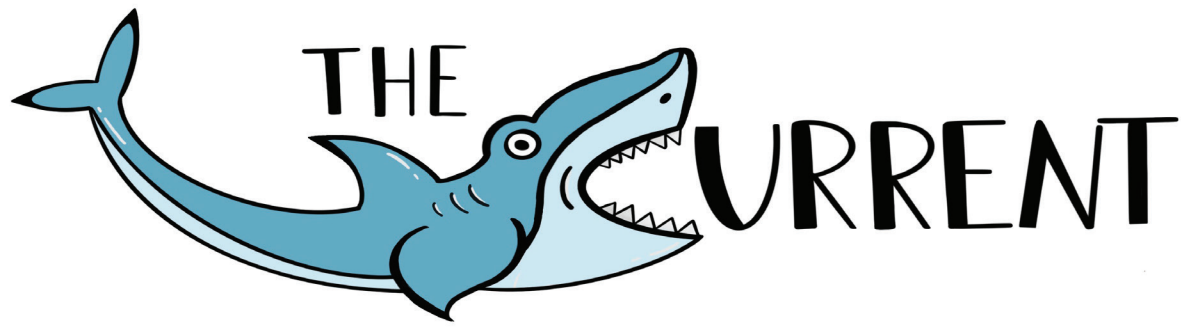


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Due to Covid-19, Taylor Swift has not been able to go on a tour for her last three albums: *Lover*, *Folklore*, and *Evermore*. Along with the release of her newest album *Midnights*, Taylor announced the Eras Tour that would take place across the US. Due to this being her first tour in a few years and her popularity, tickets for this tour were in high demand. When it was time to buy tickets, fans faced many problems. Numerous were not allowed to buy tickets and some were logged out before they could check out. Ticketmaster claims it is because they could not predict the high level of demand. However, it should have been estimated beforehand because it is no secret that Taylor Swift is one of the most popular artists right now. The fans were not the only ones who were upset with this because Swift was also frustrated with the outcome.

On March 17th 2023, Taylor returned to the stage in Glendale, Arizona with 70,000 fans singing their hearts out. The show ended up being spectacular, wowing the entire

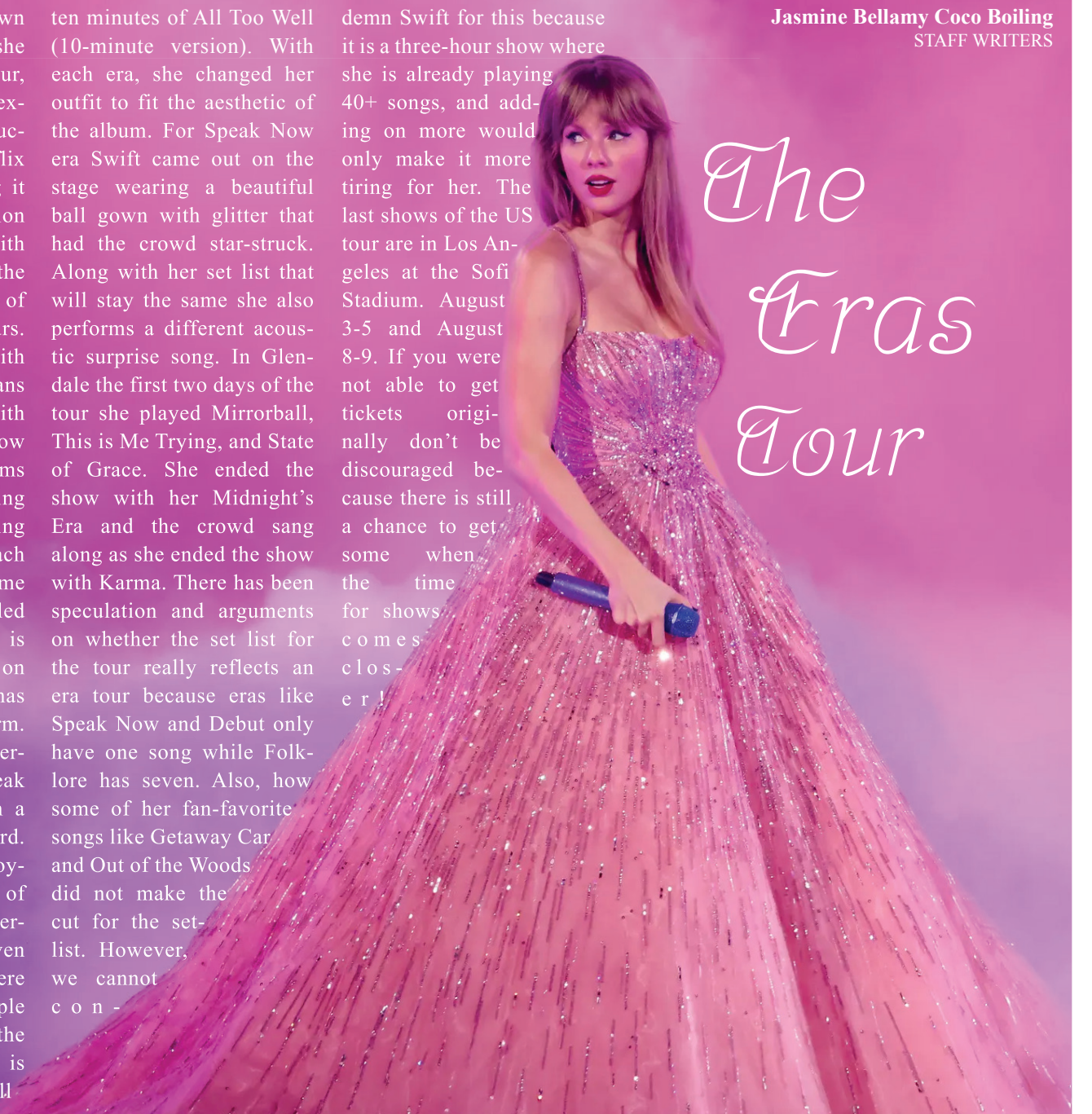
audience. Swift is known for the amazing shows she puts together. Her last tour, *Reputation*, was also an extremely memorable and successful show with Netflix filming and broadcasting it on their stream. *Reputation* broke many records with 2.88 million attending the tour which became one of the highest-grossing tours. A 3-hour long show with 42 songs fans left the fans thoroughly satisfied with the performance. The show goes through her albums in a random order starting with *Lover* and then ending with *Midnights*. For each album or “era” Swift came out with another bejeweled outfit. In her setlist, it is obvious she is focusing on the newer albums she has never been able to perform. She opens with *Miss Americana* and the *Heartbreak Prince* and is dressed in a diamond Versace leotard. Not only is the music enjoyable but the production of the show made it an entertaining experience for even the nosebleed seats. There were dancers and multiple sets on the stage. One of the most memorable songs is when Taylor performed all

ten minutes of *All Too Well* (10-minute version). With each era, she changed her outfit to fit the aesthetic of the album. For *Speak Now* era Swift came out on the stage wearing a beautiful ball gown with glitter that had the crowd star-struck. Along with her set list that will stay the same she also performs a different acoustic surprise song. In Glendale the first two days of the tour she played *Mirrorball*, *This is Me Trying*, and *State of Grace*. She ended the show with her *Midnight's Era* and the crowd sang along as she ended the show with *Karma*. There has been speculation and arguments on whether the set list for the tour really reflects an era tour because eras like *Speak Now* and *Debut* only have one song while *Folklore* has seven. Also, how some of her fan-favorite songs like *Getaway Car* and *Out of the Woods* did not make the cut for the setlist. However, we cannot

demn Swift for this because it is a three-hour show where she is already playing 40+ songs, and adding on more would only make it more tiring for her. The last shows of the US tour are in Los Angeles at the Sofi Stadium. August 3-5 and August 8-9. If you were not able to get tickets originally don't be discouraged because there is still a chance to get some when the time comes closer!

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The Eras Tour



Artist of the Month Spotlight

ETHAN MARSHALL

Read 'Artist of the Month' Ethan Marshall's interview about his musical interests and his time with MHS.

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The Collaboration of Chaos  
MARC JACOBS

Lukas  
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New York, New York, it's one hell of a town. From the humbling hedges of Midtown's Garment District to the glitzy flagship stores off Madison Avenue, it's easy to see why any striving seamstress seeks shelter within the fair isle. Known as one of the fashion capitals of the world, the city has produced a stealthy list of offspring to live up to its title. Possibly the most prominent New Yorker to hit the limelight within the fashion industry is none other than Marc Jacobs. What sets Jacobs apart from rivals is his regard for revolution. Rather than going for a “timeless” look giving the likes of any girl next door, the courtier prefers to take the eccentric route. Although initially leading to termination, Jacobs 1993 Perry Ellis show has become synonymous with

who he is as a designer. The collection was able to capture the essence of grunge fashion, which went on to kickstart the zeitgeist of 90's culture. Like everything in life, what's old is new again. With early aughts inspired fashion becoming all the rage, now couldn't be a better time for designers to simply stroll onto Myspace in order to create their next supernova. Capitalizing on this, Marc Jacobs line “Heaven” recently launched a collection featuring nu-metal band Deftones. Boasting bonafide baby tee's and unhinged zip ups, even your ex lover can find something to stash in their closet of skeletons. The “White Pony Sweater” is an evident piece from the collection. The anodyne wool knit features artwork of the band's 2000 album “White Pony”, capturing

the analogy of grimy-edge, without coming off as a protégé poseur. Given that the entirety of the ensemble prices upwards of 200\$, you could always commit a crime of fashion. Who doesn't love a five-finger discount? Especially if it's the middle one. In celebration of the collection, Heaven's Los Angeles store has put together an exhibit dedicated to the alternative group. Shoppers can examine the variety of posters and vinyl on display, which covers the band's history. The exhibition puts the spotlight on their late 80's roots, presenting vintage artifacts and handwritten lyrics in their adolescence. Back in the Big Apple, lead vocalist Chino Moreno and his entourage of instrumentals put together a surprise concert. The posse of punks were seen chanting fan favorites such as

Change (In the House of Flies), My Own Summer (Shove It), as well as one of my favorites (Diamond Eyes). A meek crowd of 700 were ignited into a night of moshing mayhem. If you are what you wear, you better dress the part you want. A few who sprung out lucky can do no wrong. Their looks: perfection. And they've got accessories to match. But most people get tired of the same old look. And they'll do anything to get the coolest piece on their arm. And then there are those with no vision of their own. Thieves of fashion who will steal the shirt off your back. Always remember, appearances can be deceiving. But whatever you wear, always dress to impress. In the words of Marc Jacobs “clothes mean nothing until someone lives in them”.

# The Revival of 70s Pop Culture

Noelle Weeger  
EDITOR

Every year fashion and trends surface. With the influence of social media these trends have only been increasingly enhanced. Whether its tie-dye during Covid, 90s model off-duty, or Y2K, the masses seem to be influenced by these trends. When it comes to seventies fashion the marks it left on fashion is undeniable. Whether it's bell bottom, go-go boots, or crochet, people always seem to be drawn to the seventies for inspiration. Not only is this prevalent with fashion, but also in the film and music industry, as well as overall pop-culture. Bands like Fleetwood Mac and The Beatles have dominated peoples' play-lists for over two decades, and continue to influence the masses. The gravitation towards 70s trends and influence only begins to increase as 2023 commences.

When it comes to fashion the trends are ever changing. Social Media platforms are constantly fueling new trends, products, and ideas. It can already be inferred that 70s trends will consume the

spring and summer of 2023 in the fashion trends to come. Iconic characters such as Penny Lane, arguably, have always been fashion icons. Her flowy tops and signature fur lined coat have reappeared in multiple influencer and celebrity closets. As well as Penny Lane, a fictional character, true icons from the 70s continue to influence fashion trends. Icons such as Jane Birkin, Brigitte Bardot, and Sharon Tate are timeless when it comes to their simplistic and classic 70s fashion. In regards to Jane Birkin and Brigitte Bardot, their effortless French girl style with the staple 70s boots continues to establish new trends. The new tv show Daisy Jones and the Six, based on the novel by Taylor Jenkins-Reid, is the main proprietor when it comes to the new trend of the 70s. Being heavily publicized, the show's characters Daisy Jones, bombshell rockstar with no cares, Karen Karen, English fashion icon and pianist in the band, and Camilla Alavrez, the image of a simple girl, are already affecting fashion trends through social media.

Whether it is the classic eyeliner of Karen or flowy tops of Daisy, people are seemingly obsessed with the fashion displayed in the show.

As well as fashion the overall music aspect is completely reemerging with our generation. With shows such as Daisy Jones and the Six, which is about a fictional band in the 70s, it is undeniable that people won't want to experience the true music of the 70s. Bands such as Fleetwood Mac, the Beatles, the Eagles, and the Mamas and the Pappas are already being displayed throughout Tik Tok sounds and Spotify advertisements. These artists and bands are without a doubt, classics, but the new attention being brought to the 70s pop-culture is only reinforcing the obsession. While the trend has been ongoing, the influence is only growing. It will be very exciting to see where the seventies well-known pop-culture will take us next.



## The Mesmerizing Muses of Rock n Roll

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Since the dawn of time great women have inspired artists, but more specifically women have been the inspiration behind some of the most famous musicians' songs. Not to be mistaken for groupies, Muse's enchanting qualities capture the hearts of rockstars and have influenced some of the greatest songs of all time. Below is a deep dive into the muses of legendary rock stars and the cultural impact they had on rock and roll.

"There is no job as fun as being a rock muse.", model and former wife of Mick Jagger, Jerry Hall once said. Jerry Hall and Mick Jagger were together for 22 years and had 4 kids together. It is rumored the Rolling Stones



met Bob Dylan at Warhol's studio, The Factory, and although never confirmed it is believed the two had a romantic relationship. The songs "Just Like A Woman" and "Rolling Stone" are believed to be about her. Sedgwick is also rumored to be the muse behind the Velvet Underground's hit "Femme Fatale". The infamous Yoko Ono was one of the most hated women at one point in time, but she was also the muse for the beloved John Lennon. Yoko Ono met John Lennon in 1966 and were together for 15 years until his death. Lennon's songs "The Ballad of John and Yoko", "Jealous Guy", and "Woman" are all believed to be about Ono. Arguably the most iconic muse in all of rock and roll history is Pattie Boyd. Pattie Boyd was an English model and photographer most known for her complicated relationships between two best friends George Harrison and Eric Clapton. During the 60's Boyd met Harrison during the filming of A Hard Day's Night and the pair married within 2 years. Boyd inspired one of The Beatles most famous singles "Something" and would later go on to inspire other notable rock songs. During this time, Eric Clapton actively pursued Boyd romantically despite being best friends with Harrison. Clapton would go on to write "Layla" in

1970, 7 years before Boyd and Harrison eventually divorced. After their divorce, Boyd would go on to marry Clapton in 1979 and inspire another one of Clapton's hits "Wonderful Tonight". The pair stayed together for 10 years but would unfortunately divorce in 1989 due to Clapton's drug abuse. Upon reflecting on being married to two famous rock stars, Boyd has explained that she has found happiness in being independent after a life of fame from being associated with powerful men.

Edie Sedgwick was the "It Girl" in New York during the 60's. Sedgwick was a very well connected model and through her friendship with Andy Warhol she became a muse. Sedgwick

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Finally, Linda Eastman, a fellow wife of a Beatles member, was the muse of Paul McCartney. The two met at a George Harrison concert in 1967 and were together for 29 years until her death. It's believed McCartney wrote 14 songs over the course of his solo career, including, "Maybe I'm Amazed", "Silly Love Songs", "My Love" and more.

## A Humane Approach to Criminal Punishment

**Chloe Rapf**  
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An hour outside of Oslo, dangerous criminals take their morning stroll through their maximum-security prison, perhaps to their yoga session, or to play card games outside surrounded by trees and sunlight. Halden Prison sits on the southeast border between Norway and Sweden, housing 251 inmates; half of whom have committed capital offenses like murder and assault. Halden is one of many prisons in Scandinavia designed with a new strategy for promoting national security within their society. They call themselves “a humanitarian prison”. A fairly new concept, Halden’s prison treats their inmates like humans, offering them a second chance at life. Their approach is drastically different from the United States’, yet simple: rehabilitation instead of punishment. The Norwegian Correctional Service focuses on the well-being of their prisoners, through educational services, job training, and therapy within Halden. The environment speaks to the humanitarian concentration of Norway’s prison system.

Inside Halden, architecture is one of the key contributing factors to the inmates’ well-being and prosperity. Instead of the courtyard, telephone, or radio design, architects use what is called the “campus design”, where different facilities are dispersed throughout. Prisoners have more

open space to walk around in this type of prison, mimicking the outside world. Birch and pine trees line the prison, building a landscape with an “anti-authoritarian” feel. Windows face out to nature, giving prisoners a sense of time and space, which is essential to their rehabilitation process. In stark contrast, America’s prison has prisoners staring out into windows that face other walls of the prison further reinforcing their doomed fate of being stuck in their situation forever. Research has shown that these more circulatory spaces have led to less violence, whereas tight quarters modeled in America’s prison spreads tension and conflict like a wildfire. Halden also implements what they call “dynamic security”, where relationships between guards and prisoners are more interpersonal and rely on socialization. Unlike in American prisons, where guards and inmates are kept separate, Halden integrates everyone, and guards have constant interaction with the prisoners. The guards at Halden must have completed at least two years of college level education, while the prison system in America only requires a few weeks at most. There is a friendly ambiance in Halden, even with those who have committed the worst of crimes.

Halden recognizes that a person’s environment goes hand in

hand with their mental state. It focuses on using more visually appealing materials for its interior like cork and wood, rather than steel and concrete in traditional correctional facilities. And while Norway’s prison system bans death penalties and life sentences, they have for the most part had more success than the US in rehabilitating their prisoners, with a recidivism rate of 20%. Meanwhile, two-thirds of the 7.6 million incarcerated in the US will return to prison after release. Only 75 per 100,000 people in Norway end up in prison, compared to the US, whose ratio is 700 to 100,000. With fewer incarcerations, Norway is able to spend \$93,000 per prisoner, which is three times the amount the US spends.

Humane prisons are becoming more and more prevalent in today’s society, with most of the world’s being located in central Europe. They serve a greater purpose, sacrificing more money to truly define what it means to rehabilitate someone. “Everyday life shouldn’t be a sentence”, says Gudren Molden, one of Halden’s architects. At Halden, punishment is being in prison, not the barren and desolate environment of their incarceration.

## Murdaugh Trial

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As some of you may know if you have been following the Alex Murdaugh trial, he was found guilty in less than 3 hours with the trial going about the span of 28 days on March 2, 2023. Murdaugh, 54, could have received as little as 30 years behind bars, but the judge gave him the maximum: two consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole. Now if you are wondering what he has done to have such a fast verdict, guilty of murdering his son Paul, 22, was shot twice, and wife Margaret, 52, was struck with four or five bullets, and were discovered on June 7, 2021,

after 911 dispatchers received a call from Murdaugh at around 10pm. Prosecutors took more than a year to charge Murdaugh with murder but decided not to pursue the death penalty. Murdaugh, who is also charged with about 100 counts of financial and other crimes, adamantly denied any involvement in the killings. The prosecution contended Murdaugh shot his wife and son to “escape accountability” for more than 100 financial crimes including fraud, money laundering, tax evasion and forgery. They called 61 witnesses and showed over 550 pieces of evidence over the 17 days of testimony; from the

descriptions of the brutal killings to the mind numbing details about bank records. The weapons used to kill the victims were not produced, but prosecutors got one key piece of evidence that showed Murdaugh lied to police. and put him at the kennels where his wife and son were shot just 5 minutes before investigators believed they were killed because they had stopped using their phones. It’s a video taken by Paul Murdaugh, locked in his phone for a year after the killings, until federal agents could hack into it. Murdaugh’s voice could be heard in that video, which put him at the scene

of the crime just a mere 5 minutes before his son and wife’s death. On February 23, 2023, Murdaugh revealed he’d asked a distant cousin to shoot him to death. He said he did not want to kill himself because he believed it would prevent his surviving son, Buster, from collecting on his life insurance policy. Murdaugh was the 72nd witness called during the trial. Their first questions were whether he killed his wife or son, which he denied vigorously. During questioning by his lawyer and prosecutors, he repeatedly denied that he ever hurt them. In his closing argument, Waters pointed out that

Alex Murdaugh nodded as he said that, just like he nodded in police videos when state agents asked if he was at the kennels on the night of the killings and he said he wasn’t. Murdaugh also admitted over and over that he lied and stole millions of dollars from his clients and law firm. Waters told the court about nearly every victim and asked Murdaugh if he lied to their faces. Murdaugh finally claimed that he shouldn’t have done it, and that he hated that he had done it, and was embarrassed for his family because of what he did.

# Why Do Students Zone Out?

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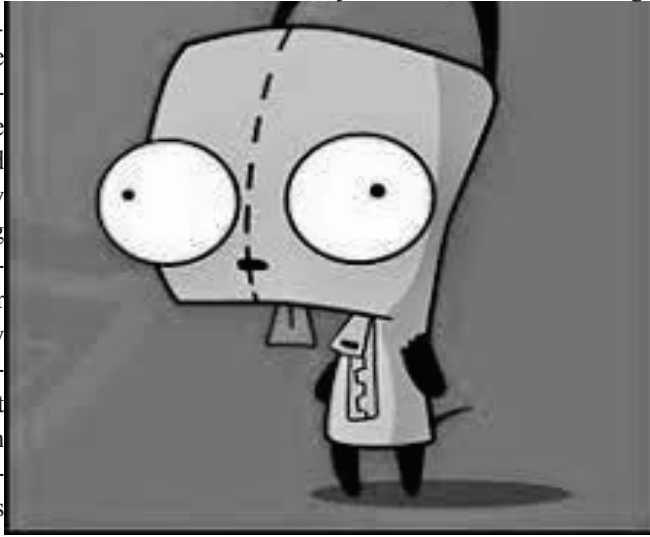
It's a typical Wednesday morning and you are getting ready for yet another long, repetitive block day. Walking into class you instantly feel the tiredness hit you from staying up late doing homework the night before. As soon as the lecture starts and your blinking slows and vision becomes blurry as you begin to zone out, letting your thoughts wander. As time drones on, the student periodically snaps out of the trance, but shortly after will zone out as the sound of the teacher's voice carries on. Suddenly losing focus on the lecture, the sound of the air conditioner begins to become very apparent, the way the sun hits the posters on the wall, the smell from the teachers breakfast, and the sound of the birds chirping outside the classroom. Focus shifts from thing to thing as the teacher's voice becomes more muffled, and soon your computer screen is dark as you have

not touched it as minutes pass. There are a variety of reasons why students could lose focus in class, some of which include boredom and disinterest in what they are studying. Students may also lose focus as a coping mechanism. Fatigue: Those who are sleep deprived or who are fatigued may have trouble focusing and may unintentionally drift off. Stressed or apprehensive kids may have trouble concentrating and may find it difficult to remain in the present. Adding distractions like students who find it challenging to stay focused and may zone out as a result when they do not feel driven or invested in their study. Personal Problems: It can be challenging for students to concentrate

(ADHD), may find it difficult to keep concentrating and as a result may veer off task or veer off the course altogether. Lack of motivation: Students may find it difficult

on their academics when they are dealing with personal issues, such as family conflicts or mental health challenges, and they may unknowingly drift off during class.

Despite the fact that school is supposed to be a place for learning and development, there are certain unfavorable effects it can have on students. Stress: Whether it's because of social dynamics, academic pressure, or extracurricular responsibilities, school may be a significant source of stress for adolescents. Burnout: The pressures of school can result in burnout, leaving students feeling overburdened and worn out. Lack of creativity: Some kids may feel restrained in the regimented environment of school, which prevents them from being innovative and creative. School can also contribute to certain students' unfavorable self-images, particularly if they are having social or academic difficulties. Lack of sleep: Students may not be receiving enough sleep due to early start hours and the amount of homework required, which can have a severe impact on their physical and mental health. For pupils to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally, it is critical for educators and schools to be aware of these potential negative impacts and take action to mitigate them. Due to all of these factors students zoning out is a regular occurrence due to the constant demands that school is requiring students to do leaving their mind to wander and not be able to focus.



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# Malibu High Odor

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As we all know, anytime you get within 5 feet of the new A/B building; the smell of sewage instantly hits you, immediately sending you in the opposite direction. But have you ever stopped to wonder, what exactly causes this smell? And what has the district done to address this ongoing issue? Oftentimes, MHS students ignore using the bathrooms in the middle school building or going anywhere near the library to avoid coming into contact with this vomit inducing and atrocious odor. Many speculate that something went wrong with the pipes during the construction of the middle school building as many have reported respiratory problems and visual imparities. To debrief, the new building was constructed over the course of two years but was most recently opened to house the library and foreign language, science and SPED classrooms. Many students feel that not enough has been done to address this ongoing issue as it has led to some

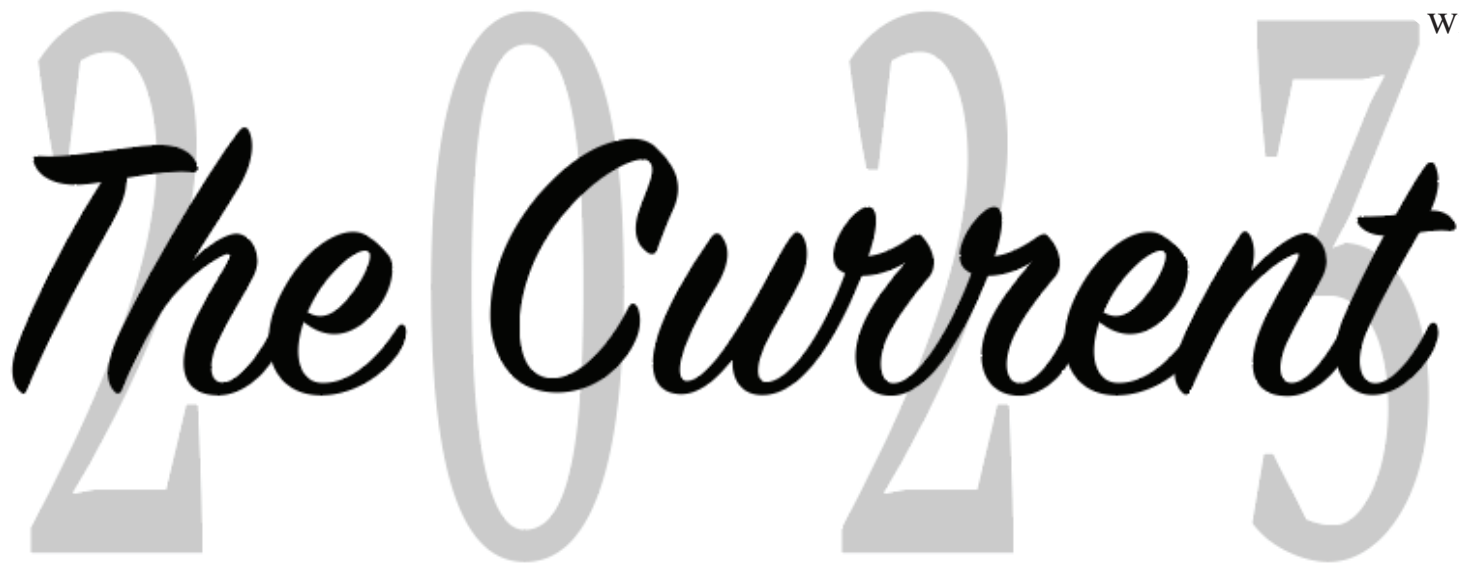
losing motivation to even attend class within this building. According to Mr. Miller, principal of MHS, "the school district has been responsive to the concern with additional pumping, changes in custodial practices, swapping out of lids, etc. it does appear to be a larger issue. The school district has had architects and engineers out to assess the system and the buildings and are working on additional steps." Additionally, deputy bond program manager, Noemi Avila - Zamdio, stated that the odor comes from a septic tank located behind the Library and a sewage pump station near the primary A/B building entrance. In response to this, the septic tanks are now pumped every three months or so as needed, the tank lids have been replaced to prevent sewer gases from escaping, custodial practices have been improved, and seepage pit caps have been replaced to form a seal. However, architects and engineers who have inspected this

issue have suggested that the sewage hatch station which contains a utility vault be modified to provide a seal by moving some mechanical components downward to make room for a custom fabricated, removable inner lid. As well as the installation of an activated carbon insert to act as a breather, expelling deodorized air when the wet well is filling and drawing in ambient air when the wet well is draining. As soon as the parts to support this project arrive, the district will implement this new wastewater treatment plan that will hopefully get rid of the foul odors. Until these changes are implemented, MHS students and staff will continue to face visual imparities, lack of motivation, nausea, and respiratory issues. Although the district has been responsive to the complaints made by school staff and students; I was not given an exact time frame to how long these changes will take. In the meantime, stay vigilant and hopeful MHS; change is near.



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# Favorite Highschool Memories

Olivia Williamson  
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After a long 4 years of high school and middle school, the students of the class of 2023 have experienced many memorable moments within high school. Here are some of the senior students' takeaways and memories.

**Griffin Barrett** - "Getting my license and being able to drive anywhere with my friends and having the freedom of an adult but responsibilities of a kid."

**Bella Burke** - "Being able to see my friends everyday and go on little trips with them."

**Charlie Flores** - "Finally achieving my dreams and being accepted into UCLA."

**Sophie Boling** - "Having the freedom to drive and be able to explore with your friends".

Rachael Hune - "

**Lily Romanov Wechsler** - "On my 17th birthday Justin manoa sang happy b-day to me and did a whole skit."

**(Me) Olivia Williamson** - "Becoming friends with people by the end of senior year that my 6th grade self

would have never thought."

**Davis Newman** - "Playing music with my friends"

**Jacquelle Kapland** - "Going to New York City with the high school orchestra"

**Cooper Norby** - "Going to Lake Tahoe with my friends and playing sims get famous pack (and making sims city)"

**Mrs. Stowell** - "A good chunk of positivity comes out of this senior grade and I think you all have a positive outlook on life which was nice to be around!"

**Mr. Evensen** - "The amazing artwork that this class made and was dedicated to creating creative projects. This was a unique year because we had these kids as 6th graders and now they are graduating"

**Charley Lewis** - "In Mrs. Thoreson's class when she would read us poetry and tell us that we're doing a good job."

**Phoebe Knox** - "Becoming so close with my grade and going on fun adventures with all of them."

**Estelle Shah** - "Becoming close

with my grade and going on fun adventures with all of them."

**Viola Franco** - "Talking to Mr. Evensen every morning and getting life lessons."

**Mathea Lasky** - "Bringing Coffee House back for Journalism and watching it come to life in a way that felt so bonded and creative. Obviously my favorite act of the night had to be the cat

style-miming performed by myself and Lukas... just my non-biased opinion."

**Chloe Rapf** - "Going to San Francisco with our Journalism class and getting to attend various creative presentations as well as all the parks and fields we visited together while there."

## A Departure of Endearment

Lukas Weiss  
STAFF WRITER

During my early youth, I'd enjoy glancing out the window staring at high schoolers. They oozed of vogue, while simultaneously appearing as if they had their whole lives put together. By the ripe age of ten, I painted a picture across my mind portraying the fierce measures I'd live to tell at that age. Now approaching the homestretch of high school, I often find myself contemplating

the fate of my future. At a certain age, growing up shifts from spawning funfetti and a smile to the worry of upcoming apprehensions. Contradicting the customary pretensions of aging, Chief Mathea exclaimed "Spontaneous!" when chalking out the years to follow. I couldn't sugarcoat the high school experience if my life depended on it, but I can say the class of 2023 is an eccentric bond of kids. Sitting one-to-one, The Co-Editor-in-Chief savored an iced americano while cherishing the lively memories formed by the graduating class over the last four years. As they toss their tassels reaching up to the sky, a rage of enthusiasm sets fire within their minds. The thought of eternal independence is inevitable, but not inexplicable.



## To Our Class, 2023

Wow, the class of 2023 is on their way out! Over the past few years at Malibu High and even elementary school, I've gotten to know the most genuine and creative people who have such bright futures ahead of them. High school was a fantastic part of our lives. Countless memories that we will hold on to forever. This is the beginning of a

new and beautiful era of growth. There is so much to explore and so many ways to leave a positive impact in our world. Do something you love and run with it. Don't let societal obstacles get in your way. Class of 2023, good luck on your future endeavors, live life to the fullest!

Leo Alexander

## A Letter From Your Editors - In - Chief

To start off - We would like to thank all of our editors, staff-writers, and Mrs. Stowell. Through our class this year, a family has been built that has not only learned to work together cohesively with respect and grace, but also formed some of the best memories of our high-school experience. Under the

brilliant Mrs. Stowell, each and every one of us grew an extensive knowledge of what it takes to pick the moments every day that contain stories, and report it with passion and individuality. We started from scratch; learned from each other, celebrated our victories together, cared for a communal turtle together, had moments of love and maybe

some fighting, though that was through love too. This class set their sights on creating an environment of fun and creative expression, bringing Coffee House back to MHS, and the tradition of attending JEA conferences together in San Francisco. We are leaving this class in the hands of Noelle, Julien, and Felix, keep it real for us!

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# Seniors are off to.....

## California

UC Los Angeles - Lucia Granados, Charlie Flores, Maxine Kelly  
 UC Berkeley - Duna Divito, Patrick Mickens  
 UC San Diego - Galen Selbert, Trevor Nickerson  
 UC Santa Barbara - Mai-Ahn Tarnay, Samantha Shenkman  
 UC Santa Cruz - Jace Kletter, Connor Macpherson, Davis Newman, Callie Randall  
 University of Southern California - Keira Norell  
 San Diego State University - Zoe Pollack, Olivia Williamson  
 California Polytechnic State University (SLO) - Eros Brunel  
 Santa Barbara City College - Sophia Byron, Jack Conkling, Kyle Kassoy, Asher Katz, Taj Raye  
 Santa Monica College - Harold Bema, Lloyd Bema, Emma Bivens, Bebe Bushnell, Finn Connelly, Veronika Flitsanova, Viola Franco, Jordi Garcia, Rachael Hune, Kylie Sammis, Jake Sichta, Sophia Springer  
 Pepperdine University - Cristyn Kim  
 Chapman University - Sophia Sabag  
 California Lutheran University - Vanessa Clarke  
 Pomona College - Ethan Marshall  
 California State University (Northridge) - Brandon Alvarado, Edgar Marquez  
 Long Beach City College - Matthew Henriquez  
 Los Angeles Pierce College - Anthony Sanchez  
 Occidental College - Lily Romanov-Wechsler  
 The Master's University and Seminary - Kade Kelly  
 Oxnard College - William Caceres

## New York

NYU - Reyn Smith, Leo Alexander, Estelle Shah, Gabriella Jamelian, Chloe Rapf  
 Pace University - Dyaln McGuirk  
 The New School - Claudia Bell, Alli Cunningham  
 Bard College - Mathea Lasky

## Colorado

University of Colorado (Boulder) - Colten Fisher, Julian Hayman, Tyler Odian, Charlotte White

## HAWAII

University of Hawaii at Manoa - Griffin Barrett, Meg Baron, Sophia Mathai

## Massachussetts

Northeastern University - Lucella Costa, Garrett Button

## Conneticut

Wesleyan University - Phoebe Knox

## Oregon

University of Oregon - Sophia Boling  
 University of Portland - Caleb Newman

## North Carolina

Duke - Cooper Norby  
 Elon University - Takoda Moore

## Montana

University of Montana - Gabrielle Smith

## Maine

Bowdoin College - Satchel Reid

## Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin (Madison) - Keira Petkus

## Pennsylvania

Villanova University - Whitney Shanahan

## TEXAS

Southern Methodist University - Kash Sasson

## New Jersey

Drew University - Scout Carter

## Tennessee

University of The South - Betsy Baker

## Washington

University of Puget South - Izac Stoilkovich



# International

## France

The American University of Paris - Jade Nelson, Alex Jenkins

## Ireland

Trinity College Dublin - Isabella Burke

## United Kingdom

Aberystwyth University - Marsaille Wells Fennard

# Hailey Bieber vs Selena Gomez

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**H**ailey Bieber and Selena Gomez are two very famous individuals who have recently been involved in some controversy. Hailey Bieber, formerly known as Hailey Baldwin, is a model and television personality. She started her modeling career at a young age, walking in major fashion shows such as Tommy Hilfiger and Dolce & Gabbana. She has also graced the covers of several fashion magazines and has collaborated with major fashion brands like Levi's and Adidas. Selena Gomez, on the other hand, is a singer, actress, and producer. She rose to fame as a child star on Disney Channel's *Wizards of Waverly Place* and later transitioned into a successful music career. Gomez has released several hit songs, including "Lose You to Love Me" and "Come & Get It," and has sold millions of records worldwide. In addition to her music career, she has also

acted in several films and television shows. Although Hailey Bieber and Selena Gomez have both had successful careers, they have also been subject to public scrutiny for their personal lives. Bieber, who is married to pop star Justin Bieber, has been the target of online hate and criticism from some fans of Justin's previous relationship with Selena Gomez. Selena, on the other hand, has been open about her struggles with mental health and has used her platform to advocate for mental health awareness and treatment. This whole drama was something that has been going on for years but was recently blown up by an Instagram story posted

by Hailey Bieber's close friend Kylie Jenner. Kylie Jenner posted a photo of her eyebrows saying "This is not an accident" and after, reposted a photo of Hailey Bieber's eyebrow, this seemed

terrible experiences with Hailey Bieber as well as brought up instances where Hailey was "copying" Selena for years. This scandal caused many fans of Selena to unfollow Hailey and the Jenner sisters and caused Hailey to be receiving many death threats, hate speech etc. This also caused Selena to surpass Kylie Jenner in followers and quickly became the most

followed women on Instagram. After weeks, Selena Gomez finally spoke out about this drama and posted on her story saying that "Hailey Bieber reached out to me and let me know that she has been receiving death threats and such hateful negativity. This isn't what I stand for. No one should have to experience hate or bullying. I've always advocated for kindness and really want this all to stop". This caused many fandoms to be confused and quickly after Hailey Bieber posted on her story that she wanted to thank Selena for speaking out and exclaimed that she preaches kindness and that "In the end, I believe love will always be bigger than hate and negativity, and there is always an opportunity to meet each other with more empathy and compassion". Overall this scandal has hopefully taught many people, maybe Justin Bieber will speak out next...



seemingly innocent until a live where Selena Gomez was saying she over laminated her eyebrows came about. Fans related this live back to Kylie Jenner's story and thought that this was direct hate towards Gomez. This scan-

## Monthly Horoscopes

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EDITOR

**♈** Aries - Allow change in the month of April, and do not constrain yourself to the image that other people hold of you. Do not judge yourself, and ask any questions that you are wondering.

**♉** Taurus - Set limitations for yourself, and do not do things that you don't want to. Go slow, and listen to your intuitions. Take some time for yourself and rest.

**♊** Gemini - Waste more time without worrying about wasting time. It doesn't matter if you spend an hour doing something that you don't necessarily need to do, you can get things done later.

**♋** Cancer - Try something different, even if you aren't sure what comes next. Listen to your head and do what is best for you without anxiety.

**♌** Leo - Start doing things that you aren't comfortable with. Get out of your comfort zone and remember that not everything needs to be embarrassing.

**♍** Virgo - You can start asking for help, it's okay to get somebody else's perspective even if it seems inefficient or pointless. Let yourself make connections and real-

ize that you can be independent without doing everything alone.

**♎** Libra - Let yourself be more open with the people that are close to you, because you don't always need to have a guard up. Take control in your relationships and don't let people walk all over you just because you are scared to ask for what you want.

**♏** Scorpio - Get a fresh start, because a change needs to happen. Surround yourself with people who understand you and can help you if something big happens in your life.

**♐** Sagittarius - Stop worrying about what other people think of you because that will give you more power. Realize that what you think about yourself is the most important, and stop scrutinizing your insecurities.

**♑** Capricorn - Move as fast as you want to move, and take time with your ideas. If you take on too much you will not be efficient, you will only get overwhelmed.

**♒** Aquarius - Take on fewer responsibilities, and start small. Apply problems to your personal life and think of small ways to improve your daily routine. Simply try and avoid overloading yourself so that you are able to breathe.

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**E**lvis Presley's wife Priscilla Presley and their granddaughter Riley Keough fight over Elvis' fortune and Graceland following the sudden death of Lisa Marie Presley, Elvis and Priscilla's daughter. Leading up to Lisa Marie's death, family drama was brewing due to her divorce with former husband Michael Lockwood.

Priscilla, Lisa Marie's mom had sided with Lockwood after the divorce, revealing the cracks on Priscilla and Lisa's relationship. However Lisa Marie's daughter Riley Keough said she will and has always sided with her mother. Four days after the memorial, the conflict erupted when Priscilla's attorneys petitioned the Los Angeles Court to challenge

the "authenticity and validity" of an addition to Lisa Marie's living trust that was made in 2016. Riley and Lisa Marie's son Benjamin Keough, who committed suicide at the age of 27 in 2020,

## Priscilla Presley vs Riley Keough

was given control of the trust, which included the Graceland mansion and a 15% stake in Elvis Presley Enterprises, which together brought in an estimated \$110 million in 2022. Priscilla, who claims she was unaware of the 2016 revision until after Lisa Marie's passing, argued it should be revoked for a number of reasons, including the fact that Lisa

Marie had failed to notify her of the modifications as required by the trusts' provisions. There is no doubt, according to Lisa Marie's friend, as to what she wanted: Riley and Ben to be the trustees and all her children to be the beneficiaries. Elvis Presley left a \$5 million estate behind when he passed away at age 42 from a cardiac arrest. His will identified Lisa Marie, who was 9 years old at the time, as his heir and his father, Vernon, as executor. In his will, Vernon, Elvis' longtime accountant, nominated Priscilla and the National Bank of Commerce in Memphis as co-executors of the estate until Lisa Marie turned 25. Riley and Priscilla are now barely on speaking terms as they grieve.





# What Does Record-Setting Precipitation This Winter Mean?

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This winter, California was hammered by storms which will go down in the history books. The state has received record-setting rainfall, and in the state's mountain communities, snowfall records have been shattered. According to the website of Big Bear Mountain Resort, the ski and snowboard area - the largest in Southern California - closed in late April. The closest major resort to Southern California, Mammoth Mountain,

has announced plans to stay open until at the end of July at the earliest. However, for non-skiers, the results of the torrential rains of this season have been mixed. While the drought which plagued California has been fended off, at least temporarily, according to a report by Vox, floods have devastated the Central Coast of California and the state's low-lying Central Valley, according to state governments. While many have said that these

unprecedented floods are proof that climate change prompts erratic and extreme weather, others have noticed that California has experienced large floods almost every decade. For example, in 2017, a major drought was alleviated by a series of floods. However, the impacts on the state still remain impossible to ignore. For instance, Tulare Lake, which previously only existed hundreds of years ago before the Central Valley was

exploited for agricultural production, has re-emerged due to these floods. Also, according to the national park service, Redwoods National Park was temporarily closed due to the flooding. However, Californians have relished in the cold temperatures which simultaneously swept across the state, leading to rare snowfalls in many warm locations. For instance, according to ABC7, snowfall fell low enough to dust the Hollywood Sign,

leading many to take pictures of the iconic symbol of one of America's warmest cities. While the causes of this unprecedented storm remain unclear, as do the implications for Californians, it has resulted in many unique experiences for the state's residents, and has brought positive byproducts in its wake.



## Fentanyl Surge Across U.S.

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The powerful synthetic opioid, fentanyl, is raising growing worry in the United States. As it is so much stronger than other opioids like heroin or morphine, fentanyl is meant to be used in therapeutic settings to treat severe pain, but has been linked to a dramatic increase in overdose deaths. The rise in fentanyl use in the US can be attributed to a number of factors. First off, fentanyl is an affordable and effective narcotic, making it a desirable choice for drug traffickers wanting to maximize their earnings. Furthermore, without the user's awareness, fentanyl is frequently combined with other substances like cocaine or heroin. This implies that those who use these medicines may be inadvertently putting themselves in danger from fentanyl.

The current opioid epidemic in the US is another reason fueling the rise in fentanyl use. As their prescriptions run out or become too expensive, fentanyl may become the drug of choice for many people who develop an addiction to prescription opioids like oxycodone or hydrocodone. "Monthly drug overdose deaths nearly tripled among adolescents from 2019 through the end of 2021", according to the CDC. This public health emergency has resulted in the government, law enforcement, and medical professionals working to address this crisis through a number of initiatives, such as expanding access to naloxone (a drug that reverses an overdose), combating illegal drug trafficking, and raising public awareness of the risks associated with fentanyl use.



## 2023 Ohio Trail Derailment

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A Norfolk Southern train in Ohio had derailed causing toxic chemicals and some of which were flammable has left many of its residents frightened. Train cars carried chemicals such as Butyl Acrylate, Ethylhexyl acrylate, Ethylene Glycol Monobutyl Ether, and Vinyl Chloride. Breathing difficulty, skin, eye, nose, and respiratory tract irritation, headaches, vomiting, dizziness, and drowsiness are some of the few effects of the chemicals released from the train derailment. Ohio has a lot of agriculture, over 75,000 family farmers, Ohio is also the number one swiss

cheese producer and second in egg production and third in tomatoes and pumpkins according to the Ohio Secretary of State. As you can assume it would be a concern to citizens and its food production. Chemicals released pollute groundwater and surface water, being harmful to waterways, plants and animals. The train derailment hasn't affected any of the crops and agriculture and face little risk but is still a major concern for the people that live in the areas that would affect the demand of the products and the trust of the people.



Photo taken by The New York Times on February 3rd .....

## WHAT ARE MALIBU'S MOST POPULAR VACATION SPOTS?

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Living in Malibu, it can be hard to imagine that anyone would want to take a vacation. With its beautiful beaches and dramatic mountains, Malibu seems like para-

dise. However, whether it is to escape the dreary weather which has dulled Malibu for the past three months, to experience a new culture, or to simply relax and have fun, Malibuans value

their vacations. In this article, we will compare a few of the most popular tourist spots which the students of Malibu frequent.

It is impossible to talk about vacations at Malibu High School

without mentioning Mammoth Mountain. This is the closest major ski resort to Southern California. It is known for its legendary snowfall, as seen by this year's record breaking snowfall which will allow skiers to visit the mountain until at least the end of July (as reported by Mammoth Mountain Resort). While Big Bear Mountain Resort, located just a three hour drive from Malibu under ideal conditions, is closer, the constant traffic jams and relatively easy terrain makes it far less popular - even for day trips. Mammoth Mountain - at a five hour drive on a good day - offers world-class skiing only an afternoon drive away from one of the world's most famous beach towns. Its 3000 feet of vertical drop and diverse terrain makes it an attractive option for both serious and casual skiers and boarders.

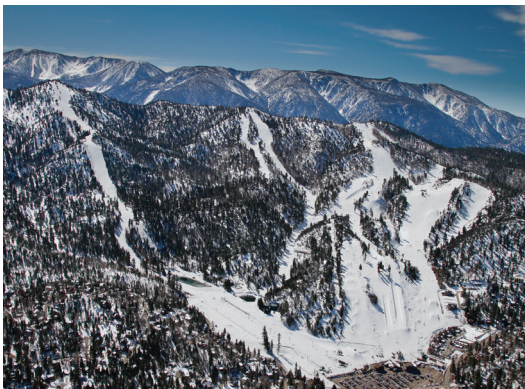
Another place which offers skiing is... Hawaii? Yes, actually. Hardcore skiers and boarders can bring up their equipment to the top of Mauna Kea when it snows. However, most Malibu

residents do not travel to Hawaii to ski. Instead, Hawaii's attractiveness lies in its constant tropical climate, meaning any day is a beach day. In addition, it offers a unique culture with Polynesian, Asian, and European influences, and the plethora of flights offered to all of the major isles from LAX makes travel to this U.S. state relatively easy. Finally, Palm Springs remains an attractive weekend destination for Malibu residents. While it may initially seem unappealing due to its broiling summers, the town offers many hotels and spa experiences, and also is a gateway to many other destinations - such as the Coachella Valley, which hosts the namesake music festival - as well as San Jacinto Peak and Joshua Tree National Park - known for its hiking. Visiting Palm Springs, for many Malibu residents, offers an attractive weekend getaway during the pleasant Spring and Fall months.

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### Big Bear (2.5 hour drive)

Located in the heart of the San Bernardino National Forest, Big Bear is the closest premier mountain near Los Angeles with a wide range of terrain for all types of skiers and snowboarders. The two mountains in the area are loaded with runs for beginners through advanced skiers along with a large variety of park obstacles and even a half pipe snow ramp.



### Lake Tahoe (8.25 hour drive)

The historic Lake Tahoe area has everything to offer for a last minute powder trip situated in the Northern Sierra Nevada mountain range, snow has been showering throughout this current season. Snow has been showering throughout this current season. Lake Tahoe sits just North of the lake which offers a variety of activities as well as the amazing snow on the mountain. With over 20 different resorts in the area offering mountain activities there is sure to be something for everyone no matter the conditions.

Recently, I visited Palm Springs for a Memorial Day Weekend getaway. While the allure of Palm Springs' resorts and shopping was a major reason for me to take my trip, what was much more intriguing (and much less crowded) was the Salton Sea which lies to the south of it. The Salton Sea was created by accident in 1905, due to the diversion of the Color-

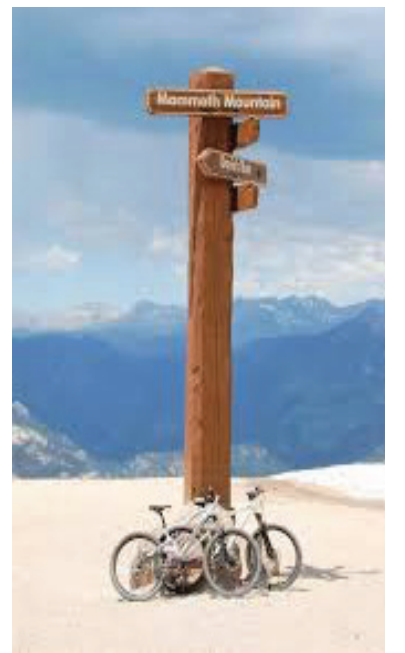
do River. While its creation was accidental, its popularity in the 1900s was well deserved, as it was formerly a massive oasis in the desert which attracted the rich and famous. However, in recent years, the area surrounding it has become sparsely inhabited due to its pollution and shrinking size. While the Salton Sea may not be ideal for a beach vacation, the ruins of its past of-

fer a worthy diversion for any regular traveler to Palm Springs.

By far the most unique part of visiting the Salton Sea was seeing Salvation Mountain, an art exhibit nearby it. This mountain is painted in vibrant colors and Christian messages, and was painted as the work of a single man over a period of almost three decades. Beyond the photo opportunities, the mountain

### Mammoth Mountain (5.25 hour drive)

Finally the most popular and crowded mountain in Southern California for a justified reason, is Mammoth Mountain, located in the Southern Sierra Nevada mountain range, Mammoth Mountain is known for the most challenging terrain in the area. It shares a wide variety of different terrain for skiers looking for a perfect destination before the end of the season. With a base of over 7,000 feet and a summit over 11,000, Mammoth is an ideal place to score prestigious snow near Southern California.



offers a unique glimpse into the creativity and values which guide free-spirit artists such as Leonard Knight. Just 20 minutes north of Salvation Mountain lies Bombay Beach. Formerly a bustling beach town, the modern-day settlement has just a few hundred residents, and lies inland. Towards the beach lies an otherworldly set of ruins and art installations. It features the

ruined boats from the bottom of the lakebed, but also contains a unique set of landmarks such as a swing which is situated above the water, as well as abandoned machinery. While these destinations may not be glamorous, they made my desert trip much more memorable and unique.

# Artist of the Month: Ethan Marshall

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Ethan Marshall is a senior at Malibu High School; and throughout his illustrious high school career, he has invested his time and efforts into the art departments of his school. As a trumpet player in the band, a lead actor in Theater, a skilled vocalist, and school Valedictorian, the impact he has made has been immense. Ethan will be spending the next chapter of his life studying linguistics and cognitive science at Pomona College.

As May's 'Artist of the Month', Ethan Marshall answers questions pertaining to music and his time in Malibu High School's band.

## What does music mean to you?

Music has always been an escape for me. Something to do with my time that felt somehow transcendent, like I was learning something about the universe when I played. More than that though, music was a way to feel and express things I never could using other means. Hearing musicians play music was a singularly profound experience for me, as if nothing else would ever move me as deeply as notes and chords could. More than just for myself, however, I see music as transformative on a global scale.

## In what way(s) does it allow you to learn and grow?

During all four years of high school, absolutely nothing has been more challenging than playing music. Musicians describe a sort of naturalism to their art, as if music can just flow in and out of them. While that may have been true in some respects for me, learning to play complicated music in talented ensembles was never something that came easily to me. With these challenges, however, I grew into a more confident musician. Learning to think and breathe with a group of other musicians taught

me more about life than just about music, and music has absolutely shaped the person I am.

## In what sense does it define you?

Music has changed the way I look at things both in an abstract but very real way. When I first discovered the musical worlds of the composer Maurice Ravel, I was immediately struck by his profound vagueness. There was nothing concrete or firm about his music, it never explained itself or gave the listener exactly what they wanted to hear. His music and its emotion seems to exist entirely in the mind of the listener. I fell in love with this type of music and in turn I became changed by it, I began to see things more vaguely, without definite borders. I found beauty in things unsaid, the things you have to assume to be real. I think in this way music has defined my sense of self and of the world around me.

## How do you feel Malibu High School has been able to foster your love of music?

Malibu High has been vital in my music education. Teachers like Mr. Kibler of the band department have given me the outlet to play stimulating and expressive music every day. Working in the theater department and choir department has also allowed me to learn about these disciplines in turn, and Malibu High has never placed any restrictions on where my love of music could imprint itself.

## Is there anything you would change with the MHS music department? If so, what and why?

There's a sort of collaborative indifference at Malibu High today. I've noticed a growing lack of interdisciplinary cooperation in students. It is becoming more often that I see students who would rather

look down on members of other branches of music education than want to work together to create music alongside them. I think this sentiment is detrimental to the creative possibilities of interdepartmental music making. If the orchestra, band, and choir students made music together I have no doubts that it would sound as good as each ensemble sounds individually.

## What do you hope to fulfill with the music you play?

Every time I play my instrument my goal is the same; to create a space in which music is the only thing that matters. When listening to a live performance, the space itself changes. We go from being individual people with lives and sounds of our own into this isolated world where all that matters is the sounds coming from the performer. I hope to create these sorts of spaces with music, to give to people moments of rudimentary escape where all that exists is the sound and how it speaks to them.

## What is something you wish to impart with the reader about the importance of music in society?

Music, in all its forms, reflects the society around it. The music people make seeks to fill the void in the self and in the collective perspective, and when a society is not at rest neither is its music. Make, listen, and share music that moves you. In this way we can better understand each other and use music as a conduit to understand the deep emotional bonds running through our society. Sharing the music we honestly love with those around us and making music in touch with everything we feel is how a society exists in a higher state of consciousness.



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