

# THE BASIS SCOTTSDALE GAZETTE

## FINDING BAILEY

BY NITYA AGGARWAL



Mrs. Bailey receives her award in Washington, D.C.  
(Source: Mrs. Bailey)

When Marizza Bailey, a math teacher here at BASIS Scottsdale, discovered she was a finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, she was with her uncle. Her first reaction was to ask him whether it was real or not.

"I was like, this must be a ruse," she said about the experience. "I started texting all of my children and they all started screaming over text, and my mom started bawling her eyes out."

Ms. Bailey was only allowed to tell family for the first week. That first week, she says, she was so excited that she wanted to tell everyone. By the time she could tell people, however, she no longer really wanted to.

"This is too much," she recounted, overwhelmed by praise. "I don't feel like I'm better than anybody else."

Ms. Bailey is a generational math teacher: she, her mother, and her grandmother were all math teachers. Her grandmother is her hero, she says. After her

retirement, her grandmother was recognized for her work as a math teacher, and being recognized for teaching math just like her grandmother was 19 years ago means a lot to Ms. Bailey.

Ms. Bailey also emphasized how strongly she feels about recognition for BASIS teachers.

### SAVE THE DATE

September 19: Upper School Picture Day	September 22: NHS Induction
September 21: Tri-M Induction	September 23: End of GP1
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"I wish there were more of them and more teachers could win them," she said, "because I see so many teachers, especially at our school who are here working late nights, here on weekends, [who] have done everything in their power to try and to help their students in whatever subject they're passionate about."

The winners of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching also get

\$10,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., where Ms. Bailey may or may not be meeting the president.

Applicants to the award usually have to wait three years before finding out if they were accepted, but Ms. Bailey had to wait only two. While two years is relatively short, it was still quite a while for Ms. Bailey and the two individuals who had written her

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## NEW TEACHER OF THE MONTH: MRS. HALLOWAY

BY MADISON WAALER

I had the honor of meeting with Ms. Holloway, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math/Science and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-algebra teacher, and learned a little bit about her life BB (Before BASIS). She was born in Germany, but spent most of her childhood moving around in California, starting in Berkeley then to Sacramento. As a little break from California (where she went back to after her high school years), Ms. Holloway lived in West Africa for four years. Ms. Holloway got her BA in Math and then her MA in Math Education. Before she came to BASIS, she even taught at a private high school in San Jose.

Now that she has transitioned to our beloved BASIS lifestyle, she gets to experience all the fun things we have become so accustomed to: hallway rushes, lunchtime crazes, chatty free periods. Ms. Holloway has the absolute pleasure of monitoring not one, but two lower school lunches: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. What luck!

Jumping right into the nitty-gritty, Ms. Holloway and I got down to what the people want to know: if she could own one crazy pet, what would it be? She first qualified this statement (has she taken Mr. Witz's AP English Language class?) by saying her old cat, Khan, was the coolest cat/pet ever, but if she had to choose a crazy one, it'd be a miniature elephant, because, in her words, "how stinkin' cute would that be?"

Now, if you have ever seen Ms. Holloway, you would know that her face has the most delicately, amazingly done makeup that the world has ever blessed upon your eyes, so I decided to ask a little bit about that. "I have soooooo much makeup; it's ridiculous," she told me. Most of her cosmetics come from either MAC or Sephora, and on average her routine takes about 20 minutes (depending on if she's "feeling fancy"). Be sure

to stop by her classroom, room 109, to inquire about any specific looks.

Ms. Holloway would like to disband any preconceived notions about teachers having to be adults all the time. She still considers herself a kid, and even owns a shirt that says "I can't adult today." If that doesn't expel the whole "all teachers must wear tweed coats" theory developed by Buffy the Vampire Slayer, then I do not know what does. She also enjoys watching Disney movies in her pajama's just like the rest of us.

Finally, in honor of the game—nay, battle—between the juniors and seniors, I asked Ms. Holloway who she thought would win in Elimination if the teachers were playing. After much deliberation, she decided either Mr. Caterino or Ms. Kleiner would survive the longest. Mr. Caterino, she said, is "definitely good at plotting." Ms. Kleiner, on the other hand, was described as very sweet and bubbly. Ms. Holloway warned me against those people though. "You trust them completely because there's no way someone so sweet would ever betray you and then BAM water gun spritz right in the face!" Ms. Holloway had no hesitation in who would kill the most people: herself. Her explanation being: "I can be diabolical." I am slightly scared for those 4<sup>th</sup> graders and 6<sup>th</sup> graders she teaches... but also so excited to see what she can do.

# INITIAL THOUGHTS ON THE PARKING LOT

BY RAJ WATSON

Mom? Why do we have to wait in this long line? Dad? Why am I always late for school? New school means new rules and the administration has taken great strides in completing this wonderful new campus in an efficient manner. In order to establish an organized school structure, BASIS Scottsdale has created a new set of rules regarding the pick-up and drop off of students.

Many questions arise from these new instructions, for this is a brand new system for everyone at BASIS. Us as students want the answers to these questions as the new parking lot procedures shape our daily lives when arriving and departing at school. Many wonder the purposes and implications of these safe regulations, so I talked with students and parents of Basis Scottsdale in order to gain a better understanding of these new rules.

Q: Describe the traffic flow within the parking lot when you arrive and depart from school.

Vanessa Jones, a student of Basis Scottsdale who drives to and from school every day of the week.

Ms. Jones: It's tough because the student traffic is a bit different than parent traffic, since we can use the entrance directly from Shea for arrival and the fire lane for departure. I'm actually pretty happy with the student parking situation.

Lynn Holland, mother of two children who attend BASIS Scottsdale picks up her children every day from school.

Mrs. Holland: Arrival seems to me to go much faster than departure, therefore leading me to believe the parking lot attendants are not requiring cars fast enough to keep the flow of traffic moving.

Q: What do you think could be improved upon to ensure a safe and efficient drop-off and pick up?

Ms. Jones: Since I am satisfied with the student parking, I have a complaint about going off campus during lunch. I think the sign-out sheet should be in the upper school MPR where the lunch monitor can keep track of the students signing out rather than the front office. Using the stairs next to the upper school MPR would be far more convenient for getting to the student parking lot than walking to the lobby, signing out, then walking back around the school to the parking lot. Some say that there's no reason to sign out, however I want to follow the rules, so I hope Basis will make it easier for us.

Mrs. Holland: Improvements can be made by having a better paging system for the younger children in late bird and having the cars re-queue faster when the children are not outside. It seems like late bird takes a really long time to 'find' the children.

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## CLUB SPOTLIGHT: ROBOTICS CLUB

BY ANTHONY BAO

Among the incredible assortment of new clubs this year, one spectacular club stands out from the rest. Available to all 7th through 12th grade students, the BASIS Robotics club represents the rebirth of the proud BASIS tradition of robotics. But unlike the robotics clubs of the past, the new BASIS Robotics club is open to upper school students and will instruct students on RobotC, the premiere language for robotics education. For the first time in school history, members of the BASIS Robotics club plan to represent our school at the FIRST Competitions, a global robotics competition.

Any questions should be addressed to Ms. Guo, the activity manager for the club. Regardless of experience level, all students in 7th through 12th grade are welcome to join the BASIS Robotics Club. Meetings will be held every Wednesday from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. in room 106. Those interested in joining the new BASIS Robotics Club and contributing to the next great chapter of our school's robotics education can sign up for the club on Smart For Charters.

# NEW SCHOOL, NEW YOU

BY POOJA KOLLA & LULU BI



Classroom: The new campus has larger classrooms and new projectors! Now, almost every teacher has his/her own classroom.



Elevator: Just like the old campus, we have elevators that make it easier for teachers and students to go from floor to floor.



Hallway and Locker caption: We have wider hallways! We now have black lockers (taller than before!).





Outside: We now have additional tables outside, so more people can enjoy the fresh air while eating lunch.



Stairs: The stairs are wider at this campus, but there is flow from both directions on all the staircases. Luckily, we have several other staircases.

# GETTING TO KNOW Ms. JORDISON

BY ARIA NARANG &  
BOBBY YALAM

## **Favorites:**

Color: red, Movie: Somewhere in Time, Animal: Dogs/Cats, Band: U2, Hobbies: travelling and spending time with family

## **What is most challenging about running this new school?**

Ah, there's so many! Really, it's just the initial first day of school, making sure we could actually physically be in the building. Also I think having so many new students and not knowing the returning students makes it difficult to welcome this whole community and trying to make sure that they all felt like it was still a nice community to be part of.

## **What do you enjoy most about the school?**

Definitely the people in the school! I think obviously the building's beautiful and it's fabulous to be here, but I've been very welcomed; I think the teaching faculty are amazing, both just in quality of what they do and also they're just really good people. They're all very generous and giving people. The student body and the parents, it's been fun to start to get to know all of you, and everyone's been very supportive and welcoming.

## **How does BASIS compare to other schools you have worked at, if you have before?**

I have worked at other schools. I worked for another charter-management company, and I think the coupling of the rigor with the school community here, because we're all competitive and we all try to compete together as a group. I think that's an exciting dynamic to have students want to work hard to get to a goal and really the fact that the mission of BASIS is very evident in all that we do, so it's nice to have everyone motivated by that common mission.

## **Why did you choose to work at BASIS specifically?**

I think what really intrigued me, because I worked for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools, which is the authorizer that grants charters and their authority to operate, I was able to see how BASIS was able to replicate. I saw a lot of other schools that were successful as single schools, but were unable to successfully replicate. It was fascinating to me that they could take this very mission-driven school and be able to open up new schools with that same philosophy with a different set of people involved.

With my policy-based mind it was very interesting to see that we could add and expand this education to students from various places. I worked as the authorizer for BASIS for about 10 years before I joined this school, and then I started out on the school board and joined about 6 years ago.

## **Would you consider yourself more STEM-minded or artistically-minded?**

Probably leaning towards STEM-minded, but with a great appreciation of art, so I can fit in with the BASIS environment pretty well. My father was very artistic, and I got very little of that, so I'm envious of people that do have it.

## **What is your opinion on the curriculum and its intensity at BASIS?**

I think it's amazing because when I go into the classes, especially the upper-school ones, I'm just blown away. I've never in my life experienced anything to this magnitude, and to be able to offer and see the students excelling in these topics that are so amazing and to see how you guys can debate and think is massively rewarding and exciting. As a parent, I have a sixth grader at BASIS Ahwatukee, it's amazing to see how she's evolving and as a student is becoming very responsible and accountable for her learning. The curriculum really sets the kids up for success when they go off to colleges and careers.

## **Do you have any more changes in mind for the school? If so, would you mind sharing some of those?**

At this point I'm very open to change, and I would like to start some new traditions because I think Scottsdale has some fabulous traditions. One thing in particular I can put out there for kids to get excited about is a homecoming this year, with homecoming king and queen and a pep band and a basketball game rather than the typical football game. It could really welcome back the alumni and celebrate a new tradition to get the buzz going. I'm thinking this year we may change it from in the future to early January when some of our alum may be home for the holidays.

# THE NEW, OLD BASIS SCOTTSDALE

The old BASIS Scottsdale building, a place we all once dreaded coming to each and every morning, appears, despite our past doubts, to no longer be a house of horror. The hallways have become roomier and less terrifying, as tiny cubbies have taken the place of the old but not missed lockers. A grass playground sits in front of the school, lessening the doctor's office feel. This playground may only have artificial grass and one slide, yet it still surpasses most of our expectations. Three months ago, we would never have imagined our old nightmare sporting the elementary school look. These lucky primary school students, thanks to renovations, have two gyms as well, which are both bigger than the "Big Room" ever was. Along with a brand new campus, the students also have a bunch of new teachers as well. Mr. Waaler, the new third grade math and science teacher, was kind enough to answer some questions concerning his new job at BASIS Scottsdale Primary.

**Q: How is teaching math and science at Basis Scottsdale primary different from teaching at any other school?**

A: Teaching Math and Science at BASIS primary is different from other schools because of our two teacher model, one teacher focuses on the material (a subject expert teacher) and the other focuses on the student development and parent communication (a learning expert teacher) this two teacher model is amazing to work with and is a pleasure to implement.

**Q: Are the BASIS primary kids that you're working with generally hard working?**

A: The BASIS primary kids are hard workers, but since I've only taught at BASIS, I don't have any real points of comparison.

**Q: Do the kids like their new playground area for recess?**

A: The kids do like their playground, but really they just like everything associated with recess.

**Q: What does it feel like knowing that multiple generations of high school students used to live in the new BASIS primary building?**

BY BAILEY MIRMELLI,  
HARSHINI THINAKARAN, &  
MADISON WAALER

A: Knowing that this was the old high school doesn't really have a huge impact on our day-to-day, especially since the school was remodeled to suit elementary. But learning that students lived here is news.

**Q: Why did you choose BASIS primary over BASIS Scottsdale?**

A: I didn't so much choose one over the other as much as get offered a job at primary and accepted it. So, no hard decisions were made by me.

**Q: What's the most interesting experience you have had at the new school?**

A: The most interesting experience I've had so far? Hmm... Probably watching second grade recess. Kids are very creative and definitely entertaining.



Mr. Waaler poses for the camera.  
(Source: Madison Waaler)

# NEWS

## A DRAMATIC MAYORAL RACE

BY BRIAN  
GLUCKSMAN

The race for the presidency is getting every headline. Nevertheless, several other elections, which may prove to be more important to BASIS and BASIS families, are being held this fall. Mayor of Scottsdale Jim Lane and three City Council members—Suzanne Klapp, Virginia Korte, and Guy Phillips—are up for reelection.

The election is set to be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the presidential and senatorial election. Polling places will be open from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and eligible voters will be able to vote in both the national and local elections at any polling place in Scottsdale. As an alternative, citizens of Scottsdale can request an early ballot on the website of the Maricopa County Recorder and Elections Department.

To be eligible to vote, residents of Scottsdale must register by October 10<sup>th</sup>. The easiest way to register is online, which can also be done on the website of the Maricopa County Recorder.

Two candidates, incumbent Mayor Jim Lane and former Councilman Bob Littlefield, are running for mayor. In Scottsdale, the mayor has a vote on the city council and is the ceremonial head of the city.

Jim Lane was elected for his first term as mayor four years ago. Mayor Lane has been endorsed by Governor Doug Ducey and Senator John McCain and is the heavy favorite. Mayor Lane touts four major successes in his record: increasing health care and bioscience jobs in Scottsdale, maintaining Scottsdale's bond rating, increasing turnout at Barret-Jackson and the Waste-Management Phoenix open, and stopping Satanist prayer at city council meetings. He is also running on two propositions. First, he plans to make lobbying more transparent in an effort to remove the influence of special interests on city politics. Second, he wants to change the city charter to a hybrid-council district system (i.e. ensure that at least one council member must be from each of the three regions: South Scottsdale, Central Scottsdale, and North Scottsdale).

Bob Littlefield, husband of Vice Mayor Kathy Littlefield, has served three terms, the maximum number,

on the Scottsdale City Council. Littlefield is extremely critical of Mayor Lane's economic record. Under Lane, Scottsdale has had to increase property taxes twice to fund infrastructure improvements. Now, Scottsdale residents have the second-highest tax rate in the metropolitan area. Littlefield also does not believe tax dollars are being used efficiently. He cites a study by then-City Treasurer David Smith that found that the bar district brings in only four-hundred thousand dollars annually to the city, but costs \$1.2 million to police. Littlefield also points to the \$4.5 million cost to run the Center for the Arts, and argues that the city should auction off the contract to run the Center for the Arts.

The Scottsdale City Council is responsible for setting the tax rate, zoning, authorizing the borrowing of money, setting regulations, and legislating. The city council is composed of six members serving four year terms. Terms are staggered, so this year, three people will be elected or reelected to the city council.

Competing for those three spots are three incumbents and a newcomer. Councilwoman Suzanne Klapp is running for her third term, Councilman Guy Phillips and Councilwoman Virginia Korte are running for their second terms, and former Paradise Valley Councilman Dan Shweiker (not to be confused with Congressman David Shweikert) is running for his first term on the Scottsdale City Council. All candidates agree that Scottsdale needs to increase its friendliness to businesses and its tourism, but diverge in what issues top their agendas.

Klapp, an owner of the FASTFRAMES franchise of stores in Scottsdale, claims to be the pro-elderly candidate. Her top priorities include making transportation easier for the elderly and creating a program that lets senior citizens stay in their homes and out of the hospital.

Phillips, known around BASIS as one of the two councilmen to vote against the abandonment of easements on the new campus and the development agreement, owns an A/C and heating company. Phillips primary issue is fighting the over development of Scottsdale by stopping the building of high-rise apartments and the issue of bonds.

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Korte, a former community college professor and CEO of Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce, is an outspoken advocate for southern Scottsdale. One of her biggest priorities is working with ASU SkySong, a start-up incubator to revitalize McDowell road.

Shweiker founded the China Mist Tea Company. He claims to represent central Scottsdale. Like Korte, he would like to provide a voice for his region on the city council.

The easement fight last year proves how important the city council can be to the long-term success of BASIS. Scottsdale residents in the BASIS community should realize how important it is that they become informed and vote in November.



The voting logo of Scottsdale.  
(Source: City of Scottsdale)

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## TAKEAWAYS FROM RIO

BY NICHOLE KYPRIANOU

Despite worries of Zika virus and Rio being declared “a state of public calamity” over finances, Brazil did a great job hosting the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. Brazil earned the most medals it ever had in a single Olympiad. Looking over the medal count, USA came first with 121 medals, nearly double Great Britain’s medal count which came in at second place with 67 medals. However, USA’s medal count was only the third most ever at a single Olympics.

At Rio, we saw familiar names retain prestige. Some of these include Michael Phelps who added five gold medals to his collection from medley and freestyle events while Usain Bolt claimed his ninth gold medal in the 4x100m relay. Katie Ledecky, the youngest swimmer on the USA Olympic swim team, set the world record for the 800m freestyle event. However, with famous athletes Michael Phelps and Usain Bolts competing in their supposed last Olympics, other athletes have been given the spotlight. Simone Biles, winning five Olympic medals, has been hailed as one of the greatest American gymnast of all time. For the first time, the International Olympic Committee created a refugee team to show solidarity with the world’s refugees. Swimmer Yusra Mardini, who saved 20 lives by pushing a boat for 3 hours when fleeing from Syria to Greece, won her heat in the 100m butterfly event.

Finally, Rio’s closing ceremony, like its opening ceremony, ended with a lot of music, partying, and samba, giving viewers a taste of Brazilian culture. While the 2016

Summer Olympics has been mired with some controversy, the Olympic games has never been about the location as it is about athletes’ heroic and patriotic endeavor which was, as a whole, seen as remarkable in Rio.



# US TEAM WINS WORLD CHESS OLYMPIAD

BY YASH PERSHAD

For the first time in 40 years, the United States has won the World Chess Olympiad. This year, the competition took place in Baku, Azerbaijan with 175 countries represented in the Open section and 138 countries represented in the Women's Section. The US team earned gold while Ukraine won silver, and Russia secured bronze.

The US team, whose players had an average rating of 2765, consisted of 5 Super Grandmasters: Fabiano Caruana, Hikaru Nakamura, Wesley So, Sam Shankland, and Ray Robson. The team was full of talent as Caruana, Nakamura, and So are three of the best 10 players in the world. After an extremely disappointing Olympiad last year, the goal of the US Chess Federation (USCF) was to create a team that could be the best in the world.

The USCF aggressively recruited So and Caruana to join the team by changing their national allegiance to the US from the Philippines and Italy, respectively. Both players were born outside of the US, but grew up in America and have dual citizenship. These aggressive moves generated criticism from some other players, including members of the Russian team and Norway's

Magnus Carlsen, the current world champion, who asked whether Caruana and So "were still for sale."

In the Olympiad, each team, which includes five players, played 11 matches to decide the winner. In a single match, however, only four players play at once. The best player of one plays against the best player of the other team on Board 1, the second-best players match up on Board 2, and so on. The result of the match is determined by adding the results from the individual games. In this way, the Olympiad maintains the individual nature of chess, while also allowing countries to face off.

The competition has traditionally been dominated by Eastern European countries like Armenia, Ukraine, and Russia. However, the Armenian team did not participate in the Olympiad due to political tensions with the host nation Azerbaijan. Hopefully, this win by the US Team can change this trend and increase the popularity of chess in the US, especially with this year's World Chess Championship match in New York City from November 11-30.



The US team including Hikaru Nakamura, Sam Shankland, Ray Robson, Wesley So, and Fabiano Caruana,  
(Source: US Chess Federation)

# TRUMP STRENGTHENS POSITION ON IMMIGRATION

BY RICHARD BAO

Controversial Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump made a shocking political move last month when he accepted an invitation to sit down for a private meeting with Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto to discuss foreign policy.

With Mexican approval rates for Trump and President Nieto at 2% and 23% respectively, it was a meeting between two of the most unpopular figures in Mexico. However, it was also a valuable opportunity for both men. The meeting came at a time of great political importance. With the November 8th election date rapidly approaching, Trump desperately needs to expand his voter base by appealing to the hispanic demographic as well as demonstrating his ability to act “presidentially.” On the other hand, President Nieto, currently mired in a myriad of political scandals, has the opportunity to strengthen public support by confronting Trump, who has almost constantly mocked and derided Mexico throughout his election campaign.

The meeting was followed by a fierce twitter battle between Trump and Nieto concerning the financing of Trump’s proposed 1000-mile long border wall, which the Republican nominee says will be “great.” The dispute appears to be unresolved as no compromise was reached. Trump continues to assert that “Mexico will pay for the wall” while President Nieto adamantly maintains that “Mexico would never pay for a wall.” However, Trump’s encounter with President Nieto ended somewhat diplomatically with Trump later calling President Nieto “a friend.” Shortly after his meeting with Mexican President Enrique Nieto, Trump stopped in Arizona to give a major immigration speech. Trump attempted to further build his presidential image and legitimize his candidacy by outlining a detailed 10-point plan for dealing with immigration:

1. Build a wall.
2. End “catch and release.”
3. Create a deportation task force.
4. Defund “sanctuary” cities.
5. Cancel President Obama’s executive actions.
6. Extreme vetting. Block immigration from some nations.
7. Force other countries to take back those whom the U.S. wants to deport.
8. Get biometric visa tracking system fully in place.
9. Block jobs for the undocumented.
10. Limit legal immigration.

In the speech, he placed his usual emphasis on border security, arguing that a wall would be the necessary first step to “making America great again.” According to Trump, a wall would greatly limit the entrance of additional illegal immigrants, allowing the government to focus on eliminating those who are already within the borders. Trump declared that the beginning of his systematic mass deportation effort would be ending “catch and release”, detaining all illegal immigrants until they can be deported instead of releasing them and calling them for a later court date. Trump’s plan also includes the establishment of a large deportation task force to seek out illegal aliens for immediate deportation. Those who are accused for a crime would not even face trial before they are deported.

Additionally, Trump proposed the use of federal monetary incentives, calling for the defunding of “sanctuary cities” such as Chicago, where certain procedures shelter illegal immigrants. Following this, Trump wants to eliminate many of Obama’s executive actions such as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) immigration policy, which grants temporary legal status to the children of illegal immigrants. In total, Trump’s mass deportation policy may target more than 11 million people, presenting a colossal logistical challenge.

In the later half of his speech, Trump proposed limitations on future immigration. According to Trump, reducing the inflow of immigrants would effectively reduce competition in the American job market, thus raising employment rates and fostering greater economic prosperity. Trump also promised to improve national security by blocking the entry of immigrants and refugees from Syria and other “problem countries” with high terrorist activity. In addition to setting a reduced quota on immigration, Trump’s 10-point plan would implement stricter requirements, allowing only the highest skill-level individuals to attain citizenship.

The level of detail and explanation in Trump’s new 10-point immigration plan contrasts sharply with the often vague statements and assurances that have characterized his campaign in the past. Like many of his recent political moves, Trump’s immigration speech in Arizona is part of a his effort to craft a more “presidential” image and legitimize himself as a valid candidate with a real policy agenda.

# DAPHNE'S DECLASSIFIED

## BASIS SURVIVAL GUIDE

BY DAPHNE LI-CHEN

With the beginning of September comes the beginning of extracurriculars—all those activities and fun little clubs that we get to fit into 10 extracurricular boxes on our Common Apps senior year so that we can go to college. After all, what other value could exist in being on that varsity sports team or that honors society or doing that internship? Let's be real, sweating is just really gross (and you're probably going to get slammed by the 6'7" athletes at the other schools anyways), devoting hours of your life to organizing events that no one cares about, or listening to some people ramble about some thing that you should be investigating or whatever just isn't that fun. Everybody knows that you would much rather be sitting at home and watching Netflix like every other teenager. Well, everyone except for those college admissions officers.

Ah yes, those college admissions officers. Like the 24 desperate women on *The Bachelor* vying for that rose, we're all just trying to present the best images of ourselves to receive the ultimate rose—that acceptance letter to The Dream University. We can scheme and scowl as much as we want behind the scenes, but in front of the admissions officers, we have to be as desirable as possible. And that's why we drag ourselves to those meetings and practices and gatherings—National Honor Society is the academic equivalent of putting a pair of stilettos, it takes a lot of effort and pain but it sure does make you look good.

So if you really want your best shot at wooing those colleges, realistically, you're going to have to suck it up and do all those things that look *really* good on your application. Who cares if you hate them? Why would you ever decide to actually do things you like? There's no way that actually being passionate about something could show on your application right? There is absolutely no way to express that, especially not in 250-650 words in response to one of five prompts. And being passionate about something certainly doesn't make you more successful at your activities—just go to the meetings for all 17 things you're involved in and it'll look super stellar.

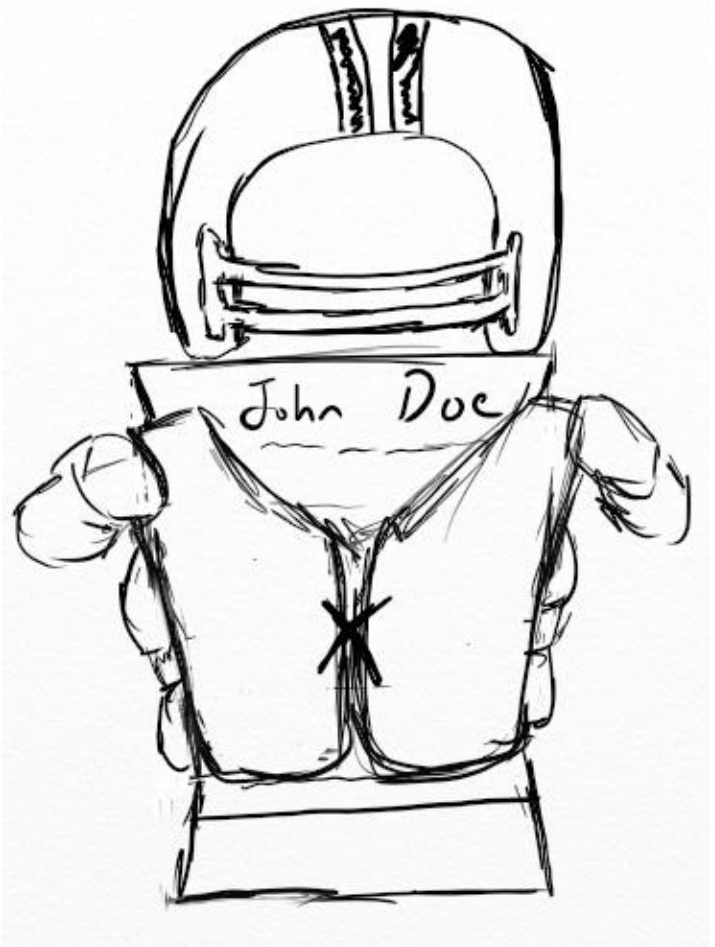
Besides, why wouldn't anybody spend hours of their life

doing something they don't particularly like, so they can get into a college that expects them to continue doing those same things, and then going off into a career where you specialize in a major you got from doing those things you don't like? If a college accepts me because of an image that I project that is not reflective of my interests at all, I'm sure that college will still be a great fit for me.

So remember! Do what you love, but don't because what you love probably isn't impressive enough.

Until next time!

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# SCIENCE & TECH

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## A FORCE AWAKENS

BY ERIC YE

Last April, in a Hungarian lab, physicists theorized about a new force coincidentally before the Force awoke in theaters. This force may explain some of the unresolved questions in physics, like dark matter. By firing high-energy beams of proton at lithium-7, the scientists discovered traces of a very light subatomic particle. Because science demands it, the physicists tried reproducing their results. Their conclusion was that there was indeed a new subatomic particle that wasn't described

by the Standard Model, which is an equation that compiles in everything know about subatomic particles into a long, complex equation. The new particle, although not dubbed the god-particle like the higgs-boson, is just as strange. It interacts with only electrons and neutrons at short distances. Thus, the discoverers have named it the protophobic x-particle. If confirmed, this particle may enlighten us about dark matter.

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## TALKING WITHOUT SPEAKING

BY DIVYA VATSA

Talking. It's something that us BASIS students thrive on. From discussing an upcoming test or the weekend plans to even the Cincinnati Zoo event (RIP Harambe) or the wispy hair of Donald Trump, our school hallways are always full of conversations. And while we have come to take our voices and these discussions for granted, for many members of the deaf community, it's not as easy for them to be a part of these interactions.

Thanks to the incredible brains of two University of Washington students and the limitless power of computer science, the deaf and hearing communities are steps closer to engaging in proper conversations. Navid Azodi and Thomas Pryor are two sophomores who collaborated to create SignAloud.

Their innovation is a hand glove that is able to measure the hand movements of sign language and, through artificial intelligence algorithms, converts the gestures into speech or text. Azodi and Pryor stated that they envision SignAloud to act as a bridge between the deaf and hearing communities by removing the barriers and difficulties that many members of the sign language community face when trying to interact with others. The pair recently won the Lemelson-MIT Student Prize and plans to improve their product to capture all the nuances of American Sign Language so that more people have an opportunity to talk even if they can't speak.



Source: NPR

# BAILEY'S BITES

## ALL YOU CAN EAT

BY BAILEY MIRMELLI

### Where to Get Your Next Meal

Looking for a great new place to spend a weekend lunch or dinner? High quality restaurants have become somewhat of an absent treasures, lost in the vast and lonely sea of "good enough" places to eat. So, whether you are merely searching for a delicious meal or seizing the opportunity to poison a friend (in elimination or real life), the following eateries will provide you with not only impeccable, attentive service and lively atmosphere, but also a meal to remember the next time you are wondering where to eat.

#### ***Hopdoddy Burger Bar***

Rate: 5 stars

From their vigilant service to their surprisingly creative menu, this restaurant offers a fast yet quality experience that other restaurants lack. The very instant a customer walks in, staff members are ready to interpret the menu, offer suggestions, and find open seats. The food comes quickly after it is ordered, yet its speediness is not evident in the always wonderful presentation. For burger lovers, the menu offers a wide array of different flavors: the beloved classic, the "Magic Shroom", and even the ahi tuna burger. Vegetarian options are also available, such as freshly made salads and black bean patty burgers. To finish a meal off, their gourmet milkshakes never disappoint.

Location: 11055 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

#### ***Stone & Vine Urban Italian***

Rate: 3.5 stars

This casual yet attractive restaurant offers classic Italian cuisine and plenty of options for younger customers. To start a great meal, the Bruschetta bread comes with a delicious variety of toppings, including fig and ricotta, tomato basil, and prosciutto with arugula. Their most popular entrees are the wood-fired pizzas, with unique combinations and the option to create your own. Although the meal may be satisfying, if you are tight with time, this is not the restaurant for the moment, as the staff tends to be overwhelmed, especially on weekends.

Location: 9343 E Shea Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

#### ***Flower Child***

Rate: 4 stars

If you are craving a tasty, yet particularly healthy meal, Flower Child is the restaurant for you. Its bright ambiance allows for a relaxing and enjoyable lunch. All menu items taste fresh and well-prepared, with beautiful presentations that make you disappointed to dig into. Service is quick, yet the menu is notably expensive, with one cup of freshly squeezed juice priced at six dollars (although refills are included).

Location: 10460 N 90<sup>th</sup> St, Scottsdale, AZ 85258

### Recipe of the Month:

*"Pancho Villa's Revenge" Salsa Recipe*

*Courtesy of Jonathan 'Juanathan' Mirmelli*

6 tomatoes  
6 to 10 tomatillos (depending on size)  
3-6 jalapeños  
6 Caribe peppers\*  
6 Serrano peppers\*  
½ white onion  
1 full garlic head  
1 lime  
olive oil  
1 ear of corn  
salt and pepper

\* To make salsa more mild, reduce the pepper numbers.

To set up before grilling, cut the top off the garlic head, wrap its base in foil, and cover in olive oil and pepper. Peel back the onion and also cover in olive oil and pepper. Peel the tomatillos and clean all peppers, tomatoes, and corn. Put olive oil and pepper on the corn and wrap in foil entirely.

Next, put all ingredients on a grill until appear they charred (tomatoes and tomatillos may fall apart some). This should take about 15 minutes.

Once all is grilled, cut off all tails of the peppers (but do not remove seeds), core all tomato and tomatillos, and squeeze the garlic cloves out of cooked head. Put all into blender, squeezing lime juice and adding about 2 teaspoons of salt. Now, blend. The more it is blended, the spicier and less chunky it will be. Lastly, cut the corn off the cob and mix into salsa. Do not blend the corn.

Enjoy!

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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## BASIS STUDENTS SAY

BY TREY CONNELLY

Have you ever wondered what your fellow students think about important (and unimportant) issues? Do you want to have your opinions showcased to the entire school? Then you're in luck! This year, the Gazette is introducing a new survey feature called Peer Review. Students of all grades can give their opinions of a new topic each month on our survey, starting today.

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Your responses each month have a chance to be featured in following month's issue of the Gazette. The inaugural question is, "What do you think of the new school building?" Go to [tinyurl.com/GazetteStudentSurvey](http://tinyurl.com/GazetteStudentSurvey) now to submit your response!

## NBA OFFSEASON RECAP

BY RAJ WATSON

With basketball season about to begin in November, let's take a look at some of the major headlines that went down during the summer in the NBA.

In case you've been studying for the SAT all summer, the major news that everyone has been discussing is Kevin Durant's decision to join the Golden State Warriors, making them an ultimate super-team (perhaps better than LeBron's Big Three down in Miami in 2013). Alongside the two-time MVP Stephen Curry, sharpshooter Klay Thompson, and the infamous groin-kicker Draymond Green, Kevin Durant will struggle to find minutes in the stacked lineup. NBA analyst Stephen A. Smith views KD's decision as "the weakest move I've ever seen from a superstar, plain and simple." Many view this move as a cowardly move as KD was only one win away from the NBA Finals; however, Golden State came crawling back from a 3 games to 1 deficit. KD's contract is a two-year deal worth up to 52 million dollars. The future is bright in San Francisco especially now since the Warriors have welcomed yet another superstar onto their team.

Major contract extensions were signed by superstars around the league including LeBron James, Mike Conley, Demar DeRozan, Andre Drummond, Hassan Whiteside, and James Harden. All of these men have remained on their current teams, but their bucks will be rolling in faster. LeBron and Conley have become some of the richest men in NBA history by signing a deal worth more than 30 million dollars a year. The only two other players that have signed a deal of this magnitude are Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant.

There are also some veterans in new jerseys. Al Horford signed a four-year 113-million-dollar contract with the Boston Celtics giving them a star center to help their guards, Isaiah Thomas and Avery Bradley. The New York Knicks signed Joakim Noah to a four-year deal and obtained Derrick Rose in a trade to feed the ball to the rookie sensation that is Kristaps Porzingis and the waning Carmelo Anthony. With the end of the Duncan era in San Antonio, Pau Gasol was brought in to fill their gap at power forward but no one can truly replace the void Tim Duncan left.

The draft shed light on some of the potential future stars. Number one pick Ben Simmons landed in the town of brotherly love. With a seven-foot wingspan, Brandon Ingram from Duke hopes to find fame with the Los Angeles Lakers. A potential sleeper that could make an immediate impact is Malcom Brogdon of the Milwaukee Bucks. With an NBA-ready body measuring six feet six inches, Brogdon has the potential to play well now and like the unstoppable Kawhi Leonard in time.

Cleveland will be ready to defend its title this upcoming November with virtually the same team as last year although there are many title contenders waiting ever so patiently to snatch the illustrative Larry O' Brian Trophy. The Golden State Warriors are the favorite to win the title at 5/8 odds. Cleveland is next at 13/4 odds, followed by the Spurs at 12/1. Sadly, our very own Phoenix Suns come in last for the odds to win the title at 1250/1, but Devin Booker and Eric Bledsoe give Phoenix fans hope to improve from an atrocious season plagued by injuries.

# PREMIER LEAGUE OF LEGENDS

BY GURSAJAN GILL

The most popular league in the most popular sport has entered full swing. Multi-million dollar transfer signings are settling into the Premier League and managers are finally getting to see their squad in action. The billions spent on bringing in new players over the summer will definitely make this season a very competitive one. Last season's winners, Leicester City, served as a reminder of the unpredictability of the Premier League. However, a Cinderella team most likely will not come again for a long while. But a new start and an influx of talent this Premier League season will bring in a lot of interesting matches and quality soccer. So here are the predictions of what the Premier League table will look like at the end of the season, (the top five at least):

## 1. Manchester United

What Jose Mourinho did to this team is incredible. The Chosen One's first transfer window at Manchester United saw him empty out Manchester United's coffers to buy some of the world's best soccer talent. His signings included: Zlatan Ibrahimovic, the Swedish monster who, at the age of 34, still can score goals like he is in his twenties; Henrikh Mkhitaryan, last year's Bundesliga player of the season; and Paul Pogba, the most expensive player and one of the highest rated youngsters in the world. With such talented signings, a solid backline lead by Eric Bailley, and a world-class goalkeeper in David De Gea, Manchester United looks to be at the top of English football again. The rejuvenated Manchester United has a lot to prove and is most likely to bring home the Premier League Title.

## 2. Arsenal

Arsene Wenger still continues to reign supreme at Arsenal. Although Arsenal finished second last year, Wenger definitely needs to win a long-awaited Premier League title if he wants to please the Arsenal fanbase. Unlike other top tier teams, Wenger played it safe in the transfer window. The signing of Granit Xhaka, Shkodran Mustafi, and Lucas Perez were all economical, but at the end, Wenger was able to secure the most glaring holes in his Arsenal squad. Further, Wenger managed to uncover a hidden gem in Rob Holding—probably the best young English center-back. Arsenal will most likely finish second, especially since they have the best Premier League attacking duo in Alexis Sanchez and Mesut Ozil. Further, with the addition of Xhaka and Mustafi, Arsenal now probably have the best defence pairing in the Premier League. However, Arsenal do still lack a world-class

striker, which holds them back to number 2 in these rankings

## 3. Manchester City

Pep Guardiola's Manchester City is slowly shaping as he begins his very first year with the club. One of the biggest surprises has been that Guardiola has left Yaya Toure and Joe Hart, two incredibly talented and experienced players, out of the team. Buying John Stones, Ilkay Gundogan, and Leroy Sane adds a much needed backbone to the attacking-oriented Manchester City squad. Although Manchester City have one of the best strikers in the world in Sergio Aguero, Aguero's injury problems and suspensions will likely lower his impact on the City squad and limit how high Manchester City will finish this year.

## 4. Tottenham

Tottenham should have finished second last year, but fell apart in the last half of the season. With breakout talent Dele Alli, a powerful center-back pairing of Jan Vertonghen and Toby Alderweireld, and a lethal attack lead by Christian Eriksen and Harry Kane, this young team has lots of potential, but still it lacks a powerful experienced player to really push it to the top three. Bringing in Moussa Sissoko adds some grit to the squad, but Mauricio Pochettino could have definitely brought in better talent to his Tottenham side.

## 5. Chelsea

Last year was a terrible season for Chelsea. Barely finishing tenth, losing Eden Hazard to injury, and dropping Jose Mourinho, really lead to many unpleasant Chelsea moments. Antonio Conte's largest signings were N'Golo Kante, David Luiz, and Michy Batshuayi. Unfortunately, only Kante will have a significant enough impact in the Chelsea squad this year. David Luiz was a late, panic signing and Michy Batshuayi is still a young, unproven player. Although Chelsea has a lot of talent in its squad, consistency remains a problem especially from Cesc Fabregas and Eden Hazard. In the end, Chelsea has a lot to prove, but lacks the stability from its talent to do so. Therefore, Chelsea will most likely finish fifth in the premier league table.



# LISTEN WITH LUKE

## “HOW TO BE A HUMAN BEING” BY LUKE FORSMAN

Releasing their anticipated second album, How to be a Human Being, Glass Animals saw much more success than their previous album Zaba. Debuting at 9<sup>th</sup> on the iTunes chart, they took a big step up from 37<sup>th</sup> for their last album.

Following the general theme of their previous work, Glass Animals in How to Be a Human Being uses beats from electric and dub step genres and adds their own twist on top. They use different sound effects and voice alterations to give each song a different feeling while still making them work together as an album. The album as a whole is a collection of stories heard while on tour, so each song and their lyrics has different meaning.

The first three songs—Life itself, Youth, and Season 2 Episode 3—were released as singles before the album came out. As it usually turns out, those three songs are the most popular.

Songs demonstrating their base in dub step and electric pop use simple bases and expand on them with small changes and effects. Some examples of this are Youth (the second single released), Cane Shuga, The Other Side of Paradise, and Pork Soda. Cane Shuga uses a faster more complex beat, while the other three use a slow

simple beat. On top of the beat, Youth and Pork Soda make high pitch additions for a more original sound.

Other songs that tell a more personal slow story like Season2 Episode 3, Agnes, and Mama’s Gun put less emphasis on the beat and more on the lyrics. Both Season 2 Episode 3 and Agnes complement their lyrics with non-traditional sound effects, sounds from Mario and a ringing phone respectively. Mama’s Gun is a more traditional slow song with the incorporation of a flute.

Even though their style focuses more on unorthodox lyrics and sounds, seen in the strange auto tuned interlude [Premade Sandwiches], Glass Animals showed that they can still do something more traditional with the song Poplar St.. Unlike other songs, the guitar plays a large role and the vocals are unaffected.

This album has many different moods and qualities all that fit under Glass Animals’s one style. I recommend this album for anyone looking for a different listening experience. In general it is a good album that plays on the strengths of Glass Animals and is built on an interesting idea and stories. I give this album a 4 out of 5 stars.



(Source: Glass Animals)

# WASHCLOTH'S WOES

## NEW BUILDING, SAME WOES?

BY ASHWATH  
VIJAYAKUMAR

The other day Mr. Garvey was talking to me in the hallways. And he told me, "You never know WHAT is gonna be complained about."

Now, I've known Mr. Garvey for a long time, so I know that for him to mention complaints, some students must be really upset. Since this is "officially" the first month of the new building, let's go over some student complaints (and praises).

The biggest selling point of the school is its new gym and drama stage.

Raj Watson @kb24watson:

"@Chubbygoat8 I really enjoy all of the additions such as the gym and the drama stage. The inside of the building has improved but not perfect"

The basketball team finally has a home court, and we can watch Ved Narayan lead us to a perfect season. But I really wish they took all the space between the front entrance and the parking lot and made a grass field to accommodate the track and soccer teams. Just so we could have the parents complain about broken windshields. Some of you guys were seriously excited about things going wrong.

kimy @kimylecam:

"@Chubbygoat8 I'm just really glad we got doorknobs and light switches"

At least BASIS came through with the lights and knobs. I'm still waiting for chairs that lean back without squeaking obnoxiously and the tables with the bars where I can put my feet. The upper schoolers are excited to spend time in this new campus.

Manu @veguccii:

"@Chubbygoat8 I miss the old campus tbh"

\$helby ɹoup @shelbcoup:

"@Chubbygoat8 i HATE it"

On top of that the air conditioning seems to have a bi-polar disorder.

saara @saarak4:

"@Chubbygoat8 why is it always either so humid that my pencil won't write on a paper or so cold that i need to bring a sweatshirt"

Honestly, the addition of children screaming "I PLAY POKEMON GO EVERYDAY." is something I could have done without.

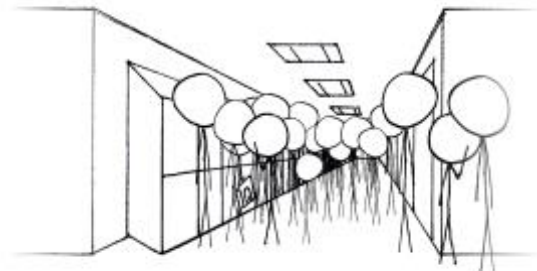
saara @saarak4:

"@Chubbygoat8 why are there kids who still need to sit in car seats. why add only 10 more classrooms if an ENTIRE LOWER GRADE was also added"

I really feel sorry for the neighbors now. Like if you walk by one of the school walls, you can actually stare into a neighbor's backyard and into his living room. His home value definitely dropped at least 50%. We also stole his views.

Daphne Li-Chen @daphne\_lichen:

"@Chubbygoat8 I like the fact that we stole the view of the mountains from the neighbors since they were such jerks"



And hallway problem we all prayed would be solved kinda turned into the stairwell problem. Now, I'm just hoping Mrs. Mitra will start yelling at us to stay to the right on the new stairwell.

Yash Pershad @yashipgirl:

"@Chubbygoat8 I hate that thing I hated the most about the old school -- up and down stairs -- is what I miss the most in the new one."

Be on the lookout for the 3rd school building coming in 2026.

# FASHION

## RED FLAGS ON THE RED CARPET

BY AKASH SAMANT

Ah, September! A time for transitioning into fall style away from the dull, uninspired pieces of summer – I mean honestly, as much I love florals, can they ever not be a thing (I'm looking at you Valentino)? Frustrations with fashion culture aside, September also marks the beginning of wannabe awards shows, and the award for most ridiculous award show goes to the VMAs. Singers, Actors, Models, Youtubers, Reporters and codependent family members all walk this shows "coveted" red carpet and flaunt the newest designer garments. With pieces from collections as eccentric as Jeremy Scott's Moschino and Oliver Rousteing's Balmain, ensembles are sure to crash and burn harder than the garish Tropical shirts paraded in Gucci's Summer 2014 line.

Here are three of the worst dressed individuals at the VMA's.

### Sean "Diddy" Combs

Also known by Puff "P" Diddy, the legendary hip hop artist who... what did he do? He was in that one Kesha song, right? Don't worry, you won't be forgetting him again after you lay eyes upon the producer's outlandish style. At a glance Diddy's outfit seems OK, but as soon as the musician lifts his arms, you'll wish he put them right back down. What was going through his mind when he picked out a cape? Did he think his play on draping was unique? All I can say is that this idiosyncratic idiot failed horribly, and ended up looking like Count Dracula. Please... Someone get the garlic. And don't worry about the smell; at least, it'll be more bearable than Diddy's ego.

### Ansel Elgort

Ansel, Halloween is a month from now. Don't you know? Everything about Ansel's outfit is wrong for the VMAs. The boots, the chains, the patterned pants... It's not to say the clothes are terrible, just much better suited for a KISS meets Rolling Stones meets Frankenstein ceremony (especially with those terribly clunky boots). Maybe in a perfect world, we would all accept Ansel for the rock god he so wanted to be, but for now, I think Edward Scissorhands will do. At least, then he could do us all the

trouble of cutting up his outfit so that we never have to see it again.

### Stella Maxwell

Some clothes need to stay ON the runway even if they're still being worn by a model off of it. Although Stella was most likely going for an empowering, statement piece, the conglomerate of needlessly intricate patterns throws the entire look off into a distant world where only bizarre individuals such as Major-Lazer would dare stumble into. For those brave enough to stare at her for an extended period of time, a word of caution: her outfit may blind you with its horrendously harsh colors. Cross your fingers that that is not all her outfit has in common with the sun. Hopefully, her clothes can fade into darkness.



The 3 criminals caught by the Fashion Police.  
(Source: MTV)



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# MOVIES

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## THE SUICIDE SQUAD

BY VARUN KUKUNOOR

While Marvel was blatantly hitting many home runs a year in both its movie and toy industry, DC took a hit with its roasted waste of money that landed in theaters. In March of this year alone, the two competitors in *Captain America: Civil War* and *Batman v Superman* fought for hype and publicity; however, only one delivered. After the first week of release alone, Marvel had trampled on DC like the film cockroach it was and teased it even more by releasing trailers for *Doctor Strange* and announcing the shooting of *Thor: Ragnarok*. The future was gloomy for DC – how could they come back from such a failure? The fans had hope unlike the critics.

Within a few months, eager moviegoers lined up for DC's next shot at glory: *The Suicide Squad*, which, at the time, no one knew would become such a heated topic. As fans seemed to actually enjoy this new film with the stunning effects and talented cast, the critics had no mercy. Immediately, forums, blogs, and every platform of moviegoer fandom turned into chaos, as the fans fought against the harsh ratings. It seemed for once in a very long

time that a majority of viewers were in complete disagreement with critics.

As the disagreement ended in a stalemate, the DC panel at Comic Con took the next step by teasing fans with the new trailer for the Wonder Woman film, which still lacks a formal name. This movie is yet another attempt for DC to pick itself up off the ground.

In the end, *The Suicide Squad* delivered on its expectation: to be a better film than the rancid *Batman v. Superman*. More importantly, it gave fans hope that DC is able to capitalize on its outspoken fans and fix its mistakes. Moreover, it seemed that the DC movies would cease to be popular altogether if *The Suicide Squad* was a bust. Luckily, it was far from it, and now it is DC's turn to prove to critics why its upcoming movie lineup should be the favorite of children across the globe.

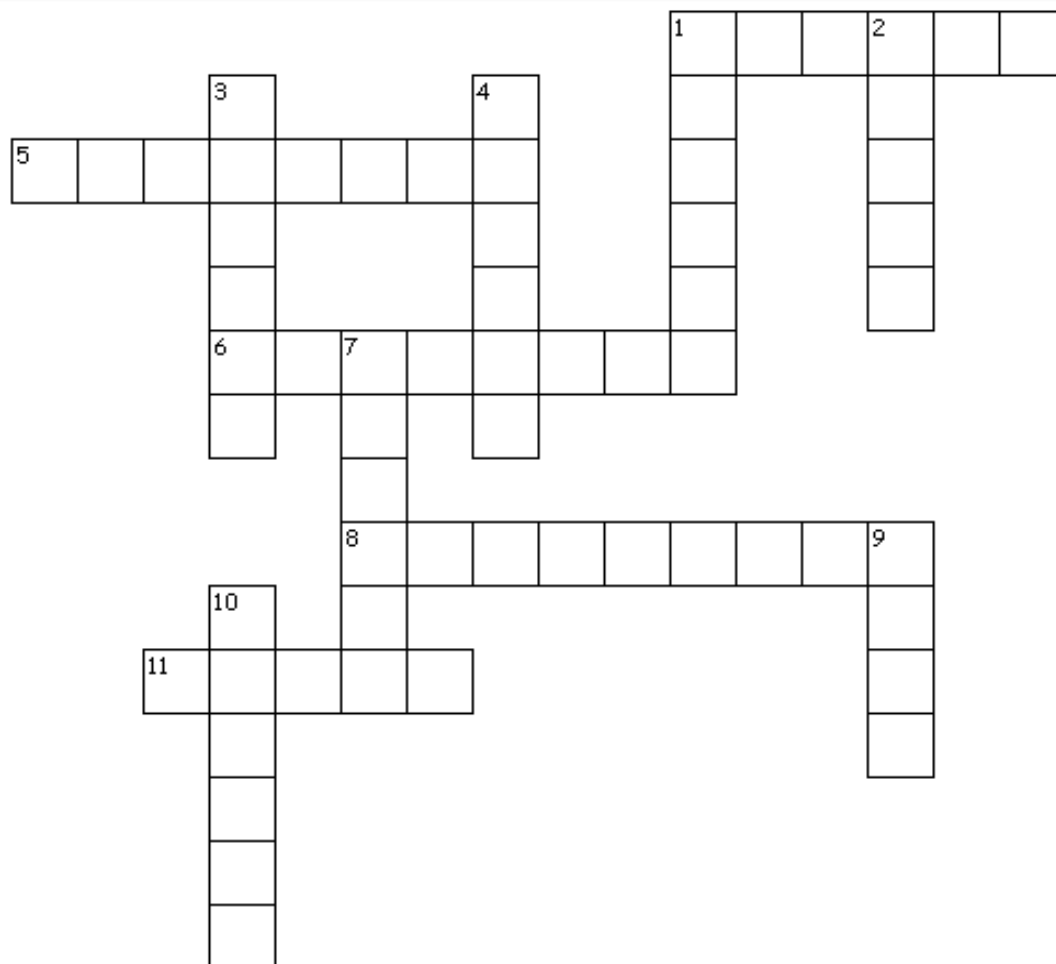


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# OLYMPIC RECAP

BY TREY CONNELLY



## Across

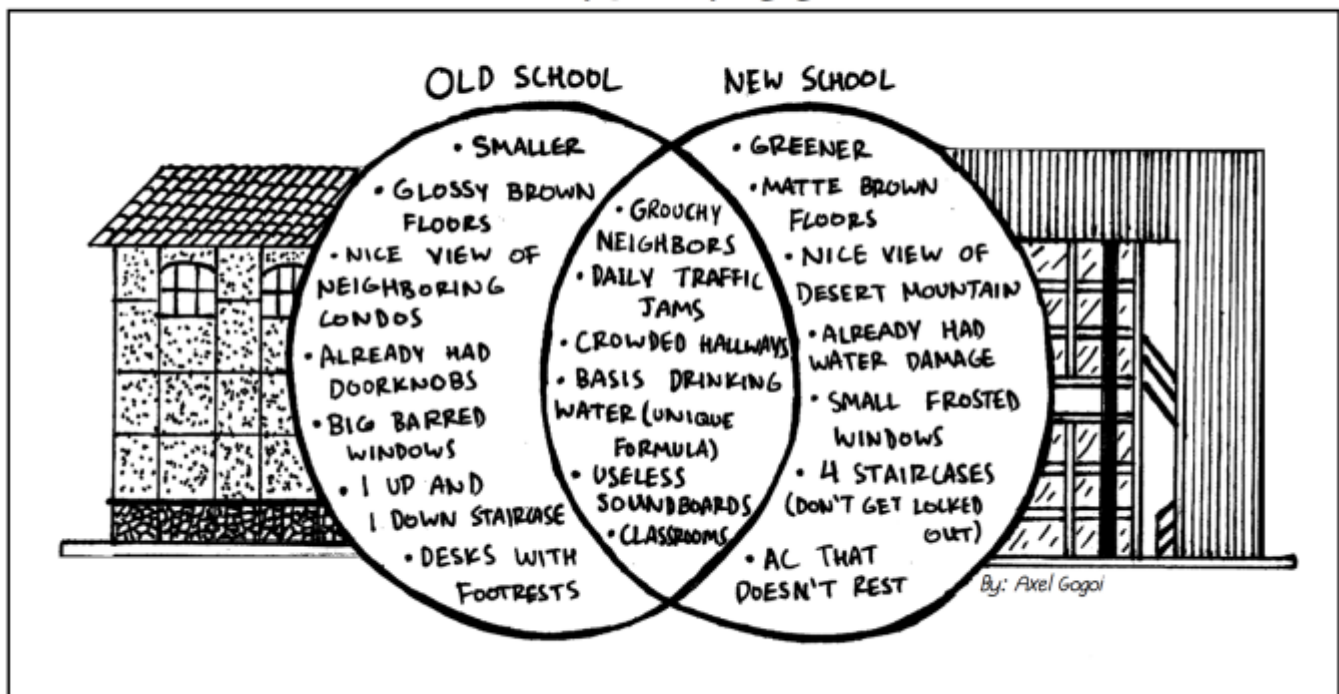
1. Continent yet to host the Olympics
5. Olympic motto: Faster, Higher, \_\_\_\_.
6. Official Mascot of the Rio Games
8. Sport still requiring amateur status to compete
11. City hosting the 2020 Game

## Down

1. Location of first modern Olympic Games
2. Country with fewest medals per capita
3. First-time entrant at the 2016 Games
4. Country officially participating in every Games
7. Country with the most Winter Olympic Medals
9. New sport in the 2016 Games along with Rugby
10. City which hosted the most Games

Answers  
Across: 1. Africa; 5. Stronger; 6. Vinicius; 8. Wrestling; 11. Tokyo  
Down: 1. Athens; 2. India; 3. Kosovo; 4. Greece; 7. Norway; 9. Golf; 10. London

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