little prick and you really help someone."

In the United States, someone needs a blood transfusion every two seconds and more than 41,000 daily donations are necessary to satisfy the demand for blood, reported the American Red Cross.

"There is always a shortage of blood and it is always needed for trauma, internal bleeding surgery, and blood replacement for people, including kids with cancer," said Emergency Room Physician and Medical Director of the Culver City Fire Department, Dr. David Eisner.

According to the UCLA Blood and Platelet Center, the city of Los Angeles has the lowest donation rate in the nation and is reliant upon imported blood to save lives. Blood donated by Malibu High School students will go directly to the

UCLA facility and will help individuals in our surrounding communities.

Due to the event's close proximity to Halloween, the fall blood drive will be vampire themed. In order for students to participate, they must be older than seventeen years old or sixteen years old with parental consent. The event will take place between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Old Gym. Students that want to participate can sign up in the main office or talk to an ASB representative.

"High school and college students are the largest group of donors"
-Kelsey Holmes

Spirit Week

Monday
11/3
50's Day



Tuesday
11/4
60's Day



Wednesday
11/5
80's Day



Thursday
11/6
90's Day



Friday
11/7
Homecoming

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SENIORS - BLACK
JUNIORS - WHITE
SOPHOMORES - GREY
FRESHMAN - TEAL



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MHS Emergency Backpacks: An Emergency In Itself

Nicolas Paige
STAFF WRITER

Malibu High School's emergency preparation backpacks lack essential items for emergency situations.

Malibu, 27 miles of scenic beauty, that is when earthquake, fire, or emergency evacuations are not taking place. In 2007, nearly 6,000 acres of Malibu were burnt and more than 14,000 people were evacuated in three separate fires. Malibu High School is also located on the southern most tip of the San Andreas Fault, meaning the school is also at risk for seismic activity. So, how safe are we?

Let us get a better idea of

what is currently inside Malibu High School's "Emergency Essentials" backpacks. After some investigating I discovered that we are better prepared for another bomb scare than we are for an actual emergency. A typical backpack contains one gallon jug of water, one extra large Ziploc bag of Nature Valley bars that expired in July of 2013, a small Ziploc bag of plastic cups and napkins, five miniature sunblock containers, and a miniature first aid kit.

A closer look into the miniature first aid kit reveals six alcohol prep pads, a small bandage role, minimal amount of tape, five miniature band-aids, five regular sized band-aids,

and one gauze pad. If I suffer a serious shrapnel wound, I'll be glad to have a band-aid to patch that up. Although there is some medical tape, it is only enough to wrap around your head.

Thank goodness I will have my delicious, stale, and expired Nature Valley bar if my legs are stuck beneath 10 tons of concrete. I'll be able to sleep at night knowing I can use ounces of sunblock to protect myself from cancer if a raging fire blazes before my eyes. It is a blessing that I'll be given napkins, because who in their right mind would want Nature Valley crumbs on their shirt while half of their friends are still "missing".

But wait, there is more. In a school survey of 25 teachers, we found that each teach an average of five classes, with an average of 30 students per class. Taking these numbers into account, many classrooms lack appropriate emergency equipment.

One classroom's entire backpack was supposedly eaten by squirrels and since has been replaced by a new backpack. What was inside the new bag? My favorite expired Nature Valley bars. One classroom's backpack did not have a first aid kit at all, while another did not have any snacks or water. Two of the backpacks' Nature Valleys bars were eaten by rats. One of the backpacks was packed with card games and a bop-it. One backpack's water jug had even



EMERGENCY BACKPACK: Every classroom contains this backpack somewhere in the room. If ever in an emergency, search for this red bag. Photo by Cubbie Kile

been opened.

It has also become evident that some supplies in the emergency backpack are not applicable to all students.

Is it not an issue that we allow students and teachers to drink our emergency water supply and eat our stale snacks? I believe it is our schools responsibility to make sure that the emergency bags have full water containers and food that is not stale, and expired.

Junior, **Cubbie Kile** said, "I'm allergic to eggs and nuts, and the Nature Valley bars contain those ingredients because of cross contamination."

Not taking these possible issues into account, the backpacks do not contain various options of food choices. This could be extremely serious for students with various allergies or specific eating habits.

One classroom did not even have an emergency backpack. Emergency backpacks are packed for fire drills, not emergencies. I expect each teacher to be issued heavy-duty first aid bags that are stocked with adequate supplies in case of an emergency. I expect teachers to be a representation of safety, not administrative irresponsibility.



INSIDE THE PACK: Inside the backpack there are snacks, band-aids, and one gallon of water. Photo by Cubbie Kile

Teacher Of The Month: Mr. Mulligan

Ashley Wallach
STAFF WRITER

Michael Mulligan is the boys' water polo coach and physical education teacher. Mulligan became a faculty member at Malibu High School in 1991, meaning that he has taught at MHS longer than any other faculty member.

Did you work anywhere before working at Malibu High School?

My first teaching job was at Agoura High School. I taught swimming and water polo from '87 until '91.

What is it like to have

worked at Malibu High School longer than any other teacher?

It's cool, but it means that I'm old. I really love working here, and I have met great people.

Has the school changed since you have started working here?

Oh gosh, yes. The first year I was here, there were 13 teachers and it was just a middle school. The second year, they added the first freshman class. I've watched the high school grow and facilities improve. The new buildings were built not too long after and the faculty grew to over 50 teachers. And the student population has grown from 500 to at least 1,300.

What are some of your hobbies?

My hobbies are mountain biking and surfing. Oh, also hiking with my two daughters, going to the beach with them, I guess I'm no longer the lone ranger!

Do you have any special memories from working at Malibu High School?

I've had some great times. The first year I was here, **Ms. Schellkopf** and I were teaching biology. I loved listening to **Mr. Doug Tucker** and **Mr. Bennett**, I've just made so many friendships through the years. **Mr. Perry** and I used to go on boat trips and **Mr. Lawson** and I golf. I used to water ski with **Mr. Matthews** [former MHS principal]. And I've had fun times with the staff, but I really enjoy watching students grow into great adults. It's weird because some of the kids that I've taught had kids and now I teach them!

Student interaction, listening to their stories, and having them try to get out there running or swimming. Kids have great stories and I really think of it as that they're people too just trying to enjoy life. It's so rewarding when kids come back five to ten years later and I get to hear about what they are doing in their life.



MR. MULLIGAN: You will most likely find Mr. Mulligan coaching the water polo or swim team at the MHS pool. Photo by Connemara Hutcherson

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Did Fall Films Flourish or Flop?

Natasha Rothenbucher
STAFF WRITER

Director Wes Ball's adaptation of James Dashner's novel, *The Maze Runner*, opened Sept. 19 and continues to be one of the most popular movie choices among Malibu High School students. *The Maze Runner* is the first installment of a science fiction and action trilogy starring Dylan O'Brien (Thomas), Kaya Scodelario (Teresa), Ki Hong Lee (Minho), and Will Poulter (Gally).

The film's protagonist, Thomas, wakes up inside of a maze with a large group of boys without any memory of his life except his name. Things become even more bizarre when the first girl in the history of the maze, Teresa, appears. Thomas, the boys, and Teresa try to uncover the mystery as to why they were put in the maze and how to get

out.

The Maze Runner received a 63% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes and 7.5 stars on IMDb.

Junior **Hannah Gruendemann** said "The film was okay but there was nothing different from it and any other young adult movie ever made. However, all the actors were pretty solid."

All in all, *The Maze Runner* was a successful film with an incredible cast, with a slightly cliché storyline.

Director, David Fincher's adaptation of Gillian Flynn's novel *Gone Girl*, hit theatres Oct. 3.

Gone Girl is a mystery movie starring Ben Affleck (Nick Dunne), Rosamund Pike (Amy Dunne), Neil Patrick Harris (Desi Collings), Tyler Perry (Tanner Bolt), and Carrie Coon (Margo Dunne).

In the film, Nick's wife, Amy, goes missing. Nick's suspicious behavior following Amy's disappearance, causes people to ques-

tion Nick's role in Amy's disappearance and possible death.

Gone Girl has done well in theatres and has earned a 87% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes and 8.6 stars on IMDb.

Gone Girl has been praised for its incredible directing and intriguing storyline. Movie critic Graham Young, from Birmingham Post, says *Gone Girl* is "an admirably tense mystery from master director David Fincher."

Senior **Maisy Tarlow** said "The film did a really great job of capturing all the main events in the book." However, Tarlow said that the film's adaptation lost a lot of "insight to the character's thoughts."

Senior **Marsalis Adriano** said,

"Fincher did really well from a directing standpoint."

However, Adriano had issues with the writing and the characters and said "The characters were put into specific stereotypes,

flat stereotypes. I don't think the characters had much depth."

Director Michael Hoffman's adaptation of Nicholas Sparks' novel, *The Best of Me*, was released in theatres Oct. 17. *The Best of Me* is a romantic drama starring Michelle Monaghan (older Amanda), Liana Liberato (younger Amanda), James Marsden (older Dawson), and Luke Bracey (younger Dawson).

In the film, two high school sweethearts, Amanda and Dawson, are reunited after 20 years

when they return to their hometown for their mutual friend's funeral. Seeing each other once again reignites their old romance. However, past struggles and the people they faced in their past resurface, threatening Amanda and Dawson's relationship.

The Best of Me did poorly in theatres, receiving an eight percent approval on Rotten Tomatoes and 5.9 stars on IMDb.

Movie critic for the Chicago Sun-Times, Bill Zwecker, said, "We've seen this story told in similar fashion so many times in the past. I only wish we could have had it delivered in a fresher, less cliché-willed package."

Junior, Nancy Walecki, did not enjoy the movie and said, "*The Best of Me* honestly wasn't the best of anything."

The movie was not one of the best film adaptations of Nicholas Sparks' novels. It was not received well, as it was cliché and predictable.



GONE GIRL: Following his wife's disappearance and an intense media circus, Nick Dunne (Ben Affleck) sees the spotlight turned on him when it's suspected that he may not be innocent.



MAZE RUNNER: Trapped in a maze with his memory erased Thomas (Dylan O'Brien) is required to join forces with fellow "runners" for a shot at escape.

Upcoming Los Angeles Concerts: November

Jena Weinberger
A&E EDITOR

Through the month of November many popular artists are coming through Los Angeles and before the tickets get completely sold out, it is necessary to be aware of the bands and musicians that will be performing.

The Black Keys
The Wiltern 3790 Wilshire Blvd
Wed Nov. 6

After the commercial sound of their second album *El Camino*, The Black Keys have returned to a more soulful sound on their new album *Turn Blue*. The Ohio natives createsoulful psych and blues together.

Camp Flog Gnaw Carnival
Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
3939 S Figueroa St
Friday Nov. 7

Urban music mini-fest Camp Flog Gnaw returns for its 3rd year to the Coliseum for a day of live music, carnival rides, games, and foodtrucks. This year's lineup of headliners includes Tyler The Creator, Pharrell Williams, Mac Miller and more.

Sky Ferreira
Belasco Theater 1050 S Hill St
Thursday Nov. 20

Ferreira has a wonderful voice with standout tracks like last years hit "Everything Is Embarrassing," as well as an impressive live show where her voice and charisma are sure to convert curious concert attendees into true fans.

The Head and the Heart
The Theater at Ace Hotel 929 S Broadway
Sat Nov. 22

Seattle born Indie folk-rockers the Head and the Heart self-titled debut album sold 10,000 copies before it even had a label. The Head and the Heart will be playing from their album *Let's Be Still* at the Ace Hotel Nov. 22.

Justin Timberlake
The Forum 3900 W Manchester Blvd.
Mon Nov. 24

Bringing sexy back time and time again, Timberlake is embarking on his fifth concert tour in support of his third and fourth albums entitled "The 20/20 Experience". Dont miss JT pleasing crowds on the 24th.



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MHS Theater Department Takes on Murder Mystery

Nikita Weber
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

The Malibu High School theater department is back in full swing with their newest play. Arts Angels and Malibu High School are presenting the murder mystery show, "Darling, You Slay Me".

Unlike past MHS plays, this production is a complete theater fundraiser including an interactive murder mystery and dinner. The play takes

place in New York City during the roaring '20's. Set place at Lardi's Restaurant, there is a dinner opening night party for the new Broadway Musical, "He Rang The Bell".

Junior, **Sakura Smith**, said, "This show is very different from other shows. It is much more interactive, and plus the audience gets food!"

At the opening night party, the audience will feel as if they are a part of the play's festivities. While they enjoy their fine dining experience, the actors will be performing right in front of them.

The audience will be extremely important in helping to solve the mystery of the murderer. The audience will be treated like detectives and it will be a thrilling interactive experience.

"The audience will also have the opportunity to guess who the murderer is and then person who guesses right will win a prize!" said senior **Alyssa Goldberg**.

The tickets are pre-sale only and cost \$100 for general admission and \$50 for MHS students and senior citizens. The tickets include the show itself, dinner,

dessert, and a cocktail for anyone over 21. The show will be playing November 14th and 15th at 6:30 PM. This is also the first time that the performance will be held outside of MHS and will be at the Point Dume Club House, which is located at 29500 Heathercliff Rd.

With fine food, a great performance, and a possible prize, "Darling, You Slay Me" will be a very interesting and fun new twist to a typical play. Purchase your tickets online and join in on the murder mystery fun.

"This show is very different from other shows. It is much more interactive, and plus the audience gets food!"

- Sakura Smith

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LANA DEL REY: The seductive songstress performed at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery on October 16th and 17th wowing fans with her hour long show. Del Rey's music is often noted for its cinematic sound and its references to various aspects of pop culture, particularly that of the 1950s and 1960s Americana.

Lana Del Rey Captivates Fans at Latest Concert

Mackenna Strange
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

On October 16 and 17 at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery in Los Angeles, singer/songwriter Lana Del Rey performed two shows promoting her newest album, *Ultraviolence*. On a temporary stage set up on the lawn where Hollywood Forever screens outdoor movies every summer, Del Rey and her band played their popular songs from both *Ultraviolence* and her breakout album, *Born to Die*.

The eclectic audience consisted of teenage girls in flower headbands, men dressed like mermaids, and middle aged men with full beards in leather motorcycle jackets; all of whom knew every word to Del Rey's songs.

"I thought that the venue was fitting for Del Rey to perform at because she talks about death a lot and her subject choices are often grim, so a funereal atmosphere was fitting," said senior **Maisy Tarlow**, who attended Saturday's show.

Del Rey, originally from Lake Placid, New York, rose to fame in 2011 after the release of her single "Video Games". Del Rey initially received harsh criticism

on her live performances following a rough guest appearance singing on Saturday Night Live. After attending two of her live shows, it is clear that the SNL stint was a one-time thing.

She flawlessly belted out her haunting vocals, commenting every now and then to the audience about how good certain songs felt to sing. She even asked the audience for a song suggestion, and after a minute of fans screaming for different songs, she decided on "Shades of Cool".

Del Rey has always shown appreciation for her fans. During every show she gets off of the stage multiple times to take selfies with the audience members in the front and to accept their flowers and posters. At Saturday's show, a fan handed her a rosary which she wore for the duration of her performance.

"I thought she was a really great performer, she really connected with her audience. It's so amazing how she goes down to the people in the front row, it gives them a chance to get to know her and see her personality come out," said Tarlow.

Thom Yorke Releases Free Album on Bittorrent

Alec Rascoe
STAFF WRITER

Thom Yorke, lead singer of Radiohead released his latest album "Tomorrow's Modern Boxes" on Sept. 26 via the website Bitorrent.

Bitorrent is a website that provides users with free media files. It takes away money from the music industry's album sales

as people will download albums for free instead of paying for them. Yorke's "experiment" was to release his album as a digital exclusive on a torrenting website for the price of six dollars. By forcing customers to actually pay for the album, sales will return to Yorke.

This is Yorke's second attempt at returning money to the music industry, his first being Radiohead's release of "In Rainbows"

where a pay-what-you-want strategy was implemented. Music journalism website Pitchfork considered this "a solution for Radiohead, not the industry". While the online sale of Tomorrow's Modern Boxes may work again for Thom Yorke, it is unclear whether this will work for the rest of the music industry.

Running for a Reason

MacKenna Strange
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

On Nov. 2, senior **Cacey Madden** will run the New York Marathon for two leading lung cancer foundations. The avid runner completed the Los Angeles Marathon on March 9, 2014. She said she knew that the L.A. Marathon was just the beginning of her career as a runner.

"After doing the L.A. Marathon, I realized that running marathons is something that I love to do, especially with the thrill of running through a big city. I'm the baby of the family, so my siblings were all shocked when I did it, and suddenly everyone wanted to try and run a marathon!" Madden said.

While figuring out a way to get placed in the raffle to run the New York Marathon, tragedy struck in Madden's family. Her sister Kerri Madden, 23, called to inform her that her boyfriend's father, Eduardo Fonseca, who is very close to the Madden family, was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer. Thoughts on running the New York Marathon were pushed aside as the Fonseca and Madden families looked for ways to help Eduardo.

"Once you hit Stage IV, there's no cure. All you can do is try to contain it and control it," Madden said. "Kerri was really trying to keep everyone calm during that time. Then she came to me with an idea. She told me that she

wanted to run the marathon with me, and that she wanted to do it for Eduardo. A few days later we registered and committed to raising \$6,000 for two lung cancer charities, the *Thomas G. Labrecque Foundation* and the *LUNGevity Foundation*."

The Madden sisters set up a *GoFundMe* and organized a *Soul Cycle* charity ride. They also used

social media to ask for donations and helped spread awareness for charities that could have a great impact on lung cancer research.

For more information on helping the Madden sisters reach their fundraising goal and the finish line, go to gofundme.com/eduardofonseca.



SPRINTING AND SMILING: Madden runs for a charitable cause: fundraising.

Restaurant Review: Mangia



VIVA ITALIA: Mangia is Trancas' new Italian restaurant. (Image from LA.Eatery.com)

Nicolas Paige
STAFF WRITER

Trancas' new Italian restaurant, *Mangia*, is off to a rocky start. There have been mixed reviews on the new eatery since it opened, but *Mangia* has let me down.

When first stepping into the new restaurant, I felt a sense of friendliness and optimism. With vibrant colors and large windows that open up to the kitchen, I felt a surge of excitement. The menu was easy to read and had more options than I have ever seen at a single restaurant. It includes Italian and New York style pizza, appetizers, pasta, meats, rice dishes, several types of fish, soups, salads, desserts, gelato, and espresso. As I sifted through the options I felt like I was reading a short story in English, not a menu.

At this point I was ecstatic, the waiters filled our water glasses,

and I was ready to order. Then, things took a turn for the worst. It was difficult to get a waiter; we asked three times, but a waiter did not appear until my stepfather got up to search for one.

Perhaps they were understaffed. No problem, it is their first month and I thought I would give them a break. But it only got worse. The service was not satisfactory.

Eventually we ordered. The food took a long time to get to us, and when it did, it was a joke. Three of the dishes were missing along with two of the items listed on the menu under their course description. Two of the food orders, including mine, was lost in the journey from our table to the kitchen, a distance of maybe two meters.

Both the kitchen and staff were disorganized. The food was mediocre. The chicken and potatoes tasted good, but the pasta was a little hard. All in all, the dinner was a disaster.

By the end of the night, they

took fifty dollars off of our check, gave us the drinks for free, and let us have a free slice of cake.

The restaurant is owned by Antonia Alessi, the owner of *Tra Di Noi*. I thought that he could surely run a second restaurant and must have gone on a bad night. But then I asked around and did some research.

Sophomore **Zoe Detweiler** said she went to *Mangia* on their opening night, "It was very complicated, disorganized, there were a lot of people running around"

Senior **MacKenna Strange** said "I was expecting the same quality of food as *Tra Di Noi*. It wasn't as good as *Tra Di Noi* but I think it will get better as the restaurant gets more experienced. The service was terrible."

When a good friend of mine asked how *Mangia* was, I told him I had a terrible experience. His response, "I have been hearing that a lot."

On *Yelp!*, one customer wrote, "What a disaster! I have been looking forward to them opening. I have been going to *Tra Di Noi* for years and it is hard to believe it is the same owner. Totally disorganized and the food was mediocre at best."

I realize that it is a new restaurant and that it is still adjusting to the ebb and flow of diners, but the owner is an experienced professional and I expected more.

Was it the disorganized staff? The kitchen? Perhaps the amount of options or lack of communication? Either way, I think the restaurant should do whatever is needed in order to become a competitive and profitable enterprise in the Malibu community.

Humans of Malibu High School: Halloween Edition

Sakura Smith
STAFF WRITER

Emma Altobello
Grade 11

"I was walking with my friend and someone in the bunny suit from *Donnie Darko* chased us down the street. I was wearing platform shoes and I almost broke my ankle."



Timmy Thames and Sofia Castellani
Grade 10

Sofia: "We've known each other since preschool so we've dressed up together for just as long as we can remember. We did Kim and Kanye, Chicken Little and Abby, and this year we were going to do *Beetlejuice* and *Lydia Deetz* but I have to find a new *Beetlejuice* because Timmy is being a penguin."



Ciara Krause
Grade 9

"One Halloween I was chased by these boys in a big van. They were in speedos, cowboy hats, and booty shorts and they got out of the car and started dancing with me and throwing candy. It was kind of freaky with them wearing booty shorts and all."



Artist of the Month: Raine Murray

Maisy Tarlow
MANAGING EDITOR

Senior at Malibu High School, **Raine Murray**, has taken this month's spot as Artist of the Month for her talent in and dedication to drawing.

"Every day Raine spends her free period in the art room working on her projects. Her horses are really pretty. They are very anatomically correct," senior **Michael Rivetti** said.

Raine, when did you first find that you had an interest in art?

It started in elementary school. I didn't like school all that much and I couldn't focus on class, so I would just start drawing.

Have you always been a talented artist? Or did the talent come with time?

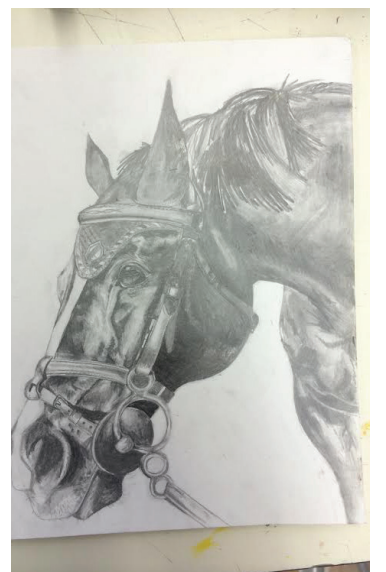
I used to just like to draw, whether or not it was good. I'm still not super technical about my drawing. I do it because I like it.

What is your favorite thing to draw or sketch?

Horses. Sometimes I draw unicorns too.

Would you ever consider making a career out of being an artist?

Yes. Drawing is my favorite style of art, but I realize that it's a risky trying to make a career out of it, so I'm more interested in going in to graphic designing for advertising and maybe even film when I'm older.



NOT HORSEING AROUND: Murray's hard work and great talent contribute to her masterpieces.

Malibu Middle and High School Photography and Fine Arts programs are funded by *Arts Angels*, under the umbrella of The Shark Fund, Malibu High School's primary fundraising organization. These programs rely on community support to keep the arts alive and well in the classroom and in the community. Please consider a donation to 'The Shark Fund' and check out the website at <http://www.thesharkfund.org/>

Dangers of ISIS and United States Intervention

Marsalis Adriano
OPINION EDITOR

As the United States rushes to intervene in yet another Middle Eastern conflict, we once again forget the long and violent history of the US's intervention in that region. Not to say that all military intervention is wrong, per say, but evidence, especially more recently, has proven that most US instances tend to result in violence and general chaos.

The United States, especially more recently, has had the tendency to enter complex conflicts in this region without gathering and assessing proper intelligence first, ultimately leaving these nations as disheveled, if not more, than before our intervention. This can be seen in nations such as Yemen, Libya, Syria, Iraq and Somalia. The clearest example that reveals this point is that of Libya. After the fall of Libyan military dictator, Col. Muammar el Qaddafi, the New York Times and Telegraph reported, hundreds of armed (courtesy of Qaddafi's arsenal) Tuareg rebels have stormed northeastern Mali towns, and have since secured much of the northern half of the nation. Despite the Mali government's warning to BBC that "the fall of Qaddafi would have a destabilizing effect in the region" and that they were a strong supporter of the African Union's position on Libya, which favored negotiation over the NATO-led bombing, the United States continued to funnel resources and drone strikes into Libya. The result of this was a damaging ripple effect throughout western and northern Africa. This situation is especially complex in that ISIS, The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, unlike other terrorist factions we've fought, is actually systematically establishing a government, implementing court and police systems, reinstating borders, and implementing economic policies all based on the laws of the Sharia and the Quran. This means that we have now waged war on an organized state whose devoted followers have adopted an intense jingoistic mentality against the western world. In a recent report by Vice News, ISIS is also in possession of US military grade weapons on account of the United States' supplementation of various insurgencies in Syria and the government of Iraq. These more difficult and complex factors that are now embedded in the ISIS situation, begs the questions: Why are we actually intervening? What do we have to gain from this situation? The public was against intervention in Syria last year, what's changed?

In an attempt to answer these questions, I looked at the reasons why the government has told us we're intervening. I'll start with Obama's claim that ISIS is a threat to national security. In a White House interview concern-

ing ISIS, Obama said, "While we have not yet detected specific plotting against our homeland, ISIS leaders have threatened America and our allies." Although several politicians and various government officials have come out claiming that our homeland is in danger, there is no concrete evidence of any threat towards the United States or its citizens, and there would be no immediate benefit for ISIS if they were to attempt any sort of attack on our government. The only possible effects of a home invasion is that the United States would get riled up and probably implement more panicked home security measures, and would also dig deeper into Middle Eastern conflicts (which ISIS probably wouldn't want).

Another claim is that of an emotional one. President Obama said, in his speech at the White House, "If you threaten America, you will find no safe haven." We are now engaging in a war on the basis of avenging American journalists Steven Sotloff and James Foley, which are rather jingoistic circumstances to be intervening for. If this is in fact the reason, however, it would only reflect poorly on us due to the hypocrisy of this claim in that we're allowed to illegally detain and murder civilians from other nations but as soon as it happens to us we don't even bat an eye before we lay waste to them, as well as their innocent towns with drones and troops. So, this could be a possibility but that would be pretty low.

Now the third, and probably most popular one, is that of pure humanitarianism, on behalf of the people of Iraq. However, if this were a humanitarian issue for us we would be focusing our intervention elsewhere, to places in the Congo region for example, and countries such as Sudan, that are still suffering from relentless genocide. Although it is often pleasant to believe, the United States is not particularly geared towards humanitarian efforts as evidence of past and present military and financial involvement in regions suffering from genocide or other crimes against humanity.

This leaves me still a bit uneasy in that the essential questions for intervening were not explicitly answered. The question of why still haunts our intervention in Iraq and Syria. Most likely, the answer has to do with stabilizing the region for geopolitical benefits, seeking to make secure allies out of this developing region. However, this answer still isn't concrete enough to intervene. The fact that we, as a nation, have trouble answering the question why every time we intervene in foreign conflicts is a clear indicator of a broken foreign policy, especially in the face of situational ambiguity.

California's "Yes Means Yes" Bill Has Flaws

Parker Bowling
STAFF WRITER

On September 28, 2014 Governor of California, Jerry Brown announced his signature on the "Yes Means Yes" bill, which states that consensual sex requires "an affirmation, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity." This law is the first of its kind in the nation. According to this law, anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol, unconscious or asleep, cannot grant actual consent. More importantly, a lack of resistance does not mean "yes"; sexual interest has to be mutual. This bill is meant to decrease instances of sexual assault on college campuses and train faculty members on how to deal with these sensitive situations. The bill also offers counseling and health care services to victims of sexual assault.

According to the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, one in four women attending college experience rape or attempted rape, and 90% of victims know their rapist. Considering these statistics, this law is absolutely necessary and other states should follow California's lead.

But like any clause, this one definitely has some flaws. The new bill has indirect implications that rape could be charged when both people are intoxicated. I do not see how if a man is equally as intoxicated as a female, and the female is not in a state to consciously agree to intercourse,



STUDENT PROTEST: Students at a California university protest the high rape rates in colleges.

then the man is not in a state to make sense of her decision. I do not think a male should be charged for rape if he is drunk as well.

In our society it seems we always blame a drunken man when he engages in sexual activity with a drunk female, when both are equally responsible. It does not make sense to me why we victimize drunk girls and villainize drunk men. If they are both drunk, it should not put a man in prison, and I think this bill should acknowledge that.

Now that the "Yes Means Yes" bill is in place, college students

should feel safer because it will not allow rape cases to go unnoticed. All people deserve to learn in a safe environment and feel safe at school. Overall, the new "Yes Means Yes" legislation is a good start in the fight for student safety and other states should follow California's example by making this a nationally recognized law.

Silence does not mean "yes," "no" does not mean "yes", and being in a compromised state does not mean "yes". The perpetrator needs to realize what counts as consent and what counts as rejection.

New Missouri Gun Laws a Step in the Wrong Direction

Nolan Webster
NEWS EDITOR

On Sept. 10, the state legislature of Missouri implemented new policies regarding gun laws. These new policies will allow teachers to carry concealed weapons on school premises with the intention that guns can act as force of protection for students, the school, and teachers in case a school shooting occurs. While I agree that something must be done to account for this issue of school shootings, I think that adding more guns to the equation is the wrong way to protect students.

Firearms are dangerous. It is obvious. Even in the right hands, such as a teacher with the intention to use a gun only in dire circumstances, there is so much that could go wrong with having a lethal weapon on school grounds.

Not to play the hypothetical game, but there are many ways that having weapons at school could go wrong. There is the possibility of a gun accidentally firing, as was the case in a Utah elementary school, in which a teacher accidentally shot herself in the leg while in the bathroom. What if a student overpowered a

teacher with a firearm and took control of it, which could be a serious possibility considering the number of students in peak physical condition. Through the danger they pose, guns are unable to serve simply and exclusively as a means of protection, with so much room for vital error.

School shootings are, without a doubt, completely and inherently awful for everyone affected both directly and indirectly. I doubt that increasing accessibility to guns will really provide the solution to a problem rooted in gun violence. Violence to subdue violence seems almost counterproductive. Not only have 297 people been killed in school shootings over the past 34 years, but more than 30,000 were killed by gun violence in 2010 alone. To me, it is clear that the issue is not with the level of security at schools, but with gun control as a whole.

The solution to stopping school shootings is not to add guns to the surface of a deeply rooted social issue, but rather to solve it from its core: the United States' lack of sufficient gun control and regulation.

First, we ought to prohibit the sale of consumer assault weap-

ons. Why is it necessary for anyone to have access to assault weapons? Simply the right to own an assault weapon surely cannot justify the need for them. I can understand why a hunter or farmer could benefit from owning one, and this could be accounted for through special permits, but for the majority of American citizens deadly weapons can't truly have any positive impact.

More importantly, we should increase background checks and establish mental health screenings. In so many of our country's school shootings, from Santa Barbara to Sandy Hook to Virginia Tech, a common thread exists: mental instability. In such school shootings, the perpetrators are mentally unstable, yet have easy access to the purchase of firearms. Through background checks and mental health screenings, who knows how many school shootings could be prevented.

Not only is bringing weapons into school a possible danger to all of the students but it is also a step backward if any real progress is to be made to reduce school shootings and gun violence in the United States.

Terrifying Tales from Mali-Boo

Emma Kelly
HUMOR EDITOR

Throughout my extensive travels from Trancas to Cross Creek, I have collected stories that would spook the pants off any listener. Read on at your own risk.

1. My sister's boyfriend's cousin's old roommate said he heard that once there was a bonfire at Little Dume and two girls from the valley came. And they even had a nice time.

2. If you turn off all the lights and say, "The alternative post-grunge subgenre movement of the late nineties is overrated" three times in the mirror, Mr. Carrier will magically appear and tell you that your music taste is trash.

3. Legend has it, Malibu High School is infested by an underground society of mole people. They hide among us, posing as fellow peers. They are only recognizable by their abnormally

short stature and wheeled backpack. Unlike a typical human student, they seem to thrive in an academic environment without the use and subsequent abuse of caffeinated beverages. Their motives are unknown but undoubtedly sinister. They clog the halls until 7:55 a.m. most mornings while the rest of us are in class. A mole person will emit a high-pitched squeal to communicate with its pack. They do so often. Administrators, always quick to cover their own tracks, refer to these unholy vermin as "middle schoolers". In case of contact with a mole person, it is imperative that you follow strict contamination procedure (douse yourself in rubbing alcohol, burn all clothing, floss thoroughly) and pray the virus hasn't reached your nervous system yet.



MONSTER HIGH: Malibu High School harbors dark secrets and supernatural occurrences.

Make Your Own Young Adult Novel

Nolan Webster
NEWS EDITOR

Hello, aspiring young writers. Unfortunately, in today's day and age, becoming a successful author is increasingly difficult. That is the case, unless you aspire to write dystopian teen fiction. In today's world, millions and millions of copies of dystopian teen novels with regurgitated plotlines are being sold. To help you young aspiring writers find success in your future careers, we have scientifically developed an errorless template for starting your own prototypical dystopian teen novel. Enjoy.

It was [time of day] on the outskirts of the village, in the midst of the [ecosystem] in the nation of [Latin words pushed together]. [Obscure name] passed through the [post-apocalyptic landscape], with [his/her] [outdated weapon] slung on [his/her] shoulder. At the age of [15-18], [same name] made [his/her] way back home to

[his/her] [broken family dynamic], carrying home game with solemn [color] eyes, [eye metaphor pertaining to body of water]. [He/she] held [his/her] self with composure like a/an [cliché animal].

[Same name] came in quietly, making sure not to obstruct [totalitarian code] under the rule of [dorky sinister name] and [totalitarian government that eerily resembles our own]. As [obscure name] snuck home like a/an [different cliché animal], [he/she] caught eyes with [love interest]. [He/she] made [his/her] way over to [same name] carefully.

"[Dramatic and emotional questioning]," [love interest] asked.

"[Snappy answer]," [he/she] responded bluntly with a pensive face, a result of a childhood through [natural disaster], a face that showed [thinly veiled deeper meaning of the novel]. [Same name] continued home, ignoring [love interest's] advice and shutting the door of her family's home very quietly.

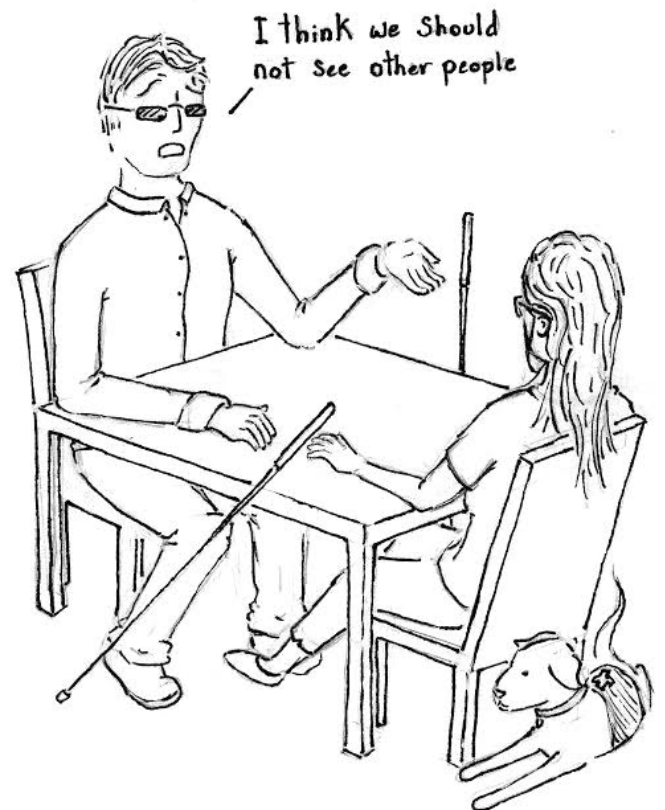
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The Blind Date



"Blind Date" by Luke Larson

Halloween Costumes are So Cheesy



"Feta Up with Halloween" by Cole Murphy

History: The “American” Way

Zoe Detweiler
STAFF WRITER

Three weeks ago, a school district outside Denver, Colorado decided to re-write the history textbooks used in their schools to make them more patriotic. Here’s an exclusive first look at some excerpts from the new textbooks:

1620 - The Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, becoming the first humans to set foot on the glorious, radiant land known as America. No other people had ever been there, or if they had, they were probably harvesting corn and shooting bows and arrows or something. Honestly, we don’t even know what they were doing, but it wasn’t important, so we don’t care.

1776 - George “Greatest Man that Ever Lived” Washington led the oppressed but obviously superior American people to independence from the evil, tea-loving, taxcollecting British with the help of a really cool gang of guys called the The Founding Fathers, featuring Benjamin

“Fantastic” Franklin, Thomas “2 Hot 2 Handle” Jefferson, and Alexander “His Royal Hotness” Hamilton.

1861 - A mild scuffle occurred involving the Northern and Southern States. It was caused by a teeny tiny disagreement about a couple of minor differences. Not really a big deal. Abraham “Legendary” Lincoln got everyone to calm down with his stunningly good looks featuring his signature beard and stovepipe hat. After this minor argument, it was concluded that everyone in America has exactly the same opinions and everyone ended up with civil rights in the end... not that they didn’t have them before.

1876 - The National League of Baseball is founded, promoting the great American pastime that would take the world by storm. This was an incredibly important event in American history. The entire world can agree that baseball, which, may we remind you was invented in the great country of America, is by far the

most exciting and most popular sport worldwide. Thats why it’s called the World Series.

1917-1918 - America KICKED SOME SERIOUS A\$\$ in World War I on foreign soil, ABSOLUTELY DECIMATING the Central Powers of Germany and Hungary. VICTORIOUS.

1920 - The 19th Amendment is added to our glorious Constitution, granting women the right to vote. It’s not that they were being denied these basic civil rights before, the Founding Fathers were just too swept up in the freedom and glory of the new country to remember that women existed, but they got it now.

1941-1945 - America ONCE AGAIN KICKED SOME SERIOUS A\$\$, this time in World War II. MAN did we show those Nazis who’s boss. America is great.

1955-1975 - We sure showed those Vietnamese Communists whose social system is the best. (We showed them... right? Did we win that war? No one seems to know.) Nevermind what the outcome was, the point is that this war brought the nation together in agreement about America’s political system and how great capitalism is.

1985-1991 - The glorious Capitalism reigns supreme, having a movie star as President rocks.

America lived happily ever after and nothing bad ever happened again. THE END.



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL: This is a real-life photograph of President George Washington’s pet eagle, Liberty Bell McFreedom.

Halloween Candy Bark Recipe

Gena Ryan
OPINION EDITOR

Make the most out of your leftover trickortreated candy this halloween with a super easy Candy Bark recipe.

Ingredients:

15 Oreos broken into large chunks
3 Giant Hershey’s Bars (7 oz)
Assorted FunSize Halloween Candy (I used M&M’s, Snickers, and Crunch Bars) 12 tablespoons of Halloween sprinkles

Directions:

1. Cover a large cookie sheet with wax paper or cling wrap. Spread the broken cookies, candy corn, and assorted candies on the sheet. If you are using fun size bars, I recommend cutting them into smaller pieces.
2. Melt Hershey bars. I broke up each bar in a bowl and microwaved it for 2 minutes. Make sure to stir frequently to prevent burning.
3. Drizzle the melted chocolate over the cookie mixture. Use a spatula to coat the mixture evenly.
4. Quickly sprinkle remaining candy corn, fun sized candies, and sprinkles over the chocolate while it is melting. Place the cookie tray into refrigerator until it has set.

Break into pieces and enjoy!



TRICK OR TREAT YO’ SELF: An easy recipe to put your extra Halloween candy to use.

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SHARKS FOOTBALL DEFENSE : Senior **Matt Vincent** helps teammate make a tackle against Santa Clara in their 17-0 victory at home.

MHS Football Taking Strides

Jake Nokes
STAFF WRITER

After their 0-10 record last year, the Malibu High School football team is looking to improve in the 2014-2015 season. The Sharks are now 3-5 and 1-1 in league play. The team put in a lot of work during the off-season. Even though the Sharks lost a lot of talented seniors, the team is looking strong this season. The team has had five new players join the team this year adding more player depth to the team.

The football team practiced throughout the summer, participating in summer passing leagues and playing scrimmages. With help from the five new recruits the Sharks are looking much better than last year. Varsity captain and senior **Matt Vincent** said, "We had a great start to the season. We were missing a few people, but now we have a lot of those people back so we are just getting started."

The Sharks' official preseason

record is 2-2; the team beat Ribet Academy and Santa Clarita Christian. Their official record is 3-4, yet they are 3-0, which keeps the fans optimistic about the regular season. Vincent said, "We will make it to playoffs and will go from there, but right now we are working on getting that league banner."

The Sharks kicked off for their first home game on Sept. 5. The Sharks blew out Santa Clarita Christian 34-6. Junior **Indiana Mcalpine** led the team with 175 all-purpose yards and 2 touchdowns. The Sharks also went on to beat Ribet Academy as they forfeited due to a lack of player. In the Sharks first league game on Oct. 2 they played Santa Clara and shut them out, beating them 17-0 in a hard fought game. The Sharks dominated on defense totaling 4 interceptions 2 from senior **Landon McBroom**. Malibu High's next home game is on Oct. 31 at 6:30 against Santa Paula.

"Wrestling" is Back at Malibu*

Jack Gewant
SPORTS EDITOR

October 10 marks the beginning of this year's Malibu High men's wrestling team season. Wrestling was an old and forgotten friend of Malibu High School, as the sport hasn't been played on location since 2009.

MHS recently hired new coach **Frank Fupa**, who hopes to recruit a team of students willing to wrestle for the school. Fupa said, "Wrestling may be rough, it may be tough, but the feeling of absolutely dominating your opponent is a feeling only Gods and wrestlers will ever get to feel."

Fupa also plans on making changes to the school. "I think this school is too pretty, it's making these kids soft. One day these kids will be all grown up living in a 10 x 10 room in middle of No One Cares St. and Lonely Ave," he said

There is a group of students who seem very interested in joining the team. Senior **Brad Crabgrapple** said, "I really see this as a chance to let out all of my pent-up testosterone."

Junior **Matt Pinn** said, "My dad said I either do this or get a job, so I mean I really don't have a choice."

The team needs a total of six wrestlers in order to be eligible for the season, which is a more than Fupa said he will be able to recruit for the season.

Students doubt whether the team will be able to garner enough support to sustain itself or if this team will be able to win any games. Either way, it should be an exciting year for the new sport as MHS tries to usher in a wave of wrestlers to the community.

*Fictional wrestling team

Making Millions and Spending Millions: A Sponsorship Story

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STAFF WRITER

The world of sports has evolved into a market in which large corporations are willing to invest millions in superstar athletes.

It first started with two mega athletes Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods. Michael Jordan found success with Nike, which created his brand of shoes and in 2000, Tiger signed a forty million dollar contract with Nike when he was only 19 years old. They were only the first to make lots of money from sports brands. Since then the biggest athletes in sports have started signing mega deals with the big sports brands like Nike, Adidas, and Puma.

Nike has been successful with athletes like LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, and Cristiano Ronaldo. LeBron makes 10 million dollars a year from Nike, and Kobe and Ronaldo both make eight million a year.

According to tsmplug.com, Nike's top ten athletes make about 165 million dollars a year. Sports brands are not only making moves in America, they are also finding global success. Recently, Puma signed a 247.5 million dollar contract with the English soccer club Arsenal, taking the club from Nike. Adidas now pay's English soccer team Manchester United 100 millions dollars a year to wear the Adidas logos on their shirts. Nike, Adidas, and Puma battle every year to secure the endorsement rights for top soccer clubs like these.

Big businesses sponsor teams all around the world from Italy to India to Brazil. Nike is the biggest brand and makes just over 1 billion dollars a year. Recently,

Under Armor and Nike fought over basketball mega star Kevin Durant. Durant makes 17.8 million dollars a year with his Oklahoma team and 8 million a year through his Nike sponsorship. Under Armor offered Kevin Durant a 10 year 250 million dollar contract. Durant is one of Nike's biggest stars and they knew could not afford to lose him. Thus, they countered Under Armor's propos with a 10-year deal that Durant accepted which could reach 300 million dollars Durant accepted. This was one of the biggest sponsorship deals of all time. Under Armor CEO Kevin Plank was pleased that he rattled Nike and said, "Do I take pleasure in that they paid \$150 million more than they planned on paying?" Sports brands have changed sports because when talent is discovered, companies have bidding wars over the athlete. Brands do this because they know they can make millions off the athlete's name and image. Sports businesses have both a positive and negative effect on sports. The negative effect is that these brands spend a lot of money on athletes and do not focus on improving other aspects of their company. Sports brands also have a positive effect because seeing huge athletes like Mike Trout wearing Nike can give fans a sense of pride in the team they support. Athletes being endorsed by big companies can create new fans of the sports the athletes represent.

These deals are bound to get bigger because if the next wave of superstars is anything like Trout or LeBron companies are going to crazy to sign them.



DID SOMEBODY SAY SERV-ICE? : Freshman **Hailey Detrixhe** sets up junior **Ally Sidley** in match versus **Grace Brethren**.

A Spike in Success

Davis Faherty
FEATURE EDITOR

As fall sports approach their end, the Malibu High School girls' varsity volleyball team is pushing through demanding practices and to end the season well.

The captains this year are junior **Hunter Bohm**, senior **Chelsea Bostwick**, and junior **Ally Sidley**. A few promising freshman players that have caught the rest of the team's eyes are **Halle Detrixhe** and **Haiden Bohm**.

Many injuries have recently plagued the team. Seniors **Ara Bolander** and **Michaela Cosen-tino** and juniors **Natalie Aldrich** and **Sienna Dugan** are experiencing sports related injuries. Even with so many hurt members, the team has persevered through games and practices.

"Last year we had a similar situation where we started out with everyone healthy and strong," Bolander said. "We had a lot of injuries but we were able to work through it... I think we just need to do the same thing this year."

Bolander, who recently injured her foot at the Oct. 9 home game against Grace Brethren High School, will likely be unable to play until the end of the season. She probably expects to be healed enough to participate in the team's last game of the year.

The team currently has a chance at playoffs because their league record. The girls' have been successful in the "tournament department" this season. They entered the Santa Paula Tournament as the top team. They had to defend their title and were triumphant in doing so; the team was undefeated that day.

Since familiar Malibu High School rivals like Oaks Christian and Oak Park High School have re-leagued to the Marmonte league, the MHS team now recognizes La Reina High School as its main competitor. The team played La Reina on Oct. 7 and lost, but on Oct. 30 the girls will rematch their rivals.

The girls' next home game is at 6 p.m. on Oct. 30 against, La Reina. Go Sharks!

Behind the Scenes with the MHS Surf Team



Not Fugazi : Seniors **Henry Denker, Finn Gesner, Noah Gorelick, Roman Jensen, Tristin McGowan, Thelen Mckinna, Colby Parker** and sophomore **Luka Nicholson** are seen receive some coaching at the end of a morning practice.

Roman Jensen and **Thelen Mckinna**
STAFF WRITERS

Many students at Malibu High school surf both in their free time and for the wMalibu High surf team. In the past few years, the Malibu High School surf team has become smaller, but this year, the team has more than doubled in members, staff, and coaches.

The surf team has become more serious this year by implementing mandatory surf practices twice a week. This requires team members to wake up early and be out in the water at Zuma Beach by 6:30 am. There are also scrimmages on the weekends, to prepare the team for its monthly

competitions.

Malibu High sophomore **Sky Petretti** said, “Surf team is sick. You get to surf with your friends and challenge each other.”

At the team’s morning practices, students are given colored jerseys to be seen by the coaches out the water. The coaches conduct 15-minute heats identical to the heats in monthly contests to give members a chance to improve their surfing and to help them practice for real competitions.

Malibu High senior **Finn Gesner** said, “I am very excited for the upcoming season and excited to take my skills to a competitive level.”

The coaches work with every individual and one on one to improve his or her surfing skills.

Malibu surf team coach **Dale Rhodes** said, “The benefits the athletes will gain at Malibu High is proven water safety along with competition knowledge. We are here to help forge the path of never giving up on your dreams.”

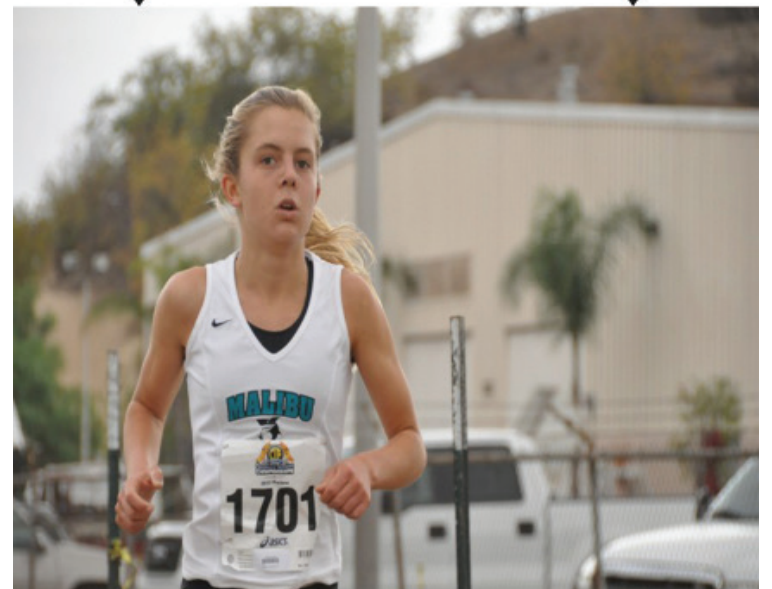
The staff said they are dedicated to making this year’s team as organized and successful as possible. This is the first year in which participants must sign in to practice.

The MHS surf team is sponsored by Ripcurl, which provides the team with deals at the local surf shop on wetsuits and other necessary surfing accessories. This allows every member to get the supplies needed in order to be comfortable and successful out in the water and bring the Sharks to victory.



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Home Games!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	27 Girls Tennis, Varsity vs. TriValley Finals	28 Girls Volleyball, FS vs. St. Bonaventure	29 Boys Water Polo, JV vs. Foothill	30 Football, JV vs. Santa Paula Girls Volleyball - Senior Night!	31	1
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