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Kaleidoscope Dance Show



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Senior Shayna Berkowitz and junior Lizzie Walls perform their dance "Savage" at the dance show on May 21 in the MCHS Theater.

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\$15 minimum wage bill proposed

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Junior Mygan Tran made \$9 an hour working as a photographer at the mall for Easter this spring. Working four hours a day, she made \$180 per week. Starting next summer, she may be able to work the same hours and earn \$300 instead. This is due to the new Minimum Wage bill that, if passed, would raise the minimum wage of workers in California to at least \$15 an hour.

Every year, a huge number of MCHS students try to get their work permits before vacation. Depending upon the family and its status, the money made by students can be extremely important or not matter at all. For those students at MCHS who don't depend entirely on this wage and get substantial support from their families, they may not see the opportunity that this bill may bring.

Along with Tran, Gabby Bernhardt and some other juniors worked during summer as well. They made use of their vacation time to make some extra money. Bernhardt said, "we worked as photographers, greeters and the 'bunny' for about four hours a day,

five days a week. The 'bunny' made about \$10 an hour while a photographer made about \$9 an hour."

Though Tran had a hard time with her work, she was happy with the \$9/hr pay she received. "For me \$9 for every hour is a good wage and helps me to afford things that my allowance won't."

Though Tran may be happy with \$9 per hour for a time-consuming job, she did agree that "for a person with no support system other than that job, life would be challenging."

Tran's parents are "quite supportive and would take care of [her] basic needs without hesitation." Though many students may consider this the usual trend, there are others who aren't as privileged and their lives depend on \$9/hr. One of those MCHS students is Senior Austin Notley.

Notley, at the MLK assembly, shocked everyone with his sad story, but demonstrated his hope to do well. Though his conditions seemed unbearable, his attitude made his problems seem conquerable. Prior to losing his job, Notley "worked over summer for a job that paid me about \$10 an hour." To him, it was his means of survival.

Unfortunately, he lost his job due to the fall of the company. Notley said that "even

when [he] had a job, [he] had to struggle to make the ends meet." For him, the \$10/hr minimum wage was a pretty good wage that he wouldn't turn down if offered again.

Due to Notley's dire conditions, he reacted to the \$15 minimum wage act with a wide smile and a belief "things would get better for everyone and make living in big cities with job opportunities possible."

However, a different kind of reaction was noted from students whose parents owned businesses that employed a good number of people. One of those students, Davis Chong, whose parents employ people at cafés in Kaiser Permanente in Santa Rosa and San Rafael, believes that the new law "could create problems for small businesses initially." However, he believes that paying \$15 per hour will cause problems for a short period only.

"Though there will be a hike in salaries and [the higher wages] will cause problems for small businesses, economies will stabilize and factors like inflation would bring the situation back to normal."

Chong also said that like most business owners, "his parents might face fluctuations in profits as well."

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Project Grad in jeopardy

Daksh Chauhan
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Maria Carrillo High School's much anticipated graduation bash, Project Grad, is in jeopardy this year due to a huge shortage of volunteers. With about 200 volunteers needed and, at press time, 44 short, the production that offers graduates a celebrative end to their four years may not run smoothly.

Project Grad was created to prevent graduating seniors from drinking, driving recklessly and taking drugs on their graduation night. As a result, since the school started Project Grad 19 years ago, there have been no dangerous incidents.

This year's Project Grad has seen a steep decline in the number of volunteers needed to man security, food and lively entertainment stations.

Though Project Grad will

take place this year, it is in jeopardy for future MCHS classes.

"Project Grad is a unique experience that every student at Maria Carrillo deserves," said JoAnn Chew, the president of Project Grad's planning committee, Sonoma County Project Graduation. "However, it is not possible without the support of parents."

Chew has been a part of organizing this grad party for a long time.

She said that "it is important to know that Project Grad isn't a school-funded event and is nothing if parents don't support it."

In her opinion, the "shortage of volunteers is primarily because the parents of lower classmen don't know much about this issue."

Chew added, "such an issue usually arises when parents don't get the mes-

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New mural on campus



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Senior Ascher Ramsay paints the Global Perspectives mural by L2.

Shane Toohey
staff writer

The Global Perspectives Core mural, located on the back of the K building, features two hands holding a plant that has just sprouted. The plant is surrounded by a pool of azure blue and white water. Floating atop the water is a quote from the novel, The Kite Runner: "What happens in a few days can change the course of a whole lifetime" The background of the mural is the earth done in blues and greens

and the atmosphere painted in black with white speckles representing stars.

The mural was inspired by the Global Perspectives Core program. This program is unique to MCHS as it is the only one in the Santa Rosa City Schools. The mural is in honor of the students which participate in the program each year. English teacher Joe Sims stated in an email that this mural is "the first step in a larger plan to make the G.P.C. even more

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Wages: students benefit

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The bill currently in debate is Senate Bill 3, and is aimed at modifying Section 1182.12 of the Labor Code. It was introduced by Senators Mark Leno and Connie M. Leyva of Northern California.

The previous law, issued on July 1, 2014, stated that the minimum wage in California has to be \$9 per hour. Senators Leno and Leyva's vision is for the minimum wage to keep growing every year until it hits \$15 per hour. After Jan. 1, 2016, they would like the minimum wage reaching \$11 per hour. A year later, on July 1, 2017, the minimum wage should reach \$13 per hour.

Therefore, if SB 3 wins, within the years 2018-2019, the bill will make the minimum wage \$15 per hour, increasing today's minimum wage by 66.67 percent.

The purpose of Leno and Leyva's bill is to give the money to low income families. California has the highest poverty rate in the nation, and with this bill, they plan to change that.

"Though California's unemployment rate is now 7.3 percent and greater numbers of Inland Empire residents are finally finding jobs, there is no doubt that our state's lowest paid workers are still struggling to make ends meet and provide for their families," Leyva said.

"There is still a huge need for childcare, early care and education, for other aspects of our social safety net," Leno said. Raising the minimum wage will therefore benefit those who are in poverty and those who aren't.

Pressure to raise the minimum wage has been building up around the country, especially in Los Angeles where the housing costs is one of the highest in the nation. On May 19, 2015, the Los Angeles City Council gave initial approval in raising the minimum wage to \$15/hr by 2020.

The council voted 14-1 after many residents made impassioned statements to raise the minimum wage.

The one dissenting vote was made by Councilman Mitchell Englander, who felt that many businesses would cut working hours and jobs if the minimum wage increased.

Nationwide, several labor unions have called for increasing wages for low paid workers such as hotel cleaners, fast food clerks and chain store employees. Just last month, events around the nation have pressured fast food chains such as McDonalds, Burger King and Wendy's to pay their workers at least \$15/hr.

However, in many states, officials are worried that such measures as raising the local minimum wage could create a confusing patchwork of pay rates.

According to Chris Tilly, the director of the UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, the impact of raising the minimum wage in cities is debatable.

Due to the many opinions either for or against the plan that would increase the minimum wage, it is hard to come to a conclusion regarding the true effect it will have on people and businesses.

Change to come for Wi-Fi systems

Daksh Chauhan
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District of Santa Rosa plans to replace the current Wi-Fi systems at Maria Carrillo High School in November this year. Teachers, so far, have experienced a slow Wi-Fi speed which has caused problems with updating grades on Jupiter Grades and downloading important things for class. With a change or update in the antiquated Wi-Fi network, internet speed will get faster; students and teachers alike will find the connectivity and speed of the network quite productive for work. In turn, this will boost the school's productivity and will make for an easier time accessing databases used for grading and record-keeping.

Bob Grove, an MCHS science teacher is quite peeved by the Wi-Fi and is looking forward to a change. "I have had so many troubles with the Wi-Fi that I have started going home during my prep period," said Grove.

MCHS's Wi-Fi is weak primarily because the system that the former SRCS IT installed is weak and doesn't have the potential to provide satisfactory speed and sufficient data

to teachers for their purposes.

Kurt Kettenburg, MCHS social science teacher who has a lot of inside knowledge of the wiring and connection of the school's Wi-Fi, said, "the Wi-Fi chosen to be put in could have never supported MCHS."

"The problem that many teachers have before them is caused because our Wi-Fi system lacks a crucial transmitting component," said Kettenburg.

Another reason the Wi-Fi system is unable to distribute data properly is because of the improper installation of the system and the antiquated components that do not work well with modern devices.

"The hardware coming into school supports the Wi-Fi system. However, it is not a great way to distribute data," said Kettenburg.

That leaves MCHS with the choice of either replacing the transmitters of the system and solving a problem temporarily or replacing the entire system with a new, better one to have long-term results.

Kettenburg remarked that "the bandwidth that the SRCS buys is split within schools and then within teachers." He also said that with a poor

transmitting system, "we are creating bottlenecks that slow down the flow of data for the entire school."

But now, issues related to the Wi-Fi will be solved. This year, there are plans of replacing the Wi-Fi system with a more advanced one that may satisfy student needs as well. There are also talks going on to provide Wi-Fi for students to work productively with.

The current head of the Information Technology for SRCS, Rick Edson, stated, "I knew that the Wi-Fi system prior to my arrival here was terrible. That is why it is a necessity to replace it."

Though replacing the Wi-Fi would be expensive, Edson believes that such a step will have positive long term results.

"The money we'll spend will be determined by a public bid. The cheapest one to support the needs of the Santa Rosa city schools will probably seal the deal," said Edson.

The new Wi-Fi installation is scheduled to be completed in Nov 2015. This new Wi-Fi will be able to support the demands of students as well as teachers and will bolster the productivity of MCHS.

Why seniors can't have reserved parking



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Senior row stands full during a typical MCHS school day.

Illy Harris
staff writer

Creatively designed, brightly colored, and uniquely painted parking spots are seen throughout Montgomery High School's parking lot. A dark red and black checkered space with the words "Class of 2015" written boldly on a space in the parking lot at MHS.

However, Maria Carrillo High School is not allowed this opportunity, while MHS is given the freedom of purchasing and decorating their parking spots as they please.

Montgomery High School sold each parking space to the class of 2015 for a mere \$30. Although, a great bonding experience for the senior class, there were cons which included the lack of donated paint which lead to the very pricy purchase of enough paint for each student to create their space, and also the hassle of cleaning up the spaces.

"We chose to volunteer because we want to support the seniors in hopes that other parents will support our daughters when they are seniors" said Anthony van Winden.

Such a severe lack of volunteers surprises many of MCHS's staff members who in past years have been involved in Project Grad. One past-volunteer includes Lorie Banks, a

part-time fill-in for Lisa Greenstein, the school's attendance technician, who has been involved with Project Grad since 2009.

"The Project Grad party is funded by parent donations and fundraisers. It costs us somewhere between \$30,000 to \$40,000 and is a result of the hard work of parents who support it," said Banks.

ute to school spirit. We could even use it as a fundraiser for the school."

Another benefit to having owned spaces would be reduced tardiness, if students were allowed to go directly to their spot as opposed to circling the lot until a spot is available.

"I think if everyone could buy a space and design it how they want, people would have this reserved place," said junior Hanna Monette. "It would help everyone get to their spot right away and then people could get into school on time. It might even help with the issue of kids parking in the teacher lot or sophomores parking in the student lot."

Junior Savannah Bertrand believes that it "would be beneficial because it would promote school spirit which is important for upper classmen."

However, some students disagree with this idea.

There are complications with the system, such as drama with the spaces or cleaning up every year.

Sophomore Sophie Scheiner said, "I don't think seniors should be able to paint their own parking spot because it will be a hassle to have to repaint over something every year."

While some would think that it would resolve tardiness, others do not.

Junior Taylor Downing said, "No, its a parking lot, you don't claim spots. Take whatever is available and seniors quit complaining about senior parking and get to school earlier."

Mural: GPC inspired

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memorable and engaging".

The idea of the mural came from a final in Sims' freshman English class. Students were required to write a story that involved one character from each novel they read throughout the year. Student Gianna Gathman took the assignment a step further and evolved it into a collage that incorporated symbols from both her English and Humanities classes. When Sims saw Gathman's rough draft, he was very impressed by it so he shared it with his fellow teachers. When former MCHS teacher Natasha Deakins saw the rough draft, she thought that it would look great on a t-shirt, or as a mural on the back of the K building. After revising her rough draft, a second incarnation of the mural was created. At which point, Sims asked art teacher Adele Mitchell if she would help with executing the mural. Soon after she agreed and brought some of her most talented pupils to help create the mural. Fol-

lowing two meetings, the two teachers decided to develop the concept of the mural further, the many symbols were removed and replaced by one dominant image and a quote from "The Kite Runner".

Students Asher Ramsay, Ashley Eastman, Gianna Gathman and Ksenia Zhizhimontova, along with Mitchell were in charge of creating the painting of the mural.

Santa Rosa City Schools generously provided the manpower to prime the wall, paint brushes and paint rollers. The remainder of the funding for paint and other necessities came from ASB, which had to vote on funding the project.

The Global Perspectives Core Mural is just one of a few murals that will be popping up all over the MCHS campus.

Art teacher Catherine Borchert's students are working on a mural that will be made next to the "Dream Big" mural located on the metal doors of the D Building.

Grad: 44 empty volunteer positions left to fill for 'party of the year'

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sages and information about this program."

Though Chew said that lack of awareness among parents may only be one reason for shortage of volunteers, she supports her organization, saying it put in a lot of effort to get the message out.

"We start giving out mes-

sages about Project Grad as early as orientation day," said Chew.

Those messages are relayed in the form of online announcements, e-mail updates, letters home and through certain promotional school events.

Diana and Anthony van Winden are two parent volunteers who have helped with Project Grad the last two years.

According to Banks, who has been serving as a volunteer at the Project Grad for six years, "the Project Grad party is a phenomenal event during which parents have a huge opportunity to get together with other parents. I also believe that is the best event to conclude the year and get to know more about events that will occur the following year."

MCHS spring sports end with some highs, lows

Natalie van Winden
business manager

Track

Both girls and boys varsity teams went undefeated for this year's track season. Boys placed first at NBL's and girls took second to Santa Rosa. There were tons of new Personal Records for many athletes this season and a lot of new additions to the record boards.

Some key athletes included Alex Netherda, Lucy Seagraves, and Kelsi Avana with hurdles, Jordan Rosado and Rebecca Plattus with jumps, Morgan Lynch, Hallie Aanerson, and Lucas Tressider with throws. Shaz Breedlove and Shannon Palladino dominated with distance and Assata Polk and Amy Glaser with sprints. The men won NCS Redwood on May 23.

Softball

The girls' softball team ended in fourth place this year with eight wins and six losses. This season held new challenges for the lady pumas including tough competition from Rancho Cotati and Ukiah High Schools.

Malia Donovan and Randi McMahan are the seniors who will not be returning next year.



Kelsi Avana competes in the 300 hurdles during the Viking Invitational April 25 at Montgomery High.

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Swim and Dive

This year's swim and dive team went undefeated, crushed the NBL Championships and JV won JV Champs. Varsity captains Jack Niles, Stefan Keller, Victoria Le, and Kayla Frank led the team to its fourth undefeated season.

At NCS, Niles and Daniel Virtue, junior, qualified for 500 freestyle at NCS and Piper Brockley, junior, and Keller qualified for the 200 Individual Medley and Le and sophomore Sasha Fong qualified for the 100 Butterfly. The girl's medley relay, including swim-

mers Fong, Brockley, Le and Frank, made finals and missed the state cut by 0.1 seconds. Brockley made finals in both of her individual races and Keller made the consolation finals in the 200 IM. Niles got alternate position for the 500 while Brockley qualified for

state and placed sixth in the 200 IM. The swim team ended 8-0 in regular NBL play.

Baseball

The men's baseball team made it to NCS playoffs this year and after going on a 22 game winning streak, they fell to Marin Catholic on May 23. The Pumas had a phenomenal season, won the NBL championship and were seeded No. 4 going into NCS. They finished with a 25-3 record overall with their only losses being Cardinal Newman and Marin Catholic. They are playing for the North Coast Section Championships on June 6 as of press time.

Badminton

The badminton team made it to NCS this year and competed well. The regular season ran from February to mid-May, ending last week with NCS.

Men's Golf

The golf team won the NBL Championships, but faced tough competition afterwards. The last match for this year's MCHS golfers was against a various amount of teams from the North Bay, bringing a lot of good competition to the course.

The men won the NBL Championship match, but not the overall league championship ending in second place.

Rowing rising in popularity



Photo courtesy of Francesca Scardino

The NBRC women's eight cruises into the dock after a race.

Tejoni Johnson
staff writer

Looking to test your physical and mental boundaries out on the open water? Some Maria Carrillo High School students have branched out to do this by joining the North Bay Rowing Club (NBRC).

Back in December, Maria Carrillo High School senior Francesca Scardino joined the NBRC.

She rows competitively on the team along with four other MCHS students, senior Oliver

Clarke, and sophomores Andrew Natoli, Ben Holm and Wilder Grey.

"I love the sport and it gives you a great feeling of being on the water, yet not exactly in it and although our races are very competitive, it's nice to know that you have 3 other people [or so] to finish with you on your team" said Scardino.

NBRC competes against other clubs including Oakland Strokes, Marin Rowing Association and Norcal and offers opportunities for rowers of

all ages and all skill levels to learn, improve and race.

"Practices are a lot of hard work to be honest. Our workouts were either erging which is on the machine (on land days) and ab workouts or running," said Scardino. "Rowing in general is a very competitive sport because they offer a lot of scholarships for women especially colleges on the East coast."

Compared to other competitive rowing teams, like the Marin Rowing Associations, NBRC is relatively small.

"It's more of like a family because we are a small team" said Natoli. "I row with seven other guys and the guy that steers the boat."

Natoli joined the rowing team the summer of 2012 after hearing about it from his friend, Ben Holm.

"The main boat house is down in Petaluma. We row against a number of different rowing teams," added Natoli. "It's definitely an experience you should have at least once."

Founded in 1984, NBRC has a growing Junior program and offers lessons and summer camps for interested athletic youth.

"Honestly, we have a lot of great athletes at Carrillo and I think everyone should come out and try it! It's such a fun sport and there's a lot of great people on our team too!" said Scardino.

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Dacotah Northcroft-Santa Rosa Junior College
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Dani Nunn- University of California San Diego
Erik Nunn- University of California San Diego

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Sean O'Donnell- Cal Poly (SLO)
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Megan Oleson- CSU San Diego
Morgan Olhiser- Azusa Pacific University
Christopher Olson- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miguel Olvera- Santa Rosa Junior College
Emma Opel- CSU Sonoma
Nathan Ostrander- Rochester Institute of Technology
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Christianna Overshiner-Juarez- Santa Rosa Junior College

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Darby Pierce- Santa Rosa Junior College
Matthew Pitchford- Santa Rosa Junior College
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Shannon Strawn- Santa Rosa Junior College
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Paige Sweet- Santa Rosa Junior College

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Naosuke Yamaguchi- Santa Rosa Junior College
Kathryn Yin- University of Chicago
Mira Yocom- Santa Rosa Junior College

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Diana Zarco- Santa Rosa Junior College

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SRJC: 180 students (50%)

University of California: 25 students

California State University: 36 students

Trade School: 6 students

CSU San Diego: 10 students

Undecided: 5 students

Armed Forces: 2 students

Work: 3 students

Travel: 3 students

Total: 360 students*

*Students not listed did not return their survey



The Stuffed Crust Theory: Dessert

By Illy Harris and Shayan Kaveh
Moustache Baked Goods

Just outside the Healdsburg Square, this petite, modern-styled bakery, serves an assortment of vibrant cupcakes and breathtaking macarons. Moustache presents a case filled with creatively decorated desserts.

We tried the three most popular cupcakes and two macarons. The Misses, a vanilla cupcake with vanilla bean frosting, had a moist, creamy consistency. The sea salt caramel chocolate cupcake, The Outlaw, is the most popular cupcake. The third cupcake, The Beekeeper, was a meyer lemon cake infused with honey, topped with a lavender frosting that stuck on my tastebuds all day. The lavender and chocolate espresso macarons balanced crunchy and creamy to the perfect extent.

Moustache also offers a variety of drinks, including an earthy, homemade chai and Fourbarrel coffee.

The Noble Folk
An ice cream and pie bar, The Noble Folk has a similar ambiance to Moustache, but serves original flavored ice creams, such as Japanese Purple Yam, and heritage pies.

The hipster themed bakery, located in the center of the Healdsburg Square, had a relaxed atmosphere, with a park just across the street.

The pie we tried was the passionfruit mud pie- a thick passionfruit cream slathered on an oreo mud crust. The unique passionfruit cream seemed strange at first, but quickly grew on me. It was a fluffy cream with a distinct tangy flavor that fused well with the chocolate mouse and crust. We also tried the swiss chocolate ice cream on a homemade cone with tiny candy flower toppings.

The Five People You Meet in Heaven: book review

Mary Kelleher
photo editor

“It may seem strange to start a story with an ending,” writes Mitch Albom. “But all ending are also beginnings. We just don’t know it at the time.”

So begins Mitch Albom’s 2003 #1 New York Times best-seller *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, the heartwarming tale of a maintenance man named Eddie and the life he finds after death. Although this novel is not new, the messages that it reveals are still important and relevant today. Following in the footsteps of Albom’s beloved memoir *Tuesdays With Morrie*, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* is sweet, thoughtful, and clever. Eddie is a widowed handyman

at Ruby Pier, the amusement park that he grew up near.

One day, under the warm summer sun, Eddie dies saving the life of a little girl falling out of a malfunctioning roller coaster. The ride crashes over him, he sees a flash of light and then his world melts into nothing.

Eddie’s last moment on Earth is just the beginning of his journey. Dazed, confused, and free from any worry or pain, Eddie is visited by five people who impacted his life. From loved ones to strangers who shifted the direction of his life, the people Eddie meets reveal pieces of his past and show him that his life is not yet complete: it is only beginning.

Eddie’s people give him a

new understanding of his life on earth. The first person he meets, a deformed man from the “World’s Most Curious Citizens” show at Ruby Pier from his boyhood, shows him that Eddie’s life reached further than he had thought. After discovering that he impacted this circus performer’s life in a profound way, Eddie continues to revisit his experience in World War II and other important periods in his life, meeting unlikely people along the way.

Although the premise of the novel may seem dark, the story is happy and entertaining. Rather than revealing the grief of Eddie’s death, Albom acknowledges that it takes many people to make a life complete and full of love.

The Five People You Meet in Heaven is especially unique because of its light tone and sweet message.

The book’s style is unique and takes some getting used to: rather than having traditional chapters, Albom separates Eddie’s experience in the afterlife with flashbacks to his birthdays throughout the years.

Initially this format can be disorienting, but as the book continues it becomes a part of the rhythm of the novel and gives depth to Eddie’s story.

Although the novel is short, it covers the story completely and offers a satisfying ending. For only \$15.00 at Copperfield’s Books, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* is certainly worth a try.

Who is the victor in battle between DC, Marvel?

Kelli Woodward
staff writer

Lola Collaso
staff writer

DC: As the comic book industry grows, namely DC and Marvel, their rivalry does as well. Though I really don’t know how it can even be called a competition, since 90% of Marvel is a rip-off of DC anyway.

Marvel: Is that an actual statistic? In case it isn’t, here’s a real fact: DC comics in full form stands for Detective Comics comics.

DC: If you’re going to mention stupid acronyms, then you should probably bring up S.H.I.E.L.D. I mean Strategic Homeland Intervention, Enforcement and Logistics Division, really?

Marvel: That is an obvious sentimental homage to the late Captain America, and at least Marvel is laid back enough to make fun of themselves for it, as occurred during the first episode of *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*

DC: Oh, yes. Let’s talk about TV shows. Bringing up S.H.I.E.L.D. probably wasn’t a good idea. I have yet to have seen a cheesier and more poorly acted super hero show, and I’ve watched all 10 seasons of *Smallville*.

Marvel: *Agents of SHIELD* is revolutionary as the first TV show to currently take place in the same universe as other Marvel movies. Why is it again that Superman, Batman, and Wonderwoman aren’t allowed to grace the smaller screen in a live-action format?

DC: Probably because DC doesn’t want to deal with the billion continuity errors that Marvel has. And though the DC cinematic universe isn’t connected to the TV shows, *The Flash*, *Arrow*, *Supergirl* and *Legends of Tomorrow* are all connected.

Marvel: Interesting how there wasn’t even a DC cinematic universe until Marvel started theirs, bringing a younger and more mainstream fanbase into their midst. As for the TV shows produced by the CW, the same network that makes *Gossip Girl* and *The Vampire Diaries*, *Arrow* is an obvious attempt to appeal to Batfans as, much like his original comic book counterpart, he is a cheap knockoff. Additionally, *Arrow* is drama and an overdose of substance, while the *Flash* is too lighthearted for a weekly show that often ends in death.

DC: It’s funny that you’re talking about ‘cheap knock-offs’ when there’s the X-men, a group of misfit, super powered teenagers who are misunderstood by the rest of society and led by a genius paraplegic. The X-men debuted three months after DC introduced the *Doom Patrol*, a different group of misfit, super powered teenagers who are misunderstood by the rest of society and led by a genius paraplegic. And Disney has absolutely ruined the films, creating washed down blockbusters with little regard for their comic book history.

Marvel: Disney is a conglomerate giant. More funding means more movies means more happy fans. And as for the X-men, there is nothing new under the sun. At least Marvel was upfront about their poaching, like with *Deadpool*.

DC: Even if they are different, the existence of the X-men is only proof that Marvel’s success is built off DC’s. As for the movies, Marvel’s gotten a lot more money than DC recently, but that doesn’t mean the movies were particularly good. At this point, Marvel movies have become ridiculously repetitive. DC, though it’s had its ups and downs at least has a little mystery when it comes to films. Most of the

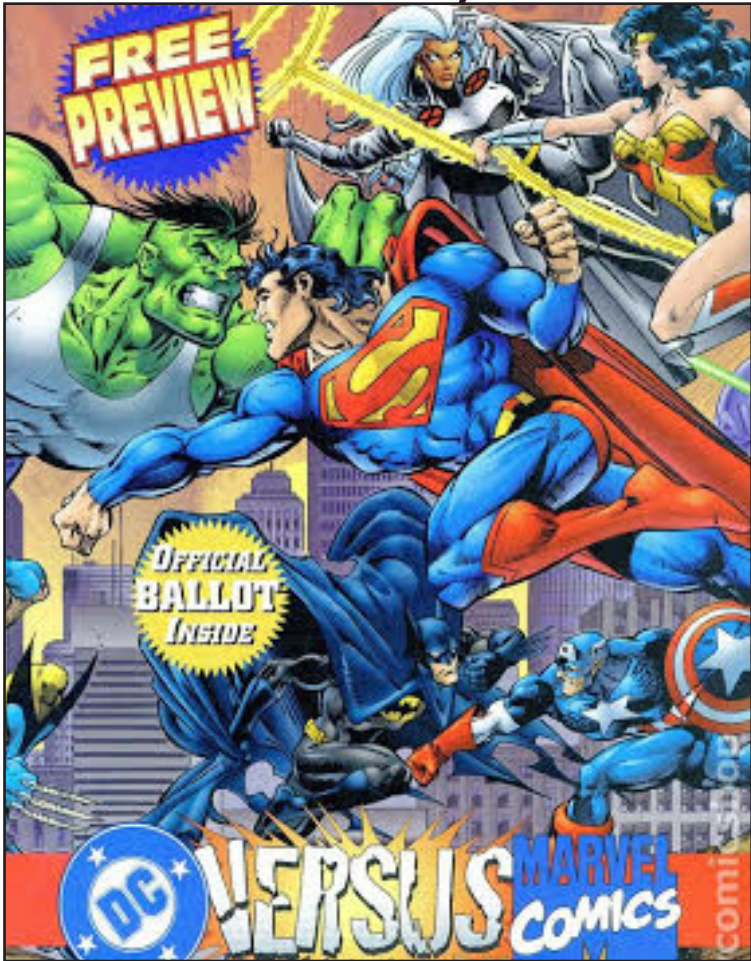


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Avengers: Age of Ultron plot was spoiled with all the promo released, and there wasn’t a single point during the movie where I thought, how are they are going to get out of this?

Marvel: DC fans have to wait several years for a new movie, and it’s likely to be a revamped Superman story, a twist on a Batman story, or in the most recent case, both. Marvel isn’t afraid to reach into their impressive vault of different heroes and groups to find something not well known, and they have enough confidence to make it well known. Marvel Cinematic Universe (the connected series of movies starting with *The Incredible Hulk*) movies consistently reach a fairly high bar.

Batman and Robin cannot say as much.

DC: Batman and Robin isn’t in the DC cinematic universe, but if we’re going to bring up those kind of movies, I’ll bring *Daredevil* to the table.

Marvel: It’s true, *Daredevil* is a poor film that squandered a lot of potential, and yet DC has recently chosen *Daredevil*’s lackluster actor to be it’s new Batman.

DC: It’s unfair to judge Affleck’s performance before the movie comes out. Example: Heath Ledger in *The Dark Knight*.

Marvel: Heath Ledger was the exception, not the rule, but Affleck won’t be condemned until he’s done the crime, so we’ll just have to wait and see.

Dance show demonstrates talent, passion of MCHS students

Shayan Kaveh
staff writer

Maria Carrillo High School dance groups performed their show, *Kaleidoscope*, to a large crowd for the first time thursday night. The two-hour show featured a balanced set of intermediate and advanced dance performances. The MCHS dancers portrayed powerful stories through dance, highlighted by student choreography and a fantastic song selection.

The dances created an unspoken theme of warriors, bat-

ling struggles of emotion and relationship. The dance classes fused modern and classical dance in few duets and many full class performances.

MCHS dance teacher Rose Henry commented, “The way the dancers put the show together makes me so proud and happy for my students.”

Some of the most memorable dances include “Going to the River,” choreographed by [I have the paper at home, sorry] of intermediate dance, which included the entire class in a delightful dance featuring the dancer’s unified skills. Advanced dance’s performance, *Tessellate*, choreographed by senior Ellie Bess, was a brazen dance that balanced the insanity and elegance of *Kaleidoscope*.

Unlike the other overtly passionate dances, junior Savannah Schloemp’s “Waiting for the Train” perfectly captured the emotions of waiting for public transportation and provided variety to the show.

The show also featured a poignant message in intermediate dance’s “I Want You To Know Mom.” The dancers brought life to a spoken word

poetry about the effects of drunk driving, drawing tears from the audience.

Less intense, junior Lizzie Wall’s choreography to “Work Song” boasted some of the prettiest costumes of the show and used shadows to emphasize the vitality and lividity of the dance.

From the audience, junior Aubry Hooks said, “The show was way more impressive than I expected. All the dancers were talented and their dances were enchanting.”

Junior Taylor Ford reflected on the show, appreciating “be-

ing on stage and showing what MCHS intermediate dance has to offer.”

The show ended with the senior dance, where the leaving seniors performed a raunchy dance highlighted by Calvin Ezrim’s appearance in a bare costume.

The seniors began the song in bulky outfits and began to strip to simple costumes portraying the dancers. The senior slideshow inspired awes throughout the crowd and ended *Kaleidoscope* with a loving thank you message to their teacher, Henry.

Ode to 2015 seniors

Congratulations to the Class of 2015. It’s mile 26, and in a few short days you will have officially crawled your way to the finish line.

From inception to home-stretch, the senior class has crafted a lasting legacy through sports, arts, rallies, mischief, etc.—the list goes on bum bada dum. Soon it will be time for a new class to uphold the mantle.

Right about now, you are probably wondering what a sophomore could possibly know about the ups, downs, ins, and outs of college. Allow me to retort. What I am about to write is the product of empirical research conducted in a very scientific manner: talking with my brother and friends scattered at colleges around the world. So, in many ways, think of this article as a vicarious delivery of information.

Though you are all seniors now, beware, it’s back to the bottom of the proverbial food chain next year. Ironically, going off to college is as much a testament to how unprepared each of us is for real life as it is to the years of work it takes just to get there. So, channel your inner sponge and soak up some much needed survival skills.

First, you are going to learn to subsist off a VERY limited budget (unless, of course, you’re Donald Trump’s daughter). Imagine buying a Sparknotes version of your current possessions all at once. Add on the fact that your textbooks might as well be etched in gold. I’ve heard figures range from a few hundred to over \$1,000 per semester. With

that grand you are about to spend, you could probably literally get an ounce of gold. Then, remember that you still have to get your school’s mandatory freshman meal plan. With it you will have to find a way to work in meals between classes, have a balanced diet, and avoid the dreaded “Freshman 15.”

For those of you who get withdrawals if you don’t have your favorite Coco Puffs for breakfast, you had better start the weaning process soon. That or you can marvel at the sheer number of groceries that go into your favorite meals and the number of dollars that keep disappearing.

Second, even the toughest among your class are destined to miss mom and dad. For the first week or so, independence will seem like the greatest thing ever. No more parents nagging you to do chores and clean your room. But when laundry starts becoming Mount Everlasting and you’re eating microwavable Mac’n’Cheese 24/7, get ready for a rude awakening.

Suddenly, the luxury of warm and clean laundry will turn into a machine is more likely to eat your socks than it is to clean them.

Soon enough your floor will begin to resemble a map of your favorite brands, and you will discover new depths of gratitude towards your parents. In retrospect, they have put up with an unorganized, moody, food-gobbling machine for the past 17 or 18 years. Deep down inside, you know they have spoiled

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you almost every single day of your life.

Third, get prepared to have no idea what in the world is going on. College is a melting pot that will expose you to different perspectives and amazing new people. However, that also means that many of your professors will be from differ-

one of hundreds crammed into a lecture hall, frantically trying to jot down every word of your Orgo professor’s tiny PowerPoint.

College, however, isn’t all doom and gloom. I’d bet most of you are excited and rightfully so. Most days, classes start at noon. That means you can hit the snooze button as many times as you want. Within a week you’ll be wondering how you ever got up for those 8AM first periods at Carrillo.

Furthermore, as I alluded to earlier, college is a fantastic place to meet new people. You’ll definitely still be close to your best friends from high school but you will also have the opportunity to meet new friends from all around the world. With them, you will be able to explore your new city, shirk curfew and go

out into the wee hours of the morning, and share countless good times.

To be honest, everyone I talked to reinforced the fact that college is all about exploration. So, I’ll leave it up to you to discover for yourselves what will make college so special for each of you.

In all seriousness, no matter what you plan on doing in the future, everyone at Maria Carrillo High School wishes you the best of luck.

Four years at MCHS has definitely prepared you to go on and do great things, whatever your plans may be. We also would like to thank you for being an exceptional senior class. From Seniorama to the Senior Pranks—my personal favorite being the bagpipes—the spirit of the senior class has been truly inspirational. The Class of 2016 definitely has big shoes to fill.

COMMENTARY BY Catherine Liang, junior

ent countries. Sure, Professor Ralasdfawefjk is a titan of his field and an energetic lecturer, but how is that supposed to help you understand an accent that makes Charlie Brown’s droning sound like articulation personified. For your larger classes, you will have the added benefit of being just

AP testing experience subpar

In the 2015 AP testing season, several changes shocked test-takers here at Maria Carrillo High School.

The changes, along with a new administrator, created a foreign testing environment for students who had taken AP tests at MCHS in the past and also set a new standard for first-time AP students.

The largest change in the AP testing this year was its location. In previous years at MCHS the test was held in the library, but due to a larger number of students and strict College Board testing rules, the congregations had to be relocated to the small gym.

This caused unrest and discomfort for many returning AP students.

“It was uncomfortable in the gym because of the squeaky chairs,” said Brandon Chang, junior. He participated in 3 tests this year and rated his environment as “unsatisfactory.”

“I felt distracted by all of the noises, the conditions in the library were fine,” said Chang. He also went on to explain how the proctors messed up several times during his tests.

They had run out of pens and misplaced a few tests, forcing the proctors to redistribute the booklets and burn valuable time. Other than the location, the testing environment lacked the meticulousness of preparation.

There were only three digital clocks placed at table-level in the small gym. These clocks were far out of eyesight for people in the far back or near the middle. There was a large analog clock, but it was behind

the students and contained in a cage to protect it from being hit by basketballs.

Some students complained that the orientation of the tables was wrong and that they should’ve been facing the large clock on the wall, even if reading it was difficult.

Due to the inability of seeing and keeping the time for students unequipped with a watch, the proctors did a poor job at helping them.

Time was only given for the last 8-10 minutes on tests that emphasize time-keeping and

COMMENTARY BY Shahab Yazdanpanah, junior

last over an hour.

Students were greatly frustrated by this as well as other avoidable mistakes in the two weeks of testing

The small gym didn’t serve the purpose of serenity for students. It had a loud echo that could be heard throughout the room.

There were complaints about the tables being too high and the chairs being uncomfortable and tilted back, resulting in students having to slouch to creep up to the table. All of these inconveniences should’ve been avoidable by the schools administrator and proctors, but this simply wasn’t the case.

MCHS Vice Principal Vicki-Zands was the administrator and overseer of AP testing this year. She tackled the role of being solely in charge of the AP, SBAC, CAHSEE, and CSTs. The overwhelming magnitude of over 700 test-takers this

year was the reason why students had to relocate from the library to the small gym.

Ms. Zands emphasized that security and accuracy were the key to AP testing this year and how she went to an AP test training where 4 other schools had to go to because they had had their scores disqualified.

“The AP tests are very secure, not even the custodian can get in during testing” expanded Ms. Zands.

The formalities presented by the College Board this year were stricter than previous years.

The seating chart was completely random, computer generated, and had to be changed for every test.

Students had to be facing the same direction and seated 4 feet apart. For language tests such as Spanish, students had to be seated 5 feet apart. Ms. Zands explained how the uncomfortable chairs and tables were, “all we had” and how MCHS even needed to borrow a few extra tables and chairs from Rincon Valley Middle School because of the large number of students taking these tests.

Other formalities such as test-scrambling for Calculus and U.S. History over-complicated the procedure for proctors and led to mistakes with organizing the program.

The testing experience this year was sub-par, in general, for students.

It wasn’t ideal for anyone, but it worked out in the end. If a similar problem of mass AP test sign-ups occur again next year, the test will be administered again in the small gym.

Pledge discourages AP, honors students

Should I take the AP class? Should I stick with the academic one? The answer is simple after Santa Rosa City Schools made every student, and his parent, taking an honors or AP course sign a pledge not to drop the class in the first semester. Because of this, I am now taking the academic class.

SRCS should be promoting and encouraging its students to challenge themselves and enroll in classes where they can reach their full potential. This recent requirement did the opposite. In the fear commitment and being stuck in a challenging class, some students,

including myself chose to limit the number of advanced courses on their schedules.

Maria Carrillo High School counselor Marie Speaks said it was a “way to hold students accountable for their class choices,” instead of discouraging AP and honors enrollment. Speaks wants “students to be more serious” about classes and “rise to the level of rigor” rather than dropping the class because they didn’t do the summer homework.

But my own mother disagreed. She refused to sign the agreement because she disagreed with what she believed it promoted.

According to teachers, it will keep students from taking classes they are not ready for.

And as for counselors, they are happy with this new addition as it decreases the mess

that organizing classes brings. Speaks said because the amount of kids that drop during the summer and the first three weeks of school is “phenomenal,” this idea comes up every year, but this is the first year it has been implemented.

Both counselors and teachers want to make sure students don’t have to deal with “unfair” crowded academic classes while AP and honors classes decrease in size. Ultimately, the change has been made to benefit the students according to Speaks.

In order to get students to turn in the paper, the loud-speaker threatened to “put us in academic classes” if the slips were not signed by students and their parents by a certain date. Was it an empty threat? It’s a shame that two signatures would ultimately decide your schedule and possibly GPA for the next year.

Speaks estimated that 100 students who signed up for honors or AP classes did not turn in the slip, but “they will still be held accountable as if they turned it in.”

They might be justified with this new decision, but a lot of students don’t drop a class because they didn’t do the summer homework or are too lazy to “rise to the challenge.” After pushing themselves to do it all, they finally realize they need to pull back. So let them take the risk, and draw out if needed.

COMMENTARY BY Mia von Knorring, junior

Journalism Class of 2014-15



From top to bottom, left to right: Catherine Liang, Mary Kelleher, Jacob Jaffe, Lola Collaso, Kelli Woodward, Shane Toohey, Natalie van Winden, Lucas Azcárraga, Tejoni Johnson, Taylor Rose, Bianca Hillegas, Jack Henderson, Daniel Virtue, Illy Harris, Shahab Yazdanpanah, Jordan Scobey, Oliver Clarke, Christopher Olson, Steven Chobotov, Mia von Knorring, Akshey Dhar, Jenna Docher, Audrey Kang and Surbhi Dhiman. Not pictured: Daksh Chauhan, Shayan Kaveh.

Top 5 stories of the year

Compiled by Bianca Hillegas, copy editor

Concussion testing
As of the 2014 school year, all SRCS students participating in contact sports had to take the ImPACT baseline concussion test. The online examination was designed to diagnose possible concussions by assessing brain function.

An especially interesting Carrillo Corner

The hilarious duo of Steven Chobotov and Oliver Clarke produced a grand total of (eight or nine) Carrillo Corners this year, but none was as memorable as the second. With subheadings titled Crouching Teacher, Hidden Politician and Home Comings and Goings, their (story) about English teacher Brigitte Mansell's run for Healdsburg City Council and their highly descriptive review of homecoming weekend might just be Clarke and Chobotov's best effort of the year.

Controversy over Lip Sync Rally performance
A performance at MCHS's annual Lip Sync Rally by a group called the "Refried Dreams" was meant to bring awareness through satire to issues regarding immigration in the United States. Some MCHS students did not enjoy the comedic aspects of the skit and instead felt disrespected. This prompted a few students to speak out in protest of the performance. Since then, however, members of "Refried Dreams" and those who were offended by it have met and discussed any misinterpretations of the skit.

Work to rule
Teachers in the Santa Rosa City Schools district worked to their contracts for one week in an attempt to obtain five percent more in benefits. Of that five percent, three percent would be a salary increase and two percent would go toward health care.

New standardized testing implemented
Beginning in April, MCHS juniors took the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. This new standardized test, which is a computer-based examination with an English and a Math section, has replaced the previously administered STAR test.

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