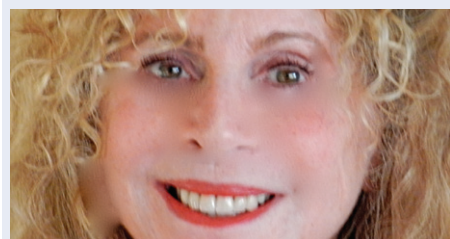




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JANUARY

■ Despite a series of local protests, longtime local favorite Point Pizza sadly closed its doors on New Year's Eve after more than 20 years serving Malibu and Point Dume. New Year's Eve was also the last meal for the long established local watering hole Guido's Restaurant, located in the Malibu Village Shopping Center. Its final night was the scene of many tearful goodbyes. At the same time, Mr. Chow's, an upscale Chinese Restaurant, opened its doors on New Year's Eve at Nobu's former space in the Malibu Country Mart off Cross Creek Road.



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Leonora Wojciechowska gives bartender Danny Collins a hug at Guido's Restaurant's closing gathering on New Year's Eve.

■ Councilman Skylar Peak came under investigation in connection with a possible hit-and-run after he allegedly ran over a 400-foot stretch of yellow paddle barriers near Zuma Beach on Christmas morning. His pickup truck was in a neighborhood near Westward Beach, sans councilman. Later in the year he plead no contest to reckless driving, paid a \$1,200 fine, was assigned 10 days



Skylar Peak

of beach cleanup, plus other community service.

■ Scott Sterling, 32, the son of Clipper owners Donald and Shelly Sterling was found dead in his Malibu apartment on New Year's Day. His untimely death shocked many who knew him, as he was a dedicated physical fitness buff who worked out daily. The LA County Coroner later determined Sterling died of a narcotics overdose.

■ The City Council voted unanimously to pursue discussions with Joe Edmiston and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) about swapping city-owned Charmlee Wilderness Park in west Malibu in return for complete control of Bluffs Park, with the chance of developing more sports fields, which are in short supply in Malibu. Opponents recalled the city's historically rocky relationship with SMMC and remain fearful of increased fire danger if the Conservancy decided to put in campsites at Charmlee.

■ In the first of several scandals to hit the LA County Sheriff's Department in 2013, Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station Capt. Joseph Stephen and two other senior Sheriffs were accused of sexual misconduct by a female Sheriff's deputy. Stephen was removed from the station and placed on paid leave.

■ A feasibility study commissioned by Advocates for Malibu Public Schools (AMPS) reported that a separate school district for Malibu was an economically viable possibility. The process moved onto the next steps, including some further studies and exploration of how a school board would be formed, teachers' rights in a new district and division of bond/parcel tax money.

FEBRUARY

■ A group of Malibu friends gathered at their old haunt, the Malibu Boys and Girls Club, to mourn the death of 24-year-old Tyler Robinson, son of Malibu Boys and Girls Club founder Scott Robinson. Jay Ogawa, one

June: Authorities call brush fires 'suspicious in nature'



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Firefighters Addison and Jimenez work to extinguish flames last June during a brush fire that scorched one acre in a gully between Point Dume Club and Wandermere Road, narrowly missing homes.



Tyler Robinson

of Robinson's childhood friends, also tragically lost his life just days later in an auto accident near Bakersfield. He was 25.

■ The 2012 Malibu Times Citizens of the Year Dolphin Award winners were announced:

- **Michael Espinoza**, Youth Award Winner for community service
- **Daniel and Luciana Forge**, longtime owners of Beurivage Restaurant, for years of service to the community and ongoing generosity to local charities
- **Cantor Marcelo Gindlin**, co-founder and coordinator of the Hand in Hand program, a very popular and successful program that couples special needs students with Malibu High students
- **John Johannessen**, a Hero award for his quick thinking and selflessness in pulling an individual from a burning car on PCH
- **Bruce Karatz**, businessman and

community activist who works with many charities, particularly Homeboy Industries, which rehabilitates formerly incarcerated gang members

- **Michael Miller and Joseph Evans**, Malibu Dolphin Hero awardees, who intervened to help apprehend a man who kidnapped a Malibu teenager; she was returned safely to her family
- **Oscar Mondragon**, longtime manager of the Malibu Community Labor Exchange and activist on behalf of farm laborers throughout California
- **Martha Templeton**, manager of the Malibu Artific Tree Thrift Store for more than 10 years and a tireless worker and fundraiser
- **Daniel Villefort**, a man dedi-

cated to Malibu safety, serving as Director of the Friends of the Arson Watch and Disaster Services and a team leader of Malibu Volunteers on Patrol

- **Karen Farrer, Craig Foster, and Seth Jacobson**, Malibu educational activists working to form an independent Malibu school district through their organization AMPS (Advocates for Malibu Public Schools)

■ A 44-year-old woman who was allegedly driving under the influence struck and killed a tow truck operator in a hit-and-run accident while he was assisting another motorist on PCH. Jill Rose was charged with felony hit and run and vehicular manslaughter.

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Malibu-style sledding



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While other parts of the country experienced storms and flooding, Malibu and the rest of LA saw soaring temperatures and ideal beach weather last week. Above, Caden Grethel goes sledding down a sand dune at Zuma Beach.

New year, new laws

Beginning in 2014, California drivers must stay three feet from cyclists; minimum wage to increase.

By Melissa Caskey
Staff Writer

After stomaching a federal government shutdown, learning of the NSA's invasive spying programs, avoiding war with Syria, not-so-smoothly rolling out Obamacare and allowing "selfie" to become an Oxford-certified part of everyday lexicon, it's hard to believe 2013 is over. But now we take a look ahead at 2014 and a bevy of new laws expected to affect Californians.

Three-foot biker law

The law with the biggest impact in Malibu is likely to be the "Three Feet for Safety Act," requiring drivers to maintain at

least three feet between their vehicle and bicyclists beginning Sept. 14, 2014.

For roads where space is too narrow, especially Pacific Coast Highway, drivers must "slow to a speed that is reasonable and prudent" and only pass when not endangering a cyclist. Law enforcement officials have touted the law as an overdue remedy to often-dangerous road conditions for cyclists.

"It's a very common sense law, but now it is a citable offense," California Highway Patrol spokesman Leland Tang said after the law was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown last September.

A county sheriff's official said he does not expect officers to be "out there with a yard stick," enforcing the distance, but will stress safety in its enforcement.

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