#### By Kim Devore Entertainment Editor



Photo courtesy Stefanie Keenan/Getty Images and LACMA Longtime local Leonardo DiCaprio seen with his legendary "Wolf of Wall Street" producer and director Martin Scorsese as well as pals like Eva Chow and artist David Hockney at a recent event.

#### **RED CARPET RUNWAY**

 $\Gamma$  rom the desert to the sea, the Globes to the Oscars and everything in between, Hollywood is going for the gold.

Film festivities began in Palm Springs and the stars turned out to shine. Local famous faces like Julia Roberts, Tom Hanks and U2's the Edge took center stage. Likewise, there were accolades as well for Meryl Streep, who accepted this year's Icon Award. She recently appeared with Julia Roberts in "August: Osage County."

Then it was on to the People's Choice Awards where Malibu's TV titan Mark Burnett returned to run the show.

Neighbors like Leonardo DiCaprio and Matthew McConaughey have critics all abuzz.

Leonardo and pal Martin Scorsese are just two of the big names circulating for top honors for "The Wolf of Wall Street." Matthew McConaughey has been said to have delivered the performance of his career in "Dallas Buyers Club."

The same goes for "The Blind Side" Oscar-winner Sandra Bullock for her role in the out-of-this-world space drama "Gravity." The popular actress was presented with several People's Choice Awards.

Sweet Sandra picked up PCA awards for Favorite Movie Actress, Favorite Comedic Movie Actress and Favorite Dramatic Star. Together with the gorgeous George Clooney, she snagged another top prize as part of the Favorite Movie Duo in "Gravity." The gala took place at Nokia followed by a slew of awards, including the Golden Globes.

Tina Fey and Amy Poehler returned to host the 71st Golden Globe Awards in Bev Hills to much acclaim.

"12 Years a Slave" and "American Hustle" led the motion picture nominations with seven nods each. Both films were nominated in their respective Best Picture categories and did not come away empty handed. Longtime locals like Leonardo DiCaprio won for "The Wolf of Wall Street" as did Matthew McConaughy for "Dallas Buyer's Club."

Critics have called this the best awards season in years with acclaimed films like "12 Years a Slave," "Captain Phillips," "Gravity," "Philomena" and "Her." There are also critical darlings like "Inside Llewyn Davis," "Nebraska," "Saving Mr. Banks" and "American Hustle."

Oscar categories, including Best Actor, are sure to be nail-biters. It all leads up to the biggest night of all in March. The whirlwind is enough to make you go dizzy, so keep those ballots close and good luck to all!



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### Love of literature



Our Lady of Malibu "Reading Angels" read to Malibu Presbyterian students during month two of their reading program in which they visit local schools to share their love of books.

### Inspired to win



Point Dume Marine Science School participated in the annual national PTA Reflections Program. This year's theme was "Believe, Dream, Inspire." Pictured from left, Philip Mason, JD Foutch, Grace Foutch, Ruby Ferguson, Mica Mellberg, Omar Izquierdo, Maya Mellberg, Johnny Sheridan, Vanessa Clark, Samara Toussaint, Maya DeBrouwer, Alexa DeBrouwer, Zoe Hood and Stevie Clark.

## **Dancing madness**

Point Dume Marine Science School fifth-graders competed in the annual Ballroom Madness competition in Santa Monica. Participants placed second in the competition against other Santa Monica and Malibu schools. Dance styles that were performed included tango, swing, waltz, Marengo and the fox-trot.



Point Dume Marine Science School students participate in the **Ballroom Madness** competition. Pictured are Emily Russo, Kevin McNulty, Kylie McNulty, William Thonson, Sophia Chaisson, Jules Sherman, Madison Smith, Sammy Mankoff, Frankie Cloete and Johnny Tarbox.

## **Essay writing excellence**



The Malibu Optimist Club conducted its annual essay contest for students at Malibu High School. Pictured from left, Frank Brady, Tony Lardas, Trevor Simonian, Jade Bates, Charlotte Drummond, Jerry Block and Alex Maile.

The Malibu Optimer conducted its annual essay The Malibu Optimist Club High School. contest for students at Malibu

Trevor Simonian won first Simonian will be entered place, Jade Bates won second

place and Charlotte Drummond won third place.

into the Optimist District competition.