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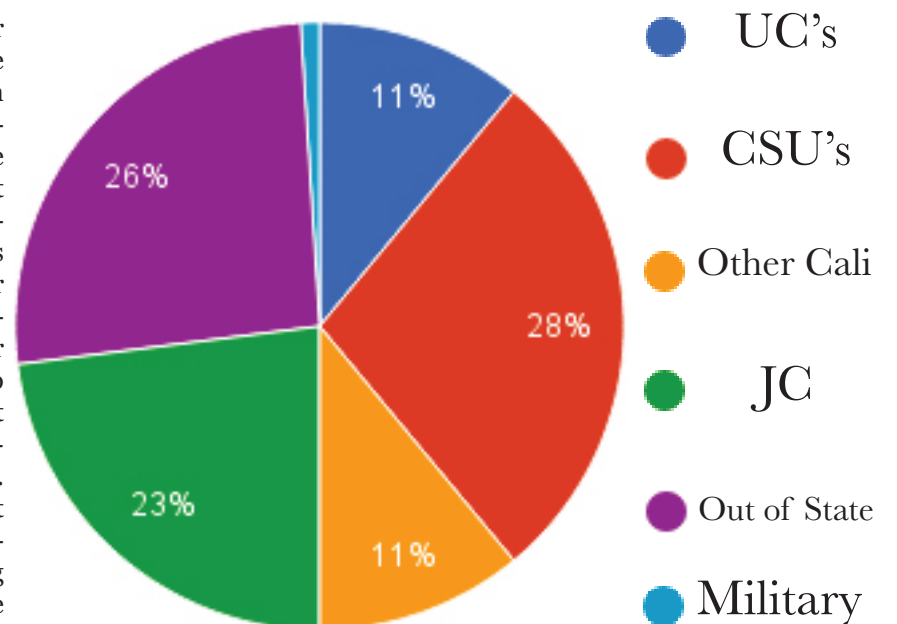
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5th- 3/6

June 6th- Graduation  
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by AJ Shaheen

Seniors: the PHS class of 2015 has spent four hard working years and are finally ready to take on the world--but first, they need to go through college. The Santa Rosa Junior College accepted almost a quarter of our seniors, while the rest are going to a variety of colleges from art schools to technology institutes and to universities of all kinds. The majority of our students are staying in California. The most popular schools of the California State University system are Chico State, which will receive 29 of our students, Sonoma State with 27, Sacramento State with 19, and Humboldt State with 17. Out of the 51 seniors that will be attending Universities of California, 16 are going to UC Santa Cruz. About a quarter of the seniors are headed out of state, with 28 of them traveling north to Oregon for their college lives. 6 of our brave young students will be going either directly into the armed forces or to a military academy.



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### Marijuana Fight

April 27, 2015  
Grace Griffith

Marijuana use in teens has skyrocketed in the past ten years. In Sonoma County alone, 68% of teens abuse marijuana. Years of research has been funded to explain why people under the age of 18 are so susceptible to marijuana abuse.

THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) closely resembles the natural chemistry in our brain, effectively mimicking some of the brain's neurotransmitters. Smoking marijuana produces its characteristic "high" by flooding ones brain with molecules that cannot be distinguished from its own internally produced neurochemistry, throwing the brain far from its natural chemical balance.

As a result of adolescents and children's brains still undergoing growth and development, they are at a risk of becoming addicted to marijuana, and dependence occurs far more quickly. Apart from addiction itself, children and adolescents are more significantly affected by marijuana in other ways. Structural changes have been found in the brains of young marijuana users that lead to functional...

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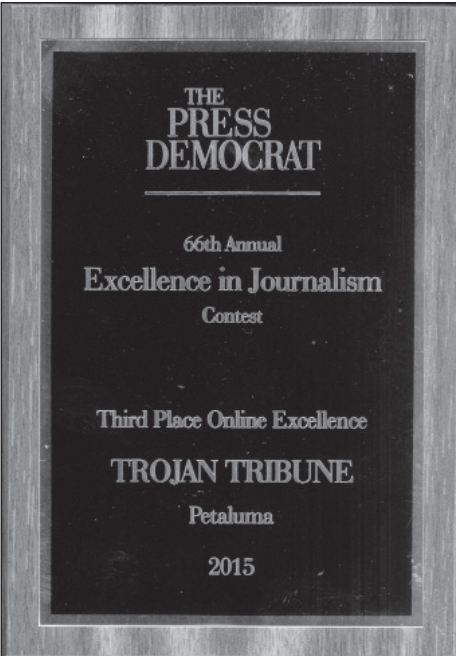
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# Black Lives Matter



photo by Grace Griffith

by Grace Griffith

Petaluma High School: a majority of white people and a minority of POC (people of color). It is not exactly a secret. According to the demographic taken in 2012 there are 1.54% black students and 75.6% white students at PHS. That being said, it is time this campus is educated on why #BlackLivesMatter and not #AllLivesMatter. It is not #PoliceLivesMatter or even #WhiteLivesMatter. Simply because those lives already matter. No one has to question whether or not a white person’s life matters. POC in the United States have been constantly degraded and taken for granted. Most people argue “Slavery ended years ago!” or “Move on already!”, people could move on if the discrimination and unequal treatment of black lives in the United States ended. It was never about starting a police hatred movement or a hate movement against white people. The “Black Lives Matter” movement is about POC finally having a voice in a country that has diminished them for hundreds of years beforehand. Even if America has freed black people from being slaves, it does not change the fact that they have never been treated equally since they arrived here. They have never had a true voice. “But our President is black!” Correct! It is and always will be a huge step for black people in America, but the facts remain that even with a black president, the citizens still suffer more than white people ever will. This country was built for the white man and it ultimately serves to their privilege.

The uprisings in Baltimore and Ferguson were not intended to stir violence within the cities, but instead were intended to make the voices of the op-

pressed POC heard within their community. This movement has only one goal: creating a next generation America that is no longer anti-black. They want to benefit the black communities that are ravished with poverty and finally make a difference in the life of POC in the U.S. As of March 2, 2015, at least 700 “Black Lives Matter” demonstrations have been held worldwide. Founder Alicia Garza has denounced certain corporate and mainstream appropriations and adaptations of the #BlackLivesMatter hashtag and slogan which she believes ignore or contradict the spirit and philosophy behind it, including the “Our Lives Matter” iteration. She has written: “#BlackLivesMatter doesn’t mean your life isn’t important—it means that black lives, which are seen as without value within white supremacy, are important to your liberation.”

Black Lives Matter is “a unique contribution that goes beyond extrajudicial killings of black people by police and vigilantes.” The organization states that, Black Lives Matter affirms the lives of black queer and trans folks, disabled folks, black undocumented folks, folks with records, women and all black lives along the gender spectrum.” In a video interview with Laura Flanders, founder Alicia Garza discussed how changing “Black Lives Matter” to “All Lives Matter” is a demonstration of how we don’t actually understand structural racism in this country. She went on to discuss how other lives are valued more than black lives, which she strongly feels is wrong, and to take blackness out of this equation is inappropriate. “Black Lives Matter” said in a twitter post, “If you really believe that all lives matter, you will fight like hell for black lives.”

Every human life matters, but the point of the movement is to reiterate that black lives matter.

Students at PHS should have the knowledge about “Black Lives Matter” so they do not continue to be uneducated about how life for POC truly is here. You may not see how it really is where you live, but places around the country such as Ferguson and Baltimore have to live with it everyday. This country was built upon racism, therefore it is harder to let the structural system go and move on. It has been implanted in the minds of millions of people that POC will always be less than the white person. On December 1, 2014, several lawmakers in the United States House of Representatives made the gesture to protest the shooting and police brutality. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries said on the floor, “Hands up, don’t shoot. It’s a rallying cry of people all across America who are fed up with police violence. In community, after community, after community, fed up with violence in Ferguson, in Brooklyn, in Cleveland, in Oakland, in cities and countries and rural communities all across America.” On December 11, more than 150 black congressional staffers staged a walkout and silent protest in a display of unity with demonstrations against the Eric Garner and Brown grand jury decisions. Senate Chaplain Dr. Barry Black led the crowd in prayer. They were gathered there, Black said, to be a “voice for the voiceless”. After prayer, the crowd of the staff and lawmakers posed while making the gesture.

At the end of the day it will always be a fight against the racism that has lived within America for centuries.

#BLACKLIVESMATTER

For more information on the #BlackLivesMatter movement visit them at [blacklivesmatter.com](http://blacklivesmatter.com)



# Should We Take P.E.?

by Electra Holberton

Over 7.6 million students nationwide played a sport during the 2010-2011 school year, 40,000 more than in the 2009-2010 school year. For 22 consecutive years, the amount of high schoolers who play a sport has gone up each school year, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey (HSAPS). The HSAPS has estimated that over 55.5% of all high schoolers play a sport. That is a lot of exercise. So why waste time with a P.E. class? Physical Education is a great class for kids who can't afford to play a sport, or just like to exercise. But what about the kids who already are getting exercise more than 3 times a week and should be using that extra hour and forty minutes to take a new class, or study? I often find myself in P.E. class doing mindless exercises thinking about what better things I could be doing at that moment. For example, I could take an art class to get my visual arts credit for school, or I could be studying for my next huge test, or I could be learning to play the piano or the flute, etc. I practice my sport every day of the week after school. At Petaluma High School, one

must complete two years of Physical Education. The only way to be excused from that is by doing a sport for at least 18 hours a week. That is rare and would only be the case if you are training for the Olympics. Either this number should be lowered, or the policy should say that if you play a sport for the school or outside of the school, you do not have to participate in the Physical Education class. I understand that the reason we have to take P.E. is because of communities wanting healthy and fit children. However, if you are already fit and healthy, it is a complete waste of time and there are better things that kids can be doing with their time. But kids who don't need P.E. aren't the only ones affected by this. For some kids, it is extremely hard to do the exercises they ask us to do and it may be embarrassing for them. Why should they have to be embarrassed and potentially made fun of by other kids? Another problem that I have found with P.E. is the way they grade us. Every grading period we have a fitness test. We do the mile, pushups, and situps. We get graded on how many situps we



can do in a minute, a certain amount of push-ups based on your age, and how fast we can run the mile. Most kids do okay, but what happens to the kids who can't do well on those fitness tests? Their grades plummet. That's what happens. It is unfair that you are graded on your physical ability and not by how much effort you put in. Physical Education could be a good class, but the way it is run and the requirements make it unbearable. It is a waste of time and should not be taken so seriously and or treated so harshly.

# Hollywood Problems

by Connor Fillipi

Has Hollywood run out of ideas for movies? It seems that way. All the new films released these days are either remakes or based off of books or other movies. There seem to be fewer and fewer movies based on original ideas. The future of modern storytelling looks grim when the movies being made are merely recycled ideas. It's gotten to the point where mediocre and forgettable films get equally mediocre and forgettable sequels just so another movie can be made. Don't get me wrong, movies based on popular books are often demanded by the public, and some movies need sequels or a series to continue their plot. But when almost all movies in the box office are like this, it only raises a question of originality. It seems as though the directors of these movies don't really care about art of filmmaking, and are producing big budgeted movies with cheap thrills just for money. In addition, these modern movies seem to fol-

low trends. First was the resurgence of supernatural thrillers with a mixture of teen romance i.e. the Twilight series. Then came the teen hero dystopian types: Hunger Games, Divergent, Maze Runner. The superhero renaissance followed shortly thereafter with: Iron Man, Thor, Captain America, Avengers, The Dark Knight. The fairy-tale retellings: Mirror Mirror, Into the Woods, Snow White and the Huntsman, Maleficent, Cinderella. The latter films are part of Disney's attempt to remake every one of their animated films in live action throughout this decade. Like Disney, DC Comics has plans to release reboot film series for their superheroes throughout the next decade as well. This seems to be an effort to compete with rival comic company, Marvel, which achieved incredible amounts of success for their superhero films within the last five years. All these successful films have one thing in common: they're intended for children, teens, and



young adults. Because these groups go to the movies the most, it is easy money for the box office. The movie companies know this and also use other tactics to rope in their audience. Buzz is created for these movies on social media platforms, which that demographic frequents. For example, almost everyone has seen a movie ad before a YouTube video. Still, we keep watching these movies and they keep emerging as if being made on a conveyor belt.

# A Dying Art

by Katie Burfoot

The desires of the consumer have always fluctuated with time, whether it is regarding products, diets, art, or film. Yet no medium has fluctuated more than stop-motion animation, more commonly known as claymation, despite the fact that modern puppets are usually made out of foam latex. I know that when I was young, my absolute undisputed favorite movie was the stop-motion film Corpse Bride. Some can't get enough of the stop-motion Disney film The Nightmare Before Christmas. Others are fans of the new look of Laika Animation Studios, who gave us films like ParaNorman, Coraline, and Boxtrolls. Still more are obsessed with the animated television show Robot Chicken. Everyone has a beloved stop-motion piece. And yet, for all the wonderful stories that have come from it, stop-motion animation is dying. The medium that started the art of film is lucky to get one full-length film a year. In 2006, at least 5 stop-motion animation films were released in the U.S. alone. Over the course of the 9 years since then, there have been 9 released by the U.S., including 2 films created with animation studios in the United Kingdom. So my question is, why? Have consumers become tired of the handmade feel? Maybe creating the films have become too expensive. Perhaps the stories that today's consumers want to see require high

definition live-action, or startlingly flawless CGI. Personally, I don't believe it's any of these things. I think the audience loves the look of stop-motion as much as they always did. Filmmakers have just become lazy. Stop-motion animation is an incredibly difficult, time-consuming method, and completing a full-length movie takes an incredible amount of dedication and passion. I'm not saying acting is easy. As a fairly seasoned actor, I know how much work needs to be put into it, but let's look at the facts. Filming a minute of live-action screen time takes one minute. Filming a minute of stop-motion animation takes at least a week, depending on the amount of people, action, and dialogue. A live-action film is usually in production for around 2 years (unless its name is Boyhood). Stop-motion animation films can take up to 10 years. In addition, actors know how people (or animals) move, because it's natural. Animators have to painstakingly emulate the way in which a person (or animal) would normally move, and try to make it look convincing and natural. Even hand-drawn animation doesn't take so long in terms of production. I'm not trying to turn up my nose at the artistically-inclined, but it takes a lot longer to build grass than to draw it. Filmmakers have started sacrificing artistic expression for fast, easy money. Take the Saw fran-



chise, for example. The first Saw movie was an independent horror film with a small budget that was shot in 18 days. Since then, that particular movie has made about 100 million dollars. So, how do you make money off of a successful movie? You can either produce merchandise or a sequel (usually both). Saw ended up with 7 movies in total, making almost a billion dollars, subtracting a total budget of only about 67 million altogether. If you get an incredibly successful stop-motion animation film that took 10 years to film, by the time you get a sequel out, the public most likely will have forgotten about it or will have gotten tired of it. Films have become so commercialized that stop-motion animation is simply not cost-efficient or time-efficient when your goal is to create a franchise rather than a story. But if a filmmaker truly wants to make a beautiful, artistic movie, that shouldn't matter, should it?



# How To Fight a War on Drugs

by Katie Burfoot

In June of 1971, former President Richard Nixon declared a “war on drugs”, dramatically increasing the size of federal drug control agencies and creating mandatory sentences and no-knock warrants for drug offenses. Since then, incarceration rates have skyrocketed, overcrowding prisons and costing our government and taxpayers over 1 trillion dollars. According to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, around 50% of the inmates in federal prison right now were arrested due to non-violent drug offenses. Despite all that, the rate of drug use has remained nearly the same in the 44 years

since the war on drugs was implemented. It is widely believed that the war on drugs has been a failure. So what are we doing wrong? In part it is believed to be the way the police force is used. Just like in the days of Prohibition, users and dealers have adapted to the increase in police forces. In addition, as seen from the increase of police shootings that have recently been gaining media attention, police officers can be tempted to abuse their power, and that leads to a distrust of the police force. Without support, police officers are unable to get evidence, information, or witnesses to prove their case.

Another factor in its failure is that the war on drugs never dealt with the underlying causes of drug use: health issues and addiction. The rate of addiction has never gone up or down, and neither has the rate of mental or physical health issues that people believe drugs will help them with. For example, a woman with a thyroid condition may feel lethargic and depressed. She may decide to take methamphetamines to give her energy, and marijuana to make her feel happy. If she is thrown in jail, the only thing that will change is that she will feel lethargic and depressed again for a while.

In contrast, according to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, anti-drug sentiments increase when people are exposed to anti-drug campaigns, and increase even more when they are involved in anti-drug campaigns. Anti-drug campaigns help people into rehab, do not end in prison sentences (usually), and are often non-profit organizations, meaning they don’t cost billions of dollars. After seeking help in rehabs, only about 40-60% of drug users relapse. However, after being arrested for a drug offense, around 76.9% are arrested again within a year of their release for another drug-related crime.

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## Feature

# A Musical Extravaganza: Band & Drumline

by Katie Burfoot

The Petaluma High School Band’s last competition was a huge success. On Saturday, April 9th, the Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Varsity Jazz Band, JV Jazz Band, Drumline, and Color Guard went to band competition at Vallejo High School and came back with 4 first place trophies and a 4th place trophy. They won first in Concert, Parade, Percussion (drumline), and funnily enough, both first and fourth in Jazz. This is because both the Varsity Jazz Band and the JV Jazz Band were competing in the same division, and both bands placed. “It was a

great day,” said Cliff Eveland, the band director, “Every group had great performances and they did very well. I’m very proud.” All of the bands finished up their year with their Winter Concert on May 20th, which included, for the first time ever, a performance from the Drumline and the Color Guard. The Drumline recently finished their winter season, using the Charlotte’s Web themed routine they performed at the concert. They ended with a third place trophy from the Pageantry on Parade competition, a third place trophy at the American Canyon

High School Annual Winter Show Review, and a second place trophy at the Foothill Winter Show. Drumline captain Micah Lesch, senior, said, “I think the Winterline season is the time of year when Drumline has to work the hardest to perfect a show for the rest of the year.” Edden Yashar, junior, said, “We had a bit of a rough season at times but I couldn’t think of a better group of people that I could have a rough season with.” Drumline coach Dustin Friel said, “Drumline is an elite group of individuals all working toward a common goal. The journey from

the start of a season to the end is a very engaging and fun experience. We get to play loud.” “Winterline is a time when you really get to create a community.” said Lesch. Unfortunately, Lesch and a slew of other band seniors are graduating this year. Eveland expressed his sorrow by saying, “I’m sorry to see our seniors leave, we’ll miss them.” The bands generally agree that it was a great year, from competitions to concerts to Disneyland. Although they were happy with the year, the seniors are certainly sad to go.



*The Marching Band marches in the Butter and Egg Days Parade on April 25, 2015.*



*From left to right: Trygve James, junior, Edden Yashar, junior, Micah Lesch, senior, Ben Johnson, sophomore, Drew Hohnson, sophomore.*



*The 5 trophies the bands won at the Vallejo competition.*



*The 3 trophies drum line won during their winter season.*



# Spring Sports

## BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

by Grace Griffith

Petaluma High School’s Varsity baseball boys won SCL league this season. They claimed a share of the Sonoma County League championship Tuesday afternoon, defeating El Molino, 11 to 4, in a game played in Forestville.

The boys played their SCL tournament at Sonoma’s Arnold Field on May 20th through the 22nd. This league consists of the top four teams playing head to head to see who the best team is. The boys reached the finals in the SCL tournament and they will be moving on to the NCS tournament.

“Every season is my favorite,” says coach Paul Cochrane. Ben Sanderson, senior, says. “My favorite moment this season was being able to play with a lot of the guys that I have played with for the past three years.” The varsity boys have played a great season this year. We can only hope the the boys will pull off another wonderful season for next year. To our seniors, good luck and continue to make working choices!



**Ty O’ Donnell swings at a ball in a game against Casa Grande High school.**

## GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

by Connor Filippi

Our own Trojan Girl’s Softball team ended their league play last Friday with a 23-3 record. Since starting in March, the team has been successful throughout the year and has remained undefeated with a record of 11-0 in league. The team was captained by seniors Cassie Baddeley, Brie Gerhardt, and Joelle Krist. Several players acknowledged the close bond the team had. Baddeley said, “We have a pretty close team. We don’t have much drama, we’re pretty organized and we’re pretty focused and we also get along well. I think that has a lot to do with our success and everyone’s motivated”. Emily DeCarli, senior, added “We’ve all played with each other for a long time.” They are also hopeful for a seat in the NCS tournament. I think that it helps that all of us on the team are pretty multisport” Baddeley added, “I think we have a good seed [in the NCS tournament] as of right now.” Also, Krist was named Redwood Empire Athlete of the Year.



**Members of the softball team cheer on their teammates from the dugout.**

## TRACK AND FIELD

by Emma Kuykendall

This year’s track and field season came to a close in mid May leading up to the SCL championships on May 16th and the upcoming state and regional competitions in late May and early June. The girls team won the SCL championships with a total score of 162, the second highest score in the history of the SCL finals and 59 points ahead of the second place school. They also went undefeated throughout the season, going 6-0 for the season. The boy’s went 3-3 and placed 5th at the SCL finals with a score of 68 points. Recapping the season, Edden Yashar, junior, said, “At least half of our [boys] varsity runners are underclassmen, including some who are among the best athletes in the league, so I see a league championship as a definite possibility in the near future.” Coach Johnson expressed similar thoughts saying, “They’re a pretty young group of boys. I think next year they’ll be real contender for the title.”

Allison Scranton, senior, won both the shot put and the discus events at SCL finals. She threw a 141’11” in the discus, making the third farthest throw in Redwood Empire history. Brendan O’Neill, freshman, also made notable achievements, jumping 40’2” in the triple jump. This season, Will Dunbar, freshman, ran the 800m with a time of 2:00, also giving Petaluma positive recognition. Natalie Gilmore, senior, contributed to the Trojan girls’ undefeated season by pole vaulting 11’1”.

Ultimately Johnson says about the team, “All in all I think we have a really fine group of young people and they represent Petaluma High School really well and the community really well.”



**From left to right, Trygve James, junior, Mike Whitt, junior, Chris Odetto, senior, and Jose Herrera, freshman, accelerate around the turn on the first lap of their mile race.**

## GOLD MEDAL WINNER AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

by Sierra Mancuso

We have a gold medal winner on campus. Francesca Felix, sophomore, won a gold medal in the Special Olympics on Saturday, May 9th. Francesca has participated in the Special Olympics for a few years. She competed in the Track and Field events the Special Olympics (at Terra Linda High School). She competed in the twenty-five and fifty meter race. She also participated in softball. Francesca had a lot of fun competing at the Special Olympics and she plans on competing at the event for many years to come.



**Francesca Felix at the Special Olympics after winning her events.**



# LACROSSE

by Electra Holberton and Katie Burfoot

Many exciting things happened in Boys Varsity Lacrosse this season. Not only was this the first year that lacrosse was a recognized sport at Petaluma High School, but the team also went undefeated in league and made it to the NCS (North Coast Sectionals) Play-offs. The boys team also earned a banner for their achievements during the season. The banner they won is currently hanging up in the office. Garrett Teagarden, junior, comments on how the team played this year, saying, “Top Ched was ripped. I feel like our team worked well together and it was a great overall season.”

The girl’s lacrosse team played the last game of their season on May 1st. They finished with 4 wins and 7 losses, but

their coach, Sarah Shada, is still impressed with their performance. Shada says, “Overall, I’d say this season was a success. Our girls secured 4th place in the league for this inaugural CIF season, which is much farther than anyone expected us to go. Not only did these amazing ladies make it to the play-offs, but they did it with a team where 13 out of 17 girls were freshman and over 60% of them had never played lacrosse before. I am so proud of these girls and can’t wait to see what they can do next season, and the season after that.” The girls on the team are also very happy with their performance. Whitney Royall, freshman,



photos by Emma Kuykendall

said, “The season was so much fun, all of the returners were super encouraging to all of the new players and we improved so much just from the beginning of the year!” Caroline Olson, freshman, says that, “I think that this year was definitely a year that we all came together to be the best we can be considering that only 4 of the girls were returning players.” Well done, girls!



photo courtesy of Katie Burfoot

Top: Members of the boy’s team wait to pass the ball. Bottom: Britney Tomrose, freshman, and Tiernan Settles, sophomore, guard their ball against the other team.

# BADMINTON

by Mckenna Watson

Badminton wrapped up a four month long season placing fourth place in the league in May. Coach Donna Makenna mentioned, “The season was a good one considering we didn’t have a home gym.” Due to renovations in the gym, the team was only able to play two matches at home this season. For the rest of the season, they

“home” games at matches at Kenilworth Jr. High School and Casa Grande High School. Makenna stated, “It was hard for the team to arrange rides to all of the practices but everyone was flexible and did the best they could. The team started with league in May. Coach Donna Makenna mentioned, “The season was a good one considering we didn’t have a home gym.” Due to renovations in the gym, the team was only able to play two matches at home this season. For the rest of the season, they played their “home” games at matches at Kenilworth Jr. High School and Casa Grande High School. Makenna stated, “It was hard for the team to arrange rides to all of the practices but everyone was flexible and did the best they could.

The team started with 24 players but four had to quit due to being unable to get to practices.” Makenna noted, “People should join badminton because it is a really fun sport with a great learning curve. Even very beginners can learn to be effective players in one season. It is a great cardiovascular exercise and a great way to meet friends.” Junior Kayla Gross said, “The season was great. It is a really competitive and fun sport to participate in.” Junior Camille Gardea stated, “As a team we all got along really well.” Senior Maddie Thomas was selected to all league team as #2 women’s singles. Ada Payne, senior, was also selected and she was #4 womens singles. Maddie Thomas and Sofia Gonzales, senior, were #1

# BOY’S TENNIS

by Dimitri Papageorgacopoulos and Alex Wolf

The boys’ tennis team finished off their season not last place this year winning some games and losing others. It was through the courage and determination of our loyal coaches that guided these would be fledglings into the ultimate life forms on the courts of justice. As foe after foe fell to their might, the P-town

Tennis team grew ever more powerful, feasting on the souls of the fallen. The team chose not to finish first as, to do so, would require them to transcend from their mortal bonds and would likely have destroyed the entire town. The team chose to forgo the glory of victory. save the lives of those they cherished.



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Camille Gardea, junior, waits to hit the birdy.



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Kevin Cox, senior, awaits the ball on his side of the court during a match.

# BOY’S GOLF

by AJ Shaheen

The varsity boys golf team recently finished their 2015 season with a record of 4-6 against the six teams in the Sonoma County League. As the record clearly displays, the team was not particularly outstanding. The future of this golf team looks very positive, however, because most of the boys are young and will improve as they continue through high school. The team consists entirely of freshmen and sophomores apart from one junior. “Next year and the year after that we are gonna do a lot better due to the fact that we are growing as a team,” comments Shannon Stoll, freshman. Despite the team’s

youth and struggles, they were able to finish in third place for SCL. Stoll says, “We did okay for the age of our team but I think we can do much better in years to come.” Individually, most of the players felt good about themselves, and Kyle Medeiros, sophomore, qualified for NCS. “I did pretty well and met my full potential,” he says. Because it was Stoll’s first year on golf, he says, “I was nervous going onto the team but I found my place and I think I contributed well, but there is always room to improve, especially in golf.” The team did well, but they are all hopeful of doing much better in the future.

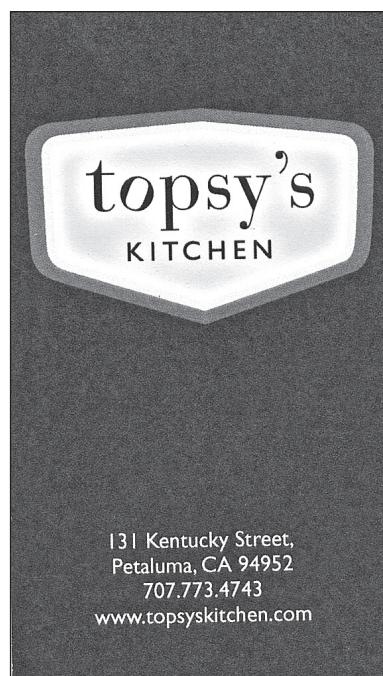


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Shannon Stoll, freshman, strikes the ball with his club during a match.



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# Technology Today

## Samsung Galaxy S6 and S6 Edge



by Weronika Szapalas

The Samsung Galaxy S6 and S6 Edge share some of the same qualities. The Samsung Galaxy S6 Edge has curved edges which makes the phone fit in your hand more comfortably than the previous model. The S6 Edge has one feature that when the screen is facing down the sides glow when you receive a text message or notification; each contact will glow with whatever color you set for that person. The Samsung Galaxy S6 and S6 Edge have aluminum siding along with a metal rim encasing the outer edge of the phone. The front and the back of the Samsung Galaxy S6 and S6 Edge are tough Gorilla Glass 4 which is a specialized glass developed and manufactured by Corning. This is the 4th generation of the Gorilla Glass and it is designed to be thin, light and damage resistant. The home button also has a fingerprint lock.

One con about both of these phones is that they have 56 pre-installed apps. If you do not want them you can only disable them, however some of them you can't disable. Also, the battery is not removable. The memory that comes with

the phone at different levels is 32GB, 64GB, and 128GB. There is no micro SD card and you can't add one because the slot cannot be opened. The Samsung Galaxy S6 is a similar design to the iPhone 6. The Samsung Galaxy S6 is great for media as it has a sharp screen and the camera is amazing. The Samsung Galaxy S6's home button has been upgraded to deliver a solid click. The volume button is on the left side and the power button is on the right side which are perfectly positioned. Because the phone is flat, the camera sticks out which exposes it to being scratched easily. Is it really worth spending \$100 more for the S6 edge? After doing a lot of research about the Samsung Galaxy S6 and S6 Edge I would get the Samsung Galaxy S6. The Samsung Galaxy S6 is more simple than the S6 Edge. Even though some of the features that the Samsung Galaxy S6 edge has are pretty cool, Samsung has finally developed what we have been hankering after for years and it did a good job with the standard S6.



## THE RUNCIBLE: A THING OF THE PAST, A SPLASH OF THE FUTURE

by Samantha Lamos

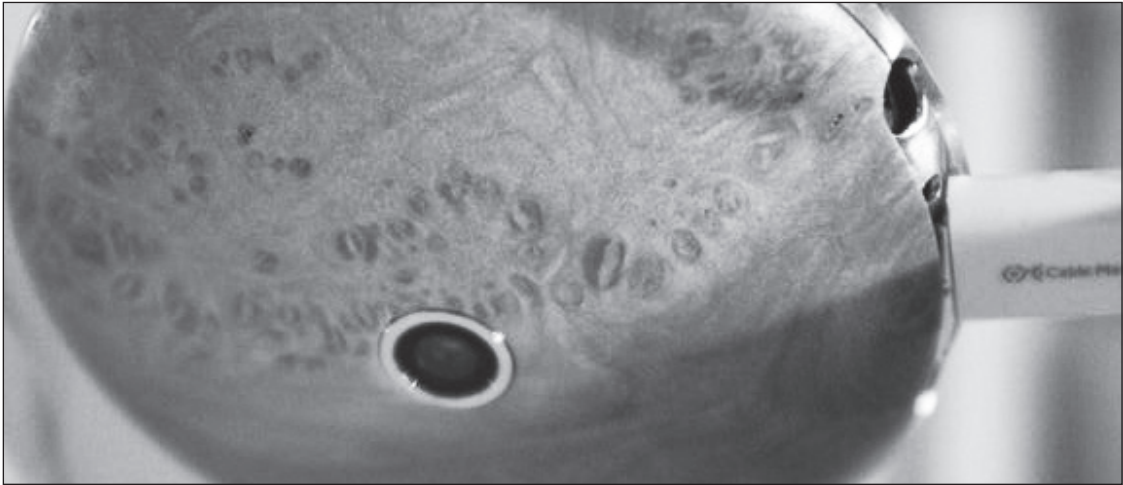
Today it seems like everyone owns an iPhone or an Android. The ancient flip-phone which seemed to be in all of our pockets just 10 years ago has been replaced by these new devices. However, like all waves of technology, these devices become obsolete and are replaced by the next best item; and in Berkeley, a new startup may have just created the next generation of handheld devices.

We all know the iPhone and the Android, however, a small start-up called Monohm, based in Berkeley, California, is pushing the bounds of handheld technology: now presenting, the Runcible. Contrary to classic rectangular designs, the Runcible attempts to capture an older, more grounded presence with its simple, circular watch display. The device shies away from the tendency for smart phones to detract from everyday life by being as simple as possible by cutting out any distractions or unnecessary features. The founders, Aubrey Anderson, Jason Proctor, and George Arriola, hoped to create a device that keeps everyday

people present in life rather than glued to the screens in their pockets.

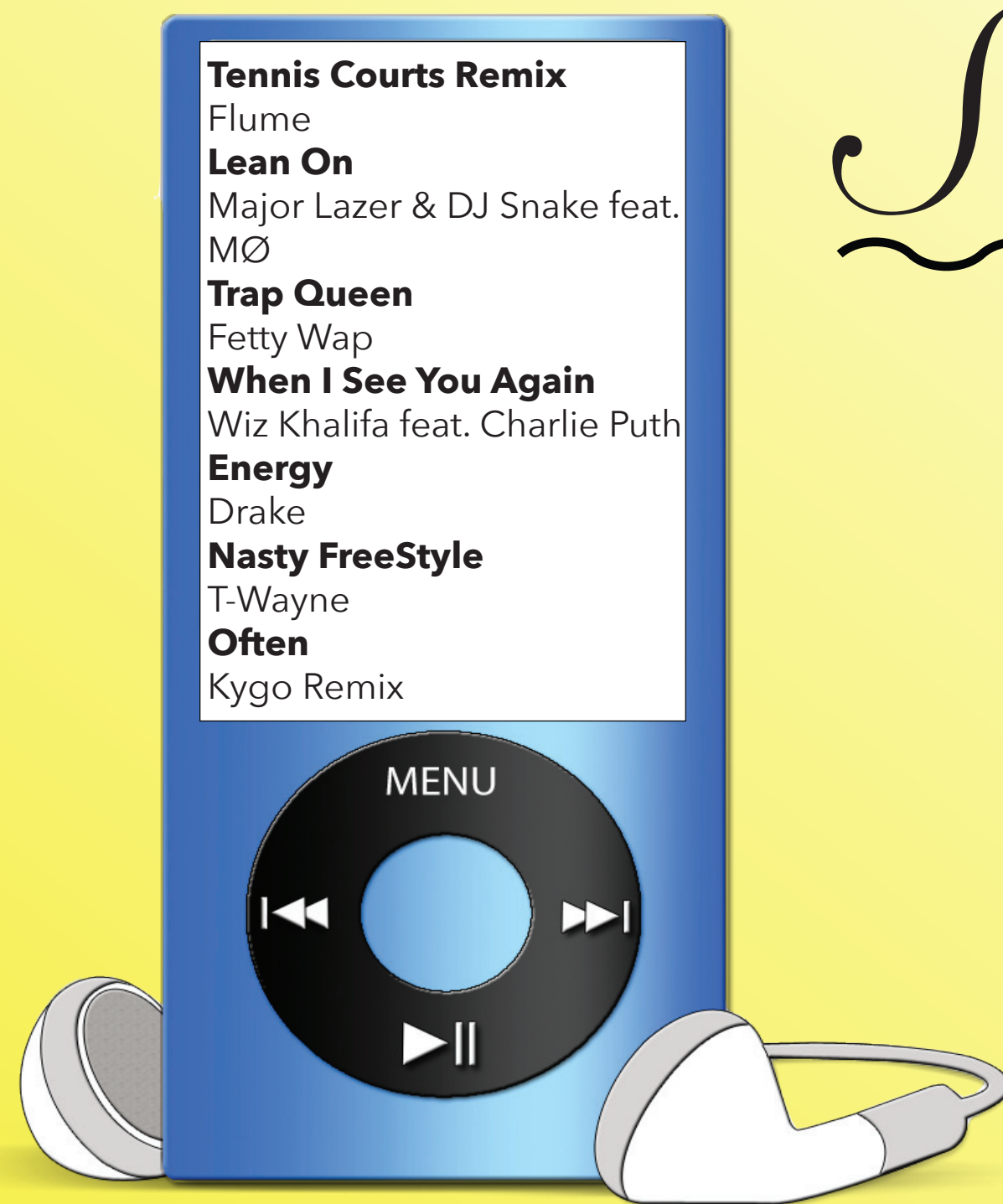
As far as the technical side goes, the Runcible runs on Mozilla programs and is currently being marketed at about what you would pay for the new Apple iPhone or Android device. The interface is as minimalistic as possible, with a simple timepiece taking the center-stage. As to not disturb regular daily routines, the Runcible will never beep or alert the user to notifications. Another feature includes a map application that allows the user to choose between a scenic route to your destination or a more direct, utilitarian route.

Overall, the Runcible features a nostalgic view of 21st century technology; it allows people to stay connected using all of the current interfaces while staying present in everyday life. The founders accomplished their goal to create a device that “can keep your head up, your attention on the real world and real people around you, and maintain your sense of wonder about life”. They did just that.

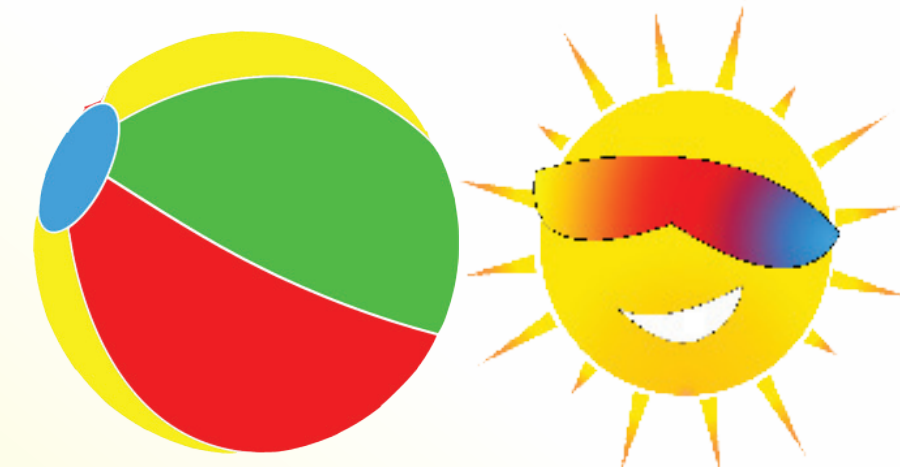


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# Summer



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## Summertime Foods

by AJ Shaheen

When thinking of summer, the image of relaxing under the sun and enjoying a treat always comes to mind. This image does not involve just any food or snack. There are specific foods that really make Summer

feel like Summer. A plate of watermelon is always welcome on a summer day, and ice cream of any sort is a go to summer treat. The grilling of some burgers is a classic finish to a perfect summertime day.



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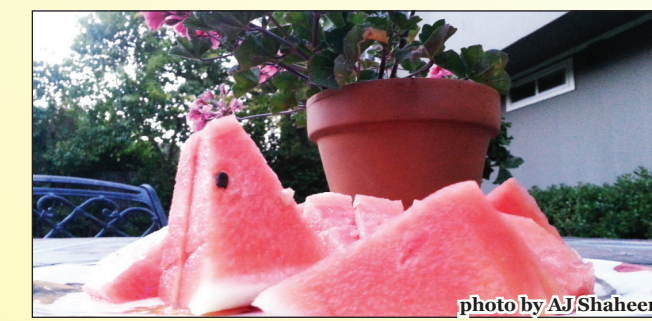


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## SENIOR



photo by Tyra McQuilla

"I'm excited for the warmer weather and less layers. Also hanging out with friends."

-Tyler Strech

## JUNIOR



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"My favorite part about the summer is sleeping in, hanging out with my friends, and sleeping in."

-Shelby Hubbard

## Sophomore



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"I'm looking forward to Relaxing in my bed while eating cheez-its and staring at the ceiling."

-Matthew Messinger

## Freshman



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"I'm excited to have free time and not have to stress about school."

-Chandler Mevis

## Fun in the Sun Activities

by McKenna Watson

The summer months call for fun outdoor activities. Here are some fun and inexpensive things you can do over summer to ensure a great vacation.

Who doesn't love to go to the beach during those hot summer days? One of the closest beaches is Dillon Beach, which is only a 30 minute drive. Other great beach destinations in the Bay Area include Stinson Beach, Baker Beach, and Muir Beach. You can grab some friends and some beach towels and spend the afternoon by the ocean.

Another thing you can do over the summer is go hiking. If you want to go hiking somewhere local you can head over to Helen Putnam Regional Park. It is a beautiful park to walk around in with both easy hills and more intense hiking trails. You will enjoy some great

views of Petaluma while you hike.

From June 24th to the 28th, Petaluma hosts the annual Sonoma-Marin Fair. All day tickets for people 13 years and older are only \$15.00. You and some friends can go enjoy the concerts, carnival rides, art exhibits, and animals they showcase there. The concerts will include performances by The Beach Boys and Rodney Atkins. You can also visit the many tents set up with various shops inside.

If you do not have your license yet or you just need an inexpensive way around town, Petaluma Transit is offering a special summer Discount. For just \$20.00 you can get bus pass for the summer months (June-August), including back to school. See ad on page x for details on how you can take advantage.

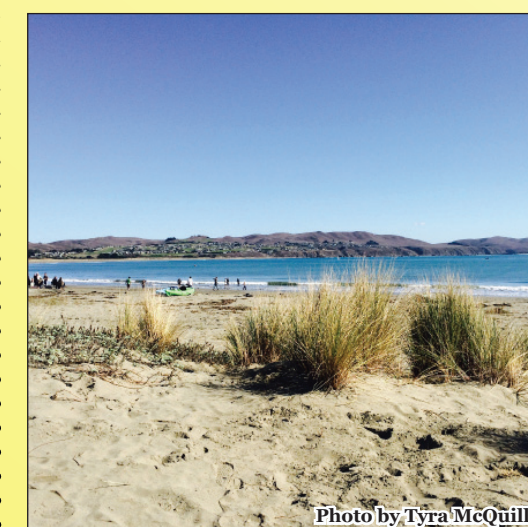


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by Tyra McQuilla



# Highlights of 2014-2015

## Stormy Start to Finals

by Emma Kuykendall

The weekend before first semester finals was a unique and hectic experience this year. On Thursday, December 11 and Friday, December 12 school was canceled due to a massive storm that made its way to the area. With two unplanned days off of school just before finals, teachers and students were all incredibly thrown off with these unscripted developments. Some students were thrilled that two days worth of classes were replaced with free time and sleep. Other students were only more stressed about the sudden cancellation of classes right before finals week, worried about all the studying to be done in those days and the many questions to ask teachers. However, most students were at least a little relieved because of the short break. Leah Richter, junior, sums up the experience saying, “I was originally a little stressed because I hate making up lost time, but I got over it quickly and just accepted the weather. It was a unique experience and a fun memory to think back on.”

## 2014-2015 Dances

by Electra Holberton

This year Petaluma High School had four school dances. The first was the Back to School Neon Dance, which was new this year, the second dance was Homecoming, the third was Winter Formal, and the fourth was Prom. ASB attempted to run another dance called MORP (prom backwards) but it was unsuccessful because of the lack of ticket sales. According to popular opinion, Winter Formal with an Under the Sea theme, was the best dance. They hired DJ Dax and the decorations were more extravagant. Madelyn King, freshman, commented about why she liked Winter formal the most: “My favorite dance of the year was Winter Formal because of the decorations and the DJ.” Haley Holberton, junior, gave her opinion on Winter Formal, saying, “My favorite dance was Winter Formal because it was really fun, and I got to dance with my boyfriend, and everyone went together.” All of the dances this year were a success, with the exception of MORP, but ASB did an especially fine job with Winter Formal.

## Boys Soccer wins SCL Championship

by AJ Shaheen

One of the sports teams at Petaluma High School has really stood out this year is the varsity boys soccer team. The team had an incredible season leading them to be Sonoma County League champions after finishing with a record of 16-5-2. The North Coast Section playoffs were cut short in the second round in an unfortunate loss to Rancho Cotati. “We beat Casa Grande in the first round of the playoffs but then we lost to Rancho one-nothing literally in the last play of the game,” says head coach Greg Lamanski. The team’s great success was in part due to their persistent, fighting defense. Lamanski comments on this saying, “We were statistically the best in the North Coast Section in goal defense and it kept us in every

single game, even the ones that were really tight. It was a whole team unit, everybody worked together in the defense”. Lamanski has been coaching varsity soccer for long time now and has seen some of his players through all four years of high school. “Tarwinder Purewal, [senior], grew tremendously as did Simon Lindsay, who turned into one of the best defenders in the North Coast Section,” says Lamanski. Purewal made the team as a freshman and had a big impact in his last year at PHS. He was selected as the league MVP as well as the All-Empire large schools boys soccer player of the year. Every player on the field this year contributed to the magnificent season. Coach Lamanski put in simple terms, “We were as good as any team”.



*The varsity boys soccer team poses with their Sonoma County League banner after their successful season.*



“My favorite moments of the school year were the rallies because they were fun and made me feel involved with the school.”  
-Maddie King, freshman

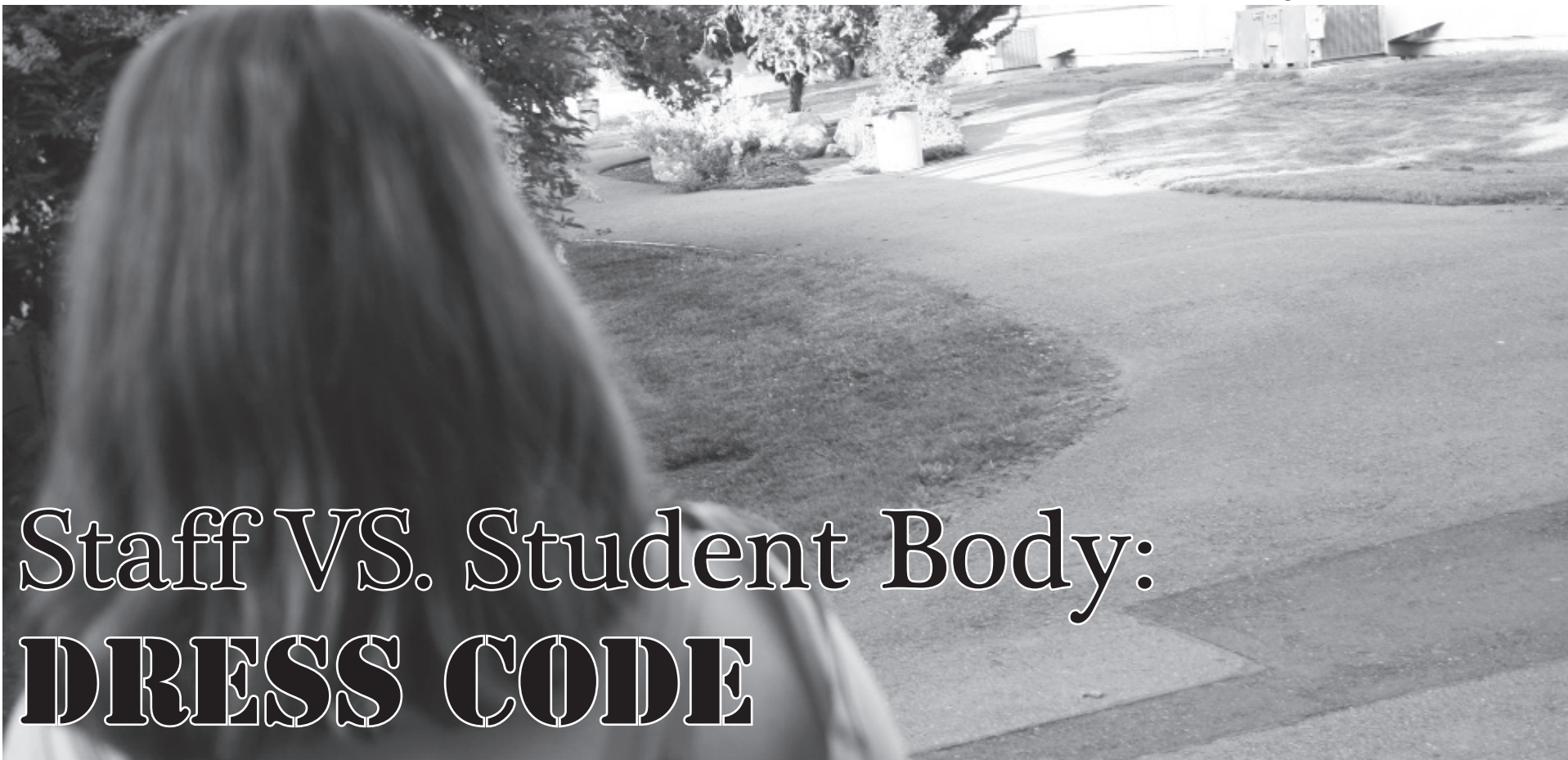


“My favorite part of the school year was joining track because it really changed my life.”  
-Jose Herrera, sophomore



“The senior sunset. Even though we couldn’t even see the sunset, it was great to be with everyone.”  
-Matias Kunzman, senior





# Staff VS. Student Body: DRESS CODE

## THE STUDENTS

by TyraMcQuilla

For students here at Petaluma High School, the dress code has been a serious issue. Most teens do not have problems with the dress code during colder weather, but as the warmer weather approaches, it is easy to notice the arising issue. For some students, the dress code is unreasonable and unfair.

Girls that are “dress coded” feel as if they are being told that they are objects and not seen as students in the school. “The dress code makes it clear that women are sex objects to men and promote gender inequality. Showing a few inches of skin should not automatically mean that a boy gets distracted and if they do then it’s their problem, not ours,” Emily Hazel, sophomore, commented.

Though the dress code was not issued as a way to prevent sexual conflictions, it is the response most students have turned to. “I think we should make our dress code less strict

and instead teach men not to treat women like sexual objects. We shouldn’t need to change ourselves for boys to concentrate.” says Sierra Campbell, junior. “School dress codes tell us that our bodies our inheritly sexual. It tells us that we are not intitled to human decency and respect unless we cover up.” states Jazmyne Varty, also a junior.

Another issue is the freedom of expression. People do not like to be told something they have chosen to wear is inappropriate and must be changed. “Women should be able to wear what they want to a certain extent.” commented Sophia Hjer-mind, junior.

Though the majority of dress code offenders are girls, guys are dress coded as well for more minor clothing issues. “It is definitely more common for girls to get dress coded than guys, but it’s easier to get away



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with the dress code if you are a boy.” said Connor Filippi, freshman.

The boys at the school do not mind the dress code as much as the girls do. Some are even oblivious to the rules. “I didn’t even know we had a dress code.” said A.J. Shaheen, freshman. The main argument against the dress

code is that girls are being sexually objectified and boys need to learn to control themselves so girls can wear what they want.

This subject will most likely be an ongoing issue for sometime unless staff and students can come to fair terms on the dress code.

## THE STAFF

by Connor Filippi

Our school’s dress code is often a controversial subject between students and faculty. The official code is just a paragraph in the student handbook under the School Policies section. It prohibits clothing seen as “revealing” or “profane” as well as sunglasses, clothing suggesting gang affiliation, pajamas (with some exceptions i.e. spirit week) and barefootedness. “I think our dress code is actually very liberal,” added Arla Luna, our school’s Discipline Secretary, when comparing our school’s code to schools who enforce uniforms.

A common violation of the dress code for girls is wearing shirts with spaghetti straps. Common among boys is clothing with references to drug, alcohol or gangs as well as sagged pants or shorts. For both sexes, “the fingertip rule”, where one’s fingertips must reach the hem of their shorts, is enforced.

Assistant Principal, Tracy Bass com-

mented “My opinion on the dress code I think [is] to sustain an environment of educational learning. I think it’s absolutely necessary to have a dress code for a baseline standard for all students.” Some students often feel “targeted” by staff for violating the dress code, a problem the staff say is uncontrollable. Luna explained “You’re just the one that got caught...[Everyone will] get caught eventually.” Bass added “We have to find a middle ground. You have the extremes.. and then you have the ones that are not too bad. But then you have to look at body types, you have to find a middle ground for all students.”

The staff’s goal when dress coding is to not criticize or shame but to make sure students conducting themselves at school in an appropriate manner. “Dress code goes far beyond personal expression and statement, it’s about overall student safety.” explained



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Bass.

Their goal when disciplining is to return the student to class as soon as they can so they don’t take away from their education. “If someone is brought in for dress coding, we have a quick look and conversation and we try to fix it as fast as possible and re-

turn them to their learning ‘environment.’”

Often at times, students are told their clothing is “distracting to the learning environment” by staff. Jeff Erbst, Graphic Design teacher, said “There’s a reason it’s called underwear.”



## #STUFF TEACHERS SAY

“Do not try to complete this assignment the night before it’s due.”

“The bell does not dismiss you. I do.”

“Why are you bringing your bag to the bathroom with you?”

“What the Jake?!”

“I’ll wait...”

“Do you have enough to share with the class?”

“Don’t crowd the door, you’re not dismissed yet!”

“These are skills you will use in your everyday life!”

“Do you have a pass?”

“Why can I hear People talking?”

“It would behoove you to start your homework in class.”



## Teacher Appreciation Andrew Cochran

by Mckenna Watson

Andrew Cochran has been a dedicated and loved teacher at Petaluma high school for 10 years. He graduated from Humboldt State University and is currently teaching US History and sociology. Mr. Cochran knew from a young age that he wanted to be an educator. He stated, “Getting out of high school I planned on coming back to high school some day.” It was always a goal of his to teach and inspire.

Mr. Cochran didn’t actually know though that he wanted to teach history. He recalled, “When I was a kid, I actually wanted to be an art teacher, but I wasn’t very good at art.” It wasn’t until college that he bridged his love of art and history with an art history course. “I want to know people and that’s how you know people, the social science.” He commented that it was in college that he came into his true element.

Cochran notes that his favor-

ite thing about teaching is working with all of the students. One of his favorite memories as a teacher was just last year around homecoming. “I taught the seniors how to do the hustle because their theme was the 1970’s. At the homecoming dance that evening, the entire senior class did the hustle in unison. It was really cool to see everyone doing the dance move I taught them.”

Cochran has inspired and motivated countless students throughout his teaching career. One of these students is Phil Pantazes, who is currently a senior in his sociology class. Phil mentions, “When Mr. Cochran turned my life around it showed that he motivated his students and he actually cared about each of them; he is one of the best teachers on the campus.” Phil noted that it was because of Mr. Cochran that he started to earn better grades during his junior year.

Elizabeth Anderson, junior, says,

“Mr. Cochran is really engaged in US History and made it my favorite subject.” Another former student Diego Esquivel, senior, stated, “I loved his class as well as our rivalry between the Broncos and Chargers. I respect him a whole lot, and I believe anyone who had him definitely enjoyed the experience that his class offered!”

Mr. Cochran wants to thank the students and staff of PHS for another great school year. We look forward to him teaching and helping students for many years to



## TEACHERS: # THROWBACK

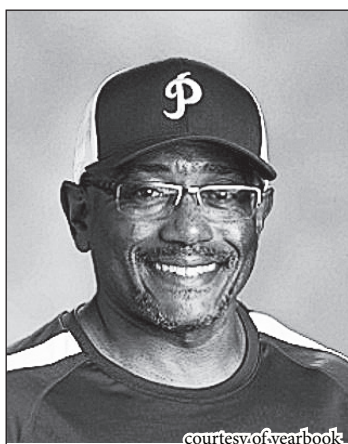


## Paul Cochran

“It was about 2001.  
I was in the United Arab Emirates.  
I was 24.  
I was on a Camel.”

## Kerry Lowell

“It was probably 1988, I am holding my kitty named *Obsession*.  
Her nickname was *Sesh*.”



## Jeff Stanley

“It was 1981, I was 23 years old. I was coaching Mr. Krist’s freshman Football team, here at Petaluma High School.”

## Hilary Smith

“I think it was my junior year in high school. The LA Dodgers came and I was able to interview them for Journalism.”





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The Signs as...

by Electra Holberton

A money spender:  
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Clothing: Libra, Leo, Aries, Scorpio  
Books: Virgo, Aquarius, Gemini  
Food: Capricorn, Taurus, Sagittarius  
All of the above: Cancer, Pisces



Things the signs hate the most:  
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Aries: When people make fun of their ideas.  
Taurus: Bad drivers.  
Gemini: The public.  
Cancer: When they aren't getting attention.  
Leo: When someone eats their food without asking.  
Virgo: Anything that breathes in their direction.  
Libra: Loud noises and children.  
Scorpio: Literally everything.  
Sagittarius: Being ignored.  
Capricorn: When someone interrupts their sentence.  
Aquarius: Fake stuff. Fake people. People.  
Pisces: When someone is mad at them.




The signs playing tag:  
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Aries: No one tags Aries because they are too fast.  
Taurus: Always finds a way not to be it.  
Gemini: Yells at Taurus for never being it.  
Cancer: Everyone always chooses Cancer to be first.  
Leo: Forgets they are playing tag and sits on their phone.  
Virgo: Makes a game plan that no one follows.  
Libra: Volunteers to be it when everyone is arguing about it.  
Scorpio: Hides in a tree and sneak attacks people.  
Sagittarius: The one person that says, "I'm not, it I promise" and then tags someone.  
Capricorn: The one who is never tagged and is kind of offended but it's actually just because everyone likes them.  
Aquarius: Half jogs and still doesn't get tagged.  
Pisces: Always tagged first and can't tag anyone, ends up asking everyone if they can play a different game.



Signs that will understand you 100%:  
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Aries: Leo  
Taurus: Scorpio  
Gemini: Sagittarius  
Cancer: Capricorn  
Leo: Aries  
Virgo: Aquarius  
Libra: Pisces  
Scorpio: Taurus  
Sagittarius: Gemini  
Capricorn: Cancer  
Aquarius: Virgo  
Pisces: Libra



Squads:  
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Rad but sad: Taurus, Aries, Gemini, Cancer, Capricorn  
Has probably killed a man aready: Leo, Scorpio, Virgo, Aquarius  
Precious cinnamon roll, too good for this world, too pure: Libra, Pisces  
Salt water and sand in their hair: Gemini, Leo, Libra, Taurus  
Gangsters: Pisces, Cancer, Aquarius, Capricorn  
Mathletes not athletes: Gemini, Virgo, Aries  
Battle of the bands junkies: Scorpio, Libra, Sagittarius  
Sleeps the entire day away: Virgo, Leo, Gemini  
Road trip squad: Capricorn, Taurus, Aries, Aquarius  
The tree huggers: Virgo, Cancer, Gemini



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Summer Horoscopes

by Electra Holberton

♑ Capricorn (December 22- January 19): This summer you should work hard to make your dreams your reality. This is a critical time in your life to take charge and be strong. Push the boundaries and don't let anyone take you over. You can do this! Get out there and use your confidence for the greater good.

♒ Aquarius (January 20- February 18): You are always the bold leader. You are someone who takes charge and sometimes accidentally runs people over in the process. This summer, take a step back and let someone else have the spotlight. You never know, it could be a eye opener. Relax and take your vacation seriously. Put your thoughts away, lay back and enjoy the sunlight.

♓ Pisces (February 19- March 20): This summer you should work on not being a pushover. If someone is toying with your emotions, make sure you let them know that you aren't always this nice. If you do this you can gain more respect from others around you. But remember, being stern isn't the same thing as being rude.

♈ Aries (March 21- April 19): Since you are so hardworking, your summer will be filled with efficiency! You may be doing some community service or finishing lots of summer homework! Although your summer will be busy, you will also have enough time to hang out with friends and a time to relax.

♉ Taurus (April 20- May 20): This summer you should spend lots of time with your boyfriend/girlfriend (if you have one). They may be in need of someone to talk to. Branching out and making new friends would be a great idea for you. You stress a lot about next school year so get lots of exercise to take your mind off of it. Travel a lot and takes some time alone. Treat yourself right this summer!

♊ Gemini (May 21- June 20): Your summer is going to be great! It will be packed with friends and good memories. Make sure to spend a lot of time swimming either at the beach, a pool, or a lake! Make sure to remember to do your summer homework and do not let it get crammed into the two weeks before school!

♋ Cancer (June 21- July 22): This school year has been a whirlwind for you. Make sure to let loose this summer and have fun. Remember, summer is a time for no stress and relaxing. Don't be so controlling this summer and just go with the flow. Who knows, it could lead you to something special.

♌ Leo (July 23- August 22): You are very sappy. If you had a rough year, try not to linger on the past and move forward into the future. Do not spend too much time looking back at memories that you miss or having regrets. Focus on making new memories, the rest of your life is exciting, embrace it!

♍ Virgo (August 23- September 22): This school year you may have had troubles with finding who you are, and wanting to impress others. This summer you need to be free. Live in the moment and be careless. Try to think less about finding what you want to be and let it come naturally. Remember, today is a gift, that's why they call it the present.

♎ Libra (September 23- October 22): This year your summer may be rough. In the past, your summers may have been awesome, but this one might not be up to par. Try to not stress too much and just have fun! If you want something cool to happen to you, don't wait around, make it happen! If you have siblings you should make the effort to spend more time with them and be kind to them.

♏ Scorpio (October 23- November 21): Your summer will be full of laughter and smiles. This will be one of your best summers ever. Eat LOTS of summer fruits and ice cream. Try something new and take every opportunity. Go exploring and be adventurous. Even though you may be trying new things, be sure to spend lots of time with your friends and family for they will bring you joy!

♐ Sagittarius (November 22- December 21): Watch out for your friends this summer. One of them may be dealing with some problems they haven't told anyone about. Make sure to check in, but if they want to be left alone, do not pry. This summer will be fun for you but make sure that you take care of the people you love.



# Trojan Top Ten

Each year the Harold Mahoney Family Community Achievement Awards take place here in Petaluma. The top ten ranked students in the sophomore and junior classes from Petaluma High, Casa Grande, and St. Vincent are recognized. The top ten ranked in the senior classes are also recognized and presented with a scholarship funded by various local organizations.

We congratulate these students in their outstanding work.

## SENIORS

### Thomas Koenitzer (valedictorian)

*-What drives you to do well in school?*

The people I choose to surround myself with, competitive spirit, and just by the satisfaction of achieving the difficult. It's easy to go through life or school doing the bare minimum, but there is no fulfillment in this.

*-What are your plans for the future?*

I am attending the CalPoly at San Luis Obispo. I am entering to get a degree in Aerospace Engineering. From there I hope to get an internship and move into industry, or pursue a master's degree if this does not pan out.

*-Looking back on your high school career, is there anything you wish you'd done differently?*

I wish I had planned out my extracurriculars better. Grades can only get you so far in the college application process, so I regret not starting several clubs in areas where I'm interested in, getting involved in the school's leadership program, or perhaps picking up an instrument or two.

*-Do you have a piece of advice to give to fellow students?*

My only advice would be that if you want to achieve academic success, and this will sound redundant, but you have to want it. I have seen many of my friends, and my own, grades drop simply because I was lazy, procrastinated, or whatever. Complacency gets you nowhere, almost by definition.



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### Victoria Leoni

*-What did you do that was unique to achieve the grades you have?*

I've done everything really thoroughly and haven't cut corners.

*-What drives you to do well in school?*

My family and my goals for the future--they won't be accomplished unless I work my hardest.

*-What are your goals for the future?*

I'm going to college in Washington D.C. and I'm hoping to study journalism and go into an area of the media or journalism or politics.

*-Looking back on your high school career, is there anything you wish you'd done differently?*

I should have done more...high school things. Like dances and spirit stuff.

*-What advice do you have to give to fellow students?*

Try and find what you like the most and follow through with it for as long as you can. Find an elective or an extracurricular and stick with it.



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### Megan Buck

*-What drove you to do well throughout high school?*

I was driven by my desire to go to a college that will allow me to accomplish what my goals in life in general as well as the desire to challenge myself in classes.

*-What are you planning on doing now?*

I will be going to Lewis & Clark College and majoring in Chemistry.

*-What did you do differently than most students to do so well?*

I have good time management and naturally work quickly. Other than that I have had relative success in school simply because I take tests well and my way of thinking is conducive to doing well within the current standardized model for education.

*-What's one piece of advice to all the other students?*

The one piece of advice I would give to other students is to not get caught up in all the tests that hypothetically measure intelligence. As long as you are learning for yourself and for the content, you'll end up much better off in the long run.



photo courtesy of Megan Buck

### Dan Curren

*-What drove you to do well throughout high school?*

I want to be the very best like no one ever was.

*-What are you planning on doing now?*

Rocket Science.

*-What did you do differently than most students to do so well?*

I noticed and took advantage of the positive correlation between time left to do a task and the time it took to complete the task.

*-What's one piece of advice to all the other students?*

Time is merely a passageway, the question is where does it lead?

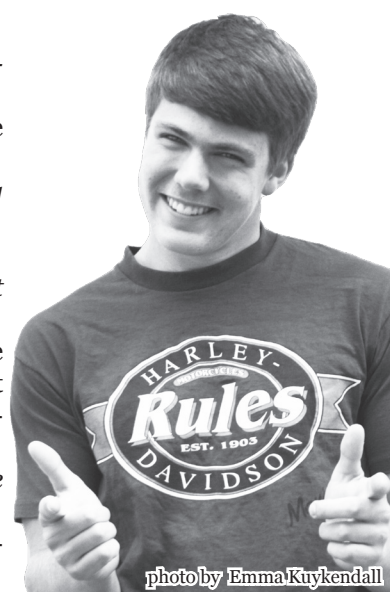


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### Morgan Giraud

*-What advice would you give students who want to do better in school?*

Study.

*-Did you ever struggle with school?*

Yeah, I struggled with time-management.

*-How do you study for a big test?*

I usually help other people study, so by teaching them I learn.

*-What do you do outside of school or when you're not studying?*

Just sports, volleyball, track, volunteering, and I work out.



photo by Katie Burfoot

### Jason Metten

*-What drove you to do well throughout high school?*

The promise of good grades = money.

*-What are you planning on doing now?*

I'm planning to go to college with the money I got, so I can get more good grades, so I can get more money.

*-What did you do differently than most students to do so well?*

I sucked it up and actually did the work.

*-What's one piece of advice to all the other students?*

You gotta want that money.



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Continued

**Natalie Gilmore**  
*-What advice would you give students who want to do better in school?*  
I would say that actually reading the textbook when the teacher tells you to helps a lot.  
*-Did you ever struggle with school?*  
Not really. I like to take a relaxed approach to school so I haven't ever gotten stressed out about grades.  
*-How do you study for a big test?*  
I usually focus on learning the material in class the first time so I generally don't do much studying in preparation for a test.  
*-What do you do outside of school or when you're not studying?*  
Outside of school I pole vault. I also like photography and traveling.  
*-Do you have any parting thoughts now that you're graduating?*  
High school has been pretty fun but I'm excited to graduate and go to UCSD for college in the fall.



**Kevin Cox**  
*-What advice would you give students who want to do better in school?*  
Do all your homework and don't miss class, and surround yourself with people who are motivated for success.  
*-Did you ever struggle with school?*  
Yes, in junior year trying out Honors English, which is not my strong suit.  
*-How do you study for a big test?*  
I watch TV and play guitar.  
*-What do you do outside of school or when you're not studying?*  
I play guitar or hang out with friends, or I work.  
*-Do you have any parting thoughts now that you're graduating?*  
Wow, it went by quick.



**Jad Shaheen**  
*-What did you do that was unique to achieve the grades you have?*  
I freaking learned school.  
*-What motivates you to do well in school?*  
I'm motivated 'cause like I ain't tryna fail.  
*-What are your goals for the future?*  
Finna go to Berkeley then probably do some stuff after that.  
*-Looking back on your high school career, is there anything you wish you'd done differently?*  
Not quit football.  
*-What advice do you have to give to fellow students?*  
Don't be a fool.



**Alex Wolf**  
*-What drove you to do well throughout high school?*  
My main motivation to do well was to have more options for college, but it's also fun to try to get higher grades, like a challenge.  
*-What are you planning on doing now?*  
I will be attending UCSD in fall, and I'll major in Computer Engineering.  
*-What did you do differently than most students to do so well?*  
I took lots of AP classes, it's the secret. Also, if a teacher gives very specific directions on an essay or project, follow the directions.  
*-What's one piece of advice to all the other students?*  
Fight senioritis! The first semester of senior year still counts for most everything, including most college applications and this here Top 10 award.



**Jerry Shumikowski**  
*-What have you done that is unique to achieve the grades you have?*  
I came to good terms for when I knew what I was doing and when I had absolutely no idea, and I did my work accordingly.  
*-Looking back on your high school career, is there anything you wish you had done differently?*  
Not take APES.  
*-What advice do you have to give to fellow students?*  
If you only work for points and a grade, you will have a bad time in class. You need to want to learn.



## Juniors

- Leland Shimizu  
Ryan Statz  
Edden Yashar  
Ryan Cardiff  
Kelly D' Ambrogia  
Mireya Arango
- Alyssa Deely  
Caitlin Marweg  
Austin Longerbeam  
Nora Lindsay  
Emma Kuykendall  
Madison Crum

## Sophomores

- Amy Ferrick  
Annaliese Wolf  
Sarah Jane Catarozoli  
Jordan Santia  
Nathan Irwin
- Camille Leoni  
Phoebe Goulden  
Camden Weber  
Edyn Garvisch  
Helena Abbott



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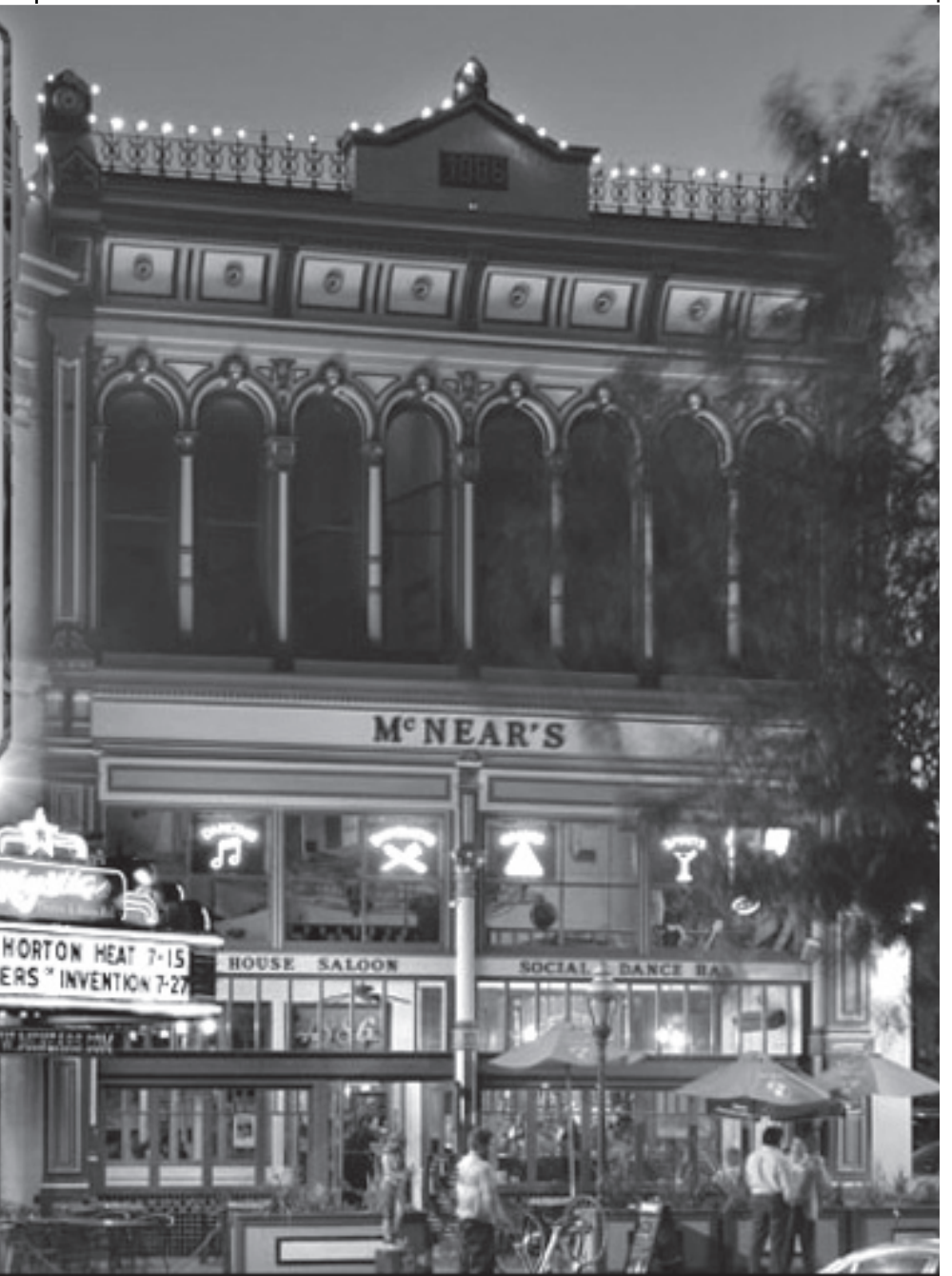
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RANDOM 5  
QUESTION  
ASSAULT



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Alexis Silinonte

Sophomore

Q: If you could live in any decade what would it be?

A: The 18th Century in Britain.

Q: Do your hips lie?

A: Yes.

Q: What are your aspirations in life?

A: To play softball in college, to be happy, and to do what I love.

Q: How much of a white girl are you?

A: I am the opposite of white girl.

Q: If you could travel to any planet, which would it be?

A: Pluto.

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Garret Verza

Junior

Q: If you were a language which would you be?

A: British.

Q: Who is your favorite character on friends?

A: Joey.

Q: Who is your favorite superhero?

A: Spiderman.

Q: What is your favorite kitchen appliance?

A: Oven.

Q: If you could travel to any planet, what planet would it be?

A: Jupiter.



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ISZAEL CABALLERO

Junior

Q: What is a random talent that you have?

A: Ignoring people.

Q: What does Caballero mean?

A: In Spain it means night or horseback rider, in the US it translates more to cowboy.

Q: Who is your favorite president?

A: JFK.

Q: If you could have dinner with any person in the world, who would it be?

A: Probably Tony Stark.

Q: What is your favorite Patrick the Star quote?

A: "No. THIS IS PATRICK."

RANDOM 5  
QUESTION  
ASSAULT



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KAREN MARTINEZ

Freshman

Q: Favorite Fast food place?

A: In n' Out.

Q: What do you do after school?

A: Homework.

Q: Where is your happy place?

A: My room.

Q: Scale of 1 to 10 how much do furbies scare you?

A: 8 or 5.

Q: If you could be any noodle, what kind of noodle would you be?

A: A Ramen noodle.

RANDOM 5  
QUESTION  
ASSAULT

Watch Out  
you could  
be next!



# End of the Year Fun



On May 22, 2015, students of PHS were able to spend the day showing off their automobiles.



Car show photo by Tyra McQuilla

## TROJANS BUCK SOME HAY!



by Tyra McQuilla



Hay bucking photos by Emma Kuykendall

Future Farmers of America (FFA) at Petaluma High School, organized a hay bucking event in the quad on May 21, 2015. Multiple students competed in the event by showing how quickly they were able to load and unload a truck full of hay. Approximately 20

different pairs of students fought to win 10 races. “My favorite part of the whole thing was when Emily Corda fell down.” said Katie Volpi, junior. The victors of the bucking competition were Steven Posey, senior, and Cole Peterson, junior.