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UCLA. rape case

By Jens Cole
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As the summer NCAA water polo season is approaching, many recruited freshmen for various college teams are working their way into playing a role for their respective teams. UCLA redshirt freshmen, **Hakop Kaplanyan**, 18, has been accused of rape by a female acquaintance.

The incident in question occurred on April 2nd, 2013 in a dorm located on the UCLA campus. Kaplanyan was immediately arrested after his female acquaintance made a report to the campus police. Kaplanyan maintains that he and the alleged victim were dating and the sex was consensual. For security purposes, the identity of the woman and where she attended school is still unknown.

Soon after his arrest, Kaplanyan was released on \$200,000 bail. Kaplanyan has been suspended from UCLA until further notice. The suspension includes not being able to participate in water polo.

"I would love to go back to school.... I miss my coaches, I miss my teammates," said Kaplanyan.

Kaplanyan had a court appearance on April 25th, 2013. At that appearance he found out that the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office had not yet filed formal rape charges against him. The DA is continuing to review the case and has a year to decide whether to charge Kaplanyan or not.

On April 26th Kaplanyan and his attorney met with the officials from UCLA, in regards to his suspension from school. In the meeting, the Dean was presented with a petition signed by 700 students in support of Kaplanyan. Kaplanyan plans to appeal his suspension and hopes to return to UCLA. Along with the petition, friends of Kaplanyan posted a video to YouTube showing their support.

According to Kaplanyan's UCLA athletic profile he played water polo at Hoover High School and was a three-time first team All-CIF selection. As a sophomore in 2009 he broke the CIF single-season record for goals scored in a season with 229.

Boston bombing: a country unites in grief



BOSTONIANS UNITE: The people of Boston come together to mourn and celebrate American pride and unity. (Boston Globe)

By Gabriella Grahek
BUSINESS MANAGER

On Monday, April 15th, at 2:50 P.M., two bombs, about one block away from each other and eight seconds apart, exploded during the annual Boston Marathon. The eruptions occurred on Boylston Street, approximately 4 hours into the event as a portion of the near-27,000 runners approached the midway line, and it sent debris shooting upwards of 50 yards into the air. The explosions killed three people, injured 264 others, and resulted in the largest regional man-hunt operation in United States history.

Attendees of the 2013 Boston Marathon, an annual event that has occurred since 1897 on Patriot's Day, witnessed extreme distress and panic after the detonation of two small, homemade explosives. The bombs shot debris directly into and above a

crowd of marathon spectators, injuring hundreds of people along Boylston Street and resulting in three casualties. Following the explosions, race volunteers and emergency workers flushed the scene, transforming the surrounding areas into triage treatment centers.

By 6:30 P.M., eight-year old Martin Richard was identified as one of the three confirmed casualties. Martin Richard's mother, Denise, was also injured in the explosions and his younger sister Jane lost a leg. Local hospitals were overwhelmed for days with providing emergency care to the hundreds of patients with serious injury, many of whom received amputations.

Police reports say no C-4 or any other high grade materials were found in the devices, suggesting that the packages used in the attack were made of crude explosive material. New information from witness testimonies suggests

that the bombers had planned to detonate the bombs on July 4th, but pushed up the date because the bombs were ready earlier than expected.

The days immediately following the explosions carried heavy hearts and pain as the nation searched for the perpetrator. After a 102 hour man-hunt, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, a 19-year-old student, and his 26-year-old brother, were charged with perpetrating the bombings.

After the Tsarnaevs robbed a convenience store, killed an MIT police officer, and carjacked a Mercedes, the police zeroed in on the brothers. The entirety of Boston went on lockdown. Civilians were advised to stay inside and lock their doors, schools were closed, and public transportation was halted.

In a heated shootout on April 19th, Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed and, though Dzhokhar was

seriously injured, he managed to escape. He was found later by the police and was rushed to a local hospital where he was placed under critical care. By April 21st, he gained consciousness and began to communicate with the police.

Since the day of the explosions, multiple investigations and law suits surrounding the incident have unfolded. Dzhokhar and his brother, Tamerlan, moved from Chechnya to the United States ten years ago in 2003. Dzhokhar graduated at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School with a scholarship from the City of Cambridge and worked a few years at Harvard as a lifeguard.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev was recently laid to rest on May 9th in a disclosed location outside of Massachusetts. Some see his burial as a conclusion to the Boston bombings, but to others it is only the beginning of a long series of investigations to find the truth.

Newtown families get involved in gun control

By Mackenna Strange
STAFF WRITER

December's massacre in Newtown, Connecticut, has sparked increased controversy over gun control in the United States. Many parents of the victims have been getting involved by demanding, through protests, action and a Congressional vote on a gun control bill.

The Newtown shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary school on December 14, 2012 was a mass murder of 28 people, 20 of which were young children. This tragedy was inflicted by 20 year-old Adam Lanza. At a vigil on December 16, President Barack Obama said he would use "whatever power the office holds" to prevent tragedies like this one from occurring again.

Less than a day after the incident, 100,000 Americans signed a petition on the Obama administration's website in support of spurring the national debate on gun control. After the president claimed in a speech that he would make gun control a "central issue" in his next term, citizens' fear of gun restrictions led to a huge increase in the sales of guns, ammunition, and magazines.

Recently, President Obama asked the mother of a six-year-old boy who was killed in the massa-

cre to stand in for him and address the nation. The woman, Francine Wheeler, lost her son Ben and believes that actions should be taken to combat gun violence.

On the president's weekly radio and internet address, Wheeler made a personal plea for people to "do something before our tragedy becomes your tragedy." Francine Wheeler, along with other family members of victims, has launched an effort to push a gun control bill through to Congress. Obama made his case for action by helping the family members meet with senators.

Gun rights activists have made several arguments about the involvement of the families with the debate over gun control. When gun control advocates cite the families' desires, some say it constitutes "using the families." Last week, Senator Rand Paul accused the Obama administration of using the families of Newtown victims as "props."

The country remains divided over whether or not guns should be illegal. Although parents and family members of the Newtown Massacre victims are putting in a strong effort to demand a vote on gun control, the parents are speaking out and saying that they know their role in this debate is the result of the murders of their children.

By Rachel Purewal
STAFF WRITER

Margaret Thatcher has been and will be a very influential figure in regards to female status in the world of politics. Because Thatcher was one of the most famous women in the political world, the death of the former English Prime Minister has caused sorrow and sympathy all around the world. Thatcher died of a stroke on April 8, 2013.

Thatcher is most famously known for being the first female English Prime Minister. Before her political leadership began, Thatcher attended Oxford University and began research as a chemist. Her interests soon turned from chemistry toward the world of politics.

Thatcher first became a member of Parliament in 1959, and in 1970 she was appointed Secretary of Education. Thatcher became Prime Minister after winning the general election in 1979. Thatcher went on to serve three terms as Prime Minister. During her time in office, Thatcher faced a near death experience when a bomb was set off at the Conservative Party Conference.

Thatcher had a personal relationship with U.S. president Ronald Reagan due to their

similar political views and ideologies. Thatcher was nicknamed the "Iron Lady" because of her cold and strong personality as well as for her support for Soviet reformist Mikhail Gorbachev. Thatcher eventually resigned and was replaced by John Major.

Thatcher was a mother of two with her husband, Denis Thatcher. After her time as Prime Minister and after she left the House

of Commons in 1992, Thatcher began to speak and lecture all around the world. In 2002, after suffering from numerous strokes, Thatcher retired from public speaking.

Thatcher's was an extremely influential figure in twentieth century politics. History will definitely remember Margaret Thatcher.



THE IRON LADY: Margaret Thatcher served as Prime Minister from 1979 to 1990.

The pines beyond the place

By Evan McGowan and Ryan McGiffert
STAFF WRITERS

Two boys go into the pines to look for their boys. One of these boys is Ryan Gooseling. He wears red leather and has indecipherable tattoos on his neck. Seriously, just over two hours and I still could not figure out what it says on his neck. Fans of Ryan Gooseling being silent and stoic in a gold jacket or Ryan Gooseling being silent and odd will be enthralled, because Ryan Gooseling has returned to form once again, as the guy from Drive except he's a misunderstood father in upstate New York. But watch yo self, fool! This is nothing like Drive, even if it might be entirely like Drive.

Meanwhile, Bradley Cooper appears as a really lame version of Serpico, dazzling the audience with such tremendous feats as whining, poorly raising a rebellious time-traveling young Val Kilmer (probably), and uttering the best line in the whole film, "Where's my boy?!" no less than four times in five seconds. (roughly) It's true.

There are some other characters that Ryan Gooseling fans will be disappointed to find out are indeed not Ryan Gooseling. I was especially disappointed when they replaced the whole cast with dogs for 45 minutes. That was quite a twist despite its poor execution. Dog Ryan Gooseling was remarkably bad at fetch as well as acting. Dog Bradley Coop was exactly the same.

There's a man named "Coffee", and Ryan Gooseling hits him across the face with a wrench

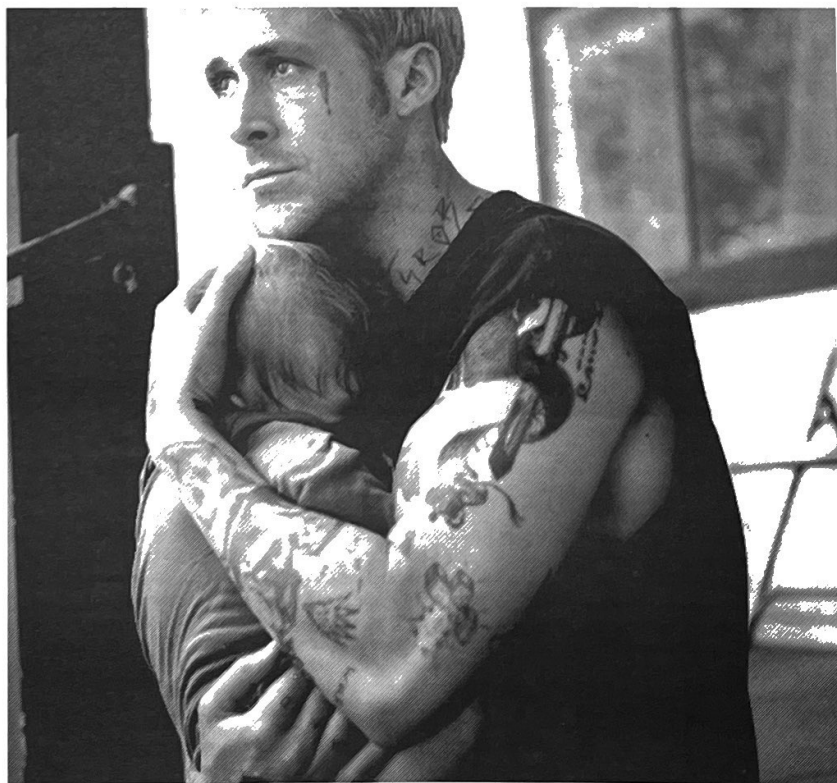
while passive-aggressively building a crib for his son. Bradley Cooper is really mean to his wife, he whispers mean things to her while she's trying to sleep. She was probably really tired later. Ray Liotta plays Ray Liotta. Fans of Ray Liotta may or may not want to go see this but He's in

this.

The two boys grow into men whilst their baby boys grow into sort-of-men. Boys. Young Val Kilmer does a lot of Oxycotin. Ry Gos' son (boy) is really skinny and is misunderstood, carrying on the sins of his misunderstood and, frankly, very hot poppa. He has

the same gene as his father to be really good at riding motorcycles of all shapes and sizes.

I do not think this movie was real. I recommend anyone whose dad is a producer, which is more than likely, and who is left handed to swear on the Tibetan Book of the Dead to see this fake movie.



THE GREATEST CONFLICT: Both Ryan Gosling and Bradley Cooper are ridiculously good looking in this movie (despite the bleach blonde hair and tattoos on Gosling), but neither of them are good people. You feel a strong sense of guilt for even finding them attractive by the end of the movie.

North Korea

By Zena the Warrior Princess
STAFF WRITER

A tenuous ease has settled in the relationship between North Korea and the rest of the world after a rise in tensions last month. Last April, the Communist country repeatedly threatened both South Korea and the United States. The bellicose rhetoric followed a nuclear test in February. It is believed the test was part of North Korea's annual celebration of their military. The UN has responded to these tests through additional sanctions, which they believe will slow down North Korean weaponization. Obama spoke about North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, whose motivations have been scrutinized since the latest escalation of threats. "You know, based on our current intelligence assessments, we do not think that they have that capacity, [to launch nuclear strikes against the US]" Obama told NBC News, "But...we have to make sure that we are dealing with every contingency out there. And that is why I have repositioned missile defense systems to guard against any miscalculation on their part." Despite hostilities dying down, in mid-May North Korea tested six short-range missiles in the span of three days. The main apprehension about North Korea's military capabilities is their ownership of musudans, medium range missiles that could potentially reach American bases in Guam. While North Korea moved the missiles from a potential launch site at the coast at the beginning of May, they still remain a concern.

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Locos for tacos

By Davis Faherty
STAFF WRITER

People love Cool Ranch Doritos. People love tacos. It's no surprise that the geniuses at Taco Bell decided to combine these things into Cool Ranch Doritos Locos Tacos.

It all started with the original Nacho Cheese Doritos Locos Tacos released in March of 2012. The recipe was simple, either the normal Crunchy Taco or the Crunchy Taco Supreme with a huge Dorito chip as the shell.

The hype before the midnight release was demonstrated by the countless articles and comments on the internet anticipating the taco. Many of these articles discussed rumors of a similar taco... but with a Cool Ranch shell.

Cool Ranch Doritos are an all-time favorite snack to many Malibu High students. Lots of kids love the chips... but would they buy the taco?

"The idea of Doritos Tacos is great. The supplier [Taco Bell] however, cannot be trusted," said sophomore and food guru Kevin

Baum.

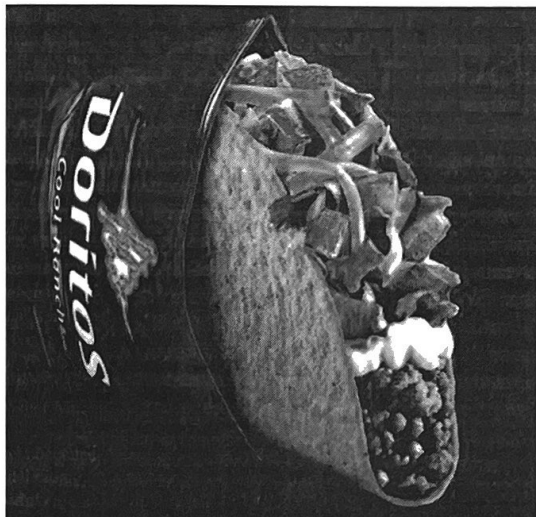
The Cool Ranch Doritos Locos Tacos were announced to be available to taco fans everywhere on March 7, 2013. The countdown had begun.

Multiple commercials and other advertisements promoting the new taco were impossible to ignore. I recently tried the taco and it was pretty much what I expected it to be.

The taco is what it's advertised as; the Crunchy or Crunchy Supreme Taco with a Cool Ranch shell. We all know what Taco Bell is, mediocre tacos for a pretty good price. Remarkably satisfactory.

There was a jump from 290mg of sodium in the regular Crunchy Taco to 350mg of sodium in the Cool Ranch taco, so don't overload on this satisfying treat unless you want to "Live Menos" instead of "Más".

Most online reviews and commentaries are positive for the taco. Twitter user @ThisIsEduardo claimed "Doritos locos taco>>" indicating that Doritos Locos Tacos are in fact greater than everything.



A NEW TACO HAS COME TO TOWN: The release of the flavorful snack, Cool Ranch Doritos Locos Tacos has everyone excited.

"Cool Ranch tacos will cool your taste buds," said sophomore and taco enthusiast Mia Green. So with generally positive feedback from Malibu High

students, myself, and the always-trustworthy internet, you can resolve your hours of pondering and go try the taco.

A peek at summer movies

By Olivia Cerio
STAFF WRITER

Every year we wait day after day for summer break to come, and when it finally does, we just end up sitting alone at home and going to bed at ungodly hours. Sure, if you're me, that's exactly what you've been waiting for, but it can admittedly get repetitive. Also, you can only be on Tumblr for so long before you start to go stir crazy and start fights with random people on the Internet for entertainment. Every so often, it's good to venture outside of your dark, dingy room and inside go to a dark, dingy cinema! In case you decide to crawl out of your cave this summer, here's some popular movies you'll probably be expected to see by your peers:

Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters

In order to save the world, Percy and pals go seeking the magic Golden Fleece. I've never read the books or anything, but judging from my friend's thirty minute spiel on how the first Percy Jackson movie was an utter catastrophe compared to the books, I'm going to take an educated guess and assume it won't be that different from the first film. So if you're the .01% that liked the first movie, I'm sure Percy and pals (that's what they call their gang, right?) will be on another totes fun adventure involving a sea of monsters. Honestly, it won't be respectful to canon and if that doesn't float your boat just don't go. I don't need another speech how the second movie was nothing like the book. The least we can do as fellow moviegoers is to agree on the fact that Logan Lerman is aging like a fine wine.

This Is The End

Some actors/comedians, starring as themselves, play off the joke that the world's ending which, coincidentally, is a joke that ended

six months ago. It's a Seth Rogan flick, which means it might be funny for twelve minutes and then completely intolerable for the rest. I don't know, though; Emma Watson thinks it's funny so who knows, she seems like a classy lady, she reads books and stuff. It's going to be a total hit or a total miss, but it's probably something to see for either a few chuckles or a way to induce vomiting.

Monsters University

Apparently, when Mike Wazowski and James P. Sullivan met at University of Fear they couldn't stand each other and the movie basically explains how Mike and Sulley overcame their differences and became BMFFs (best monster friends forever). The promos make it seem like it's going to be really cute and nicely animated and I just really liked the original as a kid so it's definitely something to see.

The Bling Ring

The movie is about teenagers obsessed with fashion and fame who burglarized the homes of celebrities in Los Angeles. Tracking their targets' whereabouts online, the teens would break-in and steal designer clothes and possessions. They later get caught and



THE BUZZ ON THE BLING RING: Many people are looking forward to seeing the glamour and drama that revolves around these fame-seeking teens.

get their own MTV special, so I guess that's a happy ending for fame-seeking adolescents. This is a movie based on true story that for some reason looks very interesting. I'm not sure if it's going to be comedic or dramatic or just a weird originally-a-comedy that slowly spirals into a depression. Either way popular young adult females are in it and everyone seems to like them. The directing is probably going to be something to look forwards to as well considering it will be done by Francis Ford Coppola's daughter. Hopefully the good directing genes will be passed on.

One Direction: This Is Us 3D

The popular band One Direction is composed of Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, Harry Styles and Louis Tomlinson who were discovered on X Factor— you know what, who am I kidding; you know who these people are (heck, that's the reason I put this on my list). In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if you even had a friend (or two) that adores the band as well. These guys all talk funny and jump around a lot on stage, but the Internet tells me they have a huge fan base and should not be openly ridiculed in a public, so just see the movie.

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4TH OF JULY CAKE RECIPE

By Lara Kiefer
STAFF WRITER

Summer is just around the corner, and with it comes the patriotic holiday of the year: the 4th of July. BBQs, beach parties, sun, and glorious flag cake provide a much needed taste of the blissful summer months to come. This flag cake can be made and drooled over on patriotic holidays this summer and can serve at least 30 of your hungriest friends and family, making it perfect for summer parties. Make sure to read the recipe in advance and remember to set out all the ingredients that need to be prepared at room temperature. This cake will be a wonderful addition to any 4th of July festivities.

FLAG CAKE

Adapted from Ina Garten, 2002 *Barefoot Contessa*

Cake:

18 tablespoons (2 ¼ sticks) unsalted butter (at room temperature)
3 cups sugar
6 large eggs (at room temperature)
1 cup sour cream (at room temperature)
1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
3 cups flour
1/3 cup cornstarch
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon baking soda

Icing:

1 pound (4 sticks) unsalted butter (at room temperature)
1 ½ pounds cream cheese (at room temperature)
1 pound confectioners' sugar
1 ½ teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Decoration:

2 half-pints blueberries
3 half-pints raspberries

Cake:

Heat the oven to 350°F. Butter an 18 x 13 x 1 ½ inch sheet pan.

Cream the butter and sugar in an electric mixer on high speed until light and fluffy. Lower the speed to the medium speed and add 2 eggs at a time, then add the sour cream and vanilla. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and stir until smooth.

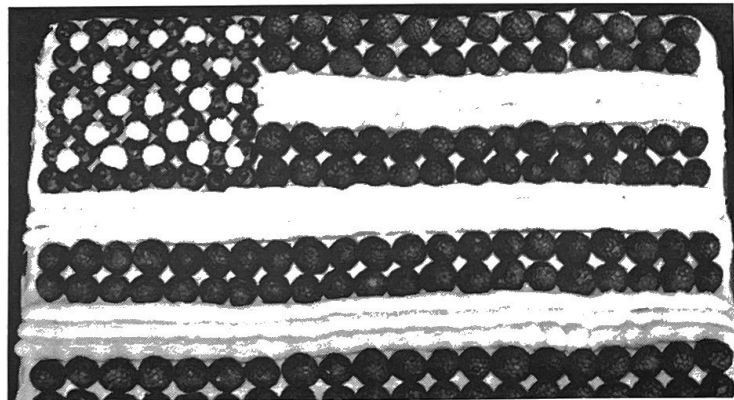
Sift the flour, cornstarch, salt, and baking soda together in a bowl. With the electric mixer on low speed, add the flour mixture to the butter mixture until combined. Pour into the prepared pan. Smooth and even the top of the batter with a spatula. Bake in the oven for 20 to 30 minutes, until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool until it is at room temperature.

Icing:

Sift the powdered sugar. Combine the room temperature butter, cream cheese, sifted sugar, and vanilla in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix just until smooth.

Assemble:

Spread about three-fourths of the icing on the top of the cooled sheet cake. With a toothpick, sketch the outline of the flag on the iced cake. Neatly fill the upper left corner with blueberries. Place 2 rows of raspberries across the top of the cake as the first red stripe. Put the remaining icing in a pastry bag fitted with a star tip and pipe two rows of white stripes below the raspberries. Alternate rows of raspberries and icing until the flag is complete. Pipe stars on top of the blueberries. The American flag has 50 stars and 13 stripes, but you may find it difficult to create an exact representation of the flag. I find it much easier to use the original colonial flag. Serve the cake in the pan. If you want to serve the cake on a more festive dish, line the bottom of sheet pan with parchment paper when you butter and flour the sheet pan and turn the cake onto the preferred dish before icing and decorating.



Fran's Vase

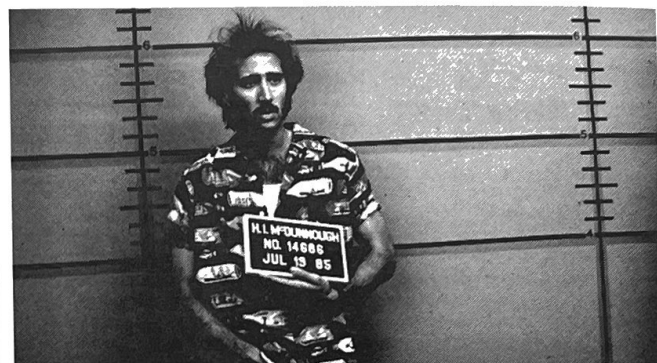
FLAG CAKE: Serve this festive dessert as a friendly reminder that summer is coming up.

BEST OF NETFLIX

By Jack Klane
STAFF WRITER

After weeks of research and dedication to the cause I have found the greatest movies to watch on Netflix. These movies can be watched when you are feeling bored and are guaranteed to change how you think and feel about movies.

1. *Raising Arizona*, starring Nicolas Cage as a man who can't have children so he "borrows" his own from some rich guy.
2. *Face Off*, starring Nicolas Cage as an antiterrorism agent who goes under the knife to acquire the likeness of a terrorist in order to gather details about a bombing plot.
3. *Windtalkers*, starring Nicolas Cage as a marine assigned to protect a "windtalker," one of several Navajo Indians used to relay messages in WWII.
4. *Season of the Witch*, starring Nicolas Cage as a member of a group of warriors transporting a suspected witch that is believed to have spread the black plague.
5. *Stolen*, starring Nicolas Cage in a *Taken* spinoff that is ten times better than *Taken*, if only for its leading actor.



NICOLAS CAGE: Nicolas Cage stars in some of the best Netflix movies of all time, including *Raising Arizona*.

Love Guru Extrodinaire

By Nicole Harper
STAFF WRITER

While I have been sitting on the sidelines for 16 years, I have learned a thing or two about a little game I like to call love. I have generously lent my expertise to the hopeless singles on campus, answering their lovesick questions.

Dear Love Guru,

There is this really hunky boy in my Spanish class and we have made eye contact at least four times. What does this mean? - Sincerely, Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Some are quick to dismiss little things like making eye contact, but I believe there is no such thing as reading into something too much. He looked in your general direction so he must be in love with you. Now you're probably thinking, "What next?" The next step is to creepily smile at him when you make eye contact, so he knows that you know that he loves you. Before you know it you will be engaged. Mazel Tov!

Dear Love Guru,

My boyfriend keeps trying to hold my hand, but I'm just not ready for our hands to touch. I am also worried of what my gal pals will think of me after we've held hands. What do I do? - Love, I Don't Wanna Hold Your Hand

Dear I Don't Wanna Hold Your Hand,

Don't let your man pressure you into something you don't feel comfortable with. Don't hold anything until you are completely ready. And once you are ready to touch his hand with your hand, know it is between you and him. Your gal pals need to respect your decisions.

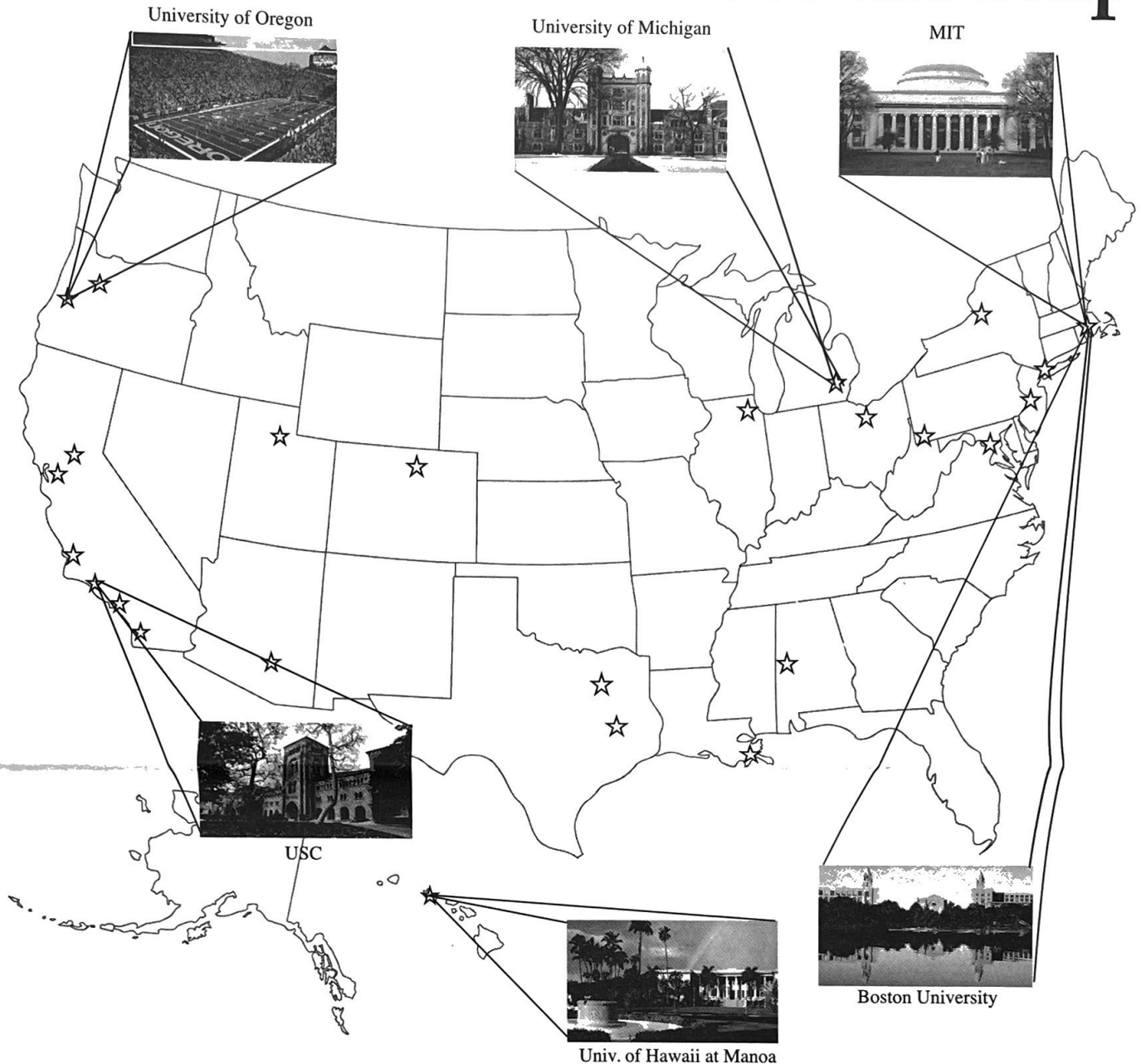
Dear Love Guru,

I'm freaking out because my man has yet to ask me to prom. I don't want to be pushy but I would like to be asked in some romantic way, the more extravagant the better. I want my friends to die with envy when they hear my cute prom story and I want to get a billion notes on Tumblr when I totally blog about it. How do I give him the hint? - Best Regards, Prom

Dear Prom,

Casually drop some really obvious hints. Constantly talk about how cute your friends' prom asks and dresses are. If he doesn't get the hint, cry your little eyes out until he has to ask you in order to get you shut you up. It will be adorable.

Malibu seniors across the map



THE SCHOOLS

By Amber Collins-Parnell
ARTS & ENT. EDITOR

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Seniors shine in final show

By Maya Eliahou
STAFF WRITER

Seniors Annaleah Eisner and Peri Lapidus appeared on the MHS stage for their last time on May 19 in an adaptation of His Dark Materials, based on Phillip Pullman's bestselling trilogy. Eisner played Serafina Pekkala, the leader of a group of benevolent witches. She also played the role of Mrs. Lonsdale, who is

a faithful maidservant to Lyra, played by junior Camille Wormser. Eisner has been acting in the MHS theater department since the sixth grade.

"One of the main things it has provided me with is a sense of community because the people in theater end up being more like a family than anything else," said Eisner.

Acting also offers her an important outlet for self-expression. "It is a way to escape yourself

for however long you are on stage," said Eisner.

Lapidus played Mrs. Coulter, a powerful and influential lead character who kidnaps children for experimental purposes.

"She believes everything she does is for the best," said Lapidus.

In the movie *The Golden Compass*, Mrs. Coulter is played by Nicole Kidman.

Lapidus has also been acting in the theater program since sixth grade. She has performed in every play except one, which took place during her ninth grade year. Lapidus believes that in theater, one must "leave everything at the door." She follows this advice by keeping her personal life separate from her roles, which she embodies fully.

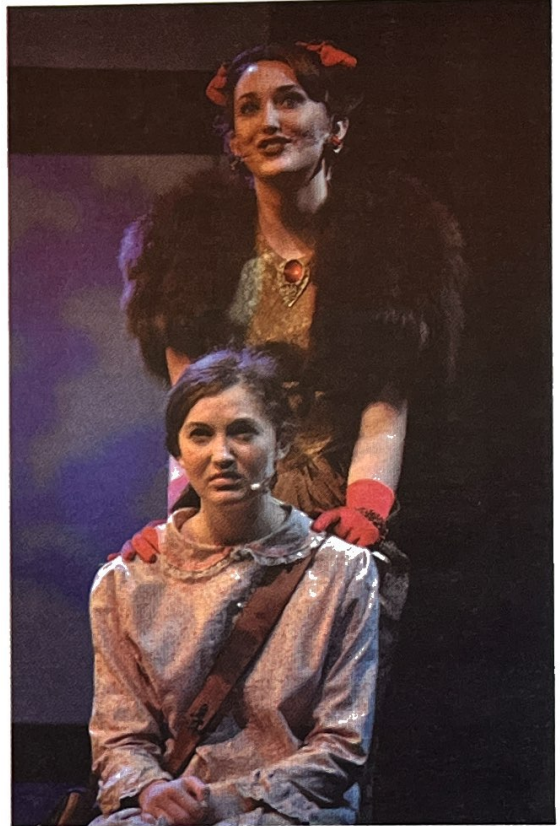
His Dark Materials is a condensed version of three Pullman books, *The Golden Compass*, *The Subtle Knife*, and *The Amber Spyglass*.

"[The play] was originally performed as a two-part, six hour show, so Miss Plaia undertook the rewriting of the entire script, turning it into a one-part, two hour show with her own spin on it," said Eisner.

This adaptation retained many of the trilogy's original elements, but also included Miss Plaia's artistic interpretations. In the books, daemons are loyal physical counterparts to every individual. In the original six-hour play, daemons are represented by puppets. To capture the essence of the daemons in her adaption, Plaia chose to have the daemon characters wear monochromatic unitards with custom-made animal masks.

The unique set of the play was very minimalist and only had three platforms with extensive lighting.

"[The set] definitely made things different because people



A TWISTED MOTHER: Peri Lapidus played a convincingly evil mother, while looking lovely in her vintage costume.

focused more on our acting," said Lapidus.

The set was designed to be very versatile so it could work throughout the play, which took place in several alternate worlds.

His Dark Materials also featured sophomore Cole Murphy, who played the male lead of Will Parry. This was Murphy's first appearance on the MHS stage. The cast was rounded out by

leads Jake Dvorsky, Sage Smith, and Nicholas Ficeto.

While the MHS theater department will miss seniors Eisner and Lapidus, they are headed to new endeavors. Both students will be heading to Boston in the fall, where Eisner will attend Boston University, and Lapidus will attend Emerson College where she will major in writing for film and television.



AN IRISH BEAUTY: Anna Leah Eisner had several roles in His Dark Materials and looked beautiful in every one.

Zena Kesselman: Princeton bound

By Rachel Purewal
STAFF WRITER

With the school year coming to an end, questions have been circulating about the future of the senior class. Zena Kesselman, like many others, has chosen the college route. She will be attending Princeton University in the fall of 2013 as an anthropology major.

"I know that I'm going to have incredible professors and I'm really excited to learn at a new depth," said Kesselman.

Along with the excitement of graduation, nostalgia has also hit the senior class.

My best memories has been performing at Masque, and being barefoot onstage, holding a banjo and just happy to be playing," said Kesselman.

Kesselman has played on the softball team for four years and has been co-captain for the past two. Years of outstanding achievements on and off the field. She has played many positions, this year playing Catcher most commonly.

Kesselman was also part of the music program for all four years of high school. However, Kesselman does not plan to major in music. Instead, she intends to stay connected with music in college in other ways – like by joining student and community orchestras. Among her many other achievements, Kesselman is one of the valedictorians this year.

"I'm definitely going to miss the weather of Malibu High, and also the feeling of being really acquainted with all of the students, teachers, and little quirks in your school," said Kesselman.

The memorable next chapter in the seniors' lives has spurred much anticipation.

"I am most looking forward to my classes in college. I know that I'm going to have incredible professors and I'm really excited to learn at a new depth," said Kesselman.

Congratulations to Zena Kesselman as she makes her way to Princeton! She won about a thousand awards on Senior Awards Night and she deserves every single one. Her life is basically A Cinderella Story.

Brennan Cassone: the football star

By Jens Cole
STAFF WRITER

Across the country thousands of high school football players dream of continuing their athletic career in college, but most never get the chance. Malibu High School senior, Brennan Cassone, has spent the last four years playing wide receiver for the Sharks team.

Each year he has improved his skills and continued to contribute to the team year in and year out. Cassone established himself towards the beginning of his sophomore year, as a "go-to-guy" in big game situations.

As one of the captains last season, Cassone's maturity and leadership skills were praised by his teammates and coaches.

"I was amazed by the team's performance this year and thought we did tremendously with the numbers we had. I was ecstatic with the statistics I put up and shocked with some of the plays my teammates and I made throughout the season," said Cassone.

The big plays he made throughout the season were not the only

stand out aspect of his game. His statistics for this year's season alone were something to be proud of. With 1707 receiving yards, 17.07 yards per catch, 100 received balls, 155.2 receiving yards per game, 16 receiving touchdowns and 19 overall touchdowns, Cassone's play is admirable to say the least.

"The USC coaches first emailed Coach Hump looking for potential players and he sent them tape and they shortly responded, offering me a spot. A month later we reconnected and they told me I was accepted to USC and ever since then we've just been talking about logistics so it was sort of a short and easy process for me," said Cassone.

The University of Southern California's football scouts recognized Cassone's success over his high school career.

Although Cassone was seriously interested in attending and playing football at Dartmouth (Division 3), the allure of USC's legacy convinced Cassone to stay in Southern California.

"My goals are to get somewhat sufficient playing time by the end of my time there as well as per-

haps scoring a few touchdowns here and there, if nothing more. I hope to work hard and make my team better wherever I'm needed most and I think I'll be a good quick inside wide receiver that will get easy yards when needed," said Cassone.

With such a competitive program, USC aims to be a contender for a National Championship every year. Having arguably the best wide receiver in the NCAA, Robert Woods, the wide receiver position at USC will be nothing short of a grueling challenge for all who intend to play the position.

"It feels like a dream, honestly, watching [Woods] play last year I would've never thought or believed I'd be following him up. If I could be, that's exactly what I'd want to be at USC. I start going in twice a week over summer to throw around with the Quarter Backs and official practice starts on August 2nd," said Cassone.

Obviously Malibu's wonder boy has a bright football future – his great work ethic, determination, and leadership skills will help him in his fight for field time at USC.

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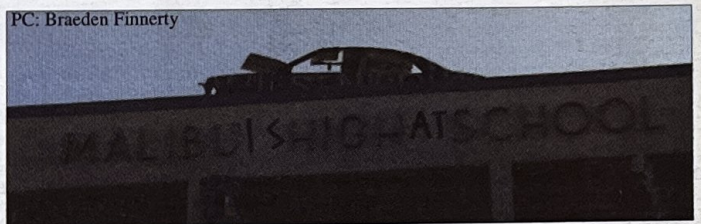
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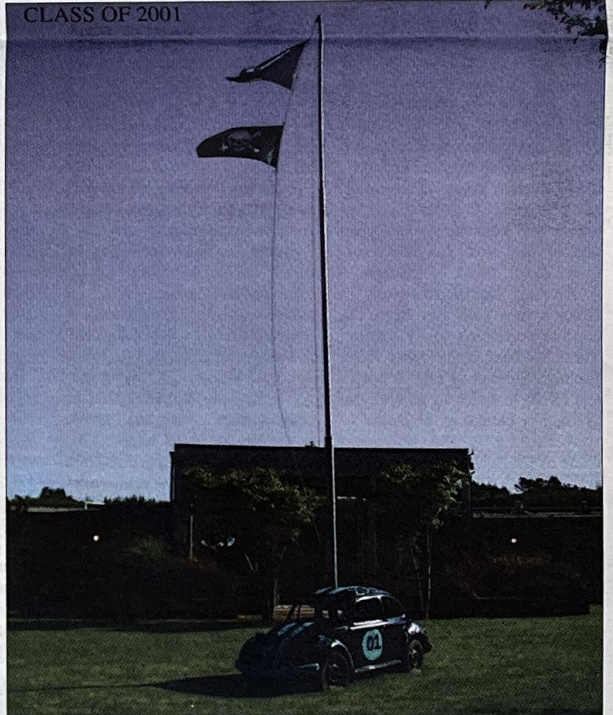


In Years Past....

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Block: the first year

By Evan McGiffert, Anna Leah Eisner, Natalie Kaufman, and Ryan McGowan

STAFF WRITER, STAFF WRITER, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, AND STAFF WRITER

For a new kid on the Block, first impressions are important. The arrival of Jerry Block from Oak Park High School was, and still is, a big change for all returning students—as most have never had anyone else aside from Dr. Kelly as their principal.

Mr. Block has had an interesting first year as our principal. There have been positive changes as well as challenges that he has had to overcome. And it is the choices he has made that have left students and faculty still contemplating the relationship they have built over this year.

Varied opinions on Mr. Block and his administration have surfaced. Some members of the community feel that he has done a great job of running the school his first year. According to WASC, Mr. Block has even been noted as, “a visionary leader”. However, others feel that Block’s administration has been uncommunicative and is often inconsistent on enforcement of school policies.

Many teachers have encountered selective policy enforcement: several members of faculty have gone to Block with virtually identical requests pertaining to health and family, only to receive what one anonymous teacher described simply as “different responses.”

Another anonymous source said “[Block] seems to be selective in who he’s reprimanding...He’s selectively started to enforce rules but he has not announced which rules he’s enforcing, and he hasn’t made it clear what, if anything, has changed.” A general lack of clarity and consistency has been one of the most frequent criticisms of Mr. Block by teachers.

Another significant event in Block’s first year has been the conflict pertaining to AP testing. There has been controversy about forcing students to take a costly test (\$90) in order to receive the grade they earned in the class.

According to the Education Code of California, section 49011 (a), “a pupil enrolled in a public school should not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity.” At this school, that means that you cannot legally make a student pay for a test in order to receive a grade. However, this is exactly what the

school has been doing, and continued to do this year.

This year, the issue was formally discussed for the first time, and appeared to conclude peacefully with Block’s approval and an email stating that teachers should offer an alternate test to pass the class instead. This was the first year in which students were not required to take and pay for an AP test, an illegal practice that had been happening for years without being addressed.

However, when it came to the actual enforcement of the new policy, some teachers ignored his position, without evident repercussion. While Mr. Block said that teachers should not count mock AP tests for a grade, teacher John Cary stated in an email to students that, for those who chose not to take the AP test, “The mock exam will count as a grade.” This e-mail was forwarded by teachers to Block, but when asked about the situation, Block responded “I don’t know [about Cary’s email].”

Despite several instances of teachers disregarding the stated AP policy, no evident action has been taken by the administration to remedy these actions. As a result of these inconsistent policies on AP testing, many students were frustrated and confused. Though some had planned on opting out of AP testing, many ultimately took these tests, with some bringing in money the day of the test.

It is inconsistent policy enforcement such as this that has contributed to strained relations between Mr. Block and certain members of his staff. Out of the seven teachers interviewed, only three would go on the record to speak about Mr. Block.

“Everyone’s feeling a little paranoid, let’s put it that way,” said an anonymous teacher.

Some teachers feel that Mr. Block is not listening. Several anonymous teachers have alluded to the fact that when presented with ideas, Mr. Block will concede, but then fail to follow through.

“He has the language that it’s a democracy... we say various things we want to happen, and then he more-or-less seems to ignore it,” said another anonymous teacher.

In response to the apparent uneasiness of some of the staff, Block stated that “we need to talk to each other, not about each other.”

This year, Block has been con-

fronted with difficult situations. One such situation, which occurred earlier this year, was the replacement of a controversial long-term French substitute.

According to one anonymous French student, the substitute “tried to be an insane disciplinarian but had no disciplinary skills.” The same student went on to say “I don’t think she’s qualified to even be a teacher and was really overwhelmed.”

When this student brought complaints to Mr. Block he responded with what this student described as “Block’s standard remark” which is “I need to get back to you on this” Despite a campaign by students and parents to remove the substitute, Block remained reluctant to do so. According to an anonymous teacher, Block “knew there was another option [for a teacher to teach the class] but said there weren’t any other options to parents.”

“He knowingly misled parents” the teacher said “he handled that one so unbelievably poorly.”

Some time after this, the entire class witnessed their substitute, start to collect her things only to be interrupted by Mr. Block who allegedly told her “I’m gonna need you to leave, I thought I made myself very clear this morning.” After this incident, the substitute was replaced.

Although there has been trepidation among faculty, there are those that have gone on the record with nothing but laudatory words for the new principal.

“I think he’s the best principal we’ve had since the school started,” said teacher John Cary. Cary also went on to say that “all the changes [Block] has done for the school has, in general, been good.”

Among the changes instituted this year by Mr. Block, there have been positive aspects. The new Robotics Club has been flourishing under Mr. Block’s guidance, and there is a strong possibility of new courses for the upcoming years.

However, although it is nice to see a school looking great on paper, one thing necessary for a school to run well is a positive relationship between the principal and the students.

Needless to say, Block has had very big shoes to fill, as a large part of Dr. Kelly’s legacy is that he was a figurehead for active involvement with the student body. Every morning he was seen greeting students at the school

gates and his voice was often heard on the announcements. Everyone knew who he was and he knew everybody.

It is understandable that a principal’s first year comes with many obstacles. However, many students, especially the senior class, feel that little effort has been made on his part to reach out.

“Maybe ASB has seen him more, but you take the average student and a lot of them don’t even recognize him as an authority figure,” said senior Alexis Hada.

This past year, Block has been an infrequent presence on campus. He has occasionally been seen around the school, but he is most often found in his office or the surrounding area.

“I know he’s been in the ‘hallways’... like outside his office, but I think that with any new principal [relations with students] are kind of a secondary thing to come,” said teacher Adam Panish.

Many students have expressed disappointment, especially members of the senior class, that Mr. Block gives the false impression that he knows the student body.

These dissenting students believe the only significant interactions that he has had with the student body have been with the Robotics Club and ASB, as well as select encounters with the senior class regarding graduation requirements.

On the subject of Block’s efforts to get to know the student body, teacher JuliaCheri Hoos said, “I have not witnessed any.”

However, Block has acknowledged that with the students “one of [his] goals coming up would be really to have better interactions and more interactions with students.”

The first year as a principal is difficult at any school, especially one as unique as Malibu High. Mr. Block has clearly made his best efforts to get to know the school and make positive changes. Although certain teacher-relations have been tense and there seems to be a lapse in effort to get to know the student body, Block has shown strong interest in positive reforms for next year and proved an advocate for technology. Block hopes for nothing but good things for the school, saying “the sky is the limit”.

The BETTER grad speech

By Natalie Kaufman
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Graduation speeches, especially at Malibu High School, tend to have a very similar style. One that is a tear-jerker, reminiscing over the “glory days”. After all, these were the best years of our life...right? I tried out with a speech deviant of the typical style. I wasn’t picked. So I wrote a new version...a stronger version. Although some of my speech made it into a wonderful Shark TV segment, here is the full second draft of my speech. Ah, cynicism at it’s finest.

Today I address, not the senior class, but the plebeians of the audience: parents, teachers, administrators. I stand here to tell you about the graduating class of 2013. Although many of you see us simply as rebels without cause, this is not the case. We are more than a red jacket and a great car.

I think, as a coping mechanism for yourselves, you have all forgotten the horrors of high school. Attending high school is like storming the proverbial beaches of Normandy. We deserve medals for basic survival.

Therefore I ask those of you who are here to see us graduate, forced or voluntary, to look past the senioritis and apathetic deadpan stares, and recognize that I will graduate alongside some impressive people. I say impressive because they made it out alive. I mean, no one gave put us through basic training at boot camp. There were no warning signs at the Malibu High gates saying “turn back now” or “consider a career as a stripper”. We were thrown into “The Jungle” that is high school and left to fend for ourselves.

But now, we emerge from the rubble with a highly specialized skill set. Such skills are trademark of the average Malibu High student, you know—beach-curl hair, Starbucks in hand, a Dark Side of the Moon tee-shirt.

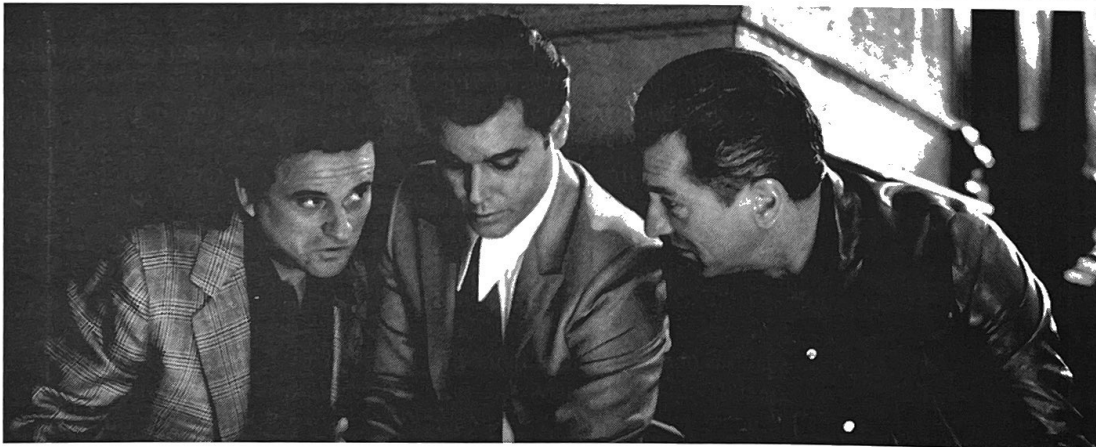
To list a few examples: I can power nap from three to four AM. I can find nonexistent daggers in punctuation. I can count seaweed (granted seaweed-counting is a rare and highly sought-after skill on Wall Street these days). I can use derivatives to find how fast a cylindrical tank is filling up with water. I know how to relate Hamlet to anything—absolutely anything, we’re talking infomercials. And I can write with complete confidence on topics I know nothing about.

Today marks the end of a very important chapter in our lives. This ceremonial rite of passage will definitely be immortalized in our memory. Maybe we’ll even convince ourselves it wasn’t identical to every other high school graduation in America.

Although I am sure we will miss the infamous bathrooms and gum-lined halls, the time has come to say goodbye.

I recognize, as do my classmates, that high school is a sadistic, god-forsaken, hellhole of an institution, but that with this context, Malibu High School truly is “the best of all possible worlds”.

Congratulations to the class of 2013!



GOODFELLAS: There’s really nothing to see. Fantastic film, flawless cast, and Martin Scorsese. Everyone needs this in their life. Literally everyone.

THE ROLLING STONES' TOUR: 50 AND NOT COUNTING

By Nicole Harper and Elena Clarfield
STAFF WRITER AND ARTS & ENT. EDITOR

On May 3rd the Staples Center was packed with aging Rolling Stones' fanatics for the 50th anniversary of the band.

The arena was filled with thousands of people. The band started off the night with "Get Off My Cloud." Mick Jagger's shiny, sequined jacket lit up the room, and his mere presence left the audience in awe. All the older women in the room giggled and squealed like hormonal teenage girls at the sight of their childhood crushes. One very excited woman in her sixties told of how she had been to every Stones concert in LA since 1964. This would be the first show without her husband, who had recently passed.

Charlie Watts was delightful on the drums, and his shyness as Jagger introduced him to the audience was extremely endearing. Ronnie Wood and Keith Richards had incredible chemistry on stage, and sounded as synchronized as ever. While the tickets were pricey, the band earned every penny. They played all of the fan favorites, such as "Paint it Black," "Honky



STILL CUTIES: The Stones continue to be praised (deservedly) today by multiple generations. The band remains iconic and continues to influence music today. Basically they are absolutely fantastic.

Tonk Woman" and "Brown Sugar."

The band surprised the audience with some guest musicians. The sassy Gwen Stefani strutted onto the stage to sing "Wild Horses" with Jagger. The duet... A few songs later, the country star Keith Urban hopped on stage to play "Respectable" with the Stones.

However, nothing pleased the crowd more than former band member Mick Taylor's performance of "Midnight Rambler" with the group.

The night came to a close with "You Can't Always Get What You Want," "Jumping Jack Flash" and "Satisfaction." The Stones announced that their 50 Years and

Counting tour would be their last.

The band performed again at the Staples Center on May 20th. The Rolling Stones put on another great show, with Jagger wearing around 6 ridiculous coats and Richards, in his typical fashion, smoking on stage.

Because the show was added

late, there was no guest artist. However, the almost 70-year old band members still played some of their most popular songs. They also played their new song, called "Doom and Gloom." Despite the song being released as a part of the band's 50-year commemoration, it still maintained the gritty sound the band has always had.

COACHELLA

By Amber Collins-Parnell
ARTS & ENT. EDITOR

In the weeks after the three euphoric days of Coachella, those that went can only feel one thing: nostalgia. From the artistic snail, to the rustic pyramids, to the strawberry lemonade, Coachella is unlike any other experience. In retrospect though, was Coachella a festival to be seen or an experience to be had?

Despite the lack of hype in comparison to other years, as a result of unknown or recurring musicians, various "Coachell-ees" were present to see the performances. Performers such as Modest Mouse, the Postal Service, Major Lazer, Knife Party, Two Door Cinema Club, and most notably the Red Hot Chili Peppers acquired huge

audiences. Headliners the Stone Roses, Blur, and the recrudescence Phoenix may not have been as successful, really only popular for their position in the lineup. Either way, fans still pushed their way to the front with countless *excuse me*'s or by pretending they were in search of a friend to find a spot in the crowd just enough to see one band member's face. A recent video parodying people at Coachella made a point that many do not even know what they are seeing, or are in a state of mind that prevents such realization. While this is most likely true, not all people at Coachella went without planning. As one may have guessed, a new iPhone app particularly designed to plan events in accordance to the festival days was available. With



VALLEY VIEW: This spring Coachella got crafty, designing an artistic moving snail. Also pictured are the cones surrounding an area known as the Do Lab.

the map's inclusion of a birds eye view of the valley, downloaders were able to customize his or her schedule depending on which bands were chosen. Juxtaposing the guest schedules with the set list, made Coachella an easier, more enjoyable time for those that took advantage of it.

In entirety, music seemed to be all that Coachella offered; however, many have reason to believe that Coachella was much more than just music. Going with friends, planning outfits, and booking hotels- Coachella in itself is considerably an adventure. Once there, the music manifests abstraction: friendship, love, freedom, laughter, and liveliness. In the center of Coachella Valley is an area called the Do Lab. Located between four foot tall multi-colored

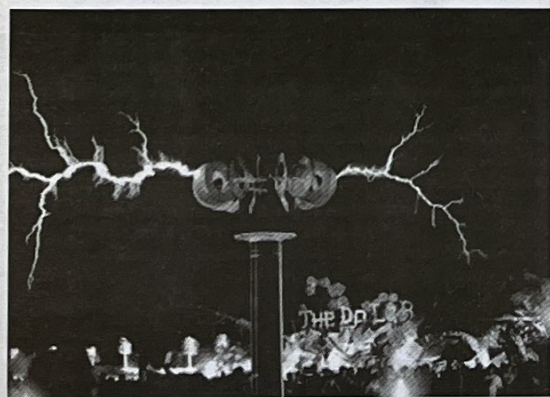
cones, unknown DJs not listed on the set list play their music. All throughout the day, the Do Lab was packed with people, no matter what bands were playing at the time. Despite the minuscule popularity of the DJs, the area is always filled because it is just a common aspect of the whole experience. Wearing flower crowns, eating oversized watermelons, and laying on the endless lawn are other trends associated with the Coachella experience.

If you think Coachella is just for hipsters, or girls looking for a reason to wear little clothing, realistically, the majority of people were there for either the music or the experience as a whole. It is up to the audience to decide.

Vine

By Nikita Weber
STAFF WRITER

Just right when you thought there could not be a new app for more people to share what they are doing, the new video sharing app, Vine, has taken off running. Vine is an iPhone app where you can record a video for up to six seconds with stop and record action. The app has increased its monthly active users by 50% in the last month and is now the second most downloaded free app worldwide at the moment. The app has the theme of sharing events throughout one's day to the public, similar to Instagram. Vine not only allows you to post the video on the app site but also to share the vine to Twitter and Facebook. High school students have immediately taken action, joining in on the latest trend and feeling compelled to share the very many details of their lives via Vine. While the new video-sharing app has attracted high school teenagers, it has also attracted celebrities. For example, our favorite, fierce, and "smizing" model, Tyra Banks is known for posting fabulous, six-second vines. She channels her inner Rihanna, Jennifer Lawrence, and Sofia Vergara, singing and dancing. Other celebrities including Jimmy Fallon, Kate Upton, Tyler the Creator, Dick Van Dyke and even Paul McCartney have also been attracted to Vine. Whether it's a fad or the newest replacement for Instagram, there is a clear impact Vine is making in the social media world, leaving many of us to wonder what's next.



PHYSICISTS AT COACHELLA: Using a Tesla coil, the machine emitted lightning bolts, creating a surreal feeling between tents.

The ice cream of Malibu

By Nick Page
STAFF WRITER

GROM

From the mainland in Italy to the oceans of Malibu this velvety smooth ice cream gelato will be sure to have a big impact on your taste buds and on your wallet. With the new Frappe' option you are sure to leave with a smile on your face and a dent in your wallet. Staring at only \$5.25 plus tax you can have yourself a rejuvenating small ice cream.

small - \$1.79

medium - \$1.99-5.29

large - \$3.99-6.99

GROCERY STORE

One place people don't usually think about going to get their ice cream is your local super market. With a wide selection of large tubs and small tubs to satisfy every appetite. With a dazzling assortment of flavors your sure to find the right tub for everyone. But be warned because when they come out of the freezer they are rock solid and need several minutes

of thawing.
small - \$5.25

medium - \$6.25

large - \$7.25

extra large - \$8.25

SUNLIFE

For the health conscious consumer Sunlife offers an excellent way to satisfy your health and your taste buds at the same time. Their frozen organic, non-fat, omega-3, probiotic, prebiotic yogurt; with a wide selection of organic toppings will bring tranquility to any health-nut in Malibu.

child - \$3.00

small - \$3.50

medium - \$4.00

large - \$4.50

take home - \$7.00

MALIBU YOGURT

Malibu yogurt, also known as "Malibu Yo" or "BU-YO", has been the go-to place for great tasting and great priced yogurt. Also offering other selections such as; milkshakes, shaved ice, ice cream, and smoothies; Malibu Yo is a perfect place to come. BU-YO also offers a more "healthy" alternative to frozen yogurt with the flavors, "Malibu Berry", "Acai Berry".

small - \$4.00

large - \$6.50

When asked about their favorite ice cream, Malibu high school faculty and staff had the following to say:

"When I had Malibu Yogurt for the first time i finally felt alive" - Ms.

"The grocery store because it has so many options" said sophomore **Kate Kiefer**.

"When i had Malibu Yogurt for the first time i finally felt alive" said MHS spanish teacher **Ms. Auer**.

"Malibu Yo is the best because it's cheap and tastes delicious" said senior **Peri Lapidus**.

All in all, Malibuites love their ice cream and fro-yo.

Why is "healthy" so expensive?

By Maisy Tarlow
STAFF WRITER

Living in Malibu, we are all familiar with high priced health foods and drinks. Many local businesses in our community are labeled as healthy, such as Sunlife, PC Greens, and The Vitamin Barn. The one thing in common

health drinks. All grocery stores charge more money for the healthier alternatives. You have to sacrifice money to buy organic produce and any sort of dairy or meat product labeled "free-range" or "cage-free". Basically anything healthy and organic, from cereal to TV dinners, are much more pricey than the unhealthy option. People living

is the cost of obtaining USDA organic certification. The process is long and definitely not cheap. There is an initial fee of around \$750 and after that, the farmer has to pay for inspections to keep their organic status. In addition, the lack of chemicals used on organic products actually increases the amount of labor that is needed. Also, organically grown crops take longer to grow because conventional farms use growth hormones to unnaturally speed up the process of growth. Organic farmers have to pay the cost of growing food without using chemical shortcuts, but the result is tastier and healthier produce.

Meanwhile, organic meat and dairy products also cost way more for the farmer to produce than if they were to produce conventional products. Organic farms have much higher standards for the treatment and living conditions of the livestock. All organic livestock has to be able to have access to both pasture and indoor shelter when necessary. They are required to have room to move about and their living space must fit the needs of the animal.

This explains the higher prices of organic produce, dairy, and meat products, but does not quite justify the ten-dollar juices. Healthy eating is a big "trend" right now, and companies selling little raw-vegan cookies or pressed juices charge more because they know they can due to high demand.

It's up to the customer to decide whether or not to go the pricier route, knowing that what they are paying for truly is better for them, or to just stick with the cheaper conventional foods.

Sister school fair

By Lauren Louks
ARTS & ENT. EDITOR

Upcoming Sister School Fair will take place on Sunday, May 26 from 11:00-3:00. This event is to raise money for the Malibu High School's sister school in Darfur. It will help to supply the basic necessities needed to provide education to kids in Darfur. The event is sponsored by The Shard Fund and Malibu High School's Amnesty International club. The fair will feature local vendor tables, food, garage-sale items, music from local performers and much more. There will also be massages, face painting, and arts and

crafts. Some of the vendors tentatively include D'mores, Jamba Juice, Dog-eared Jewelry, clothes from Dirty Edamame, and many others. There will also be local produce, baked goods, garage-sale items, and used books and textbooks. A portion of the money made will be donated to help Malibu's sister school in Darfur.

For those interested in selling any items or reserving a table for selling items (\$10 cost), please contact **Sarah Ryan** at s.ryan@smmusd.org or Gabriella Grahek at gabriellagrahek@yahoo.com with any questions. Everyone is invited to attend and to help support Malibu's sister school.

New electives for the 2013-14 school year

By Mollie Armitage
STAFF WRITER

As the 2013-2014 school year dawns and the 2012-2013 school year comes to an end, the time to choose our classes for next year begins.

Incoming 9th graders or 8th graders might be thinking about what language to take although, this year there is an extra language to choose from other than just French and Spanish.

For next year a Mandarin class has been added which means a new teacher as well as a new class.

"I think it's good but I don't think I'll be taking that class. I've heard it's hard," said freshman **Jennifer Vasquez**.

Course list for next year is AP biology. Rumors have circulated that this class would lead to the end of Mr. Perry's Zuma project.

"It is stopping because they want the classes to be more

based on the state standards," said, freshman **Xena Amirani**.

Many students are not happy about the decision to cancel the Zuma Project but some others are glad they do not have to complete all the work the project requires.

Also for next year, eighth graders can no longer skip Earth Science to Biology but, can take a class preparing them for biology (essentially an honors class)

Unfortunately not many new classes have been added this year.

"It's a small school!" said school counselor **Mr. Seferra**.

Hopefully in the future more electives will be added, requests from students have gone from cooking to cinematography.

Adding new electives to our school will give people opportunities they will have never had before and set students up for success in the future.

WHOLE PAYCHECK MARKET

IS YOUR HEALTH WORTH IT? Many feel, even in Malibu, that "healthy", organic and nutritional foods are over-priced.

that all of these places have is their outrageous prices. Many of us have simply grown accustomed to paying ten dollars for a juice or smoothie, but in reality, that is way too expensive for any drink, no matter the health benefits.

"I wish I could have pressed juice every day, but I hate how expensive they are," said freshman **Charlotte Jackson**. But the high prices go beyond

on a budget often cannot afford to make the healthy choice. But why does health food come with such staggering prices? Most people don't know the details.

"Honestly I'm not sure. All I know is it doesn't have chemicals," said sophomore **Carmen Flood**.

The actual cost of production for organic produce is higher than the cost of production for conventional produce. One fac-

Boys tennis ties for second

By Annie Thacker
STAFF WRITER

Boys' tennis just finished off a great season, with only three losses, landing them in second place.

The boys got a wildcard into CIF, won their CIF match in the first round of CIF, and then lost to Wilson Long Beach in the second round.

This year's team is coached by **Todd Montgomery**, and led by junior **Gabriel Rapoport**, who plays number one singles, and senior **Steven Handall**, who plays number two singles.

"We have had a great season. We improved significantly since the start of the season and everyone is looking solid," said Rapoport.

In fact, the team tied both of the teams that they lost to at the beginning of the season, Oak Park and Oaks Christian.

Although they lost to Oaks Christian after the match was tied 9-9, they managed to place above Oak Park in games, regardless of a tough loss to their rivals earlier in the season.

"Beating Oak Park the second time in games was my favorite moment of the season," said Handall, who agrees with Rapoport about the team's progress

throughout the season.

Both singles players' goals were just to end the season with a couple of rounds of solid CIF performances.

The team also has produced some strong individual performances, most notably Rapoport, who is a returning Tri-Valley league champion. After protecting his Tri-Valley League title individually, he can now turn his attention to CIF. With the team's early exit, he has plenty of time to prepare for his individual opponents. Rapoport, who is only a junior, does not have the pressure of this being his last chance to take the title. However, Rapoport, who is one of the best in the state, will still make a run for number one, and has an outside chance of taking home the title for himself.

The team also had strong doubles performances from sophomore doubles team **Jessie Wienstein** and **Harrison White**, who made it to the Tri-Valley League finals, but lost to the Oaks Christian pair.

This team is pretty young, as Handall is the only senior on the team. He will be heading to UCLA in the fall where he plans to continue playing tennis in one way or another. His advice for his teammates is to just keep practicing well.

ing well.

"We lost some key seniors last year," said Handall, "but the underclassmen have done a really good job of stepping up."

With a strong pool of talent to build off of, the team should expect even more success next season.

Although they are in a contentious league, battling against rivals Oak Park and Oaks Christian every year for the Tri Valley title, Malibu has managed two consecutive second place finishes, falling to Oaks Christian both times. Although the Sharks may have lost to their biggest rivals, there is nothing stopping them from prevailing next year. The Oaks Christian and Malibu rivalry has been back and forth for years and who knows who will dominate next season.

Tennis is one of the biggest sports in Malibu and the team should have no problem building a team capable of winning the championship they desire.

With one of the best players in school history, matching the ranks of collegiate players like **Doug Stewart**, the team could very easily win it all.

Softball wins academic state championship

By Josh Corrigan
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2013 Malibu High School softball has won the Academic State championship for having the best combined GPA (3.85) in the entire state for schools with less than 1500 students.

The team will not only get a banner in the new gym, one of the teams' first, but they were also celebrated at Angels Stadium where they received their awards. The softball team shows that what takes place on the pitch does not always matter and they have managed to achieve a statewide honor for their hard work in the classroom. Teachers throughout the state will be asking their athletes to duplicate their in class performances with a strong work ethic, while also encouraging them to give their best efforts on the field. Despite the fact that many student athletes may ignore their example, the team has proven that it is possible to perform well in school while being an athlete.

Although their highlight came from the classroom, the team also managed to have a memorable season on the field. Although they struggled throughout the league season, on their senior night match to finish the season they

won a massive blowout victory over Villanova.

This game was the last for co-captains **Alena Kaye** and **Zena Kesselman**, who have worked hard putting a team together over the last couple of years. Ending their high school careers on a high note, Malibu has seen the last of the duo who were essentially the main pieces in the softball puzzle.

With the loss of these seniors, the junior-less team has a lot of rebuilding to do and the teams future most likely falls into the hands of freshman **Isobel Anthony**.

However, the team seems to have a strong base of young players, giving the team potential to build towards in the next few seasons. As long as the team's coach **Mark Cooley** can manage to build a strong system to organize the team's talent, the team could be looking forward to some solid season. As long as they can keep attracting new talent, there is no reason why they can not find success in the coming years.

The team has a lot of potential, but it can only be reached through hard work. People should wish the team luck moving forward into the future.

Lakers' promise ends in playoff failure

By Jens Cole
STAFF WRITER

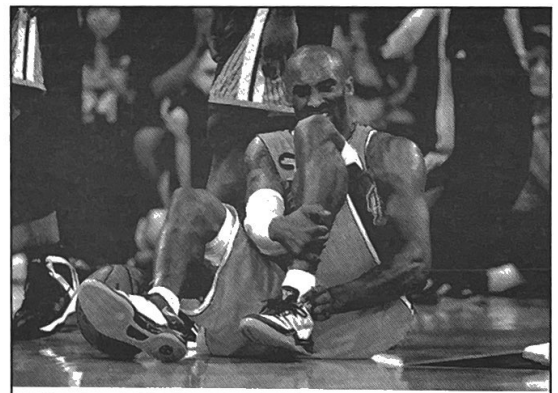
Since starting in 1947, the NBA Playoffs have developed into a riveting fight for the top position in the NBA. Over time it has become one of the most anticipated events of the year for many basketball fans across the world, and NBA fans hope and pray their teams have what it takes to bring the iconic Larry O'Brien Trophy home.

Angelinos have become accustomed to the Lakers' constant success in the Playoffs as they are

always a contender for a Championship. It is hard to not deem the Lakers a championship contender every season due to the fact that they have won an astounding 16 World Championships. With such a distinguished pedigree of athletes on the roster, many people expected smooth sailing for the idolized franchise. This was not the case this year. Despite one of the worst starts to a season in the franchise's history, a polarizing season and numerous injuries, the Lakers found a way to, once again, slide into the post-season. However, the San Antonio Spurs, easily defeated the Lakers early

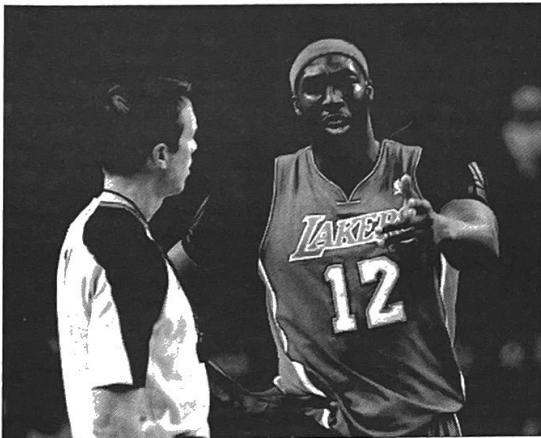
in the Playoffs.

While most did not expect the Lakers to take the Championship, this early elimination was still a shock. Injuries to key players contributed to the Lakers being defeated. **Kobe Bryant** (Achilles), **Jodie Meeks** (ankle), **Steve Nash** (ankle) **Steve Blake** (hip) and **Metta World Peace** (knee) were all injured and unable to take part in some or all of the series. The most surprising injury of all was Kobe Bryant's Achilles tendon. Collapsing in the 4th quarter against the Golden State Warriors, three games before the playoffs, Bryant limped off the court. Various ESPN analysts argued that Bryant's presence in the Playoffs would have been the sole reason for the Lakers success. Without Bryant, the Spurs experience outmatched the Lakers young, bench riding starters. It is obvious that the Lakers organization needs to reorganize and somewhat rebuild (again). The Lakers Head Coach, **Mike D'Antoni**, who was brought in as a mid-season replacement for Mike Brown, may not return next season. D'Antoni's struggled to unite the egos of some of the players which hindered the player's efforts to become a functioning on court unit. The system he originally planned had to be modified after failing initially. It is important for the organization, if



PRAY FOR THE BEAR: Lakers' star player Kobe Bryant lies on the floor in pain after tearing his achilles tendon, ending his season and the team's playoff hopes.

POINTING THE FINGER: Lakers' star center Dwight Howard starts to point the finger, something the Lakers have done a lot this season.



they are willing to keep D'Antoni and his original system, to build around not only the older, more experienced stars, but to bring in younger, more athletic players who will fit the "run-and-gun" offense. There are a few players who fit the description and it would not be surprising if the organization makes some bold trades this summer.

Often overshadowed by the Lakers' accomplishments, the Clippers have had a stellar season leading to the franchise's first division title. Going into the playoffs ranked 4th in the Western Conference with home court advantage against their first round

opponents, the Memphis Grizzlies, has made Clippers fans very happy but the aggressive, defensively strong Grizzlies were able to beat them in 6 games. A great season ended fairly quickly with a first round exit in the Playoffs.

What Angelinos seem to forget about is the seemingly unbeatable east coast opponents, the Miami Heat as well as the defending Western Conference champions, the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Once again, the post-season looks to be an exciting and thrilling time of year in which the top 16 teams are whittled down to one ultimate Champion.

Lacrosse secures first league title

By Eloise Massett
STAFF WRITER

The end of the year is upon us, and spring sports have come to their final games. For MHS students this is a very bittersweet time.

Most freshman, sophomore, and juniors will return next year to the same fields, and courts, and continue to participate and represent the Sharks. However, the seniors have just finished up playing their final games for Malibu High School.

For the Boys Lacrosse, the end of this season means many good-byes for the seniors and may even be the end to playing lacrosse altogether for some. The seniors, **Sean Ryan, Brennan Cassone, Daniel Levin, Riley Smoller, Nick Carlson, Will Rosenthal, Kenyon Solomon, Jackson Perlmutter, Cooper McDonnell, Chris Sol, Patrick Wetton, and Jake Wexler**, were all honored at the Lacrosse Senior Night on April 17th before their final home league game against Cate.

"It was fantastic, we played a

hard, fought, battle against Cate and won 5 to 3. My boy Jake Wexler played a huge game and had 7 saves in the last minute and a half," said senior, Cassone on the Senior Night game.

Although the boys lost to Oak Park in their first round of play-offs, Oak Park lost to Oaks Christian, creating a three-way tie between Malibu, Oaks Christian, and Oak Park. Because Malibu had a better overall record, the Sharks broke the tie and claimed the title of League Champions. The seniors can be proud to leave Malibu with their legacy of winning league and setting the bar for the next generation of sharks to come.

Some of the seniors reflect on the end of a great season and their highlights.

"It's really been fun and I love my boys, it's been a good run," said senior, Nick Carlson.

"Beating Pali at home was the highlight of my season," said Carlson.

"Beating Oaks Christian at our home opener in our new jerseys under the lights for the first time,

14 to 8," said Cassone.

"I'm gonna miss the memories with all my friends and messing around during practice" said Cassone, on the end of MHS Lacrosse. And to his teammates, Cassone states: "I love you boys."

"Practicing and playing with all the boys. Everyday stepping on the field with same boys I've been playing with since 8th grade. So many good times," said senior **Kenyon Solomon**.

"I'm traumatized. Those last few minutes of the game that I knew we couldn't come back, it started to sink in, and the tears started to flow" said Solomon

"I can't really imagine playing with anyone else. It's weird ending it," said senior, Chris Sol. "Practices are so much fun."

"I'm going to miss celebrating goals with all those kids," said Riley Smoller.

"I'm going to miss hanging out with them, it'll be weird not seeing half of these kids," said Jackson Perlmutter.

The boys' overall league record 11-5.

With 12 seniors graduating this

year, the team will have a hard time within the coming years as they rebuild their foundation and attempt to fill the shoes of the class of 2013.

While the end of a season means the end of a long commitment

and the bond formed from the last seven years of blood, sweat, and tears is unbreakable. This years seniors will be remembered for their dedication to the Sharks reputation, and the first team to secure a league title for MHS.

DOMINATING THE FIELD: Senior Riley Smoller lowers his shoulder into an Oaks Christian in order to make a run at the net.



Baseball wins first league banner

By Josh Corrigan
SPORTS EDITOR

The Malibu High School baseball team has managed to clinch the Frontier League title for the first time in school history.

The Sharks have only lost three of their twenty-six games, only losing one to a league opponent. With a 23-3 record, the Sharks are also a clear second in their division, only one game back of first place.

The baseball team is the only team that practices almost every-

day year round, and it is no surprise that their year round work ethic has started to pay off.

Since coach **Ari Jacobs** took over four years ago, the team has started to build a strong foundation and has been one of the best teams in division two years in a row.

The team's success this year also marks the first time Jacobs has managed to coach his team to the playoffs.

The team is also performing extremely well considering that there are only three seniors on the

team.

The sharks are led by seniors **Alvarado Alvarado** and **Frank Thomas** and are the two players with the most experience considering the team is almost entirely juniors and sophomores

Thanks to Jacobs's new system, the team is building talent at all levels and is slowly on the rise to be one of Malibu's most prominent sports teams.

With their first league title under their belt and now, their first CIF appearance, it seems likely the Sharks will be a force to reckon with in the coming years.

Also, the Sharks should be excited about their CIF chances this year. Entering the playoffs with a nine game winning streak, the Sharks are hotter than ever entering what could be a good CIF run.

As long as they keep getting strong pitching out of players like junior **Noah Simon** and strong performances at the plate from juniors **Chris Faulk** and **Chase Lambert**.

With all this promise, who knows how far the team can go this year and the next.

The team plays its first CIF game on March 17 at home and hopefully, the team will be able to start its promising run to the top. With a second cede, the team is positioned well in the bracket, making a CIF run even more likely. As long as they avoid an early upset and can prove their ability to win against bigger teams, Malibu could be bringing its first CIF banner too.

Swim stars reach CIF

By Emma London
STAFF WRITER

The end of the 2013 swim season was a great success for all the swimmers. Many went on to the beginning rounds of CIF and the rest finished with excellent seasons within which they grew as athletes.

The boys varsity relay, including **Jens Cole, Cooper Bell, Alec Williamovsky, and Owen Franz**, performed well at CIF and **Georgia Johnson, Jennifer Hill-Carta, Chloe Veronique, and Esther Yang** represented the girls at the final round of CIF in at least one of their events.

The team as a whole had a strong showing, with several league title winners and CIF competitors, there were even some Junior Varsity players taken home a championship.

Through a long and challenging season of swimming every day for an hour and a half, these sharks showed dedication that carried through to their performances as athletes as well as academics, seeing as the majority of the swimmers maintain 3.5 GPAs or higher.

This is at least partially accredited to the coaches **Mike Mulligan** and **Tim Segesman**. These two coaches displayed excellence as leaders by finding the perfect balance between training individuals in the pool and realizing the potential of the team as a whole.

"I am proud of the team and how far they have all come, while it was disappointing to see many of the seniors quit in the final few

weeks, Georgia and Jenny stuck it out and performed incredibly well in the final rounds. It was a good season and I look forward to next year's group of swimmers," said Segesman.

The effort of both of the coaches to give the swimmers the tools for success is apparent in the overall preparation for league meets in which most events were dominated by teal and black.

This year's freshman added substantial numbers to the team which contributed to the team's ability to win league and that the Malibu sharks were a team to fear. Overall a great season and post season for the sharks, congratulations to all who participated. Keep up the strong work.

Throughout the year individuals and the team as a whole improved their swimming abilities. Almost every member of both the Junior Varsity and Varsity team got faster in various events. The dedication and hard work of each team member is what led the Sharks to a League Finals Championship, not won since 2003. With so many returning players next year as well as the Junior Varsity players who will move up for next year, MHS could see a repeat title victory next year.

The team has one of the biggest pools of talent in all of MHS and its hard to doubt that the team will have a bright future. With two great coaches to foster young talent, the swim team will continue to succeed in the future.

WINDING UP THE TOP: Junior Noah Simon finishes his wind-up, as he continues to lead the team with another strong performance at the mound.

