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audience members have the opportunity to access information on various cybersecurity topics in between shows. On the website, CyberTalk lists past shows for viewers as well as brief descriptions about members of the CyberTalk team.

With the goal to connect with elementary and middle school students, CyberTalk collaborates with a national competition called CyberPatriot and the National Cryptography Museum. CyberTalk hopes to increase the growth of cybersecurity jobs and change the lives of people who are unaware of the importance of cybersecurity, Zhao said.

“We want to inspire students to pursue a career in the cyber world and allow students to see that cyber is an accessible career,” Zhao said. “In the foreseeable future, we will continue to host shows and collaborate with other cyber organizations so that we can reach more people and provide more opportunities for students.”

Doctors Without Borders Club gathers thank you cards for frontline workers

With aims to create more personal cards, DWB Club sends handwritten letters and illustrations to frontline medical workers.

By Erin Jang
STAFF WRITER

Expressing appreciation towards the medical community, Doctors Without Borders Club collaborated with Project Thank You to send cards for the frontline health care workers in November.

With the mission to motivate medical workers, DWB Club cooperated with the project to gather cards from students in Orange County. Founded by two University of California Berkeley students, Project Thank You aims to collect and deliver positive letters, videos and cards to local hospitals.

Originated in France, the global organization Doctors Without Borders provides medical care to people in developing countries and other regions affected by

wars and natural disasters. The Warrior DWB Club seeks to raise awareness through meetings with guest speakers and volunteer opportunities in the medical field.

With the option to send a digital or a physical letter, the students delivered their gratitude inside the message and design. Located within different colleges in California, the separate branches of Project Thank You continuously mailed student-made notes of appreciation throughout the month.

In consideration of the ongoing pandemic, the club utilized different

methods to express their appreciation for members of the community and medical field while intent on international humanitarian guidance, Co-president Irene Jung said.

“Through this collaboration, [our club] wanted to show gratitude towards what doctors are doing around us,” Jung said.

“We started these cards, since as high school students, we are unable to visit other countries and give direct aid to the countries that need it, [which is mostly done by large organizations].”

Delivered anonymously, the cards are a platform that welcomes all creative mediums of different talents. In an effort to express their

recognition, students included a variety of personal illustrations in their submissions, Co-president Angela Min said.

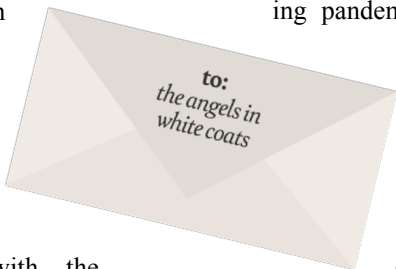
“[A personal individual card] shows the writer’s genuine effort compared to other forms of messages,” Min said. “For example, with an actual card

versus an email, there is a sense of effort shown through the handwritten note.”

With

aims to share inspiration with the use of words, students from local schools reveal their ideas and designs to create unique cards. Messages made with markers, stickers and other craft appliances illustrate each student’s personal thank you to the frontline workers, Min said.

“By thanking [healthcare workers] in writing letters, we receive an awareness of community, especially with the addition of the Thanksgiving holiday spirit in November,” Min said. “[Students who submitted a card] gain a better sense of gratitude for medical professionals who constantly are working through a pandemic and saving many lives.”



GRAPHICS BY CASSIDY CHANG AND DAVID LEE

Amnesty Club attends Online Activism Conference about human rights issues

Amnesty International club utilizes social media as a platform to spread awareness about overlooked social issues to Warriors.

By Diya Patel
STAFF WRITER

Advocating for human rights issues in developing nations, Amnesty International club attended the Virtual Activism Conference Nov. 13-15.

Hosted by Amnesty International United States, the two-day event provided a brief overview of the conference schedule and helped club leaders spread informational content about various human rights concerns. Facilitated through Zoom, each breakout room consisted of a speaker that highlighted the main ideas of a specific natural rights issue. Focused on diverse human rights issues, the organization permitted students to join a breakout session that focused on ideas that intersected with their interests.

Founded this school year, Amnesty International club aims to increase awareness on human rights violations that are not publicized in the mainstream media. As a sector of the

international organization, the club aims to educate Warriors through periodic posts of factual infographics on their Instagram account. In the past, the club has focused on issues such as protests in Thailand, marches in Nigeria and Black Live Matter movements across the world.

Following the death of George Floyd, thousands of individuals began to protest against police brutality and in support of victims of violence. The marches sparked activism and human rights advocacy for adolescents in various countries, Arain said.

“We often overlook human rights issues and are placed in a bubble where we think that everything in the outside world is ideal,” Arain said. “The Black Lives Matter protests really opened my eyes, and I wanted to make a difference, so the club hopes that the virtual activism conference provided the impact for club members that others have experienced.”

According to Arain, mainstream media often refrains from addressing human rights

issues beyond local incidents.

“The biggest thing I learned from the conference was the number of human rights issues going on in third-world countries,” Arain said. “Previously, I would focus on issues that were covered on the mainstream media, but when I went to the conference, I realized there were dozens of hu-

man rights issues that are just as prevalent and crucial to focus on.”

In an effort to inform Warriors, the club utilizes resources like social media that are commonly accessed by students to help facilitate change. Advocacy and community outreach about different issues is the most effective method to raise

awareness among students, Co-president Ahmad Arain said.

“Human rights is something everyone should enjoy equally without hindrance or interference,” Arain said. “We believe human rights are vital for the advancement of society, and we have the ability to make changes in different regions by raising awareness.”



GRAPHIC BY CASSIDY CHANG

Business Program led event with motivational speaker

Business students spoke with Renaldo Lawrence with aims to find a mentor and solidify their goals.

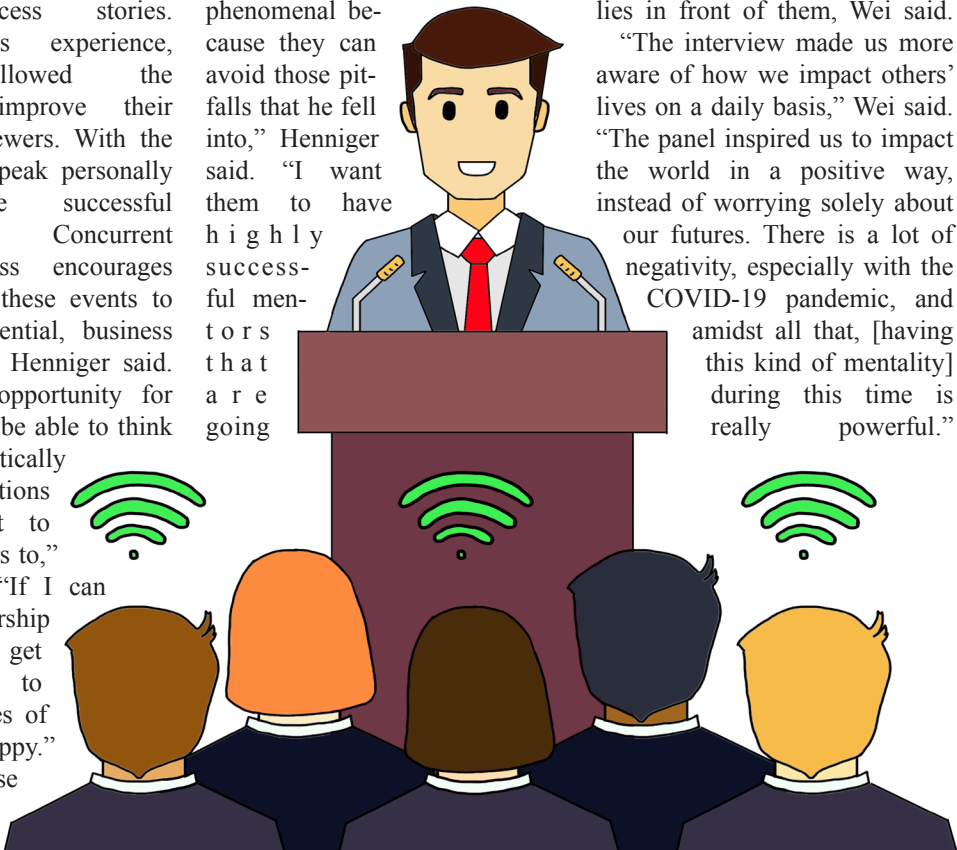
By Mai Omoto
STAFF WRITER

Inspiring Warriors to persevere through challenges, the International Business class hosted an interview with Renaldo Lawrence Oct. 30. Organized by West Hills community college, the panel offered students the opportunity to speak with Lawrence about his method of success. As a motivational speaker, Lawrence shared his personal experiences with the students and spoke about the importance of every moment for self-improvement. In preparation for the event, the students viewed a past interview with Lawrence and researched his background. Lawrence works to improve communication technology in the education industry between faculty members, students, and parents. Each student found one unique fact about Lawrence and created a question to compile a list for the interview. Offered to all students in the International Business program,

the Concurrent Enrollment class at West Hills Coalinga College partners with district high schools in order to advance the high schoolers' leadership skills. The course offers college credit, free certification exams for this business course, and the chance to hear various mentors' success stories. Through this experience, Lawrence allowed the students to improve their skills as interviewers. With the opportunity to speak personally with multiple successful mentors, the Concurrent Enrollment class encourages students to use these events to their fullest potential, business teacher Deborah Henniger said. "I love the opportunity for [the students] to be able to think creatively and critically about what questions that they want to know the answers to," Henniger said. "If I can develop leadership qualities and get these students to take opportunities of them, then I'm happy." With his diverse experiences, Renaldo Lawrence

shared his positive outlook on life and the various steps he took to reach his current position. As a mentor, Lawrence urges the students to follow his path toward success, Henniger said. "For the students to hear from someone who is so highly successful and experienced was phenomenal because they can avoid those pitfalls that he fell into," Henniger said. "I want them to have highly successful mentors that are going

to guide them along that path and help them on the road to success." According to sophomore Ethan Wei, the interview with Lawrence helped to strengthen his view on life. As many students worry for their future, Lawrence redirected their focus to the bigger picture instead of what lies in front of them, Wei said. "The interview made us more aware of how we impact others' lives on a daily basis," Wei said. "The panel inspired us to impact the world in a positive way, instead of worrying solely about our futures. There is a lot of negativity, especially with the COVID-19 pandemic, and amidst all that, [having this kind of mentality] during this time is really powerful."



CARTOON BY ELLA MOON

Troy Support Organization hosted restaurant fundraisers

Troy Support Organization plans to utilize funds to extend library hours and improve sound systems.

By Brianna Vu
STAFF WRITER

Raising funds for Warrior educational programs, Troy Support Organization hosted their first fundraiser of the year, Spirit Dining Days Nov. 16 to Dec. 15. Due to COVID-19, TSO held a virtual event to compensate for their traditional fall campaign revenue. Spirit Dining Days allowed for families to order food from participating food establishments that would contribute 15 percent of the earnings to TSO. As a certified nonprofit, TSO is a parent-run volunteer organization that aspires to provide a better education for Warriors. In the past, TSO fundraised for upgraded computer equipment and outdoor classroom renovations with the intention of improving students' work environments. With online classes, the organization provided Warrior staff with advanced document cameras in all classrooms. For this fundraiser, TSO directors aimed to encourage the support of educational enhancements to

families via purchases of meals. Hosted in an accessible and socially distanced manner, restaurants in partnership including Chick-fil-A or Chipotle accepted mobile orders with the input of TSO's promo code. As an additional campaign, TSO also hosted a GivingTuesday fundraiser that honored the National Day of Giving Dec. 1. TSO hoped to raise \$15,000 for the fall season to account for their regular fundraising proceeds. For the past 18 years, the organization donated over \$1,200,000 toward campus improvements. The association intends to utilize their fundraising money to extend library hours and upgrade the sound systems in the library and gym. According to President Daryl Bowman, the lack of in-person communications posed a challenge, but board directors worked to publicize fundraisers through various platforms. TSO created Spirit Dining Days to elevate a variety of programs and infrastructure for students that the ordinary state budget would not allow, Bowman said. "We, parents, are dedicated and extremely proud of what Troy stands for and the quality of the education that it provides for our students," Bowman said. "We all want the best for the students at

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The Troy Support Organization (TSO) will receive a percentage of the proceeds from each restaurant when you order in person and present their individual flyer to them, or order online with the promo codes listed above. Digital flyers for each restaurant are available at www.thetroydifference.org.

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Troy and to not let the budget gaps hinder [that education]."

Despite this year's budget gap, the establishment intended to recover and work towards the reconstruction of student needs. TSO's purpose is to advance the student's learning environment for the betterment of the future, Bowman said.

"TSO is deeply passionate about making sure that the high-quality programs that exist at Troy remain strong and are enhanced where possible," Bowman said. "It truly is a labor of love. Love for our students, love for all Troy staff and love for what Troy stands for as a world-class education."

TROY TODAY

Virtual Troy Tech Tour

In an effort to welcome future Warriors, Troy Tech hosted virtual tours of the program Nov. 10, 17 and Dec. 1. Scheduled via a Google Form sign-up, students and parents attended live tours from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. over Zoom. The school offered a Troy Tech Visit Afternoon Event for additional details about Troy Tech pathways, departments, general information, athletics and parent organizations Dec 2.

Speech and Debate attend Fall Tournament

In order to participate in the state-qualifier tournament, the Warrior Speech and Debate team attended the Orange County Speech League Fall 2020 Tournament Nov. 14-15. The team competed in the event virtually in the Public Forum, the Parliamentary, the Lincoln-Douglas and the Speech categories.

PSST Modern Coordinators taught zumba class

Encouraging group physical exercise, Philipino Sharing Smiles Together Club taught zumba classes Dec. 4 and 5. Modern coordinators choreographed dances for kids and parents to bond together in a fun and upbeat virtual class. With aims to generate funds, PSST hopes to fundraise for supplies in the future for a Filipino-American Cultural Night.

Senior Ana Maria Tafur named top 10 finalist in film competition

Visualizing students' emotions throughout quarantine, Senior Ana Maria Tafur was named a Top 10 finalist in the All American High School Film festival for her film "Quarantine Diaries," Nov. 11. Connected though the passing of a piece of paper, the film consisted of a series of short clips that expressed losing memories like senior year events.

Sophomore Jesse James II wins scholarship

Addressing pressing worldwide education issues, sophomore Jesse James II won second place and a \$200 scholarship in University of California Berkeley's Ideathon Oct. 25. In order for students to participate, UC Berkeley asked contestants to submit a solution that commented on an education-related socioeconomic barrier.

The Skintellectuals

Known as the activist generation, Gen Z has proven themselves capable of bringing inclusivity, diversity and an eco-conscious mindset to any industry. Keep reading to find out how teens are pushing for ethical and healthy improvements to their next target of change: skincare.

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Fluffy foam and fresh green tea extract fill TikTok’s For You page as the iconic video-sharing app births another trend. This time, the app transitions from featuring comedy and dance clips to including more educational videos providing information on a wide variety of topics such as Gen Z skincare. Several specialists and dermatologists log onto the app to share their skincare tips and review users’ skincare routines. One skincare guru representing this new “skincare-tok” is Hiram Yarbro, who rose to fame through scathingly honest reviews on skin and beauty products. Deciphering chemical ingredients inside fan favorite bottles, Yarbro reveals that popular products may be totally useless, or even worse: damaging to our skin. Yarbro and many dermatologists’ insight about skin care products has sparked a new interest in many teens’ own skincare routines.

With a newfound access to information on skincare products, Gen Z can now see past the superficial branding. In many cases, celebrity relation and aesthetic packaging obscure the actual effectiveness of a product. For example, the Kylie Skin Walnut Face Scrub, which became a sensation among teens, was actually creating microtears on the skin. In contrast, Youth to the People, a skincare startup that didn’t have nearly as big of a fanbase as Kylie Skin, garnered its own loyal supporters by earning the title: “green juice for skin.” Enforcing the idea that self confidence comes with healthy skin, Gen Z takes interest in skincare not to fulfill an idealized image of beauty, but to embrace individual beauty.

This Gen Z mindset has pushed many brands to “glow up” and center their campaigns on inclusivity. A Gen Z favorite—Glossier—has paved the way for including unique models with a wide range of skin types and skin shades. Showcasing their versatile products on “real” people, Glossier displays how their products are suitable for a wide range of people. Additionally, Starface is the new four-in one skincare brand that embodies the spirit of Gen Z: it’s eco-conscious, animal friendly, and vegan for all skin types. Famous for its miracle pimple patches, Starface is the first of its kind to normalize blemishes on it’s models. Starface drops the concept of unnoticeable nude pimple patches altogether and instead urges teens to rock a constellation of star-shaped pimple stickers. Making the path to healthy skin a journey not unlike one in an activity book, brands like Starface are finding inclusive and innovative ways to make skin care fun.

The image of beauty is adopting a wider lens thanks to Gen Z’s efforts to create an inclusive community. More and more people are appreciating the essential role that skincare plays in promoting self love and individual beauty. Skincare is a different journey for every individual, so it is important to focus on personal growth. Though patience is key, and it is still critical to be conscious of what products we put on the face of the future.



Nighttime Routine with Hiram



Step 1: Cleanser

Start by dissolving the sun-screen, dirt and oil with a cleansing balm. Use balms that are polyethylene free and full of rich hydrating oils, like the Living Cleansing Balm from Then I Met You.

Step 2: Toner

Next, pat on a toner with green tea extract, which can soothe inflammation and reduce redness. The Green Tea Fresh Toner from Isntree has a high green tea extract concentration for an affordable price.

Step 3: Moisturizer


To prevent your skin from losing water overnight, The Great Barrier Relief from Krave Beauty repairs the skin’s moisture barrier and the Lotus Water Cream from Rovectin Clean acts as a moisture seal.



Playing to Her Harp's Content

It's not every day that you get the chance to meet a harpist. From weddings to holiday parties, junior Hannah Ulibarri connects with her audience via crystal-like melodies. Read more below!

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A ripple of crystalline notes flood out from the harp as junior Hannah Ulibarri's fingers fly over the strings. Ever since she was eight years old, Ulibarri has been drawn to the enchanting sounds of the harp. As she continues to create magic with her instrument, she spreads the charm to the people around her. Through her flowing music, Ulibarri frees her own mind and shares her harmony of emotions with others.

For Ulibarri, music is a language. In place of words, she utilizes the gentle, cascading echos of her harp to communicate. Every rhythm and every tone form complex sentences as Ulibarri reaches through the sheet music to emute the composer's devotion. In her musical haven, daily tensions quickly leak away as her own cozy thoughts flow together with the harp strings.

"I think it frees you up in a way, because you can get so involved in the music," Ulibarri said. "When you get in the zone, it freezes your mind and helps you forget about all the stress of life."

One of Ulibarri's favorite places to perform is a nursing home. The residents usually see very little visitors, so they are always excited when she comes to perform for them. Ulibarri equally enjoys seeing their vibrant smiles as they gather around her and comment on the older jazz songs that she plays for them. As they sway along to the melodious harp music, Ulibarri feels a spring of warmth in her own heart. "I just want to give them a little bit of happiness and just have them

forget their physical and emotional issues," Ulibarri said. "I want to bring them a bit of joy to their day, and we can leave ourselves in the music for that little moment."

Ulibarri lets her talent flourish at a wide variety of social events, including holiday parties and ceremonies. In weddings, Ulibarri embraces the sweet unity of the couple, and at Christmas events, she syncs with the joyful winter spirit. As she performs, she strives to mirror the vibe and atmosphere of the people around her. From fan favorites to traditional harp pieces, Ulibarri always tries to make her listeners feel as happy as possible.

"The effect I hope it wuld have on people is that I want them to also get into the zone, the emotional sanctuary," Ulibarri said. "I want them to lose sight of all the stressful things in their life."





Ho Ho Holiday Hits

‘Tis the season for new Christmas shows and films! Check out some of our favorites on Netflix that you can enjoy over the upcoming break.

Compiled by Amy Kim, ENTERTAINMENT AND LIFESTYLE EDITOR, article by Sean Warren, STAFF WRITER, and photos courtesy of Google

Something about the iridescence of twinkling lights amidst the fluttering of delicate snowflakes during Christmas creates a special type of romantic mood unique to the holiday season. Netflix’s new limited rom-com series, “Dash and Lily,” manages to bring this romantic spirit to life. Lily, an eccentric Christmas fanatic, and Dash, a cynical loner, find love as they take turns writing dares to one another in a red notebook, exploring the beauties of New York City along the way. The two characters remain anonymous to one other throughout the series, yet their light-hearted dares evolve into vulnerable exchanges about divorced parents and middle school heartbreaks, portraying them as kindred spirits. This realistic aspect of the series strays away from other glorified rom-com tropes, some of which are too predictable and overdone. Rather than simply coming off as a lighthearted Christmas production, “Dash and Lily” actually pulls our heartstrings as the audience explores the depths of teen-romance alongside the two characters. This feel-good series offers a refreshing rendition of an unlikely love story that warms viewers’ hearts with every episode, while still managing to strike the perfect balance between romance and reality. The riveting ups and downs of Dash and Lily’s journey earns the show a five out of five stars, reminding us of the power that Christmas magic holds in uniting us in the most unexpected ways.

This holiday season, another Christmas miracle is waiting to be found in Netflix’s rom-com sequel “The Princess Switch: Switched Again.” As if two identical characters switching roles and finding love in the other’s partner wasn’t enough, Netflix has added a third look-alike to the picture. This time, soon-to-be Queen Margaret’s deceitful cousin, Fiona, plans to swap places with Margaret in a scheme to inherit her riches. Yet, as switching positions goes haywire, endless conflicts arise for the noble figures, which incites a blast of thrill in viewers as they root for Margaret to stop Fiona’s villainous ploy. As with the first film, the power of love remains a recurring theme, as the touching moments between the royal couples manage to birth a heartwarming holiday experience. However, the entire plot is rather convoluted and borderline illogical. Viewers may even face confusion when trying to differentiate between Stacey, Margaret and Fiona, but the rekindling moments between Margaret and her ex-boyfriend Kevin entice viewers and divert their attention away from the plot holes. The lack of connection to Christmas may also have viewers clicking away, since the only mention of Christmas comes with Margaret’s coronation as queen. Perhaps a stronger connection to the holidays would make this move more festive, but Fiona’s duplicitous behavior creates enough drama to rack up a four out of five stars for this film.

With its exhilarating outbursts of song and dance and enticing depictions of intricate inventions, “Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey” brings out the inner child in all audiences. When Jeronicus Jangle gets his magnificent book of ideas stolen by his jealous apprentice Gustafson, his granddaughter Journey uses her holiday spirit and knack for inventing to reopen his despaired mind to the magic of Christmas. By harnessing the power of imagination—and a little bit of math and science along the way—the Jangle family creates a thrilling experience for viewers as they attempt to take down Gustafson. This emphasis on imagination appeals to everyone’s childish love for wonder that awakens from its slumber during the holidays. Journey’s charismatic personality also keeps the holiday spirit alive in all audiences, as she encapsulates the happiness brought to everyone by the excitement of Christmas. Moreover, the upbeat musical numbers, “The Square Root of Possible” and “Make it Work” give the film some spunk, adding on to its overall magical qualities. Not only does “Jingle Jangle” manage to convey the imaginative wonders of childhood, but Journey’s knowledge of science empowers women in a field which they are underrepresented in. The ticket back to everyone’s childhood fantasies lies within the magical and musical extravagances of “Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey”—something only a five out of five film can accomplish.

VOICES OF THE WARRIORS

Read about what our Warriors have to say about different social, political and personal issues.



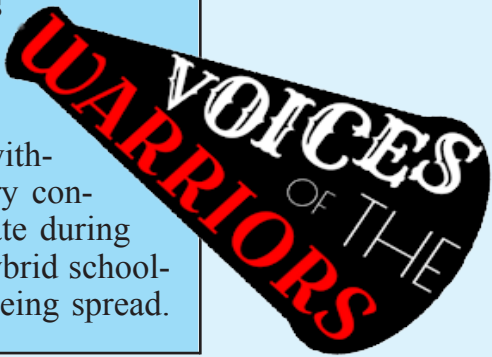
Section 230 is important by Anonymous Sophomore

As the cyberworld grows, liabilities for action online become more crucial. Section 230 should not be repealed as it enables internet companies to privately screen offensive materials under the law. First off, it is the Internet Companies’ rights to what is displayed on their platform. While people have the right to free speech, they are not guaranteed the right of their opinions being displayed. These comments are also posted under the company name, ultimately making them liable for any harmful action. This can be seen when America Online, and not the user, was sued by Zeran after a troll repeatedly posted vile jokes about the Oklahoma City bombing. Additionally, section 230 protects other users’ well-being. Over the internet, people can cyberbully or sell other people’s information. With section 230, victims of these attacks would be more protected as internet companies can remove such comments without fear of getting sued. It also helps to prevent misinformation. With the speed of the internet, lies travel rapidly, how-

ever, under this protection, internet companies can stop the spread of fake news as soon as they are spotted.

Hybrid Learning Should Not Continue by Anonymous Freshman

People shouldn’t go back to school, no matter how few days a week, or how limited the physical interactions are. Hybrid schooling has proven to be quite a pain, and I’m sure that most students would agree; the entire school schedule has been adjusted in order to allow for a minority of students to go to back to school. During class, having classmates in hybrid learning while in Zoom causes miscommunications and is quite a nuisance due to connectivity issues. Moreover, during hybrid, no more has been accomplished than at home, as everyone is under the exact same lesson plan and everyone has the same tests and homework. Not only that, hybrid schooling naturally creates a higher possibility of COVID-19 spreading, as people actually being at school means social, physical interactions. And as someone who has actually experienced COVID-19 spreading within their family, I would rather not see other people go through that horror of having to worry constantly about their family’s lives. COVID-19 has already influenced my abilities to concentrate during school, and has brought up a ton of unnecessary stress. In conclusion, do not risk going into hybrid schooling, as it hasn’t helped ANY of us, and going back to school simply warrants more disease being spread.



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The concerning prevalence of distrust in 2020 serves to stunt meaningful progress

By Andrew Sung
STAFF WRITER



For nearly a month after the presidential election, President Donald Trump has refused to concede to president-elect Joe Biden. Instead of supporting democracy through a peaceful transfer of power, Trump and his campaign have promoted unfounded claims of widespread voter fraud with lawsuits filed in several key battleground states. Trump’s refusal to accept defeat despite the lack of evidence for voter fraud in the presidential election serves to divide Americans and cast doubt on American democracy. Perpetuation of distrust, especially from government officials, misleads citizens and hinders social progress.

Alarming, Trump and his allies have been very successful in manipulating the public and sowing distrust in our election results. Even after numerous states like Wisconsin, Arizona and Georgia confirmed Biden’s victory with audits or hand recounts, Trump and his campaign continued to spread allegations of voter fraud, which have effectively caused many Americans to distrust American democracy. A Monmouth University Polling Institute poll shows only 22 percent of Republicans feeling confident in the electoral process as of Nov. 16—an astonishing decrease from 55 percent before the election. When the president

of the United States continues to deny the facts, many people will consequently distrust the verified election results, which places our democracy in peril.

Moreover, the persistent doubt of the coronavirus pandemic due to inconsistent reports and guidelines from our leaders only worsens the public health crisis. Despite the millions of COVID-19 cases in the US, the Trump administration has actively dismantled science-backed regulations by belittling masks and encouraging protests against lockdown orders. Worryingly, such actions devalue trust in fact and evidence, successfully undermining science. Furthermore, conflicting messages from governmental officials have caused much confusion and skepticism. At the beginning of the pandemic, Republican governors from certain states, such as Oklahoma or North Dakota, downplayed the risk of the coronavirus, providing a false sense of security. Even the Center for Disease Control and Prevention had contradicted themselves at one point when they didn’t require masks and quarantine for international travelers. Given the contrasting messages conveyed to Americans by the people they expect to guide them, it is difficult for citizens to know what to believe and how to conduct themselves. With this prevalence of inconsistency, distrust, and utter confusion, it is not surprising that the United States is undergoing another surge of coronavirus cases and deaths.

When citizens consume information from

biased media sources, they should critically analyze the story instead of automatically accepting it as truth. The issue arises when people only listen to what they want to hear. If the article is based on proven facts, then people need to let go of their biases and consider it seriously. To obtain the most reliable facts, however, people should consult official resources such as government websites instead of social media posts.

Another issue arises when the media presents speculation as if it was a fact. When the media cares more about its viewership than facts, it might use shocking, sometimes misleading headlines. This con-

demnable approach diverts attention from finding a solution to the problem it addresses and instead gives rise to pointing blame and sparking anxiety. We live in an age of instant information, but with this comes an increase in misinformation and falsehood. When the media, the primary source of our information, cannot be trusted, it becomes crucial to review a number of different sources before forming a definite opinion.

The distrust in the current state of our nation is rampant, but a possible solution to this issue is to increase the transparency between the government and the people. With more solid facts being shared, Americans can be more confident in the details they receive about situations that impact them.



CARTOON BY PEARL YOON

Rejoining the Paris Climate Accord is a step in the right direction for the US

By Cage Hawley
STAFF WRITER



Americans should be on board with the Paris Climate Accord. The United States officially exited the Paris Agreement Nov. 5. The accord, signed by 194 countries in 2015, united the world under a common goal of protecting the environment and ensuring global well-being. Fortunately, president-elect Joe Biden reportedly plans to rejoin the accord as soon as he takes office, putting America back on track to combat worldwide climate change. Still, many Americans remain skeptical of the accord’s viability and oppose the US returning to it. However, the US should join the Paris Agreement again to make significant contributions to Earth’s recovery and inspire other countries to carry out their environmental pledges.

Biden has proven much more competent than Trump when it comes to climate issues. Trump’s careless environmental policy—including rollbacks of regula-

tions limiting emissions from major pollutant sources—will undoubtedly cause irreversible damage to the planet. Biden, on the other hand, oversaw Barack Obama’s 2009 Recovery Act, a program that invested in renewable energy and inspired the United Nations to create the Paris Agreement. As the first comprehensive climate agreement, the accord outlines a basic path for Biden to continue his efforts in combating global warming. Furthermore, Biden’s climate policy effectiveness suggests that his presidency will carry out the goals of the accord far more productively than Trump’s.

Biden has prepared a rational climate plan which supplements the ambitious goals of the agreement with reasonable, apt solutions. Titled “The Biden Plan for a Clean Energy Revolution and Environmental Justice,” his plan demon-

strates sincere commitment from the US by fortifying suggestions from the accord. The 20/20/20 targets (20 percent carbon emission reduction, 20 percent renewable energy market increase and 20 percent energy efficiency increase) laid out in the original 2015 Paris Agreement are addressed through Biden’s proposed investment in a clean energy economy. Doing so would not only cut American carbon emissions, but also revitalize the US energy sector by focusing on renewable power rather than fossil fuels.

Biden’s climate negotiations with foreign countries may strengthen the accord’s results. The current lack of visible emission reduction progress seems to partially stem from the fact that Trump squandered America’s potential influence over other countries. The US is uniquely authorita-

tive within global politics, and Biden’s climate plan makes use of this advantage by conditioning trade agreements with foreign nations upon their commitment to meet the accord’s goals.

Furthermore, Biden plans to form bilateral agreements with China to greatly reduce its carbon footprint. According to a 2018 report from the European Union, China makes up 29 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions, which shows that climate action from China’s government is necessary to reduce the consequences of global emission reduction. Biden’s plan to leverage trade agreements with climate cooperation from underperforming countries is a forceful strategy which will likely increase the accord’s effectiveness.

All things considered, Biden’s reentry to the Paris Climate Accord will be greatly beneficial for strengthening global climate efforts. Biden will become especially able to increase international climate accountability on top of keeping up with US goals in the accord.

Reentry would also serve as a significant gesture of concern for the future, set a noteworthy example for national cooperation and, most importantly, help facilitate actual results.



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CA residents and the state government have responsibility to curb COVID-19

By Vivian Lee
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The coronavirus is here... again. With 13,412 new coronavirus cases reported in California Nov. 16, the state Department of Public Health reclassified 28 counties, including Orange County, to the purple tier. California’s four-tiered system uses different colors—purple, red, orange and yellow—to indicate the spread of COVID-19 and appropriate business reopening policies. Among the four levels, the purple tier is the most serious, requiring almost all nonessential indoor business operations to close. As of Dec. 9, 56 out of 58 California counties are in the purple tier, a sharp increase from the 13 counties in the purple tier before Nov. 16. In order to avoid future outbreaks and shut-downs, Californians must display a stronger sense of personal responsibility, and the state government must be more proactive in enforcing coronavirus regulations.

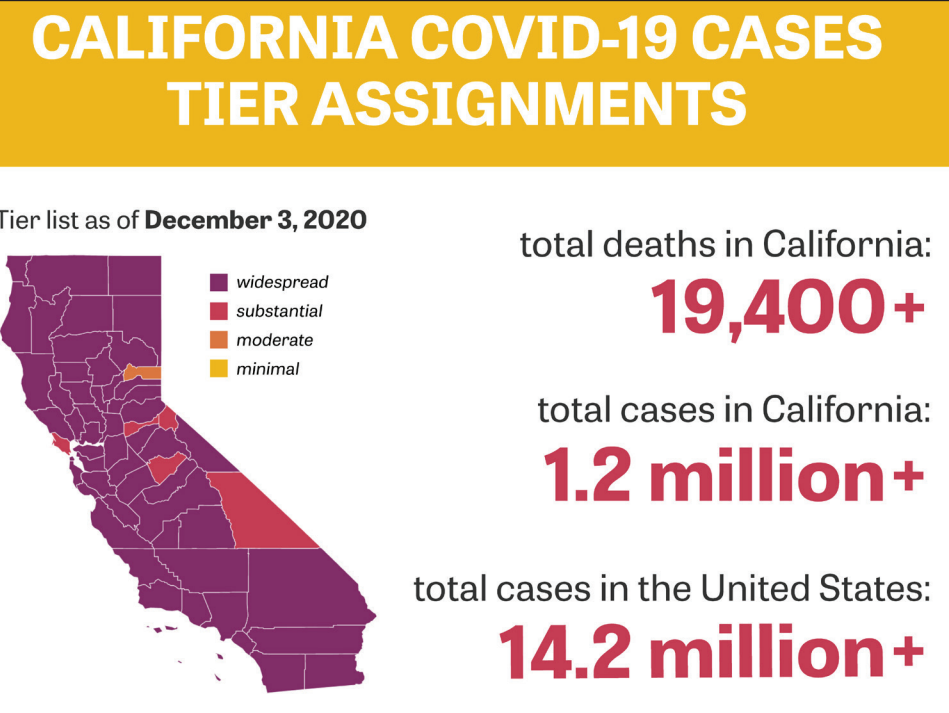
Americans need to be more educated on the coronavirus and its preventive measures, like wearing masks in public places, to understand how to appropriately behave during the pandemic. A poll conducted June 5 by the California Health Care Foundation showed that 38 percent of Californians believed that the state rules and orders regarding the virus “go too far” because they don’t believe that COVID-19 is as dangerous as it seems. Even now, about six months later, people still can-

not comprehend the gravity of the situation and rationalize going out with the justification that they are unlikely to contract the coronavirus. People do not realize they are more at risk than they know, making it extremely urgent for individuals to be educated and informed.

Celebrities, influencers and other famous or powerful people have greater responsibility to set a good example for the public by diligently following coronavirus regulations. Contradicting his constant nagging about wearing masks in public and avoiding gatherings, Gov. Gavin Newsom attended a birthday party Nov. 6 with 12 guests and was seen without a mask. His hypocrisy conveys a misleading message to the public that the virus is not as severe as the government suggests. Other influential people, such as Justin and Hailey Bieber, also publicly disregarded coronavirus regulations. The couple threw a large house party Aug.

24, attended by celebrities including Kylie and Kendall Jenner, Winnie Harlow and Jaden Smith, all of whom were seen without masks. Given their popularity, they all have a heightened responsibility to fol-

low COVID-19 regulations. Their actions caused normal citizens to believe that this behavior was acceptable, likely prompting an increase in parties and public outings and triggering the sudden spike in coronavirus cases. People with a large following and influence have a greater respon-



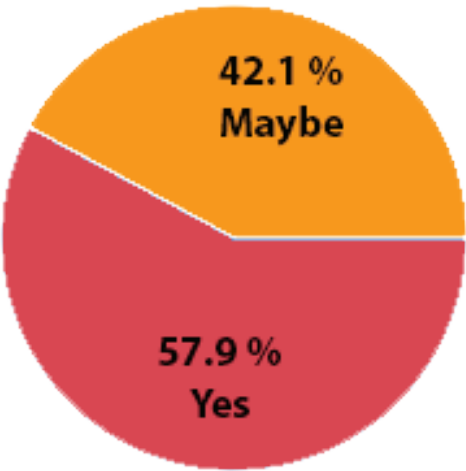
GRAPHIC BY CASSIDY CHANG

sibility to be better examples, and they need to start acting like role models now. In addition to individual efforts, there must also be a state-wide effort led by the government to slow the rises in coronavirus cases. Although there are current health measures in place, many people do not abide by them, mostly because they are not being strictly enforced by local authorities. As of Nov. 4, Basilico’s Pasta e Vino Restaurant in Huntington Beach has continued to forbid employees and customers from wearing masks inside the establishment. Yet, the restaurant has not been shut down once since the pandemic started in March. Citizens are misinterpreting the government’s tolerance as permission to openly disregard public safety, defy coronavirus regulations and risk the entire population’s health. Overall, the

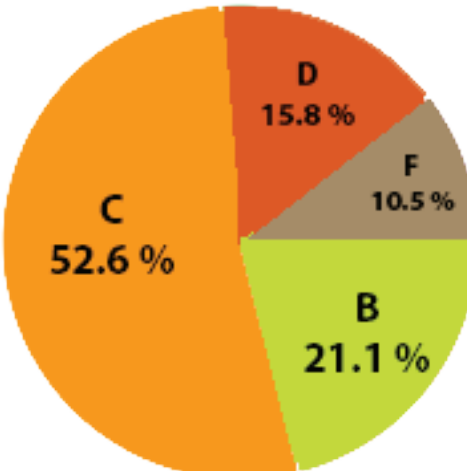
government needs to more actively enforce preventive measures by emphasizing that the coronavirus policies are mandatory and should be a major concern to all. Both the state government and California residents need to take the risks from the coronavirus more seriously. Too many people have underestimated the possibility of getting sick, and they engaged in reckless behavior like hosting large parties or not wearing masks in public. However, being misinformed doesn’t excuse risking the health of all Californians. To successfully end the pandemic, people need to be more compliant with public health guidelines. So, on behalf of more than 20,238 people who have passed away due to coronavirus in California as of Dec. 3, please stay at home as much as possible and be careful of your actions in public.

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What Warriors Think About the COVID-19 Pandemic



When COVID-19 vaccines become available for high school students, would you choose to get the vaccine?



What grade would you give to CA government on its effort to curb the spread of COVID-19?

Finish strong, Warriors! by Ella Moon

1. Find a quiet place to take your exams

2. Organize your notes and study guides

3. Remember to stay well-rested!

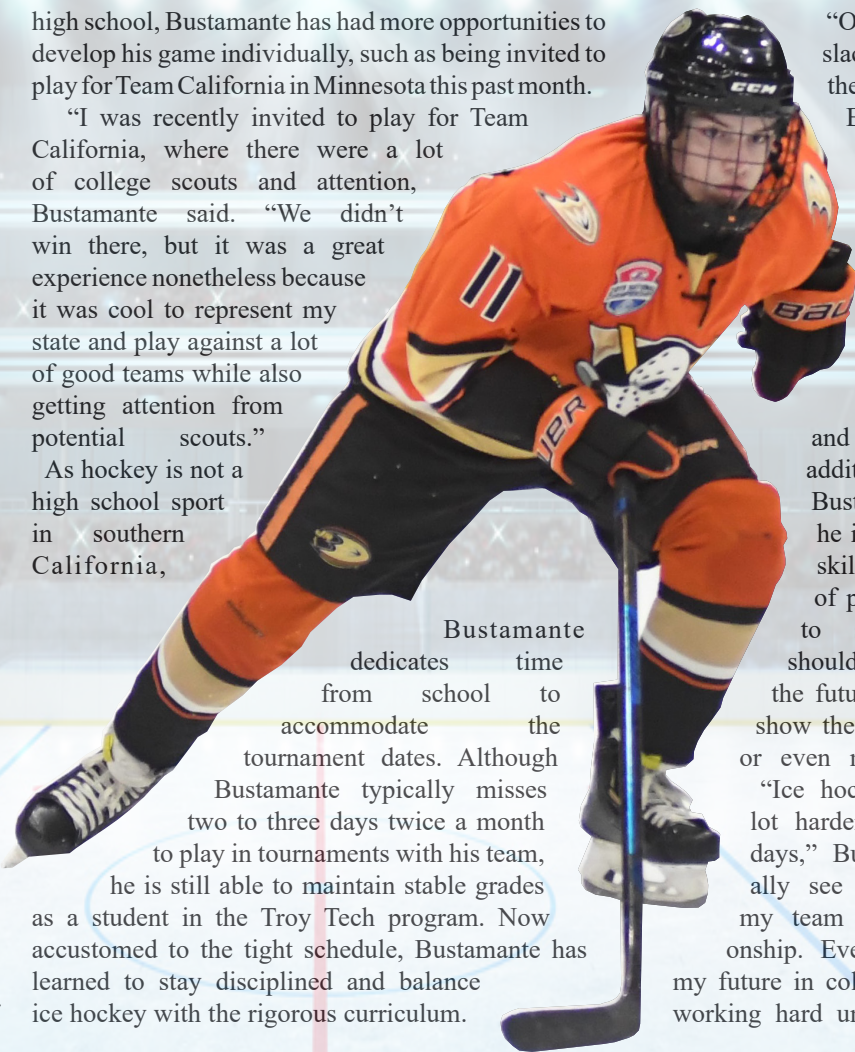
Fire on the Ice

Here in Southern California, ice hockey is a sport that is often overlooked; read about junior Anthony Bustamante’s exceptional career in the unconventional sport.

Article by Jacqueline Liu, STAFF WRITER, photo courtesy of Anthony Bustamante

Eyes narrowed against the frigid wind in the ice hockey arena, junior Anthony Bustamante zig-zags between the opposing team’s players with the puck as he narrows in on the opponents’ goal. Bustamante first went out on the ice at the age of seven with his father’s encouragement. Although he began ice hockey as a simple hobby, he placed more emphasis on the sport as he improved over the years. With the hopes that playing this unique sport would help set him apart from other student athletes, Bustamante has consistently participated in major competitions to prepare for college ice hockey. Now, Bustamante is wholeheartedly committed to ice hockey and devotes much time and energy outside of school to improve his skills. “Hockey is my passion and my lifestyle. It’s who I’ve come to be,” Bustamante said. “I dropped my other sports and any other activities I was participating in because ice hockey basically consumed my life. But I think it’s really defined who I am and I can’t really imagine life without it.” As he put more focus on his ice hockey career, Bustamante accumulated many accomplishments under his belt. Seeking constantly to improve his game, he has joined many teams including the 4U Jr. Ducks AAA and the 16U Jr. Kings AAA, who were invited to play at nationals last year. In addition to winning five state championships, his teams have also won the Pacific Districts and states championships for two consecutive years. Throughout the years, his leadership skills have shone through as he took the position of captain of the Jr Ducks team for three years. Now in his third year of

high school, Bustamante has had more opportunities to develop his game individually, such as being invited to play for Team California in Minnesota this past month. “I was recently invited to play for Team California, where there were a lot of college scouts and attention, Bustamante said. “We didn’t win there, but it was a great experience nonetheless because it was cool to represent my state and play against a lot of good teams while also getting attention from potential scouts.” As hockey is not a high school sport in southern California, Bustamante dedicates time from school to accommodate the tournament dates. Although Bustamante typically misses two to three days twice a month to play in tournaments with his team, he is still able to maintain stable grades as a student in the Troy Tech program. Now accustomed to the tight schedule, Bustamante has learned to stay disciplined and balance ice hockey with the rigorous curriculum.



“Oftentimes, I might be tempted to slack off because I’m not even in the state while classes are still on,” Bustamante said. “But when I do, I really feel the pressure when I get back so I’ve learned to stay ahead of things and not get caught up in the rush of the trips.” In the future, Bustamante aims to play ice hockey in college and continue his growth in the sport. Seeking to earn a scholarship, he practices and trains everyday individually in addition to practicing with his team. Bustamante particularly enjoys how he is able to display his hard-earned skills on the ice in front of hundreds of people in tournaments. He hopes to someday play professionally should the opportunity present itself in the future. After all, pro athletes get to show their abilities in front of thousands or even millions on the biggest stage. “Ice hockey definitely makes school a lot harder because I’m always missing days,” Bustamante said. “But I can really see how much I’ve grown when my team comes home with a championship. Everything now is leading up to my future in college, and so I’m going to keep working hard until I accomplish my end goal.”

2020-2021 National Basketball Association (NBA) season top title contenders

After a tumultuous season ending in a Lakers championship in the NBA’s very own Orlando ‘Bubble’, see who is likely to win this year as teams look to rebuild and regroup.

By William Song
STAFF WRITER

After a season derailed due to the pandemic, the National Basketball Association (NBA) is poised to return on Dec. 22. The 2020-2021 season will have a reduced 72 game schedule and fans will be welcomed back into stadiums. While there are several teams in the league that are worthy contenders, four teams stand out from the rest. After a victorious season ending with a championship win, the Los Angeles Lakers will be looking to replicate their success. The Lakers had a particularly eventful off-season that was filled with new acquisitions and other moves. The team traded for guard Dennis Schröder formerly of the Oklahoma City Thunder and signed forward Montrezl Harrell from free agency. Both players ranked second and first place in last year’s NBA Sixth Man of the Year Award respectively and are sure to add depth and scoring to the team. Additionally, they signed center Marc Gasol, who is a 13 year veteran with previous championship experience with the Toronto Raptors. His brother, Pau,

played a big part in the two championships the Lakers won in 2009 and 2010. Representing California’s bay area, the Golden State Warriors were poised to have a great season and were considered top contenders after a disappointing and injury-riddled season last year. However, star guard Klay Thompson suffered an Achilles tear during the off season, which ended his season early. This was a huge blow both to the Warriors and NBA fans as Thompson was coming back from an ACL injury just two seasons ago. Despite this, Warrior fans can stay positive as the Warriors drafted promising center James Wiseman with the second overall pick in the 2020 NBA Draft and traded for forward Kelly Oubre from the Thunder. With these two new additions and the return of superstar Steph Curry, the Warriors are sure to be a tough opponent for teams. Out of the Eastern Conference, a team to look out for is the Brooklyn Nets. With the superstar duo of Kyrie Irving and Kevin Durant, the Nets are expected to be strong contenders after a year where they barely made the playoffs. Both Irving and Durant did not play much last season due to injuries, but they will be back on the court this season. There were some rumors about the Nets trading for superstar James Harden to create a superstar trio with Irving and Durant, but no trade was finalized. One of the most surprising teams last year, the Miami Heat exceeded all expectations and made it all the way to

the NBA Finals. Although they lost in six games to the Lakers, the Heat showed their potential and their legitimacy as contenders. The Heat spent their off season drafting forward Precious Achiuwa and resigning veteran guard Goran Dragic, who was an integral part of the playoff run last year. With the team fully rested and healthy, the Heat will look to compete and win the championship this season. After a hectic and unprecedented season ending in a bubble, the NBA will attempt to bring things back to normal one single game at a time. In the end, only time will tell

how this season turns out the year after a historical season that ended in a bubble.



DAVID LEE
SHOOT FOR THE STARS: Steph Curry, LeBron James, Kevin Durant and Jimmy Butler headline their teams this year ahead of the new season.

Last-Minute Holiday Gift Ideas

As the bustling holiday season approaches, there is no doubt that gift-giving is one of the best ways to show love and appreciation. If you're struggling to put together a last-minute present, follow our guide on simple and easy Christmas gift ideas!

Compiled by Sarah Son, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, article by Sky Jung, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While the holiday carols and Christmas trees set up a festive mood, gift exchanges are definitely a key component to the traditional Christmas celebration. With less in-person shopping options available due to the ongoing pandemic, home-made and online-bought gifts will definitely be this year's most popular options. Instead of spending hours online to find the perfect gift, check out our compilation of thoughtful Christmas presents that you can easily DIY or purchase online.



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