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## Meet Malibu City Council Candidates

By Maisy Tarlow  
ASSISTANT CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

With the city council elections coming up on April 8, the sense of competition is rising. **Laura Rosenthal** and **Lou La Monte** currently hold the two open city council seats, and are both hoping to keep their spots. This duo is running against local mom and founder of the Malibu Agricultural Society, **June Louks**, as well as the local, down to earth duo **Andy Lyon** and **Hamish Patterson**. Lyon and Patterson ran together in 2012 as well, but did not make it into office.

Although their views differ, all the candidates are passionate about making Malibu the best city possible. Many of the debates can be read online, and to any students 18 or older who are thinking about voting, these debates and the interviews below are a great way to see each candidate's opinions and goals.

**Lou La Monte:**

*What made you decide to run again for city council this election?*

I want to complete what I started in my first term, get more ball fields & a skate park in Bluffs Park, increase PCH Safety, and a Specific Plan for the entire Civic Center Area and get our own school district.

*What is the most pressing issue that the city of Malibu is currently dealing with?*

Water. The delivery of it to our residents and the treatment of wastewater.

*What differentiates you from the other candidates?*

*"I want to see responsible growth with virtual input from the community so everyone can comment on what they feel about the projects that are coming."*

~Andy Lyon

*"I want to complete what I started in my first term, get more ball fields & a skate park in Bluffs Park, increase PCH Safety, and a Specific Plan for the entire Civic Center Area and get our own school district."*

~Lou La Monte

Experience and a record of solid accomplishments for the city in the last 4 years.

*What are your thoughts on the newly developed Trancas area?*

I think it looks very nice, I hope it meets the needs of the local residents, however, I have some serious safety concerns at that intersection.

**Andy Lyon:**

*What made you decide to run for city council this election?*

I've lived here my whole life and Malibu is my home and I want to try and preserve and protect what I think most people really love about here from outside interests.

*You are a big supporter of keeping Malibu local and natural. In what ways could this be accomplished?*

I want to see re-

sponsible growth with virtual input from the community so everyone can comment on what they feel about the projects that are coming.

I want to explore downzoning the commercial properties in civic center and having extensive realistic current traffic studies that will show what that area can really handle, as opposed to just stuffing the area to max capacity.

*What is the most pressing issue that the city of Malibu is currently dealing with?*

The toxins at MPJHS, that is huge. Why it has taken this long to get the info out is so unacceptable.

The sewer in the center of town, I am all for challenging it with current science proving that the surrounding homeowners are not the cause of pollution.

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## Deadly Landslide Hits Snohomish, WA



**LANDSLIDE:** A view of the damage done by the massive landslide in Snohomish, Washington. Image from Google.)

By Maya Eliahou  
ONLINE EDITOR

Fifteen million cubic yards of earth slid onto the town of Snohomish, Washington mid-morning Saturday, March 22. The mudslide lasted only a matter of seconds, but left over a square mile of debris in its wake.

Although the official death toll remains at 27 individuals, the unofficial death toll will likely exceed 30. Currently, 18 people are technically missing in Snohomish County, a promising decline from the 176 missing individuals reported just after the incident.

Located only 50 miles northeast of Seattle, Snohomish County first experienced several weeks of intense rain. Scientific reports suggest that the mountain above the town could not bear the weight of the moist, heavy soil, and therefore slid.

**Robin Youngblood**, a Snohomish resident, told CBS News that she was home with a friend during the mudslide. "We were moving, it was like we were underwater. We were under mud," Youngblood said. "We had mud in our eyes, hair, nose, and mouth."

The slide occurred at around 11 A.M. Saturday without warning. The residents of Snohomish were given no notice or alarm to evacuate the area. Approximately 49 occupied residences were in the mudslide's path at the time of impact.

"Nothing was stable to stand on," Youngblood said, recalling

*"We had mud in our eyes, hair, nose, and mouth."*  
~Robin Youngblood

the moment a 25-foot wall of mud burst into her home. Luckily, she was able to communicate with her friend when the mud hit. "I kept yelling at her to dig herself out," said Youngblood, "even if it hurt."

*The National Association for Search and Rescue* continues to search for the missing individuals. Since the slide, rescue missions have been a community effort, in-

volving dogs, ground-penetrating radars, aircrafts, shovels, and the Snohomish locals.

Search and Rescue officials stated that the slide remains a rescue operation, but that the chances of finding anyone still alive are disappearing. **Travis Hots**, a local fireman in Snohomish told the New York Times that the missions "have not found anybody alive...since Saturday."

Rescue missions are having difficulty searching for slide victims and missing bodies because certain areas of the debris field are dangerous. Snohomish's demolished buildings and landscape are littered with mud and toxic chemicals. "It can take five minutes to go only a few feet in some places," said Hots.

The mudslide dammed the Stillaguamish River, which caused severe flooding and pooling. The mud and debris are piled up to 25 feet deep, making it difficult for search dogs to locate the remaining missing bodies. The dogs indicated that there may be more human remains underwater. Rescuers intend to drain these areas in the following week.

# Changes to the SAT

By Davis Faherty  
FEATURES EDITOR

On March 5, the *College Board* announced major alterations to the SAT, the biggest since 2005. These changes will take effect in 2016.

First, the SAT will go through significant general changes. While today all students take the exam on paper, the Juniors of 2016 will be able to take a digital form of the test.

The scoring for the test will return to the 1600 scale. The previously implemented 2400 scale of 2005 will be eliminated.

Today, students are penalized  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a point for wrong answers. The new SAT will not deduct any points for incorrect answers. This will allow students to guess freely on the exam.

The infamous section one essay of the SAT will be made optional rather than mandatory. Specific universities may or may not require this essay for admission. This new essay will come with a new scoring rubric as well. This rubric will likely be released in the next few months or so.

Because of this optional essay, the exam will be shorter. The pre-

viously 3-hour and 45-minute test will be reduced to 3 hours excluding the optional 50-minute essay.

There are also more specific changes to the official sections of the SAT. In the math section, calculators will be limited in usage. While previously calculators were allowed in every math section, now specific sections will be deemed “no-calculator” sections.

In the reading section, modifications will be made to the types of questions asked.

“Students will be asked to support answers with evidence, including questions that require them to cite a specific part of a passage to support their answer choice,” said the *College Board*.

Students will also be required to read and work with a passage from non-fiction works such as the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address, and other historical American documents.

Likely one of the most famous studying obstacles of high school students is the SAT vocabulary. The new exam will be free of so many extraneous vocabulary words.

New vocabulary words will be those that are often used in col-

lege and careers.

There are many reasons that the *College Board* may have decided to alter the SAT.

The first reason is the rising popularity of the ACT. More students opted for the ACT than for the SAT in 2012.

Another possibility is that the *College Board* wishes to relate students’ SAT studying more directly to their schoolwork. By eliminating obscure vocabulary and conducting evidence-based questions, the *College Board* may achieve this.

Many make solid careers out of tutoring high school students for the SAT. Large corporations such as *Eureka* and *Wheeler Test Prep* provide these tutors professionally.

“It will probably be easier for kids in the future to do better on the test. Right now people spend so much money on tutors to teach them exactly what do to. The new test will hopefully focus on more things we’ve learned,” said Junior **Gracie Pierson**.

“I’m jealous that my brother will probably have to study less than I do,” said Junior **Kayla Kamen**.

On the other hand, those who will actually be affected by these changes also have comments about the new exam.

“I think it’s unfair that older kids will have had tutors who knew exactly what the tricks of the test were and we won’t,” said Freshman **Farah Stack**.

The *College Board* hopes that these changes will have a positive effect on students and the process of college admissions in general. The Juniors of 2016 may or may not have something to look forward to, depending on how they look at it.

# Update on the Crisis in Crimea

By Moritz Weber  
STAFFWRITER

MARCH – With nearly 100,000 Russian troops at its border, and an illegal referendum that according to Russia puts Crimea under its sovereignty, the provisional government of Ukraine is faced with much more than just holding elections and writing government reforms.

What began as brigades of masked “Crimean” local militia appearing near Ukraine’s Russian border, has turned to a seizure of Ukrainian military assets on the peninsula by Russian forces. This includes the takeover of Ukrainian military bases and 51 Ukrainian Naval ships.

Although President **Barack Obama** and a number of other nations have passed numerous economic sanctions to punish Moscow, these have been countered by Russian counter-sanctions on a number of officials in NATO-allied countries. These sanctions have affected the Russian economy, but not nearly enough to make Russia back away from aggression.

Fears of internal strife in Ukraine are common in the country. Although nearly all Ukrainians share a dream of a fully autonomous, independent Ukraine, many groups envision different

versions of that dream, some with very nationalistic and extremely right-wing visions. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, the right wing showed its ambition by storming Verhovna Rada, Ukraine’s parliament building.

A referendum in Crimea has illegally made it part of Russia in a move that many question the legitimacy of.

“Our Western partners, created the Kosovo precedent with their own hands.”

~Vladimir Putin

Putin has justified his actions in a skewed fashion, comparing the situation to the United States intervention in Kosovo during the Yugoslav Civil War.

“Our Western partners, created the Kosovo precedent with their own hands. In a situation absolutely the same as the

one in Crimea they recognized Kosovo’s secession from Serbia legitimate while arguing that no permission from a country’s central authority for a unilateral declaration of independence is necessary” said Putin.

There are, however, many differences between the situation in Crimea and the one that occurred in Kosovo in the 90s. For instance the ethnic cleansing enacted by the Serbs on Kosovo’s muslim population was widely reported by credible news sources. Russia still has yet to find one specific instance in which Russian-speakers in Ukraine have been even remotely against the uprising.



SAT: Test logo from the College Board company. (Image from Google.)

## Venezuelan Chaos

By Jesse Weinstein  
STAFF WRITER

The people of Venezuela have begun a series of violent protests to get the government to cease price regulation and reduce criminal violence. This began in January 2014 and the government has been against it from the start.

Protesters are being killed and injured for arguing with the government, yet they continue to protest. So far over 31 people have been killed in the protests and many more have been injured.

The protesters originally had started more peaceful protests last year trying to get what they want, but because that never worked they resorted to more violent methods earlier this year.

In an interview with a mass of reporters earlier this year a congresswoman from Venezuela, **Ms. Machado**, said, “They are afraid of the truth. They don’t want the truth to come out about the massive repression taking place in Venezuela. They don’t want it to be known in the world and in our America.”

When the Venezuelan Government was discussing whether or not to vote on the issues, Ms. Machado was not allowed to

speak and all media access was denied in the deliberation.

**Harrison White**, Junior at Malibu High School, said, “What? There are riots?”

The protests have not only had negative effects on the people of Venezuela but also on the government. As a result of protests, there are sure to be economic implications, as the government is not only trying to contain and pay for the damages that the protests have caused, but it is also being looked at from a negative light by the rest of the United Nations.

Both sides have mentioned peace talks and want to end the violence, yet neither side is willing to give in to any of the other’s demands.

Most students are aware of the protests in Ukraine, but have not been exposed to the atrocities occurring in Venezuela. When asked why they thought the protests were so under the radar, Junior **Max Ney** said, “I think its terrible that the government and publicity companies hide things they want to hide and overly publicize what they want to overly publicize. I don’t know why they would want to hide these, but they shouldn’t do that.”

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In loving memory of Emily Shane, April is “Pass it Forward” month at Malibu High School. Post your good deeds on [emilyshane.org](http://emilyshane.org) and remember the bright light that Emily brought to our community.

# Malibu City Council Candidates Continued



City council incumbent  
**Laura Rosenthal**

## Laura Rosenthal:

*What is the most pressing issue that the city of Malibu as a whole is currently dealing with?*

The most pressing issue is probably development and its effects on our infrastructure like roads and water supplies. Possible upcoming commercial development also must be controlled and limited.

*What differentiates you from the other candidates?*

I had a lot of experience in Malibu before I ran for Council 4 years ago - I had been a PTA President, on 2 City Commissions, a Little League Board member and involved in many other groups too. Now, I have even more experience after being on the Council so I know how to get things done, help people navigate our City laws. I have developed a lot of relationships with people in charge of agencies that control PCH, our School District and our representatives in Sacramento. These relationships are very helpful when we need money to fix things or help with problems. And I am the only candidate that has ever been a volunteer for our schools.

*What are your thoughts on the newly developed Trancas area?*

I love it! I think the architecture is perfect for western Malibu and it looks like it will have a lot of locally owned small stores and restaurants. I still have concerns about the driving entrance on PCH and the lighting, though.

## June Louks:

*What made you decide to run for city council this election?*

I think I can be a good leader in finding our community voice, in moving from a disenfranchised and dysfunctional government to bringing our community together on our common ground. I'd like to move our governing basis of decision making in alignment with our Malibu Vision Mission Statement so we can preserve the rural characteristics of Malibu, and better safeguard our ecological balance and the natural beauty here.

*What is the most pressing issue that the city of Malibu is currently dealing with?*

An important issue that our city is dealing with is the historic opportunity to become our own school district, with millions of more dollars available to both of the two new districts, for smaller class sizes, etc.

We need to have leaders we can trust, reflecting our values. When we have leaders that share our values, I think we will seize this historic opportunity and become our own school district.

*What are your thoughts on the newly developed Trancas area?*

As an architectural designer, I like the rustic character, the A frame barn style, and the use of reclaimed wood. I am disappointed that there isn't a community-gathering place to hang out.



City Council candidate **June Louks**



City Council candidate  
**Hamish Paterson**

## Hamish Paterson:

*What sort of things have you been doing prior to this election?*

I'm a carpenter by trade, as well as a minor YouTube personality, and I also am heavily involved in surfing and skateboarding, while also persuading my art ambitions. *You are a big supporter of keeping Malibu as local as possible. In what ways could this be accomplished?*

Assert local control, at this time our present city council seems to believe that everything in Malibu is out of our hands. It is the think globally act locally approach that will take us into the future. While Malibu faces huge problems with future growth and deteriorating infrastructure, these problems are not out of our hands, they are easily within our grasp if we approach them pragmatically.

*What is the most pressing issue that the city of Malibu is currently dealing with?*

Short term, contamination at the high school. Long term, one million square feet of potential development in the civic center area, piggyback on a water treatment plant being proposed across from Webster Elementary School. *What makes you different from the other candidates?*

Besides being an active surfer and skater, I have an absolutely different view of reality and how to solve the problems facing our community.

# Where is Flight 370?

By **Jack Gewant**

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

**T**he Malaysian Airline flight 370 mysteriously disappeared after its departure March 8, at 12:41 am. The days following were filled with news coverage across the world with theories and speculation. The situation is left up to interpretation on what happened to this plane and how.

The flight was on its way to Beijing from Malaysia. The last words from the co-pilot **Fariq Abdul Hamid** were "All right, good night." At 1:19 a.m.

After reaching a cruising altitude and speed, the plane transponder signal and all communication from the plane suddenly ceased while flying off the Gulf of Thailand. When the plane did not land at its destination, multiple nations began searching for the plane.

On March 11 it was discovered that the plane had made a sharp turn and flew back over the Malaysian Peninsula. This caused countries to extend their searches to South East Asia.

With still no knowledge on the whereabouts of the plane a plethora of theories emerged, including the plane's disintegration, a terrorist attack, and even a black hole. More than one of the theories seem to be legitimate but others appear to be pretty ill advised. It was also known that two of the passengers boarded the plane with stolen passports.

Word began to come out that although communications were shutdown, the engine sent off weak signals for seven hours.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March about 24 countries were searching or helping with the search for the plane.

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, satellite images showed what was some aircraft

debris in the Southern Indian Ocean southwest of Australia.

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, some aircraft debris was found in Australia. The debris was identified as debris from flight 370 by the Malaysian government but not enough information has been released to prove that the debris is, in fact, from the flight. In a statement given by the former Homeland Security Secretary **Michael Chertoff** said, "It could be pilots. It could be members of the crew. We've seen a variation of that with Snowden."

A couple of Malibu High School students gave their thoughts on the matter. **Vincent Hannley**, Junior and aspiring Councilman, said, "I think the plane disintegrated somehow."

However, much uncertainty remains as to the cause of the plane's disappearance. **Michael Kay**, a former British pilot and military officer,

said, "We don't have enough evidence to take (hijacking, sabotage or many other possibilities) off the table... What we need to do is keep an open mind, look at the facts, and keep building the jigsaw puzzle. Because that's all we have at the moment."

So far, no confirmed debris from flight 370 has been found, but officials from many countries have not stopped searching and do not plan on doing so.

"All doors and all possibilities, in my mind, are still open," said former Director of National Intelligence **John Negroponte**. Feelings of hope are still felt in regards to the situation and prayers are being sent by people all around the world.

The exact whereabouts of the plane is still unknown, but officials have released statements assuming that the passengers are deceased.

*"It could be pilots. It could be members of the crew. We've seen a variation of that with Snowden."*

~**Michael Chertoff**



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**MEMORIAL:** A candlelight vigil was held in remembrance for the victims of the missing plane. (Image from Google.)

## Vintage Grocers: New Supermarket

By **Connemara Hutcherson**  
ASSISTANT MANAGER

On March 5, *Vintage Grocers* opened in the newly renovated *Trancas Country Market Center*.

*Trancas* owners were previously uncertain about which businesses would open in this newly available space where *HOWS Market* used to be located.

The new market offers services such as a juice bar, hot buffet, salad bar, hand-made sandwich bar, and brick oven pizza bar. Needless to say, *Vintage Grocers* has become the talk of Malibu.

Senior **Sage Smith** said, "The new market has a lot of cool items that you can't find anywhere in Malibu."

Many students are excited to spend their lunch and after school

time at the market. Other residents of Malibu believe they will not be shopping there often because of the high prices.

Smith also said, "You can just go over the hill and spend the same amount money as you would in *Vintage Grocers* on the gas."

The size of the supermarket has also been a concern.

Senior **Barron Hilton** said "The market is cool but it's small... the aisles are way too small."

At the store's opening, free bags full of food were given to the first 200 customers. This market is making it easier for a lot of the residents on the West side of Malibu to do their shopping.

Overall, Malibu residents are excited to have *Vintage Grocers* at the *Trancas Country Market Center*.



**NOT-SO-VINTAGE:** The new supermarket is already popular among Malibu High School students. [Photo: malibutimes.com]

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## Changing Lives with Operation Smile: Elena Clarfield and Sammy Gilliams

By **Maisy Tarlow**  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

*Operation Smile* is an international charity dedicated to providing professional medical care to people born with a cleft lip, cleft palate, or other facial deformity. In some places, these children are ostracized from their communities and live in complete isolation. *Operation Smile* provides these children with the surgeries they need in order to be able to live their lives to the fullest and to be happy. Living with a cleft lip or palate is not only a social disadvantage, but it also often makes it hard for the child to eat or drink.

Malibu High School students have been involved with *Operation Smile* for many years. Every year, at least one student gets the chance to actually go on a mission with the *Operation Smile* team to a country in need. Two of Malibu High's current seniors had the opportunity to do this and are both in complete agreement that it was a life-changing experience.

**Samantha Gilliams:** When did you first get involved

with *Operation Smile*?

I first wanted to get involved in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but I couldn't join until 9<sup>th</sup> grade. I've always wanted to go on a mission since I first saw a video of one in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Where did your mission take place?



**SAMANTHA GILLIAMS:** Samantha poses with a patient and nurse in Paraguay.

in a village. He doesn't even speak Spanish, only the native language. He has been kept in complete isolation all his life because of his deformity. The first day that I met him he isolated himself from all the other patients even though they were all just like him. He sat in the corner with his arms crossed and didn't want to talk to anyone. When it was his surgery day I asked him to come play soccer with me and some local students. He's never been able to do that in his whole life. He was smiling so big the whole time. This was the first

time anyone had seen him smile. *How has going on a mission changed you or your views of the world?*

It made me realize that even though those people have deformities you can get so used to it and it becomes so normal it's crazy. They are isolated their entire lives yet it's so easy to look past it. It came to a point where I would see a normal kid without a cleft lip or palate and it would look weird to me because I had become so used to them.

How many surgeries were done on your mission?

199 surgeries. Also we screened more people than any other mission in *Operation Smile* history. A screening is basically like a check up to see if someone is eligible to get a surgery.

Do you have anything else you would like to share?

Yes, there is actually going to be an *Op Smile* hospital opening permanently in Paraguay in around a

*"I have a much greater appreciation for everything in my life since my mission, especially for education."*

~ Elena Clarfield

month. That will be really great. **Elena Clarfield:**

When did you first get involved with *Operation Smile*?

I first learned about *Op Smile* in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at an assembly where seniors showed their mission videos. I knew then that I wanted

to do the same thing, so I joined the club freshman year and have been a part of it ever since. I have loved the responsibility of being president this year and it has been really exciting fulfilling much of the club's potential. So far we have raised enough money for more than 50 surgeries, which I am so proud of.

Where did your mission take place?

My mission took place in Ruhengeri, Rwanda.

What is your favorite memory from your trip?

I have so many amazing memories from the trip. One of my favorites was visiting a local high school near the hospital. The girls sang gospel songs for us in Kinyarwanda (the language of Rwanda) and it was the quintessential African experience. Getting to talk to the girls my age was a really special experience as well. Another favorite memory I have is getting to watch a full surgery. Seeing a life transformed in just 45 minutes was so surreal, and seeing the happiness in the mother's eyes was unbelievably touching.

How has going on a mission changed you or your views on the

world?

I have a much greater appreciation for everything in my life since my mission, especially for education. Many of the high school students told me how hard they worked and how much they prayed for scholarships so they would have the opportunity to go to university. Especially since those conversations I've felt so fortunate to be able to go to a fantastic public school and not have to worry about the prospect of college.

The mission also solidified my interest

in working with nonprofit organizations similar to *Op Smile*. In business school I hope to learn how I can maximize the impact of such foundations.

How many surgeries were done on your mission?

82 surgeries. Do you have anything else you would like to share?

Another thing about my mission was that it was the first mission at that hospital in Rwanda and my partner and I were the first student volunteers to go to Rwanda.



**ELENA CLARFIELD:** Elena and two young patients smile for the camera.

## Spring Break Adventures & Kettle Corn Recipe

By Kate Kiefer  
STAFF WRITER

Spring Break is coming up and soon Malibu High School students will have two weeks to themselves. Students do all kinds of things for spring break. These activities and vacations include going to Coachella, Mexico, or Big Bear.

Even without fancy vacation plans for spring break, it is still possible to have plenty of fun adventures.

The cheapest kind of vacation is a road trip. Road trips involve relatively few expenses and can be very fun. Plus, there are no limits on the destinations that a car can reach. On the road, food always comes in handy, so be sure to stock up on snacks.

In California, there are many options for road-tripping. Driving up the Coast, camping sites are available in Big Sur, Yosemite, Lake Tahoe, Santa Barbara, and even in Malibu at the Leo Carrillo State Park.

During a road trip, it is essential to have great snacks. Here is a kettle corn recipe that will surely satisfy any craving. Eat the kettle corn while it is still warm, and wait for the world to be complete...



**THAT'S SO CORNY:** This kettle corn recipe is not only easy, but also delicious and perfect for long road trips during spring break.

### Kettle Corn Recipe (makes approximately 10 cups)

#### Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn kernels

#### Directions:

Heat the vegetable oil in a large pot over medium heat. Once hot, stir in the sugar and popcorn.

Cover the pot and shake constantly to avoid burning the sugar. Once the popping has slowed to once every 2 to 3 seconds, remove the pot from the heat and continue to shake for a few minutes until the popping has stopped.

Pour into a large bowl, and allow to cool, stirring occasionally to break up large clumps.

## Malibu Job Opportunities

By Clarity Ruffman  
STAFF WRITER

Finding a job as a Malibu High School student may be easier than it looks.

Several local places are now hiring and are looking for nice, smart students to employ.

Not only do jobs supply hard-earned money, but they also look good on college applications.

All an aspiring employee must do is research to see if anyone is hiring, go into stores and ask for an application, or take in a resume.

Many people think it is difficult or scary to do this because most places in Malibu have adult employees, but it never hurts to apply.

In many cases, businesses are begging for employees in the summer because Malibu is always so packed during this time. Thus, it may be a good idea to take advantage of active times of business.

The new Malibu grocery store,

*Vintage Grocers*, is currently looking for new employees. This may be a perfect and easy way to make some money or have a first job experience.

Many of the new stores and restaurants surrounding *Vintage Grocers* are opening and are going to be looking for new workers as well.

Junior **Mike Rivetti** said, "I just got hired at *Vintage Grocers*, I've only worked here for a couple of days but I like it."

If anyone is debating about applying for a job, the benefits can be fantastic. Although it may be a lot of work and partially take away one's social life, it is worth it when the paycheck arrives.

MHS College Counselor **Ms. Chi** is available to help Malibu students build a resume. Resources are also available on the College and Career Center's website called *Naviance*.

So, apply, construct a resume, or just ask around until a good opportunity arises.

*"Although it may be a lot of work and partially take away one's social life, it is worth it when the paycheck arrives"*

## Los Angeles: What to See, What to Do

By Marsalis Adriano  
SATIRE EDITOR

Los Angeles is filled with unique and distinctively enjoyable places. Many Malibu residents fail to experience these notable locations. Here are a few exciting spots to explore and the ETA from MHS.



**ROSCOE'S:** No caption needed.

### *ChocoVivo:*

[ETA: 45 minutes] What in gooniness's name is *ChocoVivo*? Well, it is a quaint little hot chocolate bar in the middle of Washington Blvd. that is sure to make any rainy day a special one.

### *Museum of Jurassic Technology:*

[ETA: 50 minutes] Ever wonder how much random stuff a person can put into one building and still have people pay to come and see it? The answer is a lot. If you want to see where it all goes down, *The Museum of Jurassic Technology* has accumulated enough random artifacts such as trailer park dioramas, old wives tales, etc., to make

your head spin.

*Leo's Tacos* [ETA: 60 minutes]: Okay, a taco truck may sound a little sketchy to Malibu-Lily's-Lovin'-Locals, but...

*"Located in the middle of a Chevron gas station, these tacos are above and beyond anything anyone will ever eat in Malibu"*

these tacos may be the best thing that ever slithers down one's gullet. Located in the middle of a Chevron gas station, these tacos are above and beyond anything anyone will ever eat in Malibu.

### *The Egyptian*

*Theatre* [ETA: 60 minutes]: (and/or The Aero and Nuart): All of these theatres run by *American Cinematheque* are quaint little revival theatres that play favorite classics on the big screen.

*Roscoe's House of Chicken and*

*Waffles* [ETA: 60 minutes]: This is a great place to chow down with a few friends and enjoy the greatest combination of food ever... chicken and waffles.

*Pink's Hot Dogs* [ETA: 60 minutes]: This is a classic L.A. hot dog joint that ever Los Angeles resident must try. These are debatably some of the best hot dogs

around.

*Nike Missile Control Site* (LA96C, on Mulholland Drive) [ETA: 60 minutes]: This is a great place to take a partner for an end of the night wind down. It perches on top of the San Vicente Mountain and looks over the entire L.A. area... beautiful scenery.



**MISSILE CONTROL SITE:** This stop could be the perfect place to view some classic Los Angeles scenery.

## Samsung Shoots for the Stars: Announcing the Galaxy S5

By Elliot Quartz  
GRAPHICS EDITOR

Samsung announced that its latest flagship smartphone device will be hitting markets this holiday season.

The Galaxy S5 is the next generation version of the well-known Galaxy lineup. The Samsung Galaxy S5 is famous for its use by **Ellen DeGeneres** in her "most retweeted tweet" selfie during the 2014 Oscars.

The S5 does not bring any major changes or innovative features like the previous Galaxy phones have brought, but it does bring some nice and noteworthy improvements from the S4.

The S5 is increasing its size from

5.0 inches to a slightly larger 5.1-inch screen. This new screen is a gorgeous 1080p resolution and has many new vibrant color ranges.

Local smartphone enthusiast, **Bronson Bard**, Junior at Malibu High School said, "This is one of the most exciting looking jackhammers of a smartphones we have seen in a while, I cannot wait to get these in my gloves."

Bard went on to comment on how he loved watching Ellen take the famous selfie during the Oscars calling her the "Van Gogh of selfies".

In terms of design and hardware, the S5 boasts less bezel than its predecessor is slightly heavier because its larger frame and screen

size. The S5 also has a Quadcore Snapdragon 801 2.5 Ghz processor along with 2 Gbs of ram.

The S5 also brings serious camera improvements with its 16-megapixel sensor, promising beautiful snapshots.

One brand new feature that the S5 brings is its finger print sensor, much like that of the iPhone 5S. The sensor is partnered with *PayPal* to give users the ability to sign into their *PayPal* accounts and make secure payments with just a tap of the finger.

*Samsung* promises that they will eventually allow for third-party apps to integrate their own services with the S5's fingerprint scanner, allowing sign-in to other accounts with a fingerprint.

When commenting on the S5's design, Junior and provolone cheese fanboy **Vincent Hannley** said, "This fingerprint scanner is just a total rip off of the iPhone's... this is a complete out-

rage."

The *Samsung Galaxy S5* debuts this summer for a to-be-announced price.



**THE NEXT GENERATION:** The Galaxy S5 brings a few significant changes to Samsung's Galaxy lineup.

# A Year In Review: TV's Best In 2013-2014

By Nolan Webster  
STAFF WRITER

It is that time of year again, in which all this season's TV shows come to an end with the onset of the summer season. Throughout this past year, numerous shows have demonstrated their value, helping usher in what is being referred to as a new "Golden Age" of TV. Following the trend of the past few years, TV shows this year has been taking very seriously, being appropriately recognized for their immense quality. Here is a recap of some of the best TV shows from the 2013-2014 season.



**True Detective** HBO's detective drama. **True Detective:** Co-stars Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson close their first season of the widely successful HBO detective drama.

**True Detective**, made its mark in early 2014 through excellent performances by both **Woody Harrelson** and **Matthew McConaughey** starring as Detectives Marty Hart and Rustin Cole in a thrilling eight-episode story arc.

The talented **Cory Fukunaga** beautifully directed all eight episodes, most clearly demonstrating his talent in the fourth episode, which concluded with a brilliantly executed six-minute tracking shot.

"*True Detective* was awesome, it was one of my favorite shows this year," said *True Detective* fan, junior **Vincent Hannley**.

*True Detective* will return for a second season with an entirely different cast and story arc, as Harrelson and McConaughey's story came to a definite conclu-

*Bad* is still worth mentioning. Part two of *Breaking Bad*'s final season showed great performances by **Bryan Cranston**, **Aaron Paul**, and **Dean Norris** within the eight final, fast-paced, plot-heavy episodes of one of TV's most celebrated series.

"I think *Breaking Bad* has al-

original series, *House of Cards*. Underwood's thirst for political power was continued through the show's strong second season, which is considered by many as an improvement from the already celebrated first.

With outstanding performances by the aforementioned Kevin Spacey in addition to **Robin Wright** as Claire Underwood, *House of Cards*' bold second season quickly confirmed a third, which will be making its way to Netflix in 2015.

## Game of Thrones

The hit HBO fantasy drama, *Game of Thrones*, began its fourth season in early April, keeping the pace of the first

three critically acclaimed seasons through dense, plot-heavy episodes with sharp writing and great direction. Though this season not yet concluded, *Game of Thrones* has set several milestones this year, most notably bringing in 8.5 million viewers on May 18. Fans can look forward to the rest of this season as well as two more, as the show was recently renewed for a season five and six.

sion in this season. Although this news is disappointing to many fans of the lead actors' fantastic performances, *True Detective* writer and showrunner **Nic Pizzolatto** surely will not disappoint with *True Detective* story arcs in the future.

## Breaking Bad

While the series concluded in September, at the very beginning of this year's TV season, AMC's critically acclaimed *Breaking*

ready gone down as one of the best TV shows of all time," said junior, **Finn Gesner**.

Although *Breaking Bad* came to a close, fans of the show and creator **Vince Gilligan** can tune into actor **Bob Odenkirk**'s spin-off series *Better Call Saul*, coming to Netflix in the near future.

## House of Cards

**Kevin Spacey** reprised his role this year as the conniving Frank Underwood in the Netflix

# Upcoming Concerts

By Riley Riley  
STAFF WRITER

## The Observatory

75 min. from MHS  
-Margot and The Nuclear So & So's (June 7)  
-Juicy J (July 7)

## The Echo

51 min. from MHS  
-Baths (June 14)  
-OK GO (July 23)

## LA Sports Arena

47 min. from MHS  
-FYF FEST (August 23-24)

## Club Nokia

46 min. from MHS  
-Flume (August 11)

## Fonda Theatre

47 min. from MHS  
-Jack White (June 10)  
-Mac Demarco (July 11)

## Wiltern Theatre

47 min. from MHS  
-Neon Trees w/ Small Pools (June 14)  
-HAIM (August 8)

## The Roxy

49 min. from MHS  
-The Kooks (August 8)

## Staples Center

46 min. from MHS  
-Cher (July 7)

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# Movies to Watch While Sick

By Jena Weinberger  
STAFF WRITER

As the heavily unpleasant cold season re-emerges in Malibu High as well as the ever stressful finals, it is necessary to take the proper measures and be prepared for the days in bed that may occur after contracting the flu, these measures include stocking up on plenty of sick food, and having the best movies to watch while stuck in

## Forrest Gump



**Forest Gump:** This classic is a great movie to watch in general, but is even better to watch while sick.

bed and unable to move.

### #10 Click

Directed by **Frank Coraci** and starring **Adam Sandler** who comes into owning a 'universal' remote control that is able to control every aspect of his life not just the electronics. Although this movie does not qualify as cinematic gold, **Christopher Walken** never fails to disappoint and who doesn't wish they could speed through sickness. This movie will surely create a large amount of wishful thinking, which is always nice while under the weather.

### #9 Napoleon Dynamite

Directed by **Jared Hess** and starring **Jon Heder** as Napoleon, a socially awkward yet totally *saue* high school student who lives with his brother, grandmother, and their llama, Tina. This movie is worth it for so many reasons specifically because if you're going to laugh, you might as well do it to a dry yet hilariously funny movie with all the quirks and weirdness of every awkward middle schooler, not to mention the fact that this movie is certainly enjoyable to watch. This movie will most likely make you feel at least a little bit better.

### #8 Pineapple Express

Watching stoner movies while sick may be one of the greatest combinations. Even if you can't relate to the lifestyle, the extravagant adventure undertaken by **Seth Rogan** and **James Franco** will surely not disappoint and make you cry from laughter, as well as make you appreciate the joys of idiotic friendships.

### #7 Mrs. Doubtfire

Directed by **Chris Columbus** and starring **Robin Williams**, this movie is perfect for a day spent in bed laughing. This movie is fun and easy to follow so if you acci-

dently fall asleep you won't miss much. There is a high chance that this is already a long time classic in your movie repertoire that will never get old.

"I'm not really sure why this movie always makes me feel better, but we really all do need some Robin Williams in our life" said junior **Vincent Hannley**.

### #6 Matilda

Directed by **Danny DeVito** and starring **Mara Wilson**, this

movie shows every young child's fantasy of having secret powers, so why not revisit that. For some reason, the magical powers of a young girl are even more intriguing when stuck in bed and her perseverance through her tough family situation inspires you to fight through your virus.

### #5 The Royal Tenenbaums

Directed by **Wes Anderson** and starring his usual crew of **Bill Murray** and **Owen Wilson**, this movie is upbeat and heartwarming and the cinematography is



**Alice and Wonderland:** The animated version of *Alice and Wonderland* never fails to lighten the mood.

very similar to that of a childhood memory. Because of this, it is very easy to watch it and think about, while relaxing and eating soup in bed. Enjoy being able to lounge in bed all day and get caught up in the Tenenbaum family's many toils.

### #4 Alice and Wonderland (animated version)

Obviously a classic, this movie

truly never gets old and the adventure will be wildly entertaining. The hallucinogenic type images are sure to help you feel nostalgic over the years when you didn't realize this was the writer's long acid trip and simultaneously create some pretty twisted fever dreams later on that night.

### #3 The Beach

Directed by **Danny Boyle** and starring **Leonardo DiCaprio** this movie follows a young man who takes a trip in order to expand his life horizons. No matter how bad you're feeling, this movie never ceases to make you feel at least a little better. You either are struggling along with Leo as he goes crazy by himself in the jungle or you are comforted that at least your fever hasn't caused you to go to this insane. Either way there is beautiful cinematography.

### #2 The Lord of The Rings Trilogy

Directed by **Peter Jackson**, these movies will surely be a conquest that you can brag about completing while everyone else was in Chemistry. By the time you get through these movies you will probably have already recovered. If it looks like it's going to be a week long illness, then these movies will be a great way to kick off your sitting in bed movie marathon. Falling asleep halfway through will also not be too much of an issue due to the lengthy and sometimes slow plots, so you most likely won't miss much unless you fall asleep throughout the entire movie, in which case you have probably slept through your sickness.

### #1 Forest Gump

Directed by **Robert Zemeckis** and starring the one and only **Tom Hanks**, aside from being one of the top movies of all time, and being available on Netflix streaming, this movie will never

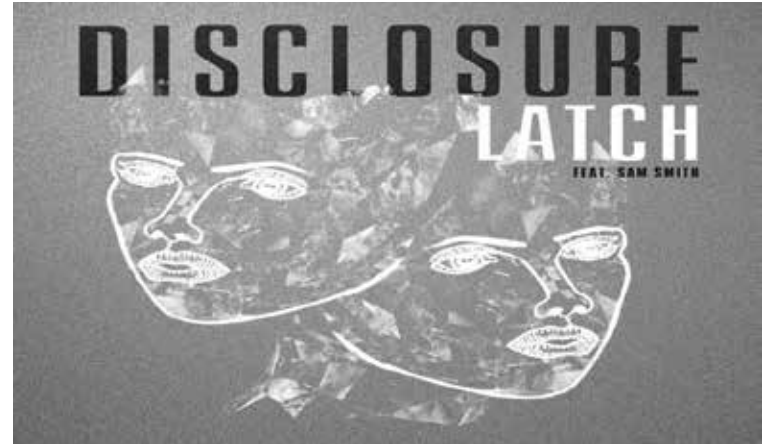
cease to brighten anyone's mood. If you're stuck in bed feeling sorry for yourself and wishing you could just curl up and die from whatever has gotten into your immune system, *Forest Gump* will single handedly make you cry tears of both joy and sadness.

# 2014 Top 10 Songs

By Max Watkin  
STAFF WRITER

### "Latch"- Disclosure

Featuring vocals from **Sam Smith**, this song is more pop-oriented. It is great to listen to when trying to grab on to something or trying not to fall, almost like you're latching onto something. (Get it?)



**Disclosure:** The release of one of their most widely popular songs "Latch", granted Disclosure great success.

### "Fancy"- Iggy Azalea

This song is great to listen to at house parties or dressy occasions, as it is an electro-hop number with catchy hip-hop chants and finger snaps.

### "All Me"- Drake

By Canadian rapper Drake, this song features rappers **2 Chainz** and **Big Sean** as well. This song is great to listen to when you're hogging all the food at a banquet or you take control of a situation.

### "Dark Horse" - Katy Perry

Recorded by Katy Perry and featuring rapper **Juicy J**, this song combines trap and hip hop. It is a great song to listen to when your saddling up or riding horses.

### "Happy"- Pharrell Williams

From the *Despicable Me 2* soundtrack album, this song was written and produced by Williams. It became so popular that Williams was chosen to perform at the Academy Awards this year. This song is great to listen to when you are really happy.

### "Summer" - Calvin Harris

Popular in the US, this song is even more popular in the UK as it became Harris's sixth UK number one single. This song is great to listen to when you are on summer vacation or when it is really hot out.

### "Let it Go" - Idina Menzel

From Disney's animated film *Frozen*, the music and lyrics were composed by **Kristen Anderson-Lopez** and **Robert Lopez** while the song was performed in the film by Idina Menzel, playing the role of Queen Elsa. This song is great to listen to when you let go of something or drop something.

### "Pompeii" - Bastille

The popular song by the British rock band Bastille reached number five on the US Billboard Hot 100 and number two on the UK Singles Chart. It is a great song to listen to when you are thinking of fire, lava, or volcanoes.

### "All of Me"- John Legend

From Legend's fourth studio album *Love in the Future*, this song was co-written by **Toby Gad** and co-produced with **Dave Tozer**. This song was dedicated to Legend's wife **Chrissy Teigen**. In May of this year the song was so popular that it peaked at number one on the Billboard Hot 100.



**John Legend:** Legend's new song "All of Me" skyrocketed to #1 on the Billboard Hot 100.

### "We Can't Stop" - Miley Cyrus

From Cyrus' album *Bangerz*, this song has gotten mixed reviews from critics as it strays from Cyrus' initial image and is very different from one of her first songs, "Party in the USA". This song is great to listen to when you can't stop dancing.

# Masque 2014

By Mackenna Strange  
HEAD OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Malibu High School's annual talent show, "Masque", was held in the school auditorium this past weekend, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. As always, the show was put on by the Junior class. Junior class president **Dawnie Perry** was in charge of the event along with advisors **Mr. Ervin** and **Mr. Wadsworth**.

Junior Dawnie Perry said, "Many people came up to me after the show and told me that this year's Masque was one of the best. I couldn't have had such an amazing production without the performers, the crew, and Mr. Wadsworth and Mr. Ervin."

Juniors **Michael Novak**, **Sammi Burke**, **Nolan Webster**, **Alyssa Goldberg**, and **Marsalis Adriano** MC'ed each night and had several hilarious skits to introduce the acts.



MASQUE 2014: Nolan Webster and Sammi Burke, MC's for Masque 2014 along with Michael Novak, Alyssa Goldberg, and Marsalis Adriano, performed hilarious skits between acts.

The show opened with the Junior Act and closed with one of two Senior Acts each night. The seniors had a musical act with many instrumentalists, dancers and backup singers, along with **Robin Bixler** rapping **Eminem** lyrics. The teachers also put on a musical act with Mr. Wadsworth on guitar, Mr. Ervin on piano, **Ms. Yarber** on bass, and **Mr. Bixler** on the saxophone, while Senior **Martha Thatcher** sang "Crazy in Love" by **Beyoncé**.

The winners on Thursday night were **Hayley Haag** and **Naomi Joshi** for best dance, the **Sposato Brothers** for best group or band, **Devyn Masterson**, **Remi Taylor**, and **Chris Hall** for best song, **Nancy Walecki** and **Cooper Bell** for most entertaining, and **Isobel Anthony**, **Hannah Gruendemann**, **Kela Sachs**, and **Nancy Walecki** overall performance. On Friday the winners were **Maggie Valdman** for best singer,

**Maya Eliahou** for best overall, and **Jade Bates**, **Ede Crowder**, **Pauline Park**, **Rachel Purewal**, and **Cooper Bell** for best group. On Saturday the winners were **Sienna Thompson** for best song, the **Water Polo Boys** for most entertaining, **Hayley Haag** and

*"Many people came up to me after the show and told me that this year's Masque was one of the best."*

~Junior Class President  
Dawnie Perry

**Naomi Joshi** for best overall, **Maya Eliahou** for best dance performance, and **Jade Bates**, **Ede Crowder**, **Pauline Park**, **Rachel Purewal**, and **Cooper Bell** again for best group.

Ticket and concessions sales brought in a huge profit for ASB. All proceeds from the event will pay for this year's Prom, which will be held on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Skirball Cultural Center.

Videos of Masque will go on sale after spring break. All proceeds from the videos will go to the Malibu High School Film and Journalism Departments.

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## ~Thursday Night Winners~



Best group or band: **The Sposato Brothers**



Best dance: **Hayley Haag** and **Naomi Joshi**



Best song: **Devyn Masterson**, **Remi Taylor**, and **Chris Hall**



Most entertaining: **Nancy Walecki** and **Cooper Bell**



Best overall performance: **Isobel Anthony**, **Hannah Gruendemann**, **Kela Sachs**, and **Nancy Walecki**

## ~Friday Night Winners~



Best singer: **Maggie Valdman**



Best group: **Jade Bates**, **Ede Crowder**, **Pauline Park**, **Rachel Purewal**, and **Cooper Bell**

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# Where Have Seniors Been Accepted?



**HAYLEY HAAG**  
School attending: UCLA

**TYLER SAVITSKY**  
School attending: Harvard

**SAMMY GILLIAMS**  
School attending: The American University of Paris

**SOFI PETERSON**  
School attending: MIT

**TY BURKE**  
School attending: Richmond University of London

*"The location allows me to do what I need with dance and the school is absolutely beautiful and perfect for me."*

*"I knew that I wanted to play DI soccer and that was the best opportunity I felt to get a good soccer experience and get a really good education at the same time."*

*"My main love in life is to experience new cultures...I hope to one day have a job that allows me to travel and make money at the same time."*

*"I love Boston and I'm really excited to be there and on the East Coast...The school fits me really well. When I went to visit I could really see myself there. I could see it as a place I could live."*

*"It's really far away and I've moved so much that I like new experiences and I feel like that's the only time that I will have the chance to venture out into Europe"*

**Major:** Business

**Looking forward to:** "Meeting new people and being forced to fend for myself without complete responsibility of an adult life."

**Going to miss:** "I'm going to miss my friends because although I'm not going anywhere, my friends are."

**Major:** Undecided

**Looking forward to:** "Definitely soccer. Expanding my knowledge of the world and continuing my education and meeting people who are like-minded."

**Going to miss:** "Probably the friends I made during high school and my family."

**Major:** Global communications

**Looking forward to:** "Just having a completely new experience...It will be cool to be in a new place unlike anywhere here. Also just to start out new and not know anyone."

**Going to miss:** "Probably the weather and the beach."

**Major:** Chemical engineering

**Looking forward to:** "Being around people all the time who are really into math and science like I am."

**Going to miss:** "The nice weather...The winter is actually cold with actual snow."

**Major:** Psychology; switching to Film Studies

**Looking forward to:** "It's going to be an entirely new experience and it's an entirely new culture that I don't know."

**Going to miss:** "My friends and my dog and my bed."



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# (Hey Mama) Welcome to the 60s

By Kevin Baum  
STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of March, the Junior class started the annual Malibu High School tradition: Decades Day. For Decades Day, each student will write and prepare a speech about a chosen topic from the specified decade.

This year's decade is the 1960s. Topics range from social and cultural influences like the rise of **The Beatles** and **The Rolling Stones** to political and foreign affairs such as the Cuban Missile Crisis and the construction of the Berlin Wall.

Last year, the Junior class' de-

cade was the 1970s, which presented topics that varied from important scientific advancements to influential cultural figures.

The class of juniors was handed a list of more than one hundred potential topics but only two students are able to share a topic. This restriction is meant to ensure that not every student picks the same popular topic like **Marilyn Monroe** or **The Beatles**.

The two history teachers of 11<sup>th</sup> grade, **Adam Panish** and **Andy Meyer**, chose which students received which topic through a draft-esque raffle. To guarantee fairness, Meyer picked each and every day of the year; if a stu-

dent's birthday fell on the first chosen day, he or she was last to pick a topic. If lucky enough to be born on a day chosen towards the end, chances are the student got one of his or her top choice topics.

*"This year's decade is the 1960s. Topics range from social and cultural influences like the rise of The Beatles and The Rolling Stones to political and foreign affairs such as the Cuban Missile Crisis and the construction of the Berlin Wall."*

The most popular choices tend to be famous people including the aforementioned Beatles, Marilyn Monroe, **Martin Luther King Jr.**, and **James Bond**. However, the 1960s also presented a plethora of solid political and international issues such as the assassination of **John F. Kennedy**, the Bay of Pigs and the Civil Rights Movement.

**Vincent Hannley**, Junior at

Malibu High, received one of his top choices, **Cassius Clay**, otherwise known as **Muhammad Ali**.

Hannley said, "I had to choose Ali, my dad was a promoter for

**Quartz**, local Canadian. Quartz was distraught when he received his paper with the infamous frowning face.

One thing is for sure, Quartz



**THE FIRST MICROPROCESSOR:** Senior **Nicky Anthony** poses with his Decades Day poster from Spring 2013 about microprocessors.



**FRANK GEHRY:** Senior **Allyx Teel** standing in front of her Decades Day poster from 2013 about architect **Frank Gehry**.

fighters, I couldn't turn it down. But people also don't realize the social impact Ali had on the Civil Rights Movement."

This optimism contrasted some words of students of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade class. Some students did not receive a topic as a result of the "draft". These students received their list of topics that they spent hours fine-tuning with a frowning face on the top.

Among these students was **Elliot**

better figure out his topic soon, as this project counts for an overwhelming portion of every student's semester grade.

The Decade's Day project has become tradition at Malibu High, and now, even though it just started, this year's class is looking forward to completing the project in May.

Disclaimer: Title reference to *Hairspray* song.

## Katie Reinhold Wins ROP District Level

By Nikita Weber  
OPINION EDITOR

Malibu High School junior, **Katie Reinhold**, won the district level of the ROP competition for photography. The ROP, an acronym for Regional Occupation Program, allows high school students to connect and explore with professionals in their occupation of interest.

Reinhold was first elected "Student-of-the-Month" for her photography by **Mrs. Bowman-Smith**, and she was then further nominated to enter the ROP competition in which she went through an interview process and created her own resume. Her interviews were graded by different members of the program and she won in its district level.

When asked about the interview process, Reinhold said, "The ROP counselor was really helpful in preparing me, but the interview was really nerve-wracking."

Along with the interviews, she was graded on her photographs that she brought in for her portfolio. The two pieces were macro

photo shots, also known as "close ups", of sand grains and Romanesco broccoli.

Reinhold's success in the district level allows her to be an ROP finalist in photography and to progress to the last level, the county competition. At the county level stage, each contestant is awarded either a bronze, silver, or gold place based on his/her interview and portfolio.

Out of the twenty-three districts at the county competition, each was allowed to select up to five students to send. The competition includes numerous different students enrolled in classes ranging from photography to car mechanics or even food services.

In preparation for the county level, Reinhold said, "I have been reviewing interview questions and filling out mock job applications."

Reinhold wishes to extend a special thank-you to **Mrs. Bowman-Smith** for her guidance and help.

Being the winner of the district level for the ROP program is an amazing honor and *The Current* team wishes Reinhold the best of luck at the county level!



**ROP COMPETITION:** **Katie Reinhold**'s picture of Romanesco broccoli won the district level for the ROP program.

## ~Saturday Night Winners~



**Best song:** **Sienna Thompson**



**Most entertaining:** water polo boys



**Best dance:** **Maya Eliahou**

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**Best overall:** **Maya Eliahou**

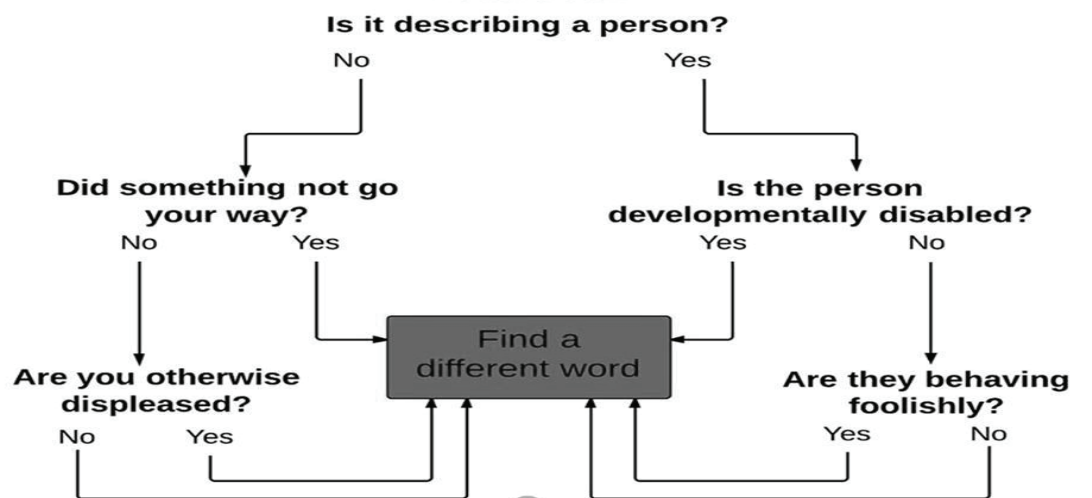


**Best group:** **Jade Bates, Ede Crowder, Pauline Park, Rachel Purewal, and Cooper Bell**



**Best overall:** **Hayley Haag and Naomi Joshi**

### When is it okay to use the word retarded?



**BEST BUDDIES CLUB:** The Best Buddies club is doing a campaign called the "Spread the Word to End the Word" in order to build awareness for society to stop and think about its use of the R-word. Most people do not think of this word as hate speech, but that is exactly what it feels like to millions of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as to their families and friends. Please think of substitutes for the word and sign the campaign to help create a more accepting environment at our school and around the world.

## Open House: A New Beginning

By **Troy Schlobohm**  
BUSINESS MANAGER

Open House for the 2013-2014 school year occurred on March 18, 2014, with the traditional teacher visits and auctions. This year has come and gone without warning as the final stretch of school approaches. To those of who did not attend, Open House is a time for parents to personally talk with the teachers and for the teachers to reflect on the students. While visiting classes, going through the schedule, and socializing with parents and teachers are the main activities that attract parents to Open House, there are many other attractions that are prevalent through the MHS faculties' attempt to capitalize on the most gracious opportunity given by Open House.

The very first event that kicked off Open House at 6 PM was the Operation Smile Silent Auction. Displaying gifts, sea shells, and the priceless photos of children that the proceeds are going to support, the silent auction proved to be a big success. Selling items such as assorted gift cards and adidas clothing as well as specialty items, *Operation Smile* hopes to win over bidders not by the items, but on the basis that they are supporting an amazing cause. Highlights of the specialty items include a Full Facial Botox provided by the one and only **Elliot Felman** M.D. located in Santa Monica, a Chrome Heart Gold Leather handbag, a Calypso St. Barth private shopping party for

the winning bidder and friends, and an M Inn Mammoth or Ashland for one room, two nights at either location. Among these items was a plethora of baked goods that was sold at the auction.

Operation smile member **Tess Weinberger** said "Everything is going to a good cause and we're

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~*Shark Fund President*  
*Doug Masterson*

getting a lot of bids so I think we'll raise a lot of money."

While this was going on throughout the night, Principal **Jerry Block** gave a speech accompanied by a presentation. Inviting all parents, he especially addressed incoming Freshman parents by discussing future plans for the school. While addressing the expansion of Mandarin (Chinese) classes this year in his recap of the 2013-2014 highlights, he also stated that the school will further expand the courses by of-

fering Mandarin II next year. He hopes to develop courses in Mandarin to the fullest extent.

After highlighting the progress in language course offerings, he mentioned his additional hope to further progress in engineering curriculum at Malibu High School, ultimately aiming to expand to a full 4-year [progress process] that would help students expand their minds through introducing students to an engineering mindset.

Another point brought up was the Common Core testing accompanied by STEM to further emphasize engineering. STEM, or Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Education coalition, is a focus on the more technical aspects of school, distancing itself from the artistic and literature departments of education. The Common Core will help with the technical adaptations that advanced jobs and work required today.

Other focuses of the presentation included the community service learning projects and enhancing student input and communication with faculty. Following his presentation, Block called up the Shark Fund President **Doug Masterson**, who commented on how successful the school has been in obtaining donations.

"Our school set out to raise 650,000 dollars this year. As of now, we are at \$630,000, which is an extremely good position to be at this stage in the year," Masterson said.

## Choir Hits a High-C in NYC

By **Cordell Newton**  
STAFF WRITER

The Malibu High School choir group visited New York City for a 5-day trip from March 6th to March 11th and performed on Sunday, March 9th, at Carnegie Hall.

on Broadway, visiting shopping centers in SoHo and Chinatown, and visiting the 9/11 memorial.

When asked about the performance, sophomore **Caitlyn Evers** said, "We performed really well and everyone had a great experience."

Sophomore, **Sadie Sandoval**,



**CHOIR TRIP:** The Malibu High School choir poses in Central Park during its recent trip to New York City for a performance.

The choir, which consists of approximately 50 members, performed at Carnegie Hall as a part of the *Mass Youth Choir Association*, which is made up of multiple high school choirs from around the country.

The choir group sang pieces, such as *You are the Music and Cantique*. In addition, the group went sight-seeing around the city. These attractions included seeing the brand new musical *Matilda*

when asked how she felt about the trip, said, "Ms. Loch was happy with the way we sang and performed, everything went according to plan, and being with our friends made the trip better."

The Malibu High School choir performed to its full capability, with hours spent practicing during and after school, the members feel that they have put in more than enough work to have stood out and astonished the crowd.

## Malibu Sinks its Teeth into Spring

By **Marsalis Adriano**  
SATIRE EDITOR

The student body of Malibu High School welcomes Spring Break 2014 with the last pep rally of the school year.

The spring sports have displayed promising starts to their seasons. Baseball maintains its running title for the California Invitational. It also holds high hopes for success in CIF games later this year.

Swim team is composed of many talented individuals who have already qualified for CIF and the team as a whole has been moving toward its 2014 league title.

Cheer team competed at a prestigious competition at *Six Flags Magic Mountain* in late March.

Lacrosse, golf, and softball have been training hard this year as the teams push toward success.

The track and field team hosted its Annual Malibu Invitational on Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> and competed proudly against some very tough competition.

This pep rally also showcased the cheerleaders and dance team, but the rally served as an advertisement for the upcoming spirit week rather than a culmination of spirit week.

One of the methods for promoting the dress up days was a faculty fashion show. **Ms. Andino** and **Mr. Wadsworth** first strutted down the red carpet, followed by **Mrs. Stowell** and **Mr. Corrigan**,

and then **Coach Humphrey**, **Coach Mulligan**, **Mrs. Gonzales**, and **Mrs. Baldwin**. **Ms. Flohr** and Principal **Jerry Block** made appearances, with Principal Block stealing the show. Block comically reminded students that Block-block scheduling will be in effect upon the return from spring break, a reference to one of the Senior Acts shown at Masque.

Malibu's ASB tried to remedy the sound issues that have arisen in the past by utilizing both its own sound system and the speakers in the gym.

Senior **Emma London** said, "This pep rally in particular included a lot of participation from various students, athletes, and faculty, which made honoring all their different achievements much more personal."

The spring pep rally typically does not happen due to highly packed scheduling as the school year comes to a close. However, this year, ASB has made it a point to hold one last successful event prior to the graduation of the very involved senior members, **Michael Jacobson**, **Jacob Droeger**, **Nathaniel Gruendemann**, **Hayley Gorak**, **Allise Witt**, **Emma London**, and **Justin Holmes**.

The last pep rally of the year demonstrated how excited Malibu High School is for spring break and encouraged athletes to continue pursuing their high goals for their 2014 seasons.

To the Malibu High School custodial staff:

**Dan Heiderman**  
**Eric Martin**  
**Shelton Venable**  
**Ernest Watkins**  
**Kim Widner**

Thank you for keeping the Malibu High campus clean and beautiful!

- From the staff of *The Current*

# Duke Adult Film Star: Symbol of Societal Double-Standards

By Emma Kelly  
STAFF WRITER

**B**elle Knox, a freshman at Duke University, North Carolina, is guaranteeing herself a post-graduate life free of crippling student loans with a rather unconventional method. She has currently acted in over a dozen adult films since the school year began.

Her road to stardom has not been an easy one to date. After a fellow student at Duke outed Knox as a performer, she has incited a whirlwind of controversy. Is Knox taking control of her own sexuality and getting paid for doing what she loves? Or is she being exploited?

Duke University is ranked number fifteen on the *Forbes* list

of America's top colleges and tuition runs at over \$40,000 per year. Knox's family was unable to pay for school and she was not eligible for a government loan. Typical student jobs could not even begin to cover the costs.

"I didn't feel like I had a lot of options," Knox said.

And sex, as they say, sells. According to *Business Insider*, female porn stars are paid a minimum of \$800 dollars for every scene they film. If a woman were to film one scene of an adult film a day for one week every month, she would earn an annual profit of \$84,000 and easily place herself in the 70th percentile for income in America.

Knox simply typed the phrase 'How to be a porn star' into her browser and was met with over

429 million results. She sent her measurements and photos to a promising agency, *Matrix Models*, and was hired within days. *Matrix Models* had supplemented her with financial aid and enough money left over for small luxuries, like an iPad Mini and designer purses.

However, her bubble was quickly burst by gossip from within the Greek communities at Duke. Knox said her social downfall at school stemmed from **Thomas Bagley**, a pledge at one of the fraternities. Bagley noticed while watching an adult video that the actress in it looked oddly familiar. He confronted Knox and she admitted to being the woman in the video. On January 10th, Bagley revealed Knox's pornographic identity at a sorority rush event and by January 11th she had become the target of an online bullying campaign that spread across *Twitter*, *Facebook*, *Instagram*, and various campus forums.

People felt they were justified in sending Knox countless messages that threatened physical abuse and rape. She was thought to have brought it all on herself the minute she had decided to be in an adult film.

**Larry Moneta**, the Vice President of Student Affairs at Duke, assured Knox that he would make her safety on campus a priority.

However, Moneta was powerless against the wave of agitators online.

"[The internet] seems like complete anarchy," he said in an interview from *The Chronicle*. "Vile comments still bubble up to the top. I like to believe that these comments represent the 5 percent and not the 95 percent. I hope they do."

Justice was served in a somewhat poetic manner when adult film distributor, **Mike Kulich**, offered Bagley \$10,000 to star in his own adult film as well as publishing his adult film preferences for the whole world to see.

"If he can shame girls for doing porn, I can shame him for watching it," said Kulich.

Bagley deserves to be exemplified as a hypocritical adult film viewer. There is an enormous double standard in our society where it is assumed that adults buy and consume adult films as a healthy part of their sexuality, but the performers are vilified for their business. It is unfair and illogical.

The internet makes it even easier to access truly disturbing archives of adult films that feature countless methods of abuse. A viewer

can indulge in a sadistic or otherwise immoral virtual experience and then go on in their daily lives. Does this make them any better than the people actually doing the actions on camera? People hide behind anonymity to dispel harsh judgments rather than examining their own motives.

*"If he can shame girls for doing porn, I can shame him for watching it."*

~ Mike Kulich

Knox defended her career path in a recent interview, saying, "I think it's hard for people to understand the people who do pornography. They're not al-

ways desperate or drug addicted. Some of them really, really enjoy their jobs."

However, adult films should not be the only viable option for young women strapped for cash. Knox's praise of the industry for empowering her just does not ring true. The people she is exposing herself to are not there to celebrate her personhood.

They see her as a submissive, two-dimensional figure in place simply for their own pleasure. It is clear-cut degradation. If Knox really wanted to make a statement on women's sexual freedom in our culture, she would use her role in the adult film industry to start a national dialogue instead of a way to make bank.



**BELLE KNOX ON CNN:** Belle Knox was interviewed on CNN by Pierce Morgan about her experience in the adult film industry.

# Uganda Punishes Homosexuality

Elena Clarfield  
PROMOTIONS MANAGER

**O**n February 26, 2014, many Americans breathed a collective sigh of relief as Governor **Jan Brewer** of Arizona vetoed the bill that would have allowed businesses to deny services to homosexual customers. The veto was seen as a triumph for both gay rights and human rights in general. With the heated controversy that the bill sparked, however, something of arguably much greater importance was overlooked.

Just two days earlier, on February 24, President **Yoweri Museveni** of Uganda signed a bill into law that makes homosexuality punishable by life in prison. Initially, the bill set the death penalty for those convicted of "aggra-

vated homosexuality," defined by repeated acts of gay sex between consenting adults, but reduced it to a mere life sentence after international backlash. Additionally, performing gay marriages, promoting homosexuality, and failing to report gay people are now illegal under the new statute.

Museveni has made statements clarifying the reasoning behind his decision to sign the bill. "Sexual orientation is a matter of choice," said Museveni. "[Homosexuals] should rehabilitate themselves and society should assist them to do so."

Uganda has already faced con-

sequences as a result of the passage of the bill. *The World Bank* postponed a \$90 million loan to Uganda that was meant to im-

*"We believe that people everywhere should be treated equally, with dignity and respect."*

~ Barack Obama

prove health services. Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands, and Sweden, among other European countries, have cut financial aid to Uganda to display their

opposition to the law.

Senator **Chris Coons** (D-DE), chair of the subcommittee on African Affairs, issued a statement calling for similar action from the United States. "America's rhetoric must now be met with action. For there to be no diplomatic or developmental consequence for the enactment of these laws would be to set a dangerous precedent for American foreign policy," said Coons.

Now the question is, what actions will **Barack Obama**, who has a track record of verbally supporting both human rights and gay rights, take against Uganda?

"As a country and a people, the United States has consistently stood for the protection of fundamental freedoms and universal human rights," said Obama on February 16, 2014. (It seems he forgot to mention the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II and the denial of the Rwandan genocide, but that's be-



**FIGHT FOR RIGHTS:** Groups of people protesting the recent laws set by the government of Uganda.

side the point.)

Obama has also made several statements supporting gay rights and gay marriage, including one in response to the Russian anti-gay laws enacted before the Olympics.

He expressed that he had "No patience for countries that try to treat gays or lesbians or transgendered persons in ways that intimidate them or are harmful to them."

On behalf of the entire United States, Obama also said, "We believe that people everywhere should be treated equally, with dignity and respect, and that they should have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential, no matter who they are or whom they love." (Interestingly enough, although apparently "we" all believe in these principles, only 17 states allow gay marriage.)

So far, the only measure taken by the Obama administration has been a promise to review relations with Uganda to ensure that American anti-discrimination policies and overall values are upheld. It is clear that a path of action will not be simple – not only does the United States give over \$500 million to Uganda every year, but it also helps fund and train the Ugandan army for its resistance against the Lord's Resistance Army and al-Shabaab, a Somali terrorist group that has been linked to al Qaeda.

In spite of complicated relations with Uganda, a president who has made gay rights a personal issue should be held to his word. If Obama wants to proclaim an unflinching devotion to ensuring basic human rights and gay rights, as he has done, he should act accordingly.



**GAY PRIDE:** Thousands of people march in pride of their sexuality and fight for equal rights for the LGBT community.

# City Council Has Had E-nough

By Jonathan Shanley  
PHOTO EDITOR

Earlier this March, the LA City Council thought it wise to pass a bill banning the use of Vaporizers and E-Cigarettes informally known as “vapes”. The bill put a stop to the popular and common use of vaporizers in most public places including clubs and bars, beaches, parks, many office buildings, restaurants, and all outdoor dining spaces within the city.

This bill was proposed following the suggested classification change, claiming that E-cigarettes should be labeled as cigarettes. However, the claim is not supported by any evidence saying that they have the same health dangers. So, what is it that they seek to ban?

The ban has brought outrage in both the “vaping” and smoking communities alike as those who are frequent vape users, for whatever reason they may have, feel as though their rights are being taken away without any sufficient reasoning. From those who do not wish to form a habit but enjoy the look, smell, and taste of vaporizers to those who are attempting to quit smoking, the ban has taken away a specific pleasure and has

no actual reasoning behind it. The nicotine used in vaporizers has shown no health effects and is believed by most to be harmless, even therapeutic for the growing amount of recovering nicotine addicts.

With all of these positive aspects of vapes, why has the city decided to ban them in the same areas that cigarettes are being banned? The answer: for the sake of the children. From what you might ask? From themselves?

The city passed the bill claiming that E-cigarettes will attract new smokers as they make it appear as though smoking is less harmful than previously believed. Even though the vapes have not been proven to be either harmful or harmless, the mere fact that there is no substantial evidence about the health effects on users in short-term situations and long-term situations caused the council to act cautiously in an effort to maintain the past fifty years of tobacco control the city has already done.

Ranging between seven dollars up to the infamous *Shiska Sticks Sofia* custom vaporizer worth around US \$7 million, vaporizers have become a fashion trend and a comfortable form of rehabilitation. Exhibiting one’s own personal style, vapes have become 100% customizable from mouthpiece, to cartridge, lights, button style, battery, and of course flavor and nicotine content. Even becoming as complex as different types of

vapes. “Mod” vapes use wicks instead of liquid cartridges and can produce more vapor with more potent flavors. But they require more battery voltage and more complex systems that often times have to be constructed by professionals. Vapes have become a symbol of one’s own character just as a T-shirt or a pair of shoes might.

Still, the question stands as to whether or not the City Council has gone too far to stop something that has little-to-no effect and if the ban will ever be lifted. For now, it seems as though the ban will stay in place until more is known about the health risks of vapes and if the risks outweigh the advantages. In the meantime, it is still legal to “vape” in vapor lounges, e-cigarette stores, and on stage solely for theatrical purposes, whatever that might mean.

Until a case is formed against the ban, authorities will be keeping a close eye out for evidence supporting the ban such as health risks to both firsthand and second-hand users until more is known about the nicotine-optional liquid used in the cartridges or wicks of vapes.

*“LA City Council thought it wise to pass a bill banning the use of Vaporizers and E-Cigarettes”*



**BAN ON E-CIGS:** E-cigs have been banned in public places and are being put under the same laws as cigarettes.

## Block Scheduling, The Right Decision?

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At Malibu High, there has been quite a bit of controversy surrounding block scheduling over the past few years. Some teachers have openly advocated for the change while others have whole-heartedly opposed it. Students have varying opinions about the change.

Junior **Cameron Smoller** said, “There are both upsides and downsides to block scheduling. It would be cool to have two hour classes that you enjoy, or a long free period, but it would be such a bummer to have a two hour boring class.”

With a rotating block schedule, days would be very different and possibly more interesting, as classes would be different each day. However, having to sit through two hours of a mind-numbing subject would definitely tax ones’ patience for a day of school.

Switching from normal one-

hour classes to two-hour block classes may also pose a challenge for students who are accustomed to Malibu’s current schedule.

Junior **Tristan McGowen** said, “Its going to be difficult for us to make the change since we’re all

*“Will the extra hour even be productive?”*

used to one-hour classes.”

The argument for some students is that their attention spans will not be able to last long enough for teachers to lecture for two whole hours without a break. While teachers may value the extra time, it begs the question: will the extra hour even be productive?

The main classes block scheduling has been pushed for are the humanities subjects.

English teacher **Mrs. Thoreson** said, “Block scheduling allows for classes to go more in depth and for more activities.”

All in all, there are some defi-

nite upsides to block scheduling, such as added productivity in discussion-based classes and spicing up life at MHS, which has been the same for years. However, the fact that most students will not be able to stay focused for a full two hours makes the idea somewhat unrealistic.

The poll to the right is a representation of the student view and opinion on the curriculum change to Block Scheduling. The Block Scheduling that will be implemented this spring is for a short duration of time in order to accommodate school testing.

The answers from the various students and grades differed for each question. It is clearly shown that over half of the students do not believe block scheduling will be effective.

Whether this change in scheduling will enhance our education or become detrimental to our learning, Malibu High school is in need for a change and perhaps block scheduling is that needed adjustment.

# Block Schedule Poll

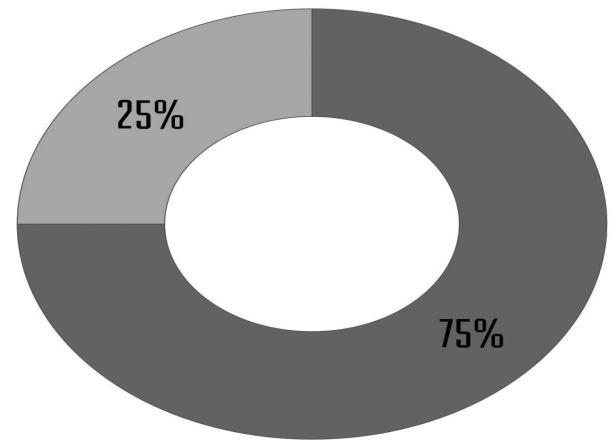


Malibu High will be implementing a block schedule from April 23, 2014 to May 13, 2014. Each student will have 3 classes per day, 120 minutes for each class. Students will have a 10 minute passing period between every period and continue to have 35 minutes for lunch between the second and third period.

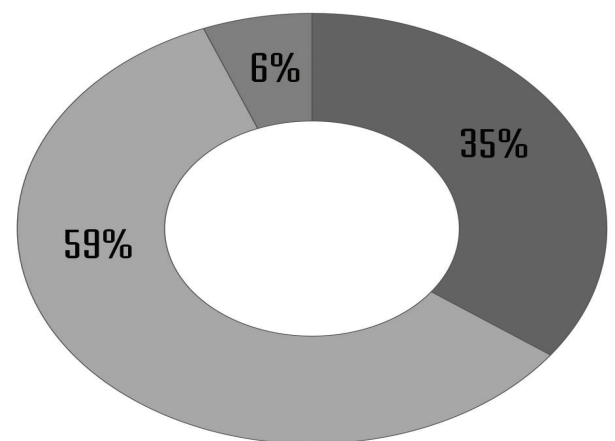
We asked eight different classes of each grade their opinions on block scheduling.

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- Unsure
- No

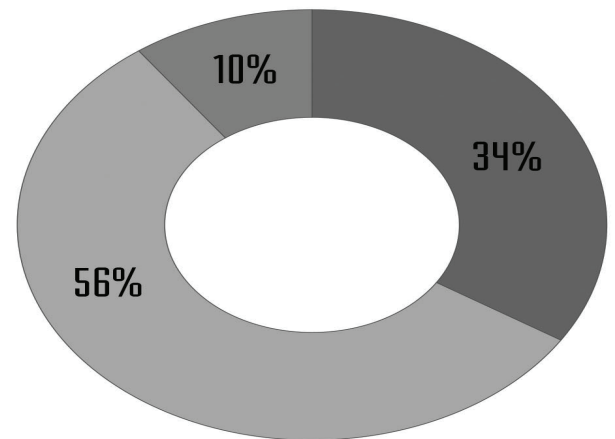
Were you aware that MHS was implementing block scheduling?



Do you think block schedule will be more effective than the current schedule?



Are you in favor of block scheduling?



Poll Created By: Gena Ryan and Olivia Cerio

# An Indie Love Story

By Emma Kelly  
STAFF WRITER & COPY EDITOR

The sun hangs above the Coachella field grounds like the brilliant yellow-orange yolk of an egg that I can no longer eat due to my newfound veganism. I have undergone a complete metamorphosis from the Emma Kelly you once knew. My name is now Echoplex DeLucky Strike Fitzgerald and I've got more individual quirks than Bjork in a vintage sundress.

I paid over \$300 for a weekend pass and stood in the scorching heat of Indio, California for almost twelve hours. I've seen countless examples of drug paraphernalia and culture appropriation and that was only in Skrillex's performance. Everything was going as planned until I lowered my aviator shades and scanned the crowd around me. I thought I had assimilated perfectly to the hipster lifestyle, but I was wrong. The hottest fashion trend this year wasn't floral print after all. How could I enjoy Coachella without

an indie boyfriend?

As a Malibu High School senior recently discovered when he asked Olympic figure skater Gracie Gold to prom, the key to love is diligence and no inhibitions about looking ridiculous. I'm following a similar path in finding myself the dream man to be by my side at Coachella.

You must have varied and insightful opinions on topics like the ongoing crisis in Ukraine and where to buy the freshest kale. Your perpetual smirk should say "bad boy" but your soulful eyes should whisper "ukulele player".

No smokers need apply unless it's in the abstract, metaphorical sense. If you understood and laughed at that John Green reference then we're already over.

Maybe I'm being a tad over-demanding. According to the hotness scale, I'm a four and a half on a good day or a solid five if you wanted to be generous. However my winning personality makes up for all these so-called 'physical imperfections' that may or may not exist. Just ask my mom - I'm

totally hot on the inside! I'm not uptight or neurotic or repressed. Look, I even compiled a list of all the fun and trendy things we can do together:

1. Consume boba tea. I'm still unclear whether or not those little booger-looking things at the bottom of the cup are edible, but I'm willing to take that chance for you.

2. Flip through crates of used vinyl. Well, you can do that. I'll be in the corner listening to an illegally downloaded version of the new Beyoncé album on my iPhone.

3. Reminisce about the nineties. I was still wearing diapers and crying myself to sleep every night in '97 so not much has changed.

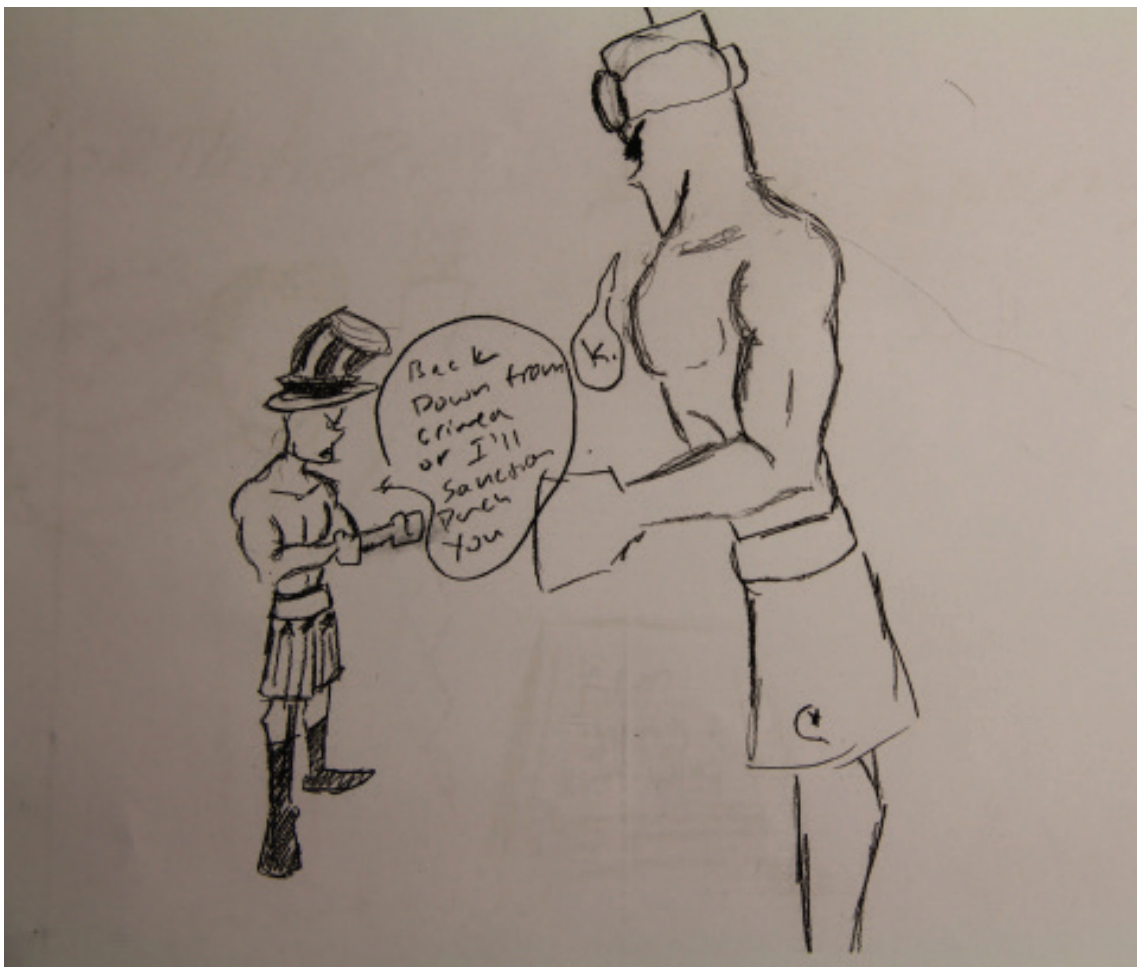
4. Watch classic foreign cinema. I'm something of a connoisseur in this department (a "connoisseur" is anyone who can pretentiously mispronounce French words they don't know the meaning of). I know all the most esteemed directors: Tarantino, del Toro, and Shyamalan.

5. Watch all the conformist sheep scurry to and fro through their dull, meaningless lives. They're so pathetic, the way they all dress and act exactly the same...

Basically I want someone who will treasure my existence like I'm the last bottle of organic multi-green kombucha at Vintage Grocers. Who will make my heart go aflutter the same way it did when I heard Neutral Milk Hotel for the first time. Say that my face is Nietzsche's proverbial abyss and you can't look away. Google Plus might steal our personal information and sell it to companies online, but it can never steal our love.



**CLASSIC INDIE GIRL:** *Classic example of what every indie girl strives to be.*



*"Back down from Crimea or I'll sanction punch you"*  
"K."

-COLE MURPHY

# Anime Fever

By Jack Klane  
STAFF WRITER

In the wake of a recent survey conducted by the United States Census Bureau it has been discovered that 93% of the population are happy but will never feel true joy in their shallow meaningless lives because they never had the chance to become one of those magical girls that frequent Japanese anime.

After the results of the census were released we sat down with **Howard McMasterson**, a 46 year old Nebraskan farmer, who said "Some of us just aren't lucky enough to be approached by a talking cat or inter-dimensional being who would be willing to grant a single wish in exchange that we fight evil for them, and I just feel that isn't fair."

Thousands upon thousands of Americans are disappointed that they were not fortunate enough to be born middle to high school



**ANIME GIRL:** *Every girl's dream.*

aged Japanese girls that were given mystical powers to stop or vanquish wrong-doers, but sadly it is a reality that they are going to have to live with until modern science discovers a means of giving us all the opportunity to fight evil by moonlight while simultaneously winning love by daylight.

## Model United Nations: Local Group Accidentally Solves World Hunger Issue

By Marsalis Adriano  
SATIRE EDITOR

This past weekend the unachievable was achieved: world hunger was eliminated, after a local student-run Model UN group accidentally stumbled into the real United Nations building and proceeded to conduct their negotiations without realizing their mistake.

"I thought the meeting went pretty well," said Nolan Webster. "But one of the judges looked oddly like President Obama."

The confusion started when the eager model UN students, Malibu High School Juniors, **Vincent Hannley**, **Nolan Webster**, and **Bronson Bard** arrived at the Kennedy airport to find a chauffeur with the sign: "UN Participants." However, this chauffeur, Kenny MacRoy, was actually supposed to escort the real United Nations attendees, which he then left there after confusing the group of kids for some of the most powerful world leaders.

"I can't believe how official everything was there," said Mr. Hannley. "Their security was top notch. They even made me take my shoes off."

The group then proceeded to negotiate amongst the highest world officials. Coincidentally, the world leaders that were forgotten at the airport by Mr. MacRoy, happened to be the same leaders the students were modeling. After an almost endless eight-hour meeting, the attendees emerged with a plan that completely eliminated world hunger.

"It was amazing," said President Barack Obama. "With the new leaders from Nicaragua, Bolivia, and Indonesia, we were able to accomplish more in eight hours than humanity has in centuries."

Although no one will admit how they did solve the universal problem of world hunger, the three students emerged as heroes.

In other news: the United Nations decided to blow up South Africa on the basis of an alien infestation.



**FACES OF CHAMPIONS:** *From left to right: Nolan Webster, Vincent Hannley, and Bronson Bard.*

## Surf Team Earns Deserved Recognition

By Noah Gorelick  
STAFF WRITER

At Malibu High School the majority of students are unaware of the surf team's existence, even though it is one of the most successful teams at the school and seldom falls behind in competitions.

The primary surfers on the team are **Thelen Mckinna Worrel, Henry Jenkinson, Kerns Churchill, Ryder Sturges, Sky Petretti, Danica Downing, Amour Armony, Henry Buckley, Noah Gorelick, and Mattew Awbrey.** The team consistently wins, not on an individual level, but on a team level that surpasses other schools at nearly every event.

**Vincent Hannley**, Junior at Malibu High School said, "I never knew the surf team still existed, but it is clear that it would be successful."

The last contest Malibu High School participated in was on Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> in Santa Monica, which it won.

**Kerns Churchill**, Senior at Malibu High School and member of the surf team said, "the consistency of the surf team is a matter of our location and the fact that the entire team basically grew up surfing."

The winner of an individual surf contest is not based upon how a single individual performs, but it is rather the entire team's performance that drives each participant to success.

Based on the composite amount of points from each team, the total is added up and almost always rules in the Sharks' favor.

Jenkinson, Sophomore at Malibu High School and member of the surf team said, "because of the talent on the team it makes for a relaxed and laid back contest that allows us to have fun and enjoy ourselves."

The kids on the surf team join because it is something they love and that they are good at. Because of the location of the school and where the kids live, it gives them an advantage and allows them to enjoy the surfing and not focus as much on the competition.

By Jens Cole  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

During the time when **Kobe Bryant** was still trying to emerge as a superstar, skipping college to play in the NBA became a normal, yet scary, trend.

During this time period, several high school basketball players were taking their skills straight to the professional league, skipping out on whatever collegiate education they were offered. It made sense for a lot of these talented players: "if I can perform and be paid in the NBA, why waste my time at a college level?"

Yet in this day and age, skipping high school has become frowned upon from an educational standpoint and now with a new NBA commissioner, **Adam Silver**, from a basketball standpoint.

The NBA had already issued the "one and done" rule, in which future NBA prospects from the United States are required to play just one full year at college before joining the NBA draft.

Although these players may be talented enough to pursue a pro-

fessional career immediately following high school, many educators argue it is important they attend a 4-year college and stay for more than one year. Not only would they be improving their intelligence academically but they would also be honing their skills with talented coaches.

Silver stated that he wants to raise the age limit, thereby preventing players from entering the league until two years after high school. Staying or even going to a college for that matter would develop these players as human beings and societal members, as well as improve their skills as basketball players.

Silver stated that, "If those players had the benefit to play for some of these great college coaches for longer periods of time, I think it would lead to stronger college basketball and stronger NBA ball, as well."

With the NCAA tournament coming to a close, the light shines on the young college players who are looking not only to win it all but also to showcase their skills for NBA scouts.

This issue is relevant to those players such as **Jabari Parker**. One year at one of the best, most historically basketball-praised colleges and he has already committed to being placed in the NBA Draft. In this case, Silver is demanding that players like Parker better their skills at a school. Who is to say that a player like Parker will be drafted and end up just sitting on a bench a great portion of his career? In contrast, he could stay another couple years with the USA Olympic basketball coach and Duke University Coach and become a player twice as skilled going into the draft.

The questions of not only should high school players play in college, but compete collegiately for more than one year, or whether players should be allowed to enter the NBA Draft if their talents are sufficient enough, have been age-old questions. No pun intended.

With a new NBA commissioner it is highly likely that several of the older rules will be abandoned and new ones established. It will be interesting to see the changes in this new era of the NBA.



**SORRY FOR JABARI:** Duke's Jabari Parker will be heading to the NBA after only one year in college, but is that enough?





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# Baseball Coach Controversy

By Gena Ryan  
GRAPHICS EDITOR & STAFF WRITER

Malibu High Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach **Phil Johnson** was fired after an incident at the Boys Varsity Baseball game against Santa Monica on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

While trying to break up an argument between players, Coach Johnson cursed at the opposing coaches who were defending their players.

A player on the Santa Monica team forcefully pushed first baseman **Kris Keech** to the ground. Keech and the Santa Monica player got into an altercation on the field, which caught the attention of the coaches.

Junior baseball player **Bronson Bard** said, "I was [on the field], some kid knocked over Kris Keech for no reason at all. Then Phil started yelling at the other coach because they were kind of condoning it... Coach Phil got mad at them and I guess he said a bad word which kicked him out of the game."

The Santa Monica player was ejected from the game as was Coach Johnson. One of the parents on the opposing team made his/her complaints known regarding Coach Johnson's outburst and reported him to the board.

Regarding why Coach Johnson

was terminated for his actions, the official CIF Coaches Code of Ethics states that coaches must "model respectful behavior" and "refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity, and other offensive language and gestures".

The players on the team are upset and believe the board's decision to be unfair. Senior players

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~ Kris Keech

on the team have approached the school board in an attempt to get Coach Johnson re-hired.

First baseman and Senior Kris Keech, who was one of the players involved in the incident, said, "[Coach Phil] said one bad thing, and he was honestly just trying to stick up for me because I didn't have any say in it and I didn't want to get kicked out of the game either. I was trying to stay quiet and he basically said 'No one's doing anything about

this, and the umpires aren't going to do anything about this'. Their coaches were saying stuff to me as well and he had my back when no one else did. I think that's awesome, as a player, and I'll play harder for him if I know he has my back."

Despite his outburst, Coach Johnson is still highly regarded by his colleagues.

"[Phil] is a phenomenal coach, and a great leader," said Head Coach **Ari Jacobs**. Jacobs had no further comment on the subject.

It is currently unknown how Coach Johnson's meeting with the board regarding his termination went.

When approached for comment on Coach Johnson's current status, Malibu High School Principal **Jerry Block** said, "I can't really talk too much about it because it's an ongoing personnel matter, what I will say is Coach Phil cares deeply about the team, and the team cares deeply about him, and he puts in a lot of hours and he's very dedicated to the team, and I completely understand that."

The Junior Varsity baseball coach is going to take over assistant coaching responsibilities for the time being, with Coach Jacobs continuing on head coach. It is speculated that Coach Johnson will return after spring break, but it has not been confirmed.

# Seniorless Softball Aims to go to CIF

By Jason Nikora  
STAFF WRITER

The softball season, which opened Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>, begins an odd season, as the players chase the coveted CIF Championship with a very young team.

The beginning of the season did not appear to be promising, as the team struggled to acquire the required amount of players to have a team, but it eventually came up with 12 players and was able to field a team.

"We lost a lot of players last year. The players are going to have to learn to believe in each other, because there are no seniors to take that role," said the coach, **Mark Cooley**.

With few returning starters, the team is focused on developing the skills of the current players that it has, in order to return with an even stronger team next year and the year after, as most of the players are either freshmen or sophomores.

"We are a really young team," said Sophomore outfielder and second baseman, **Lance Good**. "I think it's good that most of us are so young, that way we can really

build chemistry by the time we are seniors."

"**Hali Norris** and **Rachel McConnell** have really stepped up this year, but with them it's no surprise. They're leaders" said Coach Cooley

The team, in terms of goals, is ambitious to say the least. Its main goal, or perhaps dream is the more appropriate word, is to win the CIF Championship.

Two games showed vast improvement, posting massive victories over **Oakwood 21-4** and **Campbell Hall 26-5**, showing that the team re-

ally has what it takes to be a quality contender.

Of the players that left, **Alena Kaye**, now a college freshman at San Diego State, said, "We really had a lot of seniors leave but I think that the team can really do well if they stay committed."

With the young team having a record of 2-2 it has shown that it can hang in there and win big games by big margins, and with such a young team many powerful seasons are sure to follow.

*"The players are going to have to learn to believe in each other, because there are no seniors to take that role."*

~MHS Coach Mark Cooley

# Rag Tag Boys Volleyball Team Finds Success

By Max Watkin  
STAFF WRITER

The boys volleyball team is ready for an eventful season.

The team is a "rag tag group," said team defensive anchor **Vincent Hannley**, who is one of only five players to have had past experience playing volleyball.

The team's new coach, **Airess Padda** is coaching the boys team after taking over for **Carlos Grey**.

Hannley said, "[she] really knows her stuff and really understands us teens." Hopefully her experience will guide the youthful boys to a successful season.

"I really think we have what it takes to have some success this year," said Hannley, who is the veteran leader for the team and has hopes for a great season.

With all this positivity, it is hard to think that this season almost did not happen.

"We just didn't have enough players," said Hannley.

It was fortunate that the team recruited enough players for this season because it would have been hard on the team to go a year without playing volleyball.

In an interview with men's beach volleyball enthusiast, **Alec Wilimovsky**, he shared his thoughts on the upcoming season.

"I think the boys are going to be just fine, they all have what it takes to succeed and I know I'll be watching every single game,"

Wilimovsky said.

Despite only having a few experienced players on the team, the team is still winning games with a batch of players who have only just started playing.

Luckily, with the help of promotional Shark TV videos and the recruiting work of Athletic Director **Chris Neier**, the team was able to find enough players to form a team and compete this year. Not only was the team able to fill a body count, but it has also so far surpassed expectations and will have a shot at completing a very strong league campaign.

*"I really think we have what it takes to have some success this year."*

~ Vincent Hannley

# Lacrosse Adjusts to New League

By Andre Simoneau  
STAFF WRITER

It is spring time and that means that flowers are blooming, hopefully, and sports teams are assembling for a long trek ahead of them.

Malibu High School, in particular, is excited about its lacrosse team, whose high aspirations for the year have shaped the team up into an indivisible unit worth watching.

With the season already underway, the Sharks have played a total of 7 games. Accruing a record of 3-4, the team on paper is starting off slower than was expected. In actuality, a pure win-loss record cannot be used as the sole index for the worth of the team.

What the record does not show is that the team has been playing schools that are in a higher division and have a significantly greater pool of students to fill a roster from. Moreover, in their losing games, the Sharks were neck and neck with the opposing team at halftime.

It is in that last push in the latter half of the game that the few games have slipped away from them.

Expecting a fix for its simple issue, the lacrosse team has very high expectations for its season

overall. Because they have been playing teams of a higher caliber than their conference counterparts, it is expected that the Sharks will roll through league and push on to CIF.

The 2014 Varsity Sharks team scraps with heavyweights and trains and fights harder than any of its competitors.

Upon returning to its division

in conference, the team expects to storm the league overwhelmingly. Albeit it is a small team, that is not to say that it plays like one; full of heart and ambition, the team gives validity to the idiom "the sky is the limit". Watch closely, this lacrosse team is going to exceed its high expectations this season.



**CHARGE!:** Junior **Winston Churchill** charges up the middle of the field searching for the perfect pass.



# Remembering Joan Rivers

## 1933 - 2014

By Jena Weinberger  
A & E EDITOR

Comedy legend, famed fashion icon, worldwide celebrity, and mother Joan Rivers died at age 81 on September 5, 2014.

She went into cardiac and respiratory arrest during a minor procedure at Yorkville Endoscopy on August 28. Rivers was then put on life support at Mount Sinai Hospital until her daughter, Melissa Rivers, moved her to the private Manhattan suite where she died days later.

Rivers was known for her often controversial humor, unapologetic love of plastic surgery, and scathing fashion critiques.

Rivers made her first mark on the world of comedy in 1965 as a guest on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson.

Her appearance on the show helped to establish her comedic style and she later began her own

program in 1986, The Late Night Show with Joan Rivers becoming the very first woman to have a late night talk show. She later created the Joan Rivers Show which she received a Daytime Emmy for, and ran from 1989- 1993.

*"If there is a secret to being a comedian, it's just loving what you love."*

~ Joan Rivers

"I was really saddened to learn of Joan Rivers death because I'm an avid Fashion Police viewer and she was such a vital part of the show. I don't know how the show or a large part of the female comedic world will be the same,"

Senior Nikita Weber said. Following Rivers' death social media overflowed with messages from family, friends, fans, and fel-

low comedians from all over the country and world.

"My mother's greatest joy in life was to make people laugh. Although that is difficult to do right now, I know her final wish would be that we return to laughing soon." Joan's daughter, Melissa Rivers, said in a statement released to People Magazine shortly after her mother's passing.

Known most for her appearance on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, creating a Grammy nominated comedy album, launching a daytime talk show, and starring in many other shows, Rivers was passionate about what she did and expressed her love for comedy throughout her life.

"If there is a secret to being a comedian, it's just loving what you do. It is my drug of choice. I don't need real drugs. I don't need liquor. It's the joy that I get performing. That is my rush. I get it nowhere else," Rivers said.



JOAN RIVERS: The comedy legend passed away on September 5, 2014.

## 66th Annual Emmys

By Stephanie Princi  
STAFF WRITER

On August 25, the 66th Emmys Awards was held in downtown Los Angeles at the NOKIA Theatre/ LA Live in honor of the best movies and television programs of 2014

AMC's crime show, *Breaking Bad* won Best Drama Series of the night, and the show's lead actor Bryan Cranston, who plays a high school chemistry teacher who suddenly becomes a drug dealer won Best Actor in a Drama Series. Co-actor, Aaron Paul also won Best Supporting Actor

for a third. Bryan's co-star, Anna Gunn won Best Supporting Lead Actress in a Drama Series and gave an acceptance speech thanking her cast members and co-star Bryan.

*Modern Family* was nominated for Best Comedy Series for a fifth time and beat its competition *Orange is the New Black*. In the movies and mini series category, *Sherlock* and *American Horror Story: Coven* were tied and won together.

FX took home a win for the first time in a program category for a mini series called *Fargo* and HBO's *The Normal Heart*

took home a win for a television movie.

The night would not have been completed without a tribute honoring actor and comedian Robin Williams. Billy Crystal, Williams' personal friend, delivered a touching Memorial segment to close out the night, and Sara Bareilles sang Charlie Chaplin's song *Smile*

"He made us laugh hard every time you saw him on television, in arenas, hospitals, homeless shelters, and even in a dying girls living room," Crystal said, "the relentless energy was kind of thrilling."



66th Annual Emmy's: The Emmy Awards were a successful night for *Breaking Bad* and included a heartwarming ceremony that honored Robin Williams' passing.

## Kanye and McCartney to Collaborate

By Zoe Detweiler  
STAFF WRITER

Kanye West and Sir Paul McCartney are recording songs together that could develop into an album. One song in the collaboration between the legendary rapper and member of *The Beatles* is said to be called *Piss on Your Grave*, with many more to come.

This is exciting news for fans of either artist, but students are wondering why this odd pair is working together. Is it a publicity stunt to boost the artist's declining record sales? "Yes, absolutely," said Marsalis Adriano, MHS senior and avid fan of both musicians.

Both musical virtuosos could definitely use a boost in record sales. Kanye's most recent album, *Yeezus*, released June of 2013, has sold only 636,000 records in the U.S. as opposed to his 2012 album *My Beautiful Dark Twisted*

*Fantasy* which sold 1,432,000. McCartney's 16th solo album, *New*, was released last October and sold 190,000 in the U.S.. This is also a dramatic decline from his 2012 album, *Kisses on the Bottom*, which sold 243,000 records.

Senior Jena Weinberger said "It could be simply a publicity stunt, but they're both very open minded and know that exploring different musical genres will help them grow as artists."

The potential album remains a mystery, but will likely be interesting with such conflicting musical styles.

Adriano said that they could work well "Depending on how tightly they're working together, but it could also end up as complete crap."

Senior Nikita Weber said what everyone was thinking, "any excuse for Paul to release new music is a good one."



SIR PAUL MCCARTNEY AND YEEZUS to collaborate on a song and rumored to be recording an album.

## Summer Movies in Review

By Tien Oshida  
STAFF WRITER

Action movies are all the rage this summer with *Guardians of the Galaxy* directed by James Gunn earning a 95% on Rotten Tomatoes on Audience Ratings in the lead with *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* directed by Anthony Russo and Joe Russo with a rating of 93% not far behind.

However, all good things must come to an end and the good ended with *Let's Be Cops* directed by Luke Greenfield having only a 21% rating.

Drama was added to the summer mix with Richard Linklater's *Boyhood* which received a 90% Audience Rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

"Marvel movies are amazing and I recommend them to anyone," said Malibu High School sophomore Niki Mandel.

She said her favorite movies of this summer were *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* and *Guardians of the Galaxy* because "they were intense and they just have great plots and great acting". Mandel's least favorite movie was *Let's Be Cops* due to the "immature humor and poor execution"

With its high ratings and audience satisfaction, Marvel's *Guardians of the Galaxy* is the king of the theater right now, something everyone should go see. *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* is in second for the crown, *Boyhood* is in third, and *Let's Be Cops* is at a crippling disadvantage trailing behind them all.

Kai Brady, another sophomore of Malibu High, also said *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* was "entertaining" with all of its action sequences"Brady said. "But *Boyhood* was great because it was a life changing experience."