Student Reporter

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Fascinating Finds in the Flea Market



Personally, my favorite example of an interesting flea market find would bethis wooden, handmade table. [Source: Author, Audrey Park]

Signs promoting a yard sale are common to many, but an individual living in a populated area will come to find that flea markets are a similar, but larger-scale genre that has popped up more recently. When thinking about a flea market, the goods that typically come to one's mind include items at a retail price, usually resting on a display table with several similar products nearby. This general knowledge personally came from the student-operated markets that my elementary school hosted; however, walking through columns of students' shops inspired me to visit my local flea market. Fortunately, my visit there sparked a fascination with homemade crafts, secondhand goods, and distinct items for anyone who visits flea markets abroad.

Because the first flea market that assuaged my curiosity was unavailable at the time, I drove my fascination with homemade items abroad and attempted to visit as many flea markets in other countries as I could. These market visits were possible under the condition that they'd be taken during my family trips and would

happen soon. The prolonged duration between trips made the process recognized as a small tradition amongst family members. One summer we'd visit Mexico to walk through booths loaded with homemade "calavera" charms, and the following winter we'd go to Vancouver and be presented with tiled, homemade furniture. Once the small tradition became familiar to family friends, their steady participation became evident through friendly diaries. Sunny Han, an avid traveler and family friend, reached out to me to explain the various experiences she had in Korea's flea markets, She says, "While the trend in most of the flea markets is selling retail products, I've become increasingly fond of decorations or accessories crafted from home. My room has started to display a variety of homemade pots and vases because of this."

Moreover, as the ban on traveling was lifted after the pandemic

measures declined, my fascination with homemade items collectively recontinued in the form of second-hand goods. This news promised the reopening of my city's flea markets and I was able to grasp a recollection of visiting similar locations a few summers back. With the inclusion of a few booths with homemade items, I recorded a handful of stands that sold used books. I had not been used to products like this in other markets, but frequently visiting this location allowed me to accept second-hand goods, such as books, as a noteworthy find.

Throughout the years, I have undoubtedly acknowledged that visiting flea markets has been a casual getaway, become a beloved summer tradition and a reminder that many people are unaware of the unexpected experiences that opportunities have in store for them. I encourage you to visit a local flea market, as you just may be surprised by what you find.

Student Reporter

FIRST Robotics Competitions Regional Competitions



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After finishing two regional FIRST Robotics Competitions (FRC) in March and April, our team#3328 is finally in the off-season. Even though we didn't qualify for playoffs or win awards, we had an enjoyable experience at both comps. These competitions were bonding experiences between our members and I got to really experience the essence of teamwork by building, fixing, and deploying our robot.

Both competitions followed a similar schedule: practice matches on the first day, qualifying matches on the second and third day, and finally the playoff matches to decide the regional winning teams. In our first competition in March, the regional FRC competition was held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds Arena, a fairly large stadium with approximately 5000 seats located in Southern California. The actual arena inside the stadium hosted the playing field for the robots and the different pits from each team, which were essentially little



During the FRCR, student-made robots competed against each other to win the main prize. Source coming tonight

[Source: North Hollywood High School Robotics]

squared-off sections designated for working on the robot. Most of our time during the competition was in the pits, where we fixed the various issues with our robot and did some pit scouting to assess the different capabilities of each FRC team. We also had a lot of fun talking with the other teams and collecting various trinkets/pins that teams handed out for free in their pits, a common tradition in FRC. In our second competition, which was in Eastside High School located in Lancaster, California, the schedule and pit situations were practically the same.

The theme for FRC in 2022 was Rapid React. The playing field had a large structure called the Hub, consisting of a lower and upper hub that robots had to shoot balls into in order to score points. The upper hub was worth more points than the lower, but it required more meticulous planning and programming for the robot to shoot at the right angle. The field also had a climb section, which was essentially rungs of different elevations, comparable to a diagonal monkey bar set up. Each match started with robots (preloaded) shooting balls

by themselves and scoring even more points with the balls laid out all over the field. Once the autonomous period was over, the robot now entered teleoperated mode, which meant the drivers had to manually control the robots. Robots were also free to enter into the climb section, which rewarded a lot of points based on the rung they hung at. The climb was especially tricky because teams had to balance a heavy robot with arms, and in some teams, attempt to traverse all four rungs using complex mechanisms.

Although our team didn't perform as well this season as we had previously, we have high hopes to prepare harder for the next competitions. Even though we are entering the off-season, our student-led team leaders are trying to train some of our underclassmen (including myself) as much as possible before they graduate. My teammates hope to work even harder for the next season to do much better than our 2022 season.

Student Reporter

La Canada High School's Spring Assembly



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La Canada High School had its second in-person assembly since COV-ID-19. Before COVID-19 spread, the assemblies were usually in the gym, and during quarantine, the assemblies were filmed and students were able to watch them online. Now, the school has begun its in-person assemblies again, but outdoors.

La Canada High School's assemblies are always grand and impressive. The spring assembly of 2022 was held on the football field, and it had many different and exciting performances. It began with the school's band walking through the school hallways alerting students that the assembly had started. All the students walked onto the football field and sat on the section of the bleachers assigned for their grade. There were performances from all the cheerleading squads including, the Junior Varsity and Varsity

Songs, Flaggies, and the Pep Squad. Each of the cheerleading squads had its own unique performance with different musicand cheers.

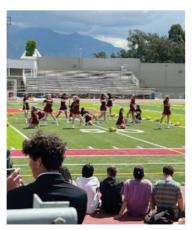
Therewere also entertaining performances from different sports teams. For example, the swim team played a water balloon game with some of the teachers, the track team played a three-legged race after choosing one person from each grade, and the baseball and softball team did a slip and slide.

Aside from all the performances from students, there were also acts from teachers and administrators, including a lip-synch battle. The winner was chosen through how loud the students' cheers were. The teachers won with their lip-sync of "Baby" by Justin Bieber.

Furthermore, La Canada High

School recently had an event called Mr. LC, where senior boys were voted for from different categories, such as being funny or most likely to be an influencer. After one senior boy was chosen from each, there was a show where each of the boys showed off their talents and their charms. Students voted for who they believed should be Mr. LC at the show. Then, at the spring assembly, Mr. LC was introduced along with all of the other people who were candidates.

Besides all the fun and entertaining performances, important announcements were also made. The assembly lasted about 40 minutes, and not one moment was wasted. A student from La Canada High School, Katherine Kim, stated: "Although the assembly was outdoors making it was a little hard to hear and see what was going on, it was



La Canada High School's cheerleading squad, the Varsity Songs, performing at the spring assembly. [Source: Author, Elie Kim]

really fun to watch and I loved it so much which made me forget about the downsides of it being outdoors."

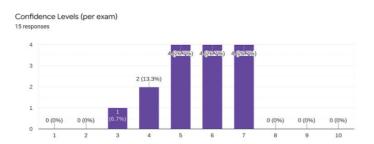
To many of the students' luck, the school is planning on doing their next and last assembly for the year back indoors, and many students are excited about this.

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AP Testing Season! Are Students Ready?



Confidence levels during AP testing season

[Source: Author, Sean Kim]

the lowest, five being the highest; As the 2021-2022 school year comes to an end, stress levels rise many colleges even offer credit for as students scramble in AP season. scores of three or higher. AP exams have become extremely important Advanced Placement, also known as AP, is a system implemented in the college admissions process. internationally by high schools. APs have filled students' applications in replacement for SAT sub-Within the system are AP classes, which offer college-level education ject tests since January 2021, when to ambitious high school students. the latter was discontinued. An AP classes move quicker and end applicant with zero AP classes fails before the typical school year, conin comparison to applicants with cluding with a final exam held by many. Case in point, high school the CollegeBoard in May. These students aiming for acceptance exams are graded with a score to top universities feel pressure to ranging from one to five, one being enrollin as many AP classes as pos-

sible, assuming they can receive passing scores on the exams in May.

In AP season, students suffer, despite having all the information to be ready for a five. By late April, all curriculum is over, and students should be reviewing for their tests. Despite having all the necessary information, students excessively. To understand the emotions surrounding the exams, I interviewed some of my AP-taking friends. Ten classmates, from all grade levels, ranked their confidence on a one to ten scale, with ten being extremely confident and one being not confident at all, for each test. Some students took more than one exam, so, in the end, I evaluated a total of twentyone rankings. As expected, the average score was relatively low, at five point five. Although students went through months of learning,

they continued to feel underprepared and stressed for the testing season.

Overall, most students do not feel ready and prepared for AP exams come testing time. Low confidence levels show that students remain insecure about the AP testing season even after months of education. Maybe teachers aren't adequately preparing students, maybe colleges overwhelm high school students to take the exams, or maybe students will always be stressed about their education. No matter the cause, it's been proven that high school students are not confident about their AP exams. Knowing how stressful AP season can be, students should go through extra effort to stay on top of their schoolwork and make sure they're never falling behind. Hopefully, people will feel more confident next school year.

Student Reporter

How to Make the Most Out of Your Summer



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Although summer is a time when most people just want to take a break, rest, and have fun, it is also a great time to prepare for the upcomingschoolyear. After along, tedious year of learning, the last thing that one would want to do is study more. However, while you should enjoy your summer by traveling, resting, and hanging out with friends, it is also the perfect time to not only advance your studies but also to improve your lifestyle.

In order to get the best out of your summer, it is important to rest, take your mind off of school, and work, and just enjoy life for the first week or two of your summer. After the first two weeks, the rest of the summer should be a combination of rest and work. Unlike during the school year, when working is constant and with short breaks at the end of weeks, it is helpful to have short breaks in between workdays. For example, instead of working Monday through Friday and resting on the weekends, it is better to



Summer study workbooks that students can utilize during the summer may not seem like the ideal way to spend your vacation but can help you in the long run.

[Source: Author, Justin Yoon]

work for two days and then rest and repeat this pattern during the summer. Having rested in between workdays allows you to recharge and be more effective during the days that you do work.

The most important part of the summer, however, is not your work and rest schedule, but what you do during your "work" time to effectively prepare for the upcoming year. Many people may think that studying means mindlessly reading the textbook, or long sets of notes, but in reality, your brain is not able to absorb the information and keep it through these methods of studying. Instead, according to the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the human brain learns most quickly and effectively through a process called active learning, which can be accessed through writing and discussion.

One of the best ways to engrain ideas, dates, and information into your memory is by discussing the topic at a deep level. So, it is very helpful to have a friend that you

can study with, and discuss the subject together with. At the same time, although it is not as effective, it is still very important to read from textbooks, and other sources to receive information.

Apart from just preparing your-self for classes, the summer is also a great time to change your habits, and create a better lifestyle. While it is hard to change your sleep, workout, and eating schedules and habits during the school year, it is much easier to do so during the summer, as you have much more freedom and flexibility in terms of time. So, it is important to take this opportunity to watch what you eat, get lots of exercise, and also manage your hours of sleep to ensure that you stay healthy.

The summer is the best time not only to rest but to also improve yourself by continuing to work while maintaining a healthy balance with rest in order to prepare for the upcoming year.

Student Reporter

Racial Slurs at HS Football Game Deepens Awareness



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Temecula Valley High School, TVHS, hosted its first football game of the school year. Last year the team placed 2nd in the Southwestern Division and has the potential of winning the league this year. At seven-thirty p.m, TVHS kicked off their season by playing against Moreno Valley View High school. The TV Golden Bears had won their first game of the season 57-0, but during the half-time show, the cheer team faced an unprecedented racial attack.

At half-time, Moreno Valley View cheerleaders were "victims of racial attacks." According to the cheerleading coach, racial slurs and monkey noises were heard coming from the TV student section.

After the altercation, cheerleading coach Kenya Williams posted on Facebook, "Throughout all

my years coaching, I have never encountered such levels of hostility and hatred from an opposing school/team." The majority of the cheerleaders were women of color. Because they felt frightened and unwelcome, the cheerleaders left early. "The last straw was when my children heard things like 'on the wrong side,' 'not supposed to be here,' but they were terrified and forced to leave," Williams said in

an interview.

Both schools reported the event to the Temecula Valley School District. In an email to students and employees, the district stated that they will continue to "embrace diversity and firmly reject hate speech and rude, bigoted behavior or racial intolerance of any type on or off the school campus. We will hold anybody discovered using such language while representing one of our schools accountable for



Temecula Valley High School students begin to protest in front of their campus, in order to share their voice on the problems of racism. Their voices are heard as students and parents drive past these protests after school.

[Source:BeckySulzmann]

their words and actions... we acknowledge that we still have work to do in our schools and will continue to fight to promote fairness, sportsmanship, respect, and fair playon and off the field."

Social justice group, Temecula Unity, had raised more than \$1,600 for Moreno Cheer and delivered a team pizza to their

campus. Many TVHS students protested against racism outside of their school to voice that racism will not be tolerated in their community. Racismisstilla major problem in schools today. These key lessons are taught and tolerated at home. This indicates a huge race problem that is still ongoing in Temecula and its school districts.