

Editors Column



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Kicking into the Homeless World Cup



The 2023 Homeless World Cup. [Source: Daniel Lipinski]

The World Cup – one of the most awaited and watched sports events- happened in November last year. It took place in Qatar, with Argentina as the champions. There, many countries showcased amazing skill and perseverance to advance to the next stage

Along with the World Cup, there are many other soccer championships that happen throughout the year. For exam-

ple, the Women’s World Cup and the Homeless World Cup are two other tournaments that happened this year. While the World Cup and the Women’s World Cup are well known, the Homeless World Cup is one that many have not heard of. The story and impact of this soccer event are very touching and should be discussed more often.

The Homeless World Cup was founded by globally recognized

entrepreneurs Mel Young and Harald Schmid, who ran a paper for the homeless in Austria. Mel wanted to “beat homelessness with football,” and he is on his way to his goal after impacting more than a million lives in 74 countries with his movement. The Homeless World Cup was also created to change how people perceive homelessness and homeless people. Just 18 months after bringing up their idea, Mel and Harald were able to hold the first Homeless World Cup in July 2003 in Austria. Ever since, this event has taken place for a week every year all over the world. The 2023 Homeless World Cup just finished on July 15 in Sacramento, California, with Mexico and Chile becoming the champions.

In recognition of the Homeless World Cup, director Lee Byeong-Heon created a touching and inspirational movie called ‘Dream,’ which was released three months

ago. Starring Park Seo-Joon and Lee Ji-Eun, it revolves around the life of a national soccer player, Yoon Hong-Dae, who suffers a hit to his reputation after an incident. After receiving disciplinary prohibition, he becomes a coach for the South Korean Homeless World Cup team. This movie captures the impact of the Homeless World Cup on the players’ lives and the importance of perseverance.

This annual event has impacted so many people, with 94% of the players stating that the Homeless World Cup changed their life for the better, 83% finding improvement in their relationship with friends and family, and 76% continuing to play the sport after the event. Homelessness can be an extremely lonely and isolated experience, but the Homeless World Cup changes this by giving players a community that they can depend on.

Student Reporter



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Another Successful Annual Summer School at LA Sarang Church

Summer school is a necessity for both students and parents in Los Angeles. Summer break is an amazing season to excel in learning, and parents are free of worries while they’re at work. This year, LA Sarang Church announced its annual summer school for rising Kindergarteners through freshmen. The school hours were long (from 8 in the morning until 5:30 in the afternoon), but it seemed to be a blessing for parents who worked similar hours. Various extracurriculars were offered, along with mandatory Korean classes. On Mondays, the organization went on various field trips that were not only educational but also fun and engaging for all grades. Through the efforts of the amazing staff at LA Sarang Church’s summer school, it seemed to satisfy both the parents and the students once again.



A field trip to the strawberry farm during summer school. Everyone got to take their hand-picked strawberries home to share with their family!

The biggest highlights of this year’s summer school were the numerous extracurriculars the school offered. Athletic students seemed to sign up most for the table tennis class. This class was taught by experienced table tennis athletes, and so staff drove to the gyms for professional training. David Chun, one of the stu-

dents that was a part of the table tennis class, says, “The teachers were amazing, and I improved so much in such a short time. The class taught me cooperation and helped me to have a more active lifestyle.”

There were also classes for musically talented students. Some

of the most popular classes were violin, ukulele, and guitar. In addition to these classes, there were arts and crafts classes that many of the younger students enjoyed. Occasionally, professional calligraphers would guest-host to teach the beauty of writing. All arts and crafts students were allowed to take their work home and display their efforts in front of their parents.

Students had mandatory English and math classes for 50 minutes each day to continue their learning through the summer. Since the school was targeted at Korean-Americans and Christian families, it also taught Christian or Korean history every morning. Parents and students are extremely eager for another summer and anticipate an exciting and advanced semester.

Student Reporter



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How to Buy Discounted, Authentic Stüssy Clothing

Although the temperatures were scorching and the air was humid at the FoodieLand Night Market in Pasadena, hundreds of people waited in line to enter, but not for the food vendors; instead, many of them came for the Stüssy outlet sales that infrequently occur in locations like Los Angeles, Irvine, and San Diego.

Stüssy, a streetwear clothing brand, sells its heavily discounted products under canopies, but many customers, and even Stüssy’s most loyal shoppers, are unaware of these sale events due to the lack of publicity that they receive.

I recently discovered these obscure outlet sales and decided to attend one. Upon arrival, I instantly noticed the cramped atmosphere as everyone chaotically searched for the items they wanted. The clothes were hung on clothing racks and placed on plastic foldable tables. The sought-after hoodies were rough-

ly 60% off their retail price, so many people purchased multiple items to take advantage of the affordable costs.

The clothes sold were from a variety of collections, including their popular World Tour collection and other newly-released designs. Ranging from old to new to rare pieces, a diversity of Stüssy products were available, but the in-demand items were quickly taken. There was a separate “priority” line for those who registered for a time slot prior to arriving, but it could take a few hours to get through it despite the line being faster. So, going as soon as the outlet sales start and waiting in the priority line early will increase your chances of obtaining the desirable Stüssy pieces.

Certain night markets may restrict people from bringing large bags inside their locations. For instance, the FoodieLand Night Market in Pasadena allowed clear bags but would not allow certain



Under the canopies, people browse the Stüssy clothes on racks and tables with their blue IKEA bags. [Source: Author, Jacob Son]

other types. Even backpacks were not allowed, but handbags were. Stüssy does provide its customers with large blue IKEA bags for them to use while shopping at the outlet sales, but shoppers must return the bags before they leave; bringing large clear bags would be optimal if you were to purchase many items.

If shoppers already have Stüssy shirts and wear them to the sale events, they can get extra discounts and benefits, so showing

your shirt to an employee can save additional money.

Stüssy has an official separate website strictly for its outlet sales—which many people don’t know exists—that displays the times and locations of future events. However, because registration for time slots opens on the website without a public announcement, make sure to consistently check the website to ensure that no important updates are missed.

Editors Column

2023 Ice Bucket Challenge



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This is a bucket that's full of ice which depicts this "Ice Bucket Challenge" to help those with Lou Gehrig's disease.
[Source: Author, Lois Lee]

On Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok, there are trends that are going on strike. Trends are also called "challenges," which include dance, songs, foods, and even fashions. Trends in social media might be menacing; however, there are positive parts of it. As a person who enjoys using social media, I kept seeing a trend

called the "Ice Bucket Challenge." Famous celebrities, dancers, and YouTubers have been continuing this challenge in South Korea.

"Ice Bucket Challenge" is a campaign to promote the recognition of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) — which is also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. This is a campaign to fund and donate money to organizations that supports patients with Lou Gehrig's disease, where after one does it, you pick the next person, and so on. But why is it called as "Ice Bucket Challenge?" As the name refers, people pour buckets full of ice water over themselves in order to feel the similar pain that the Lou Gehrig patients have. The "Ice Bucket Challenge" started in early July 2014 in the States. In South Korea, Seungil Hope Foundation's main operator,

Sean from Jinusean, announced on his Instagram of the 2023 "Ice Bucket Challenge." South Korea's first Lou Gehrig hospital has been working on its progress and has been successfully able to buy land. This year's "Ice Bucket Challenge" helps in the progress of improving and building the hospital. Starting from Sean, IU, Park Bo Gum, and Cho Won Hee have been sharing this challenge on their social media. Through this process, there have been, and still are, many celebrities supporting and funding this Lou Gehrig's disease.

Several students from Juniper Christian School were interviewed, and Peter Kim, an 11th grader, thought positively about this challenge. He said that "I think this challenge is really good, and I think this type of

activity is a way of encouraging others." Christine Park, a 10th grader, could not understand this challenge at first, but as she got to know more, Christine was impressed and touched. "I really liked the idea of the Ice Bucket Challenge. That was another way of sharing the idea of funding. If there was something to change, I hope general people would also participate, not just only celebrities. But I will appreciate this challenge to the heart!"

The idea of the "Ice Bucket Challenge" is really interesting and creative. If I have the chance to share this, I would really like to serve, donate, and participate. Through this challenge, it lets people understand and know the importance of sharing. Come and join this challenge and spread this great news!

Student Reporter

The Heat Wave in Bakersfield



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As summer reaches full swing, Kern County is experiencing an immense heat wave. In fact, at the time of writing this article, next week, the temperature will be 114 degrees Fahrenheit, equivalent to 45.55 degrees Celsius. Not only has the heat been increasing in Bakersfield and Kern County, but also in the rest of California as well, despite experts predicting a wet year where the temperature should be cooler than years past. Instead, the temperature has either stayed constant or increased in heat. This raises the obvious question — why is the temperature of not only Kern County but also the rest of California not decreasing?

In Kern County, much of the heat is the result of polluted air that is trapped in a virtual heat dome — this is known as the greenhouse effect, where certain gasses trap in the sun's heat in the atmosphere. California has already suffered from this issue and attempted to



Bakersfield Oil pumpjack is part of Kern County's petroleum industry, which contributes to rising temperatures.

[Source: Author, Ethan Chang]

combat this problem by encouraging the use of more environmentally friendly ways of obtaining energy. However, Kern County, and by extension Bakersfield, is heavily linked with the petroleum industry, resulting in the continued use of an energy source that results in polluted air. Additionally, because Bakersfield's location is surrounded by mountains and hills, much of the heated, polluted air is trapped in a set location. The

result is that much of the air in Bakersfield is not only contributing to the increasing heat but also is inclusive to the city since the air cannot travel to other places and dissipate over time. It also does not help that the summer heat contributes to Bakersfield's worsening air quality since the heat is mixed in with the polluted air, causing the equivalent of heated smog. The end result is Bakersfield being recorded as having

one of the worst air qualities in the United States on top of an already terrible on-and-off heat wave that happens almost every summer.

With the answer to why Bakersfield's temperatures are frequently high, the next question is how we can prevent the constant amount of heat generated in the summer by our air quality. The answer is actually simple but difficult to implement. Heat reduction must involve less use of industries that generate polluted air, such as fossil fuel extraction, and encourage more sustainable energy practices that do not generate as much heat. This would be difficult since many jobs in Bakersfield are supplied by fossil fuels, which also contributes to a major part of Kern County's economy. In the end, it is most likely the heat wave across both Kern County and California will remain until the majority of the state agrees that they cannot live with another heat wave anymore.

Student Reporter

Navigating the Town - A Journey Through KYCC's First Mobility Walks



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July 8th was one of three dates the Koreatown Youth Community Center (KYCC) set aside for the community to get together and learn about transportation in Koreatown. This event is called Koreatown Mobility Walks. It included public transportation, such as buses or metro, but also included walking and micro-mobility vehicles (e.g. bikes). In the state of California, specifically Koreatown, there are very few bike lanes, causing many inconveniences to riders, car drivers, and even pedestrians. Although there is a huge misunderstanding about if bikes should stay on the streets, California law states that bicycles can ride on the sidewalk but typically should stay on the streets.

The idea of bicycles being used on sidewalks causes pedestrians to need to be careful while walking in order not to get severely injured. The fear of injuring a pedestrian on the sidewalk is one of many reasons why bike riders stay on the streets. However, riding on the street without any designated bike lanes can also lead to many ac-

cidents. Many people have stated that "My father would not allow me to get a bike," or "When I was young, I asked for a bike, but my family would say it was too dangerous." - KYCC coordinator.

It has become apparent that it would be difficult for bike riders to get around Koreatown without the ability to ride on sidewalks. People have used this as an opportunity to get involved in the community and see the difficulty of getting across Koreatown themselves. The data collected from First Mobility Walks would be processed by KYCC and eventually would hopefully make it into the County's office.

Mobility walking is an event where a group of Koreatown locals come together to go on a walk through a designated path, where they collect data on the neighborhood. My group was presented with a checklist that included a bunch of items we were supposed to analyze and write about by the end of the event. This included the number of people seen, their



Taking a ride throughout K-town on a public bus, we carried clipboards with the evidence we found throughout the event.
[Source: Author, Dion Jung]

age, activities, street condition, etc. Starting from Virgil and making our way to Western, we took two methods of transportation: walking and taking a bus. My group consisted of seven members, along with a reporter from the Korean News company and a couple of other reporters, to document the process. There were even a couple of people who were taken aside to film an interview, which was later broadcasted

on the Korean News.

The driving question of this event was, "How easy is it to actually get around K-town without a car?" After conducting research, it has become apparent that although many people typically drive, even on a calm day like a Saturday, there are many people taking a bus or walking. The last two days of the event just passed, but next year consider it as something to get involved in.