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CAASPP Testing Begins

by: Grace Griffith

CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Progress and Performance) testing has begun this week for juniors across the state of California.

Implemented to take the place of STAR testing, California's juniors will be the guinea pigs for trying out the latest online program. Students will be tested in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. The goal of the test is to see if high school juniors are up to speed on the lat-

est standards in our state's curriculum. The online format of the test is to provide a chance for students and teachers to become accustomed to the new technology being used within schools.

The test was created to adapt to the student taking it. The test offers a wider range of questions used to accurately identify the knowledge and skills individual students have mastered. It also offers support for English learners and

students with special needs, which in turn allows these students the ability to demonstrate their knowledge. The test has special features for students including a highlight feature when reading is required, a built in calculator for math portions, and many more.

The test itself is designed to be a check-up, giving teachers feedback they'll need to continue educating high school students. Parents of students will receive a result of their child's scores. The

scores do not determine if the child will move on to the next grade, but instead represent the opportunity to focus on the needs of the student and help support teachers as well. CAASPP testing begins at PHS on April 21st through May 1st.

Testing is during one period only; extended time is allowed in the library after the testing block is over. Therefore, the library will be closed to students during these times. Remember to prepare accordingly!

Upcoming Events

Butter and Egg Days Parade
April 25th

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REALITY CHECK



photo by Emma Kuykendall

by Emma Kuykendall

As we walk onto our high school campus each day pretending we're ready to spend six and a half hours in classrooms, each of us has certainly, at one time or another, thought, "when am I ever going to use what I'm learning here in real life?" The reality is, depending on each person's future career prospects and interests, you very well may not need to know the Pythagorean Theorem or the atomic mass of Helium. For the most part, high school prepares us for the future and our inevitable independence in other, more abstract ways. Besides giving us a necessary baseline of knowledge to be informed in our everyday lives, it teaches us to form opinions, think critically, be responsible, work hard, and maintain tolerable relationships with those around us. But what about the technicalities- the dirty details of real life? What about learning to live all on our own?

The gravity of these questions often seems to be overlooked since learning about paying taxes, the job process, managing personal finances, how to vote, etc. are not the primary focus of the public school system. However, PHS has addressed the issue of the ill-preparedness of students for an independent adulthood. Our school arranged for Redwood Credit Union to spend two mornings in our library with our seniors doing a program called Bite of Reality. "The purpose was to give our seniors the experience of what it is like to be an adult," said Mr. Jackson, the Government teacher and the man who made it happen. In short, each senior received a folder containing information about a fictitious financial and home life. They then simulated the financial management of the life and circumstances given to them by purchasing necessities, paying bills, and managing debt and credit at various stations in the library. It is essentially "a snapshot of what life is going to be like and it helps us decide between what we need and what we want" according to Mr. Street, the Economics teacher.

Overall, the event seemed to be a success and the students were able to complete the task at hand with a greater degree of understanding about how being in the "real world" works. Of the students performance, Mr. Jackson said, "I think they learned a lot, but how well they did might be questionable. I think they got a bite of reality."

Left:

Kelly Galten, Senior, learns what it is like to manage finances during Bite of Reality.

Below:

Each student was given a Bite of Reality folder, complete with a calculator, checkbook, and information about thier practice "financial situation"

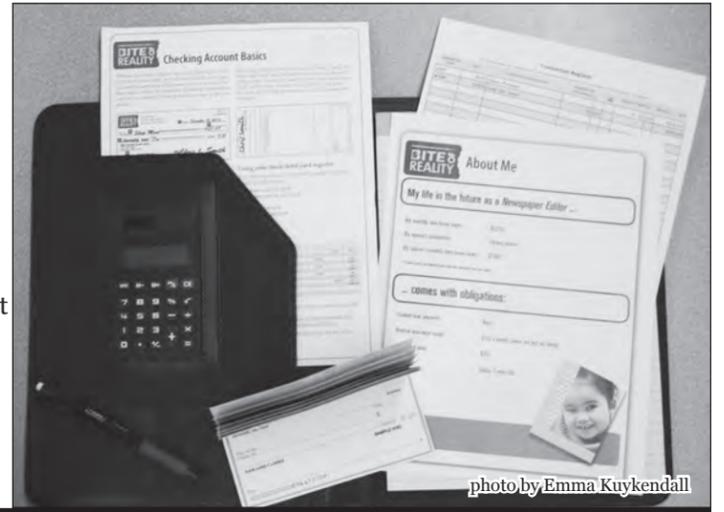


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by Grace Griffith

As a freshman coming into high school, my outlook on the next four years of my life was bleak. I knew what the routine would be: school, sports, community service, projects, scholarships, tests, etc. It would be the endless battle between trying to push myself into new experiences and struggling to pass all of my classes.

In my case, I was lucky enough to sign up for a class known as Journalism. As a new and inexperienced freshman, journalism wasn't what I had expected at all. Frankly, I sucked. It was one of those high school experience classes, where one learns life techniques for the real world and, on the surface, I had a difficult time keeping up. I wasn't knowledgeable enough of my surroundings to really be good at my job. Deep down, however, I knew that I could do better than I was giving myself credit for.

The school year ended and my freshman year was finally over. I made the decision never to sign up for Journalism again. At peace with my choice, I completed my sophomore year and the first semester of junior year settled. I

took the classes I needed without a second thought about my once dreaded newspaper assignments. That is until I was approached by more than one member of the newspaper staff, begging for my return. Reluctant at first I declined the offers and continued with my peaceful schedule. A week passed and I found myself having a conversation about how much Journalism has changed.

Journalism became more than just another class to pass. It opened my connections and my life here at PHS. The class itself is a community; a family even. Ideas have become reality and we strive to make our school's paper new and creative with every issue we put out. Just because something has always been done a certain way does not mean it cannot be changed and improved. The Trojan Tribune staff is here to provide a fun and an even better learning experience at PHS.

Now, I know what people must be thinking just reading this article. Here is the catch, my past experiences do not define how everyone will feel about the class. From some-

one who once disliked the paper, my opinion has changed drastically. Not only is the newspaper staff absolutely amazing, but we are all one huge family. Being in class is something I look forward to every "A" day. Looking back on how I felt two years ago has really changed my perspective. Journalism is not a class worth dreading every week, it is a class worth being in.

If you are interested in joining the staff, swing by F2 on "A" days to ask questions and get information. Talk to your counselor if you are interested in adding Journalism to your schedule. The Trojan Tribune hopes to see you in the 2015-16 school year!

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New Technology and Furniture



photo by A.J. Shaheen

Mr. Jackson's room in B-1 with the scattered new furniture, including the standard rolling and rotating chairs, triangle tables, and group tables with chairs. Furniture setups similar to this can be found in Mrs. Granger's room in F-8 as well.

by A.J. Shaheen

Students who take Mr. Jackson's government class or any of Mrs. Granger's math classes already know about the cool, fun, and modern furniture that has been introduced to our school. Both classes exhibit colorful chairs on wheels that spin and have attached mobile desk tables. Mr. Jackson in room B-1 has additional small triangle tables and bigger group tables. Generally, the students in both classes have positive opinions on the furniture, but Mr. Jackson is a bit on the edge. "[The student's] body language is that they are much more comfortable, but sometimes I fear they're too comfortable... Frankly, I don't know if they are as focused. I think the old desks are physically uncomfortable enough that it makes it hard for people to drift off or fall asleep."

The chairs are designed to improve classroom experiences, and of course Jackson does notice the positive aspects. "[The furniture is] great for moving things around... getting in and out of groups and things like that. It's really helpful." At the beginning of the year, teachers were asked who was interested in trying out the advanced furniture, and Mr. Jackson's understanding is that "Mr. St-irrat pulled our names out of a hat." The plan for future distribution of new classroom chairs and tables is uncertain and Jackson says, "I don't know that we are going to go to a standard, every teacher, every room has this." For now, the two pilot classrooms are just gauging what is best for students and what teachers like the most.



photo by A.J. Shaheen

iPads: Coming Next Year

by A.J. Shaheen and Sierra Mancuso

For a long time, there have been speculations and rumors as to the students receiving iPads or Chromebooks sometime in the near future. Finally, "the decision was reached after almost

a year of deliberation by teachers and district officials," says Mr. Dawsari, World History teacher who represented Petaluma High School on the District Technology Committee. Beginning in

the 2015-2016 school year, all students at PHS will be given their own iPad and classes will go over how to properly use it for education purposes. Each student will be responsible for his/her own device and must return it at the end of the school year. If somebody causes physical damage to his/her product, he/she will be responsible for replacing it. There is a wide range of positive ways that these iPads will impact both the way teachers teach and the way student work is achieved. The specific details, "depend entirely on how individual teachers integrate the devices into their lessons. For example, in World History we can do audio, video, and special projects

using the basic features of the iPad along with any specialty apps. Students may be able to annotate their electronic textbooks, allowing them to better understand the material. We can do video conferencing, flipped classrooms, and simulations," Dawsari elaborates. If a class is researching a specific topic as a whole, in depth transportation of information can be more efficient and easy when everyone has the same device. "We're just starting to scratch the surface of what we can do with the iPads. As teachers become more comfortable with the technology and knowledgeable in what it can accomplish, I think you're going to start seeing some innovative and engaged learning," expects Mr. Dawsari. New technology emerges all the time these days, and the district intends to keep up with the advancements with a, "plan to 'refresh' the devices, that is purchase new ones every few years," as according to Dawsari.

Next year we should all expect our classroom school-work experiences to be different, but there is no predicting exactly what or how much will be done on the iPads.

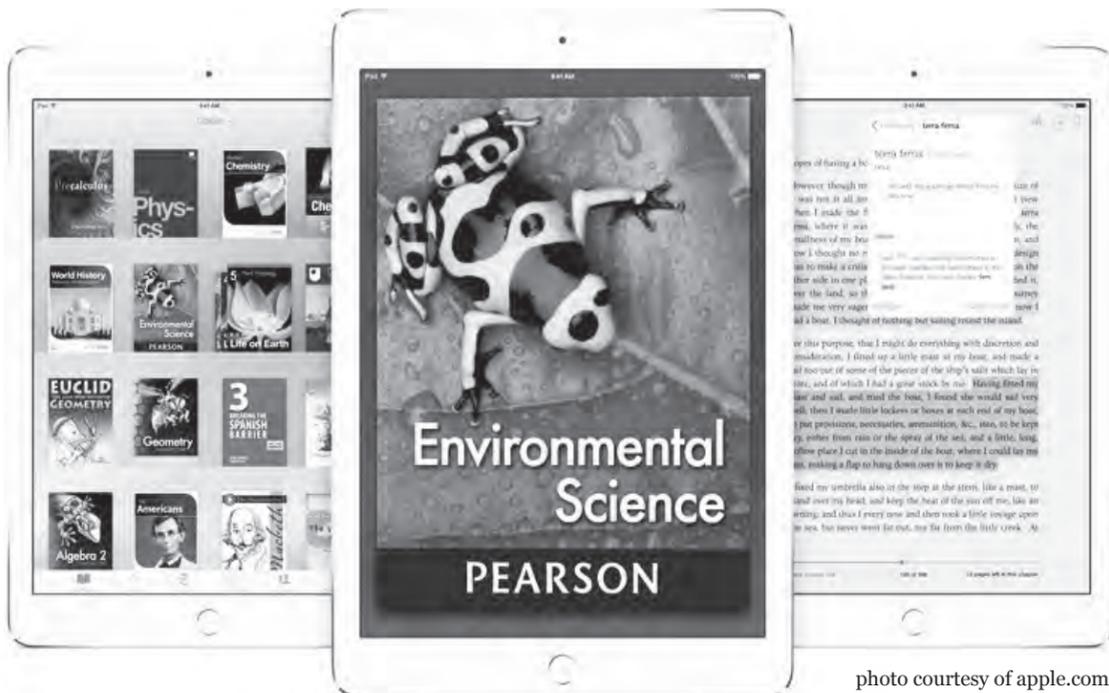


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The Faces of PHS

GLENDORA

**“Be honest and tell the truth!
I cannot stand people who lie.”**



photo by Grace Griffith

by Emma Kuykendall

Everyone at Petaluma High School knows Glendora, or at least who she is. She has worked here for a little over 15 years, witnessing more years of school at PHS than most freshmen have seen of life itself, which gives her an almost iconic identity among the faces of our school.

Having worked here for as long as she has, there has got to be something keeping her around. “My favorite part of working here is working with you guys. I enjoy working with you, even though we have our moments.” Of course, we all know that some crazy things go down on this campus, and I was sure that Glendora had witnessed her fair share. “Really?! Oh gosh. There are too many crazy things, too many to mention,” she exclaims. When asked what she had to say to the world, what her two cents to add were, she said firmly, “Be honest and tell the truth! I cannot stand people who lie. Because when you’re honest everything just works out. Tell the truth and be yourself, because when you are yourself, everything works out to be the best.”

Thanks, Glendora, for your time and your insight. We all enjoy having you here and you always put a smile on our faces. Glendora’s honesty and straightforwardness is a breath of fresh air at this school and she is a brilliant part of PHS.

JEAN

**“Be careful of your words. You don’t
know what ones you’ll be eating.”**

by Connor Filippi

Jean Standard is one of the campus attendants that works here at PHS. She has worked at the school for almost thirteen years. Jean attended school in Emporia, Kansas near Topeka and Lawrence. What she likes the best about working here is “being able to talk to students,” adding that “I love teens. They’re incredible, creative, and fun to talk to.” Her advice on how to make the school better, was to “throw away trash in cans” and also to “be nice to each other and care about about what you say.” She expanded on this saying, “Be careful of your words. You don’t know what ones you’ll be eating.”



photo by Grace Griffith

KURT

**“I enjoy being around young people.
You guys make me laugh.”**

by Tyra McQuilla

Kurt Jastrow, one of Petaluma High School’s most popular campus supervisors, has worked for PHS since 2005 and is still going strong. When asked what it was like working here, Kurt replied, “It’s fun. It keeps me young, I enjoy being around young people. You guys make me laugh.” Being the “yard-narc”, Kurt has many responsibilities.

“I don’t mind it, it’s a good job. It is a great job for someone who is retired.” What many people do not know about Kurt is that he graduated from PHS in 1970. “I played football, basketball, and baseball. Three years of football and baseball, and two years of basketball.” He played second base on the baseball team and left defensive cornerback for football.

One of Kurt’s proudest moments of high school was receiving the title of Section Champs in 1970 for the baseball team. In addition, Kurt has a pennant on the wall in the gym. We all appreciate the hard work that Kurt does for this school. Hopefully he will continue his work and remain a fellow Trojan.



photo by Tyra McQuilla

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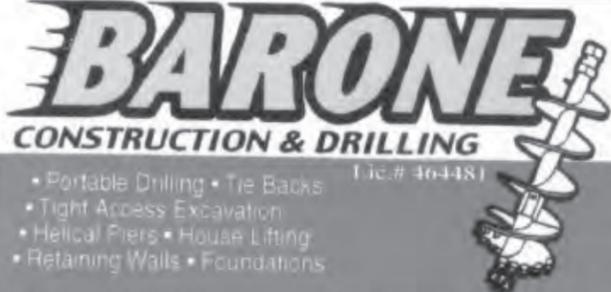
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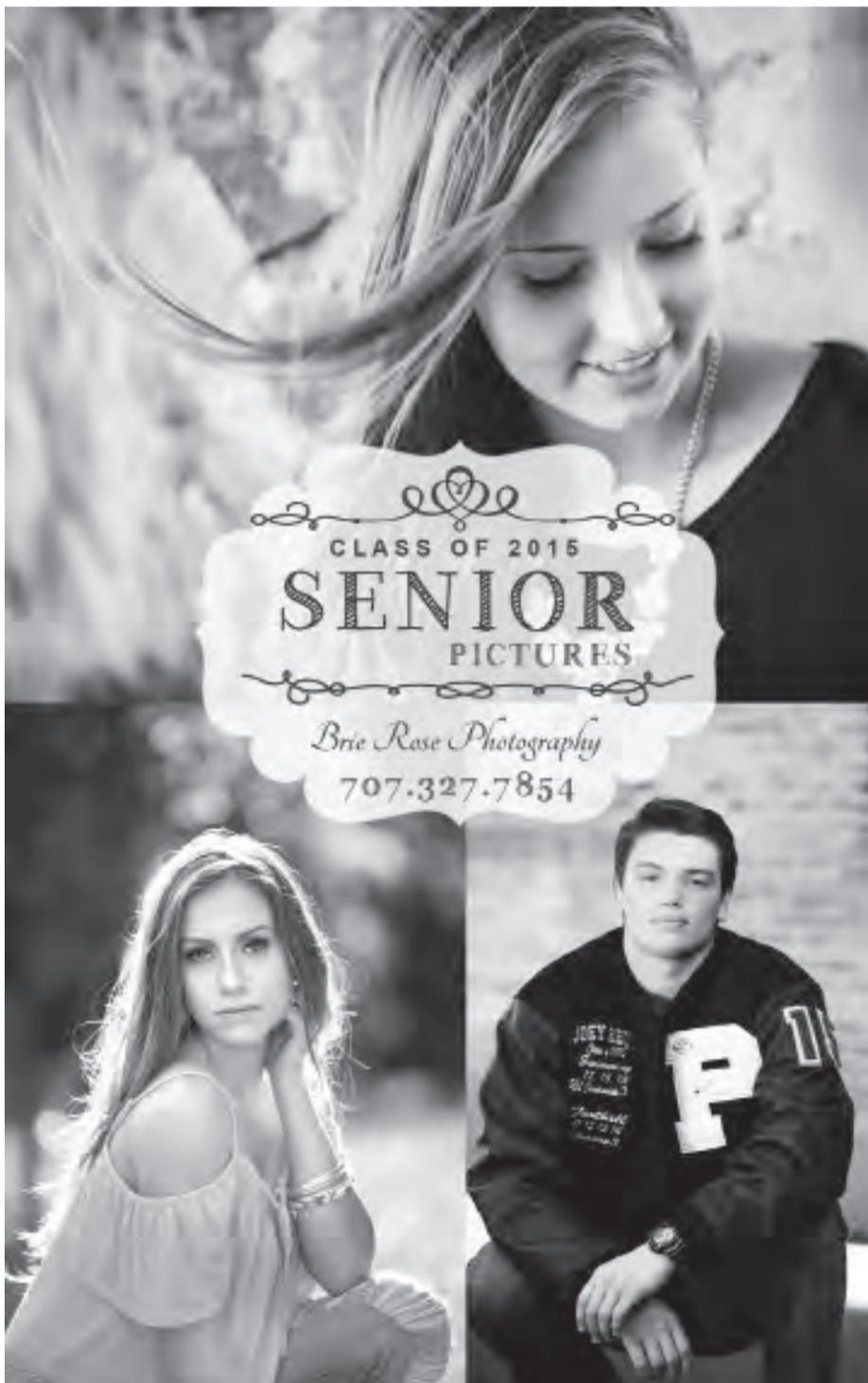
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How Does Your Garden Grow?



Students Estefania Cervantes, Zoraida Vasquez, and Franchesca Felix, next to the raised garden beds in the quad.

Skills in the Garden

by McKenna Watson

The Life Skills class has been growing gardens all around campus. This garden is something that the Life Skills class has added to their program just this year. They have been taking care of four gardens: the garden beds in the center of the quad, all the planters in the front of the school, the agricultural planter boxes, and the fenced agricultural garden. Patty Brown, Life Skills teacher, noted, "We are taking care of a lot of the plants growing around campus." In the winter, flow-

ers and vegetables, such as kale, were grown which the class then used to make soups. Right now the class is raising a vegetable garden which includes tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, and kale for spring. In addition to the vegetable garden they are also growing flowers. The tulip and daffodil bulbs in the fenced agricultural garden have already sprouted. The life skills students are tending to the plants almost every day.



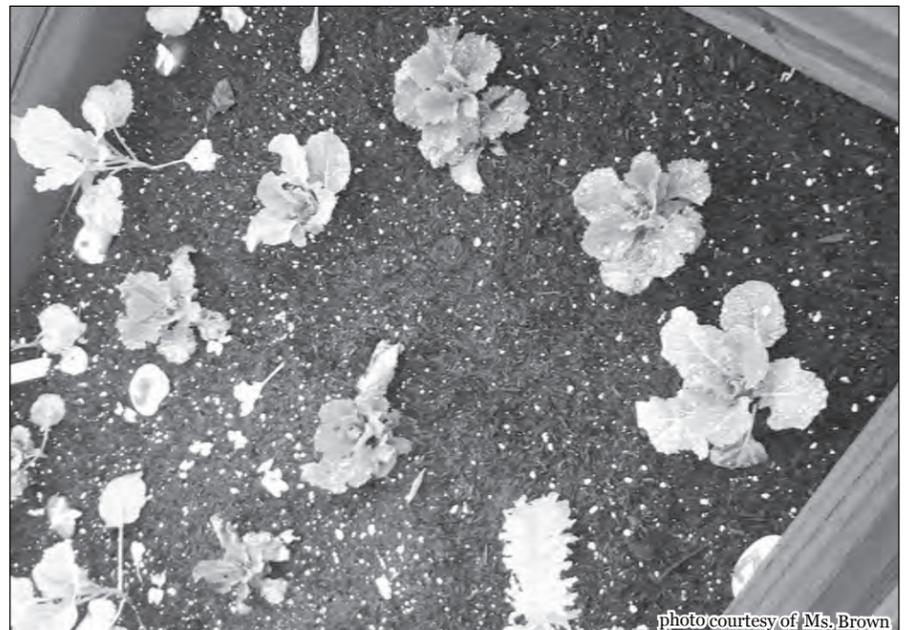
Spring flowers growing in the garden beds.



Flowers begin to bloom in the quad garden.



Life skills student's and teachers next to their garden during winter.



The life skills student's winter garden beginning to grow.

Marijuana Fight Returns

Latest Marijuana Legislative

by: Electra Holberton

In the past couple years, certain states in the U.S have legalized marijuana. Currently, in California, it is illegal to possess up to an ounce of marijuana. Getting caught with marijuana is the equivalent to receiving a speeding ticket (Marijuana Policy Project).

Every year 43.3% of the United states drug arrests are due to Marijuana growers, users, and dealers. A large portion of that percentage is teens. In sonoma county, the percentage of teens who use marijuana is higher than anywhere else in California (Marijuana Policy Project). Sonoma county teens use marijuana at a higher rate than the California state average!

The government has been debating back and forth for many years trying to decide whether or not they should make marijuana legal. If they did decide it was the right thing to do, it could end up being very

beneficial for California. Legalizing marijuana would lower the arrest rates. Less arrests would also create more space in prisons. Marijuana dealers, owners, and growers have been a main component to prison overflow in the past. California arrested or cited over 21,000 people in 2012 for marijuana-related offenses (Marijuana Policy Project). Let your legislators know Another reason why legalizing marijuana could be beneficial is that California can put tax on it. It would make it more expensive and potentially ward off teenagers. Also, California could make money off of the drug. Some think it could be very beneficial for California to make marijuana legal in the upcoming years, but some still believe that it should remain illegal. A December 2013 Field poll found that 55% of Californians believe marijuana should be legalized. Do you?

STATES WITH MARIJUANA RECREATIONALLY LEGALIZED:

- Alaska
- Colorado
- Oregon
- Washington

STATES WITH MARIJUANA MEDICALLY LEGALIZED:

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| Connecticut | Mississippi |
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Health Behind CBDs

by: Connor Filippi

Marijuana, often referred to with a slew of other names, is a recreational drug made from the leaves, flowers, seeds and stems of the hemp plant, Cannabis sativa. The drug can be taken in many forms, from cigarettes (called joints) to being added to baked goods. It has often been regarded as the most popular drug in the world as it is widely consumed, produced, and transported worldwide. Onscreen, the drug is seen in the stoner genre of comedy movies and the popular Showtime television show, *Weeds*. The "high" experienced from this drug stems from a chemical found in the plant called tetrahydrocannabinol or THC, which alters brain chemistry. Temporary symptoms of this high include hallucinations, paranoia, alterations of the senses, mood swings, bad memory, poor judgement and an overactive appetite, known as "the munchies". Not only that, but like all drugs, marijuana has many harmful long term effects on its users (National Institute of Health). On younger users, the drug can stunt development on the

brain which can affect memory and the ability to learn and think. This could only be temporary or may become permanent. Like tobacco cigarettes, smoking marijuana joints could result in lung problems for the user, including constant cough fits and higher risk of lung infection and cancer (NIH). Users could also experience abnormal, overactive heart beats following use, which could heighten the chance of a heart attack. In addition to these effects, constant use of the drug is shown to contribute to depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts. Though it contains no nicotine, marijuana itself can also be addictive. Studies show that one in every 11 users is an addict. However, users who start in their teens are more likely to become addicted. Marijuana is also linked to disorders like schizophrenia and conditions like infertility (WebMD). It is also a gateway drug for harder substances like cocaine and heroin (WebMD). Like alcohol, cannabis intoxication can make activities like driving risky due to lowered inhibition.

Scientific Side Of Marijuana

by: 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.

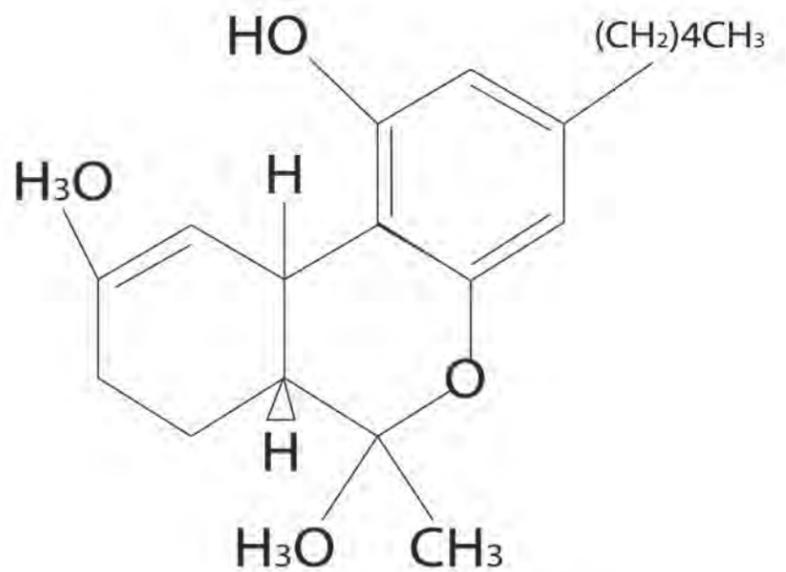
THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) closely resembles the natural chemistry in our brain, effectively mimicking some of the brain's neurotransmitters (NIH). Smoking marijuana produces its characteristic "high" by flooding ones brain with molecules that cannot be distinguished from its own internally produced 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 impairments, including cognitive deficits that can result in educational under-achievement. Subtle effects of marijuana on emotions are increasingly being demonstrated in all marijuana users that would be more profoundly disruptive to individuals still developing psychologically (NIH).

While approximately 9% of all individuals who begin using marijuana after the age 18 eventually satisfy the

criteria for dependence at some time in their lives, the rates are higher for individuals who initiate use before 18, with the highest rates being shown by the youngest initiates (WebMD). Children and adolescents brains and personalities are under rapid development. As a result, they can become addicted more often and more rapidly than adults. Cannabis use is also associated with an earlier age at onset of psychotic disorders, particularly schizophrenia (NIH).

While the majority of children and adolescents who use marijuana do not become dependent and are not grossly harmed, the fact remains that their brains are modified. Chronic exposure to excessive cannabinoid stimulation can alter the size and internal structure of multiple areas of the brain, with greater impact when exposure occurs during early life. Altered brain function changes a person's subjective experience of themselves and the world. However, altering brain function by introducing excessive cannabinoid stimulation also physically alters the brain well beyond the period of initial intoxication. When marijuana use becomes daily, or nearly daily,



drawn by Matthew Messinger

this alteration to the brain can become chronic and structural. In many cases, children and adolescents who reach this point in their marijuana use do not perceive the ongoing impact of marijuana on their experience, nor do they often connect any negative changes in their lives with marijuana use.

HEALTH AND SAFETY WARNING

Marijuana use can lead to severe health problems. People who smoke marijuana often have the same respiratory problems as cigarette smokers. Individuals may have daily cough and phlegm, symptoms of chronic bronchitis, and more frequent chest colds. They are also at greater risk of getting lung infections like pneumonia. Marijuana contains some of the same, and sometimes even more, of the cancer-causing chemicals found in cigarette smoke. Marijuana also may affect mental health. Studies show that early use may increase the risk of developing psychosis (a severe mental disorder in which there is a loss of contact with reality) including false ideas about what is happening (delusions) and seeing or hearing things that aren't there (hallucinations), particularly if one carries a genetic vulnerability to the disease.

Horoscopes



Aquarius

January 20-February 18

You are a charming person who has a lot of confidence. Independence is important to you and makes you strong. You are someone who likes to be alone, though you are enjoyable to be around. People cling to you for amusement and joyful company. Despite your solitary nature, be sure to give others a chance to be with you. You never know how much you could light up another person's day just by spending time with them.



Pisces

February 19-March 20

Creativity is a positive trait you carry. You have a lot of emotion and compassion. Your sensitivity makes others feel welcome and comfortable. Sometimes you can be over emotional, but don't mistake that for weakness. Being the type of person who dreams a lot, you have a tendency to lack initiative. If you try focusing just a little harder, you can get everything you need done. You are still strong and determined! You can do whatever you put your mind to. If you have a goal, you can achieve it.



Aries

March 21-April 19

Your passion grabs the attention of others. With your bright way of living, people just want to be near you. Take a chance for what you believe in and your strong personality will lead the way to your success. Enjoy some fresh air and go on an adventure. Whether you are alone or with some buddies, you could use some good exploration. Take your time and make sure to be in the moment. As a ram, it's important to know you are strong. If you start something, be sure that you use your willpower to finish it.



Taurus

April 20-May 20

Because of your dependability, people have faith in you that they do not have in others. Your giving soul keeps faces smiling all around you. Keep having a generous attitude. You still maintain a patient lifestyle, even though you are independent as the bull. Continue wanting to be an perseverer, for it could get you far in life. Get up and go for a lovely pleasant walk. Do not be so lazy all the time. Expand your needs and beliefs and try something new, it could be fun.



Gemini

May 21-June 20

Being the twins, your humor is something people really enjoy about you. Your likeable personality lights up a room. Since you have great communication skills use that ability and help someone. Reach out to someone who might be shy. If you're not that interested in something, open your mind and use your wit and intelligence to make it worthwhile. The next time you are feeling stressed or anxious, stop and breathe. Know that you will get through it.



Cancer

June 21-July 22

You are a very reliable and intelligent person. Your attention to detail has helped you in your path through life. Your modest personality lights up people's worlds. Even though you can be overcritical, you have a practical way of seeing things. Try to be open-minded about beliefs you might not enjoy. Not everyone or everything is perfect, so try not to stress over mistakes that happen in life.



Leo

July 23-August 22

Being a lion, your kind ways inspire people to become your friend. You have a loyal personality and are very trustworthy. If you are ever feeling impatient, keep calm and relax. Do not let your egotistical behavior get in the way of your path to success. Although you are loyal, you may want to dominate situations, so try to stay positive about what others decide and it might have a good outcome.



Virgo

August 23-September 22

Your loving respect for others is a reason why people are so close to you. People are inspired by your creativity and spontaneous way of thinking. Putting your faith in others has gotten you far. Try some community service and you will feel good about yourself. Even though you can get moody, do not let it get in the way of caring for others.



Libra

September 23-October 22

Your love for pleasing others creates a good vibe for yourself and others. Being romantic, your objects in life are driven by positive feelings. Your patience is always welcomed by others. Sometimes you may feel laid-back and not want to do things, and that is okay, just do not get detached from the things you love. Try to stay committed and you may end up discovering something you never expected.



Scorpio

October 23-November 21

Bravery is one of your strongest characteristics and it allows you to conquer new ideas and beliefs. Your fast instincts sometimes lead you to the right decisions. Although you are very ambitious, you may tend to get jealous, but you can't let that affect your thoughts. Try not to manipulate the situation. Give others a chance for a change. People will respect your ability to step down and take one for the team.



Sagittarius

November 22-December 21

You have a lot of positivity, which makes you a joy to be around. Your smile lights up a room. You are a natural born leader because you are such an intellectual and straightforward person. Your adventurous ways tend to take over your carelss thoughts. Honesty can be your best quality, but it can get in the way of how others feel sometimes. Be sure to think about what you say before you say it. People will come closer to you because of your modesty. It is okay if you make some mistakes in life, it helps you learn more and you will be stronger in the long run.



Capricorn

December 22-January 19

People rely on you for your good judgment and maturity. You are very practical in tough situations, so companions tend to lean on you during hard times. You tend to be shy yet faithful. You are the type of person friends like to talk to because you are a good listener. Try not to be so shy, take a leap of faith and do something you wouldn't normally do. Live without any regrets.



PETALUMA PRODIGIES

Petaluma High School has some truly remarkable talent within the student body, and it is a shame that most of us fail to recognize and acknowledge each other for it. Here are some examples of the incredible work of some of our fellow students:



Artwork by Lucas de Jong, senior, who is currently enrolled in AP Art at PHS.



Artwork by Fernando Barragan Cervantes, senior, who is currently enrolled in AP Art at PHS.



Photo artwork done by Kiara Ilagan, senior, who is currently enrolled in Advanced Photography.



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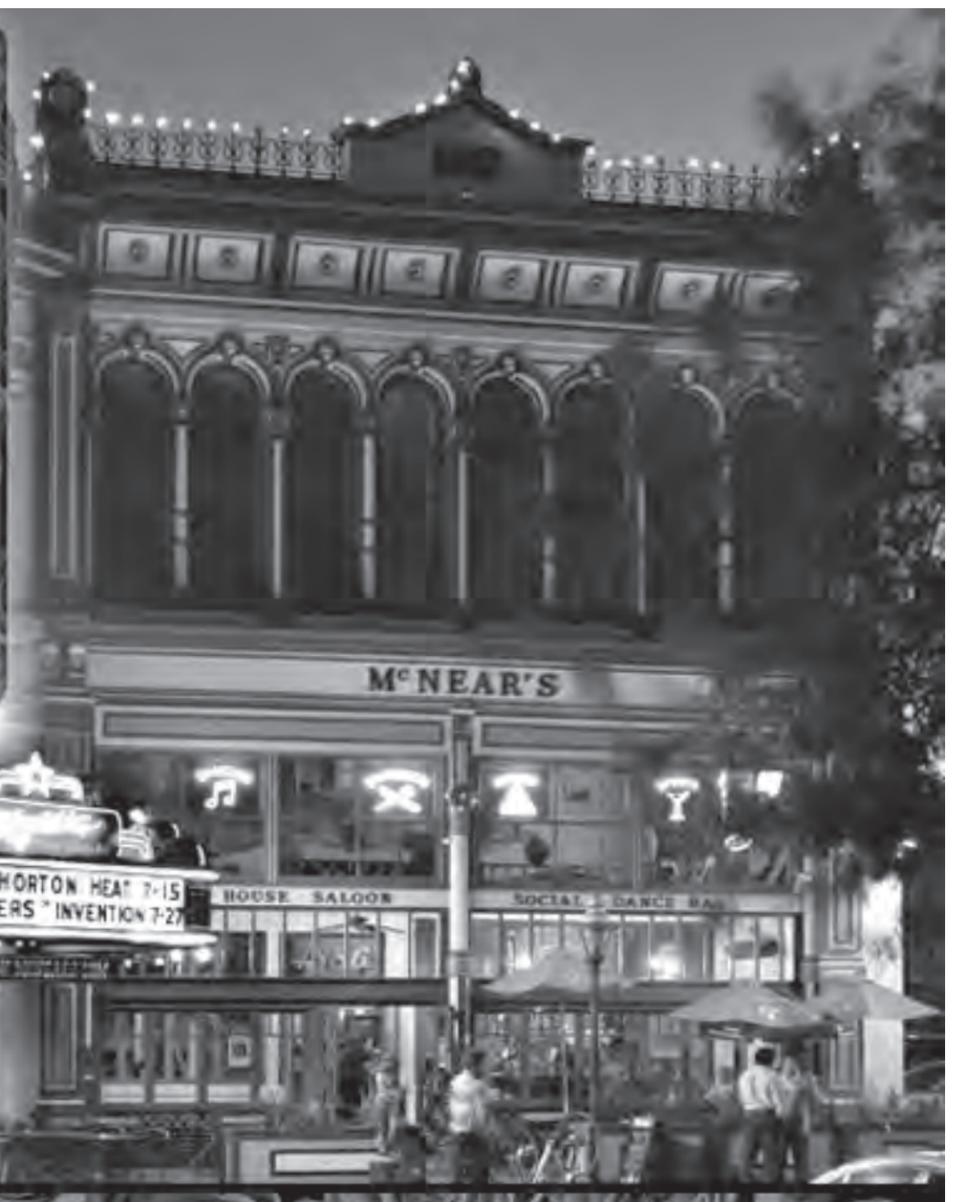
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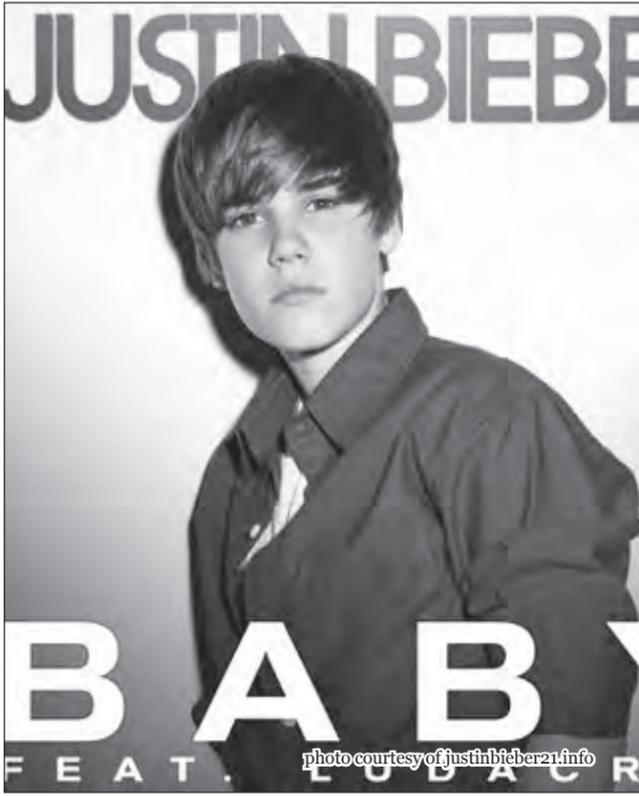


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CELEBRITIES

THEN AND NOW



JUSTIN BIEBER

Then...

by Electra Holberton

In 1994, in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, a pop star named Justin Bieber was born. This teenage heartthrob grew up singing with his mom and in talent competitions. When Justin's mom posted a video online of him singing at a competition where he placed second in 2007, a talent finder named Scooter Braun noticed him. Braun was very impressed with the video and immediately contacted Bieber's mother Pattie, about working with Justin. When Braun finally convinced Bieber's mother to let him be his agent, he arranged for Justin to meet hip hop star Usher. Bieber then signed with Island records and his career took off. Bieber released his debut album, *My World*, in November of 2009. It was certified Platinum in the United States. He became the first artist to have seven songs from a debut record to hit the Billboard Hot 100. In 2010 he released his first full album called, *My World 2.0*. The album was either number one or slightly lower in several countries and was platinum in the U.S. The album was led by his single "Baby". Bieber's early career highlighted innocent songs about tween relationships with a classic love-and-loss focus as well as "inspirational" music such as "Never Say Never".



Now...

Since 2010 Justin Bieber has had many achievements. He has been featured in songs by other artists, made more number one songs, and had movies made about him. In 2011 Justin Bieber started recording his album *Believe* on which the leading song was "Boyfriend". On December 4th, 2014 Justin Bieber appeared on The Ellen Degeneres Show and announced the release of his new album *Believe Acoustic*. Ever since then, Bieber has continued to make many popular albums such as *Journals* and a Christmas album, *Under the Mistletoe*. Bieber has also appeared on many tracks with various artists such as Nicki Minaj, Lil' Twist, Miley Cyrus, Big Sean, Diplo, Carly Rae Jepsen, etc. Justin Bieber continues to be successful and remains in the public eye. However, Bieber's reputation as a tween heartthrob and child star came forcibly to an end with legal and moral trouble in his later teen years. On January 23rd, 2014, Bieber was arrested for ordering his body guards to beat up a photographer outside a Buenos Aires nightclub. Bieber was also charged for reckless driving in a neighborhood in 2012 and charged for vandalism in Brazil in 2013. One of Bieber's neighbors in Calabas, California accused Justin of throwing eggs at his home and causing thousands of dollars worth of damage. As it so often happens with child stars, Bieber had to prove to the world that he wasn't the innocent child star he once was, and did so by showing us the opposite of innocence and propriety.

Celebrities Then and Now

NICKI MINAJ

Before...

by Aj Shaheen

Onika Tanya Maraj was born on December 8, 1982 in Saint James, Trinidad and Tobago. Maraj grew up in Queens, New York with her mother after her father tried to burn down her childhood home to kill her mother. Onika and her friends loved listening to Jay Z as they grew up, and Foxy Brown, a female rapper, had a great influence on her. Onika Maraj got into rapping and dropped 3 mixtapes from 2007-2009 under her stage name Nicki Minaj, and was recognized

by the 2008 Underground Music awards as the Female Artist of the Year. The rapper and singer/songwriter was discovered by fellow popular rapper Lil' Wayne and she signed a recording contract with his Young Money Entertainment labels in late 2009. This sparked her wildly successful musical career, which has been accompanied by great media fame, including a place on the judging panel of *American Idol* 2013 and even a couple acting roles.

After...

Nicki Minaj had her breakthrough with her first album, *Pink Friday*, on November 19, 2010, and it went platinum the next month. In April, 2012, she released her second widely popular album *Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded*.

During the following year, Minaj was a main judge on the twelfth season of *American Idol*, and she had a *Pink Friday* Tour and a *Roman Reloaded* tour scheduled around the same time. Nicki Minaj's third and most anticipated album, *The Pinkprint*, was released in December of 2014. Nicki Minaj is extremely flamboyant, outspoken, and has a unique way of rapping with defined beliefs. When Minaj raps, she tries to subdue her sexuality so that "people, especially young girls, know that in life, nothing is going to be based on sex appeal. You have to have some-

thing other than that." Nicki competes with both male and female rappers, and even referred to herself as the "king" in "Moment 4 Life" on *Pink Friday*. Nicki Minaj's unique rap flow is very animated, and she incorporates genius metaphors and wordplay. She raps about real life, and tries to connect to her roots of hip hop. Her music takes after Foxy Brown and Jay Z, but has been mentored by Lil' Wayne (Minaj tributed him by calling herself "the female Weezy" in "Stupid Hoe" of *Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded*). Nicki has wild explorations of fashion, wearing dresses that have been called "crazy" by Yahoo, which also said that "the fashion world would certainly be very quiet without Ms. Minaj". Minaj is well known for wearing flamboyant wigs as well. Nicki Minaj has created alter egos for herself to assume when in

different moods in order to express herself in a variety of ways. The most common, Roman Zolanski, is a homosexual man with orange hair that "lives in her body". Nicki's second album was named for him.

Overall, Nicki Minaj is extremely diverse in her music, fashion, and personality. Her work has been nominated for seven Grammys and won awards stretching from the AMA's to the MTV VMA's and to the BET Awards. She is one of the greatest musicians of this generation and will be remembered for a very long time.



Anaconda single cover



Pink Print album cover

Before...

by Grace Griffith

Actress/singer Miley Cyrus, daughter of '90s country star Billy Ray Cyrus, achieved early fame as the star of Disney's *Hannah Montana* series and went on to become a hugely successful pop artist. She was born on November 23, 1992, in Franklin, Tennessee. She began acting at a young age, appearing on her father's television series, *Doc*, and in Tim Burton's *Big Fish*. In 2004, Cyrus landed the starring role on Disney's hit show *Hannah Montana*. Since then, she's starred in films like *The Last Song* (2010); released several successful albums, including *Breakout* (2008), *Can't Be Tamed* (2010) and

MILEY CYRUS

Bangerz (2013); and become known for hits like "Party in the U.S.A." and "We Can't Stop." Born Destiny Hope Cyrus, in Franklin, Tennessee, Destiny later changed her name to "Miley," the nickname she was given as a baby for often smiling.

In 2004, Cyrus beat out 1,000 hopefuls to land the starring role of Miley Stewart on the hit Disney show *Hannah Montana*. The tween series features a young pop superstar (Montana) who hides her celebrity identity to be an everyday teen in real life (Stewart). To accommodate filming, the entire family moved to

Los Angeles, California, in 2005; Billy Ray plays her fictional dad-manager on the show. Cyrus released a successful *Hannah Montana* soundtrack album in 2006. In 2007, Cyrus's double album, *Hannah Montana 2: Meet Miley Cyrus*, launched a tour: "Best of Both Worlds." The concert series sold out in record time, and the show was extended by 14 dates to help placate disappointed fans. Her successful 3-D concert film collected \$31.3 million during its opening weekend in February 2008. Cyrus reportedly earned \$18.2 million in 2007. Miley has since then redefined herself and her music.

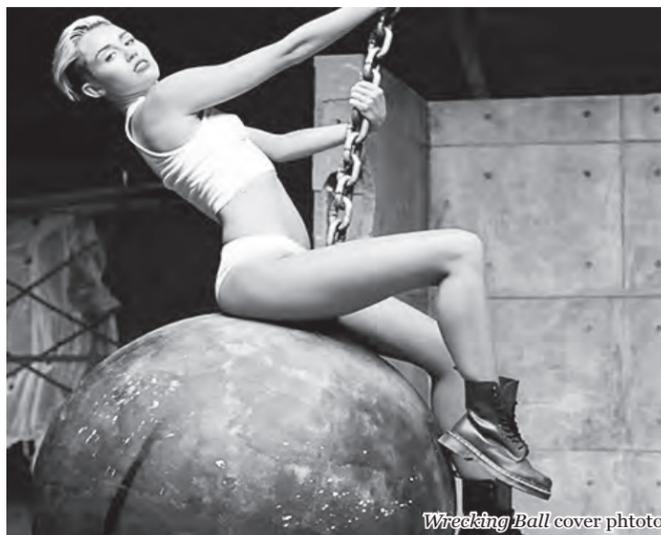


SONGS FROM Hannah Montana album cover

After...

by Tyra McQuilla

In August 2010 at the Teen Choice awards, Miley Cyrus performed her new hit single *Party in the USA*, while dancing on a pole. She wore a tight, questionable outfit that parents disagreed with. That began the rumors of Cyrus wanting to "escape" from the Disney Channel industry, though Cyrus was still working with Disney. In 2010, Cyrus starred in the romantic drama, *The Last Song*, a film based on the novel of the same name by Nicholas Sparks. Her on screen love interest, Liam Hemsworth, became her real life boyfriend. In March, they confirmed their relationship to the public at their red carpet premiere of their movie. During that time, Cyrus was just finishing up filming her show, *Hannah Montana*. Miley then took her next daring step in her career by coming out with her next album, *Can't Be Tamed*. The album cover featured her wearing mostly leather and showing a lot of skin. She came out with two scandalous videos for songs, *Can't Be Tamed* and *Who Owns My Heart*. Both videos caught the attention of teens and young adults who never thought of Miley as an edgy pop artist. When the *Hannah Montana* season finale showed in January 2011, Cyrus let loose of all morals and held nothing back. In 2012, her second big



Wrecking Ball cover photo

RomCom *LOL* came out on DVD. Soon after the movie, Cyrus showed the world her shocking decision to cut off all her hair. Surprisingly she got much hate for the change, but not as much hate as she got when the music video for her new single *We Can't Stop* came out on June 19, 2013. The video showed Cyrus at a party with her companions

doing strange things that Dad, AKA Billy Ray, would not approve of. Cyrus then created her new image of sticking out her tongue. On August 25, 2013, Cyrus performed her hit song along with Robin Thicke. The *Rolling Stone* said, "There were dancing teddy bears, an overused foam finger, an unflattering flesh-colored bikini, some very obvious groping and twerking - lots and lots of twerking. For lack of a better term, it was a hot mess." Soon after, Cyrus came out with her music video for hit song, *Wrecking ball*. In the video she performed her song naked, on a wrecking ball. She occasionally cried into the camera and licked a sledgehammer. Cyrus came out with her CD *Bangerz* October 4, 2013, which featured other famous pop artist such as, Britney Spears, Big Sean, French Montana, and Ludacris. At this time, Cyrus was engaged to Hemsworth, but that soon ended in September 2013. Even though the breakup took a toll on Cyrus, she continued her career by starting her *Bangerz World Tour* on February 14, 2014 - October 23, 2014. After her tour she continued to party and live her life when she met Patrick Schwarzenegger, the son of Arnold and Maria Schwarzenegger. They made their relationship public in 2014. As of today, Miley Cyrus has released her *Bangerz: Live* album and continues to make music and history in our culture with her fashion choices and memorable concerts.



Happy Mother's Day



photo by Tyra McQuilla



photo by Tyra McQuilla



photo by Tyra McQuilla

“My favorite thing to do for my mom on Mother’s Day is cook her breakfast.”
-**Kyle Medeiros**, Sophomore

“My favorite part about Mother’s Day is being able to give back to someone who has given me everything.”
- **Kirsten Stump**, Senior

“The best part about Mother’s Day is making my mother happy and repaying her for all the things she does.”
- **Sterling Prieto**, Junior

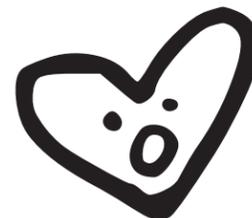
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Expires: 5/5/2015



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Enough is enough, Mom! I’ll clean the toilet.. Sometime soon..

Expires: 6/4/2015



Free argument winner

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Expires: 12/25/2015



RANDOM 5 QUESTION ASSAULT

Watch Out
you could
be next!



Photo by Grace Griffith

Hannah Machado

Sophomore

What is your favorite breakfast food?

Chocolate Chip Pancakes.

What is your go to dance move?

The sprinkler.

On a scale of 1-10 how much do Furbies scare you?

Four.

What is your favorite Geico commercial?

The one where it's like, "Can you really hear that tree falling?"

Do you believe in the Illuminati?

Yes.

RANDOM 5 QUESTION ASSAULT

KEMPTON BRANDIS

Freshman

What is your imaginary friends name?

Shane.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Petaluma?

Mi Pueblo.

Why should you be the next American Idol?

Because I'm awesome.

What is your go-to dance move?

The Kemp-tasnic.

What is your favorite juice?

Pineapple.

RANDOM 5 QUESTION ASSAULT



Photo by Electra Holberton



Photo by Grace Griffith

Lana Spring

Sophomore

What is your favorite type of salad?

The oriental salad from the cafeteria.

If you could have one superpower what would it be?

Teleportation.

If you could be any noodle, what would you be?

Couscous.

Is OJ innocent?

Yes.

What is your favorite juice?

Apple Juice.

RANDOM 5 QUESTION ASSAULT

GARRET TEAGARDEN

Junior

How many siblings do you have?

Two, Jenna Teagarden and Nicole Teagarden.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Superman.

Who is your favorite Power Ranger?

The Red Power Ranger.

How many people have you killed?

10.

If you could have a superpower what would it be?

To fly, that goes with the Superman one.

What is your favorite ocean?

The Pacific one.

RANDOM 5 QUESTION ASSAULT



Photo by AJ Shaheen

McControversy



Stills from the commercial featuring various shots of Petaluma, a couple eating, and the Egg White Delight McMuffin the commercial was about.

by Connor Filippi

This March, juggernaut fast-food corporation, McDonald's, surprised many when they debuted a new TV commercial set right here in Petaluma. Advertising their new Egg White Delight McMuffin, they chose Petaluma for its small town charm and well known history of poultry production which once made it the "Egg Capital of the World". It featured historic downtown with shots of the Mystic Theatre, the Downtown clock tower, and Kentucky Street as well as the city limits sign in the back roads of the town. A scene also portrayed a group of people eating at a small diner talking to a waiter pouring coffee to show an image of small town camaraderie. The end of the commercial shows a group of people eating the before mentioned sandwich at a McDonald's restaurant that does not appear to resemble the ones found here. Despite receiving national attention, many residents were unhappy with the por-

trayal of the town in the commercial and some went as far as taking offense to it. Others, however, thought the commercial did a good job showing Petaluma in a positive light.

One such positive opinion was that of teacher Mrs. Binh, whose family owned the largest egg hatchery in the world. She said about the commercial, "When I first saw it, I thought 'oh, great Petaluma.' I had no idea it was a McDonald's commercial and I'm like oh how cute." She went on to say, "I wasn't offended. I knew a lot of people are. They showed Kentucky Street, which is a nice little part in our town [and] the back roads which were beautiful. I wasn't offended at all, but I see why some people are. We, in the business my husband's family had, don't feel offended at all". Other people felt the Petaluma Downtown Association, who McDonald's worked with during the filming, sold the town out. A statement made

on the association's FaceBook page addressed these criticisms. "Really! Sold out!" the post said, "The producers followed all Petaluma Filming Guidelines, were polite and considerate of local businesses as expected from ANY filming crew. We don't get to discriminate who gets to film and who does not, unless it's really controversial. We have had many major brands film here. Just last year we had Budweiser and a major tire company make commercials". Another person to speak in favor of the ad was the Press Democrat's reporter Chris Smith. He asked in an article "Is it absurd for its folksy images, music and narrative to suggest that a breakfast experience at McDonald's is essentially the same as that at a neighborly, small-town diner?" For McDonald's to evoke the wholesome, down-home charm of Petaluma is no worse than the Corona beer commercials that would have us sense that to

pop the cap will transport us into a lounge chair on the beach. Or those shampoo commercials that have men going wild as the flick of a head unleashes a glimmering, slow-motion wave of sensuality."

An opposing opinion made by Jon Bixler of Positively Petaluma, argued that "Well, now that is lovely. Let's see if we can't promote some of the local businesses. You know, the ones that hire local, purchase local, deposit their dollars local and participate in their local community. Is this really who we want to be associated with?". Radio personality Brent Farris, host of KZST, identified many of the problems residents had in an open letter Farris explained that many people told him "McDonald's does not represent Petaluma, they should take it off the air, I should be ashamed for telling people about it." Farris himself said he was "proud to live in a place so incredibly gorgeous that a huge company like McDonald's... would want to film here." and dubbed those not in favor, "The Whiners of Wine County."



Picture of the Binh Hatchery. Founded in 1904, it was once the biggest hatchery in the world and helped make Petaluma become known for it's eggs. Photo courtesy of the Bihn family.



The commercial was partially filmed at one of Petaluma's own McDonalds located on North McDowell and East Washington. Production took place on Thursday February 18, 2015