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WE'VE GOT CLA22

To commemorate the seniors' last performance, the Warrior Red Hots and All Male staged their concert "We've Got Cla22." Senior dancers thanked their parents' efforts with a "parent and me" dance.

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In celebration of the seniors' final year, Warrior Red Hots and All Male performed their annual spring concert "We've Got Cla22" for students, family and administration April 13-14.

As a tradition for the past 40 years, "We've Got Cla22" is a culmination of every dance Red Hots and All Male performed in school spirit rallies, sports games and dance competitions. The concert name is also part of a tradition where the name is a play off on the last two digits of the year. The team captains choreographed the rally routines, and competition pieces were created by outside professional dancers or Dance Director Alison Wills. In order to prepare for the concert, dancers rehearsed their routines everyday during zero period with occasional practices after school.

With about 150 attendees on the first night, the concert featured incoming freshman performances, optional solo routines by any dancer, selected group performances, dance intermediate class routines and the team's routines from throughout the year. In honor of senior night, the second night featured performances by Ladera

Vista Junior High School's dance team in addition to the first night's routines with over 200 guests in attendance. The senior night showcased pictures of the dancers' growth throughout their career, a senior performance choreographed by the underclassmen and juniors, and a "parent and me" dance.

In order to showcase their routines, Red Hots and All Male participate in five California Association of Dance and Drill Team Directors competitions and three West Coast Elite competitions every year. While both teams participate in the same competitions, Red Hots enters in more categories such as jazz, lyrical, contemporary, hip hop and pom, than All Male. All Male currently performs in the hip hop category, but Wills allowed male dancers in the past to compete in more categories with the Red Hots team.

Due to the number of competitions the team performed, many dancers struggled to remember routines from the beginning of the year. In an effort to combat this challenge, the team reviewed all the routines every morning with additional two-hour practices to perfect the dances.

According to the Red Hots Captain Ashley Vargas, the concert brought the team even closer together, especially the seniors being that it is their last year.

"It gave us such a big opportunity to perform our competition dances together without the feeling of having to win," Vargas said. "It was a chance to show everyone our hard work, what we have put our hearts into and for the seniors to perform together for one last time."

Dance does not always appear as a professional form of art, but as a form of expression and leisure for many people, Red Hots Captain Natalie Shirota said.

"These dance concerts broaden everyone's artistic perspective around school," Shirota said. "The 'We've Got Cla22' performance provided students with the opportunity to see dance in an environment where they would not because of popular culture. Through the concert, we were able to share what dancers do to show who we are, so other students can see that it is a safe place to be yourself."



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Amazon awards two Warrior seniors the Future Engineer Scholarship

The scholarship will provide selected students with \$40,000 and a guaranteed internship at Amazon.

By Neya Jakan
STAFF WRITER

In recognition of their interest in computer science, seniors Anthony Bustamante and Andrew Cai received the Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship April 13.

Available to high school seniors only, the Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship is a program that provides selected students with a \$40,000 college scholarship distributed amongst four years. In addition, scholarship recipients may participate in a guaranteed paid internship with Amazon as a programmer during the summer after freshman year in college. Among all the applicants interested in computer science related careers, Amazon selected 100 students from the thousands who applied to receive the scholarship.

In order to apply for the scholarship, students must have a minimum of a 3.0 unweighted grade point average and a valid United States citizenship or employment authorization for at least two years. The application consisted of the students' SAT score, transcript, computer science extracurriculars, two essays about career aspirations, and a letter of recommendation

from a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics teacher. Students also submitted financial aid documents to prove their eligibility for the scholarship.

During the summer after their freshman year in college, Amazon Future Engineer interns will work together at Amazon headquarters on a software engineering team to build products in order to impact Amazon customers. Interns will also receive opportunities to interact with Amazon's technology and senior leaders through events such as conferences, machine learning seminars, and a hackathon to build Alexa skills.

Through the summer internship, scholarship recipients will be able to understand the system of computer science and programming in the workforce. Internships allow students to establish connections for networking and apply learned concepts in professional environments, Bustamante said.

"Internships are very important for those who are interested in programming, and having that experience at a company like Amazon is monumental in getting your foot through the door," Bustamante said. "It will hopefully open paths to many opportunities during and after college."

According to Cai, the Amazon Future Engineer scholarship provides students with new opportunities within programming and will enable

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- What does Amazon mean to you?
- Amazon's numerous trade methods
- Consumer advantages from Amazon

ANY FORMAT
BE ORIGINAL
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them to broaden their perspective about software engineering. The scholarship encourages students to explore what the field of computer science and software engineering has to offer, Cai said.

"Ever since I took my first computer science class at Troy my freshman year, I was immensely attached to the technological world, and it has become one of my interests in

high school," Cai said. "The Amazon Future Engineer program had a big impact on me [as it] motivated me even more towards [achieving] my goal of becoming a software engineer."

Warrior Science Olympiad team to compete at National tournament

Conducted virtually from the Warrior campus, the Science Olympiad competition consists of 23 events.

By Kaelyn Kwon
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

After qualifying for the 26th year in a row, the Warrior Science Olympiad team will compete in the Science Olympiad National Tournament May 9-14.

Hosted with the California Institute of Technology, the national tournament provides an opportunity for 60 high school teams across the United States to compete in 23 events related to science, math, engineering and technology. Two or three individuals from each team compete together in events categories such as core knowledge, lab, hybrid or build.

Conducted in the Satellite Science Olympiad model, the tournament takes place with each team competing from their home school. For the core

knowledge events, students will take an online test through the organization's Scilympiad platform under supervision from their team coach. For build events, students will test pre-made structures at their school and stream the process to tournament officials through a live video. After students prepare required materials in advance, team members will conduct lab events on their school campus and receive experiment instructions on the day of the competition.

With up to 15 students on a team, schools qualified for nationals based on the state tournament scores. The organization determines winners of every competition through a point system, and placements from individual events will contribute to a team's overall final placement for nationals. Several awards from the national competition provide gift certificates and scholarships to colleges of their choice, and teams can win prizes for individual events, sportsmanlike conduct and coaching excellence.

Due to the tournament format, the absence of in-person competitions eliminates opportunities for participants to network and connect with students from other schools, senior Timothy Elnitiarta said.

"Competing online has taken some fun out of the competition," Elnitiarta said. "With in person teams, a lot of the fun comes from [spending time] with the team and meeting and talking with other teams. With online competitions, we do not get that chance."

In order to prepare for multiple events, the Warrior team members practice on campus for two hours three days a week. The team members will attempt to cover as much material as possible through practice tests to win nationals, Elnitiarta said.

"[One problem is] we never know what the test is going to look like. Some of the practice tests we take might be too easy or too complicated for the national level," Elnitiarta said. "It is always a challenge to figure out what we are going up against at nationals."

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD
2022 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

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The Fullerton Arboretum to reopen after 2020 closure

The arboretum's reopening presented new plant displays and offered the public classes about botany.

By Jamie Lee
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

In order to provide an opportunity to interact with nature, the Fullerton Arboretum re-opened in-person workshops and events to the public in April.

As one of the most famous arboretums in Orange County, the Fullerton Arboretum offers various classes that teach about nature and its various uses. During the pandemic, the arboretum paused all in-person programs and events to ensure public safety. After two years, the arboretum opened its doors for the public to participate in programs in-person.

For the re-opening, the arboretum planned to bring back its most popular plant sales. The arboretum sold native plants and vegetables in addition to arboretum merchandise. At the plant sales, visitors also purchased a unique variety of fruits like cerise orange cherries and juliet grapes.

This spring, participants can also enroll in classes about medicinal plants. During the classes, herbalist William Broem will instruct students on edible plants and the medicinal benefits of various plants. Participants will also learn about how forest walks affect immunity



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SUNBATHING SUCCULENTS: *The Fullerton Arboretum reopening featured plant displays with desert plant species including a variety of different succulents to the public.*

strength and stress levels.

In addition to plant sales, the arboretum will hold in-person plant classes led by professionals in various fields such as forestry and botany. Students must register for workshops online prior to the events since the capacities are still limited. In the workshops, students can learn about different uses of plants through culinary, bonsai, photography and paint classes.

In an interview with the Orange County Register,

education program manager Miguel Macias said the bonsai classes are the most popular events at the arboretum. During the class, students learn about the history and characteristics of bonsai trees. Students will also learn about how to care for bonsai trees and the ideal environment for the trees to grow in. At the arboretum, visitors can observe spring plants and trees from around the world. The arboretum showcases plants from Mediterranean regions such as

Chile, Australia and South Africa. In addition to plant displays, the arboretum also features gardens with special features like the desert area where dry-climate plants grow. Near the gardens, there are ponds that provide habitats for ducks, turtles and fish.

In addition to the existing programs, the arboretum administration intends to expand the range of services they offer. In the future, the arboretum plans to present new plants and introduce therapeutic classes to the public.

CLUB CORNER

Amnesty International

As a global organization, the Amnesty International club serves to improve universal human rights and the quality of life. The club advocates change and justice for people all around the world. The Amnesty International organization also encourages student participation and representation on topics such as child rights, discrimination and refugees. The club meets during lunch in room 403 every Wednesday.

Model United Nations

In an effort to improve students' public speaking skills, the Model United Nations club offers all its members a simulation of United Nations. During lunch meetings on Mondays, club members meet to act as delegates representing a country and discuss a solution to a current global issue. The club competes in regional MUN competitions two to three times a year.

iExplore

With global virtual seminars and group classes, the Warrior iExplore club aims to provide free and accessible learning resources for students around the world. Club members receive volunteer opportunities to contribute to their community. For example, students provided music performances at assisted living homes. Volunteers also helped prepare students for science competitions. The club meets every Tuesday during lunch in room 313.

Troy Equality Now

In an effort to create a just world for young women and girls, Troy Equality Now club meets every other Thursday in room 320. Club members aim to raise awareness regarding feminist issues, and achieve legal equality amongst all people. Working alongside the national Equality Now organization, members aim to eliminate laws and discrimination that treat people differently based on gender.

Mock Trial

In order to teach students about the legal system, the Warrior Mock Trial club meets Fridays during lunch in room 333. After tryouts for the competitive team at the beginning of the school year, the club studies detailed cases to prepare witness testimonies and attorney statements for the annual Mock Trial competition.

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Readers' Rendezvous

Hooked on a book? Read below to find out how you can unleash your inner bookworm!

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From cracking open a heartwarming story to experiencing the titillating agony of waiting for a new release, book clubs are the perfect way to expand literary and social horizons. Offering what hours of doom-scrolling Instagram cannot, joining a book club is a novel idea for filling the void in one's life.

Letting our minds fantasize in newly-constructed worlds, book clubs build a library of experiences, inviting us to explore fascinating relationships with open arms. While many literary festivals feature a cohort of diverse writers, others are specialized in a particular genre or author. Members are encouraged to venture into different literary avenues, with complete freedom to choose and recommend reading material based on personal interests.

Rather than scrutinize

passages, students enjoy the benefits of applying their conversational skills and knowledge to real-life scenarios, sparking original thoughts in a safe environment.

Though being engaged in a movie or video game may seem appealing, meeting with people in real-time and making new friends—not just fictitious ones—may be a better addition to the social calendar. Fostering a widespread community for niche topics, students can spend hours chatting with book aficionados from different cultures and develop a more tolerant view of the world around them. While book clubs can bring even the driest reports and bibliographies to life, members can also dive into exhilarating fictional universes that tackle complex contemporary concerns such as gender equality

and human rights. Sitting at a slippery division between education and relaxation, book clubs are a fantastic way to relax and unwind—a chance to escape the world without feeling guilty.

Joining a literary circle is hardly a one-size-fits-all situation. Book clubs, whether in-person or online, genre-based or author-based, run the literary scope, ensuring that there is always something for everyone. Before students decide to join a book club, they should always consider the time members meet and the events that take place. Some clubs are devoted to reading while others are more casual, offering members with food and beverages to reflect scenes from a book. Keeping these preferences in mind, students can check with their local library or bookstore, with many usually hav-

ing a plethora of options to choose from. Though online learning may have come to a halt, Zoom parties have certainly not ended. Offering a more flexible schedule and a much larger group of people to interact with, members can jump in between different sessions whenever they please with no pressure to fully commit. Though students' lives may seem to be burdened with challenges, finding a community to fit into opens up a world that exists right within the pages.

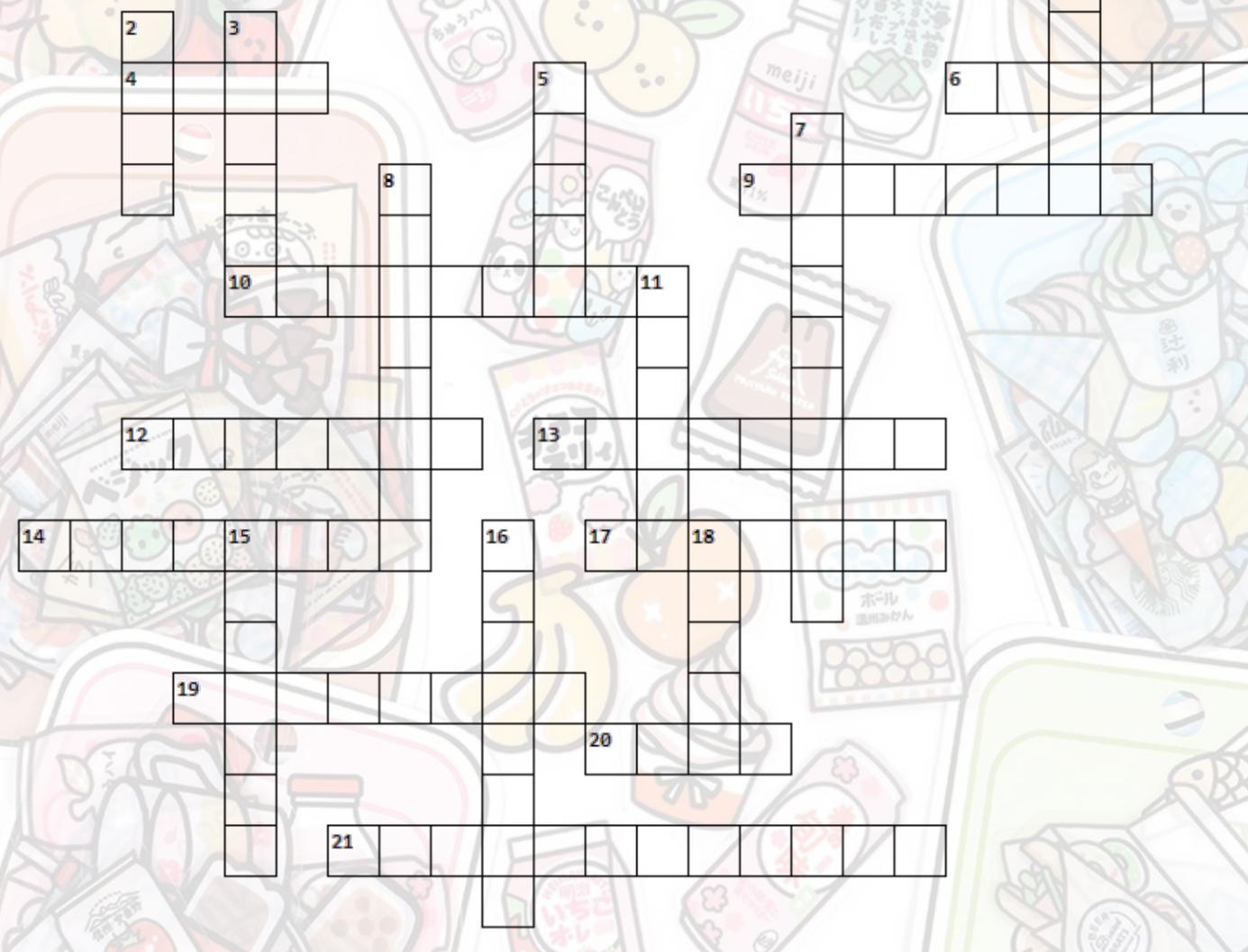
Bound by the love of reading, it is easy to read between the lines why book clubs inspire deeper levels of learning. At the forefront, they create a sense of camaraderie among members as they foster innovative thinking and ensure that everyone stays on the same page—literally.

Once a small community on Discord, the Book Lovers Club has surpassed 20,000 international members. Allowing readers to glean over fantastic books, the club offers an abundance of resources such as monthly features, buddy readings and LGBTQ+ literary suggestions.

Spanning a range of genres from romances to thrillers to historical fiction, Book of the Month offers choices among five recently released books for \$14.99 a month. Selections are chosen by the company's editorial team and a judging panel consisting of authors, journalists and celebrities.

Warriors' Favorite Snacks:

A scrumptious crossword puzzle to work up an appetite.



Puzzle Hints:

Across

- 4. Cookie sandwich, milk optional
- 6. Correct way to eat: break into pieces
- 9. The snack that smiles back
- 10. Sweet and sour kids
- 12. Twisted and salted
- 13. You're not you when you're hungry
- 14. Hyperbolic paraboloid
- 17. Go-to movie snack
- 19. Orange squares
- 20. Classic potato chip
- 21. Cereal + butter + marshmallow

Down

- 1. Crunchy triangles
- 2. Chewy pearls in a drink
- 3. Peanut butter cups
- 5. Organic harvests from nature
- 7. Crunchy, spicy, and red
- 8. Chocolate kisses
- 11. Chewy bears
- 15. Fruit juice pockets
- 16. Taste the rainbow
- 18. Chocolate-coated sticks

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Saturday	Elementary Math Olympiads	4th ~ 5th	9:45 a.m. ~ 11:45 a.m.	\$828	2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21
	Enhanced Math II & Algebra 2/Trigonometry Designed for APAAS students	9th ~ 10th	12:00 p.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.	\$828	
	Enhanced Math III & Pre-Calculus	10th~11th	2:15 p.m. ~ 4:15 p.m.	\$828	
	Math Olympiads AMC 10 & AMC 11	8th ~ 10th	4:20 p.m. ~ 6:20 p.m.	\$828	
Sunday	Math Olympiads AMC 12 & AIME	9th ~ 12th	6:25 p.m. ~ 8:25 p.m.	\$828	1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22
	AP Calculus AB/BC	9th ~ 12th	10:45 a.m. ~ 12:45 p.m.	\$828	
	Math Olympiads AMC 9/MATHCOUNTS	6th ~ 8th	1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.	\$828	
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INTO THE METAVERSE

INFLUENCERS

As a medium for creativity and collaboration, the Metaverse not only connects people, but supports their favorite creators. By linking the physical and virtual world of influencers, Post For Rent has established a futuristic influencer HQ in Decentraland where creators can trade and sell their digital artwork, buy real estate and host art galleries or concerts. The endless possibilities of influencers in the metaverse has the potential to support a huge digital economy, which is already growing at a rapid pace. Because of the individualized experience created in the metaverse, the relationship between brands and creators will change, as there will be more available data and sophisticated targeting that is centered around creator interaction. In these digital realities, influencers have an unlimited ability to collaborate and make content with their peers. Fans can now cook digital meals alongside their favorite influencers or embark on beautiful nature adventures with their favorite travel vloggers. With more follower interaction and connection to other creators, the Metaverse is an immense opportunity for creators to take their platforms to the next level: the meta level.

As technology continues to dominate our everyday lives, a reality in the Metaverse does not seem too far away. Check out this article to learn more about how the Metaverse is expanding into the entertainment industry.

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GAMING

Engaging in sessions on Minecraft, Roblox and now 3D Charades, the Metaverse offers players a persistent digital space for gaming. And since gaming is a social experience, community centered games online are growing in popularity, supporting the development of virtual gaming worlds. In virtual reality, people are connected by headsets, controllers or a keyboard and mouse, spending time creating bonds with other gamers through story-driven adventures and world building games. Rec Room, a digital network of sport centered mini-games, creates an environment where people are invited to chat with friends to work through intense multiplayer activities. From paintball to laser tag, it offers millions of different challenges to connect friends from all over the world. But Rec Room is not the only platform to expand the possibilities of a digital gaming community, as Fortnite has previously hosted in-game movies and other collaborative events where players can communicate and hang out with one another in a digital setting. Social games have developed a new meaning in the Metaverse, one that is far more interactive and collaborative than ever before.

MUSIC

Virtual concerts used to sound like an absurd reality, but with the expansion of digital spaces, they might become a staple of the future. Introducing Coachella to the digital world, Absolut invited fans to Absolut.Land, engaging them in interactive activities involving art, fashion and alcohol to connect festival-goers in-person and online. Music lovers can experience Swedish House Mafia's new album "Paradise Again" on a custom jukebox in the virtual world, all while enjoying virtual appetizers or treats delivered to their front doors. Absolut.Land's physical tent on the concert grounds even has an interactive kiosk for in-person festival goers to create virtual drinks and interact with people attending online. By merging the physical and digital worlds, the Metaverse not only makes festival experiences more accessible to music lovers, but it also provides necessary exposure for smaller, up-and-coming musicians. Artists can make more revenue and collaborate with other upcoming artists, as they don't have to travel or book venues to perform. With the ability to make more revenue and collaborate with other upcoming artists, the Metaverse opens the music industry to new voices.

FASHION

With dresses made from flames and shirts made from bubbles, there are no limits to digital fashion. Without the need for fibers or factories, creating fashion has become much more accessible for established brands like Ralph Lauren, Nike or Vans, but also for up-and-coming designers. As a matter of fact, Decentraland, a 3D virtual world where users can interact with each other, recently hosted their first Metaverse Fashion Week. Collaborating with Dolce & Gabbana and Tommy Hilfinger to create a unique fashion experience, Decentraland represents the possibility of an expanding digital fashion industry. Not tied to the constraints of reality, the experience was open for people from all over the world to participate, as long as they had a device. People were able to participate in runway shows, panel talks and after parties, immersing themselves in a unique reality of fashion from the comfort of their home. However, digital fashion is not only limited to avatars, as brands are making virtual garments and accessories on Snapchat, Zoom and other platforms. Virtual fashion creates unlimited opportunities, so during the next fashion week, maybe consider walking the catwalk in the Metaverse.



Do not limit discussion: we cannot ban the Critical Race Theory from schools

By Mai Omoto
STAFF WRITER



School districts should not silence classrooms from discussing race.

On March 29, the Placentia-Yorba Linda School District Trustees narrowly voted to ban the discussion of Critical Race Theory in classrooms. CRT is the concept that social institutions like the government and the education system embed racism into laws and regulations, which leads to systemic discrimination. School board officials who oppose the district's decision state that the theory is not explicitly being taught in the classroom and should not be banned. School districts should not be able to ban CRT because it further polarizes the nation and allows future generations to live in ignorance.

CRT allows for the exposure to concepts embedded within school curriculums. The ban currently suppresses all conversations regarding racism in American history classes. By not incorporating CRT into the curriculum, slavery and segregation merely become abstract concepts taught in history classes, when in reality, segregation continues to be ingrained in American society. For example, studies have shown that Black students typically attend schools that are 90% minorities, and 60% of students within these areas are low-income. This statistic illustrates the fact that many minorities are concentrated in low-income areas without access to high quality education. While

discrimination is not always apparent, it is vital to educate students on how systemic oppression still exists today and negatively affects minorities.

Moreover, banning CRT halts discussions of many current events within society. Students should be allowed to express interest in pressing issues that involve racially motivated incidents, such as police brutality, which typically occurs within low-income communities. If students are aware of various intersectional perspectives, they can construct well-informed opinions on national and global issues. By preventing children from asking questions about such topics, students are unable to form an understanding of the true nature of American society and are unprepared for the prejudice that is prevalent in everyday life.

CRT should not be a point of political polarization. CRT does not dictate an agenda of political ideas students must adopt; rather, it prevents students from remaining ignorant of the oppression created by social institutions. Although

there are aspects of politics tied into CRT, the theory itself is not inherently political and avoids influencing the personal views of students. Incorporating CRT into education merely illustrates how policies are not necessarily created fairly and how they may affect the lives of certain communities. Schools should be able to educate students on such topics in order to dispel the ignorance that surrounds CRT and inequalities within society.



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The ban on CRT prevents students from being able to fully understand the nature of American society. This kind of negative attention to the theory also further contributes to the controversial nature of CRT. Setting a precedent that can eliminate discussion of discrimination establishes a future of ignorance for our society. The education system should allow the free discussion of America's history and how it molded society into what it is today.

We must set a proper example for young and impressionable children: parents, do better

By Brian Woo
ASSISTANT OPINION
EDITOR



A parent's single action can affect years of his or her child's life.

Recently, parents have been arguing at school board meetings and consequently negatively influencing their children, whether at school competitions or at home. Although students may fight and bicker at school, their actions all

reflect on their parents. Parents clearly need to do better, not only for their children, but also for those around them.

Parents play a crucial part in their child's emotional development and must be aware of their impact on their children. During childhood, children are highly vulnerable and can be heavily influenced by their parents' actions. As Raising Children Network, an Australian government affiliated website, points out, parents act as emotional and behavioral role models. Displaying negative or emotional behaviors can influence their children's lives for the worse. Parents must regularly provide a positive environment so that their children may learn beneficial habits that can help as they grow up and mature.

Similarly, parents must be careful because they have the power to influence behaviors, such as bigotry, in their children. For example, a study by Stefanie Stantcheva, a Harvard professor of economics, found that 78% of white teenagers from Republican households believe that a lack of effort drives poverty among Black people—a typical Republican party belief. These children will learn to disregard the effects of external factors on peoples' predicaments. Parents need to be mindful of what they say and do in front of their chil-

dren and proactively correct behavior at home. Children can unintentionally grow up with prejudiced beliefs against certain groups of people as a consequence of their parents' words.

Aside from unintentional racism at home, parents must be more aware of the racism around them. As a Los Angeles Times article points out, Mary Forrest, daughter of a Chinese immigrant, states that her mother, an immigrant from China, does not get offended by remarks such as "the China virus" when referring to the coronavirus, clearly displaying that parents may be unfazed by the racism that happens around them. As such, parents may teach their children to be complacent when in these situations. Parents need to be more aware of what is happening around them to teach children to handle these scenarios.

Lastly, a parents' response to hardship must be respectful and beneficial as to provide an example to their children, as it can influence the way that their own children face misfortune. Parents regularly go through hardships, whether it be regarding finances and income or work. It is important for parents to have a positive response or show a healthy coping mechanism for their children to learn and adopt.

Parents must do better. It is important as students to both understand and encourage parents because they act as role models in life. Parents guide their children's lives and must be more aware of the responsibilities that come with it.



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KAILA PERLAS

Protect Twitter users from misinformation: social media speech regulations must stay

By Manal Ahmed
STAFF WRITER



Regulation is the necessary balance to freedom of speech. On April 25, billionaire and Tesla CEO Elon Musk purchased Twitter for \$44 billion. He has labeled himself as a “free speech absolutist,” and plans to eliminate regulations regarding speech and hateful messages on the platform. Effectively, Twitter’s ability to censor inappropriate content, like hate speech, would disappear. Musk’s terrifying vision of Internet censorship will only continue to embolden misinformation on the internet and harm marginalized users. The deregulating of speech on Twitter will lead to the increased spread of misinformation. Musk is no stranger to misinformation on the internet, as his tweets in the past about the coronavirus have been littered with falsehoods. In an attempt to reassure his employees at Tesla against the fears of COVID-19 and to convince the government to reopen his factories, Musk inaccurately tweeted that there would be close to zero new cases of COVID-19 by the end of April 2020. A few months later, over a hundred workers had tested positive for COVID-19, exposing over 1,500 Tesla workers during this time. Musk’s deliberate lies led to real-life consequences, and his lack of concern for COVID-19 and health regulations

led to many workers getting infected. It is very possible that others may take advantage of this free speech regulation and purposefully spread misinformation. If this false information gains traction and goes viral, it will drown out the accurate information on the internet and make it even harder to find reliable sources. Without censorship, there is nothing preventing similar large platforms from taking advantage of others. Twitter’s free speech is unequal because larger influencers prevent smaller users’ voices from being heard as they overshadow others with their influence. For instance, Musk’s 82 million followers allow him to reach an audience larger than the typical Twitter user. This means that the responsibility becomes greater for public figures to speak accurately online. Dangerous far right extremist groups such as QAnon have reached greater audiences because notable public figures, such as former president Donald Trump, simply retweeted their posts. These conspiracies spread quickly and misinform multitudes of users since larger accounts can simply exert their influence with a quick like or post to their millions of followers. This is a dangerous ability to wield, and without regulation, this power will continue to harm others. Musk’s takeover will increase worry among Twitter users who already fear the lack of censorship for rising hate speech. People are afraid of voicing their opinions for fear of backlash. For example, in May 2018, Journalist Erin Biba critiqued Musk

for his disregard for science and attack on the press. After Musk responded, his followers sexually harassed and verbally abused Biba, even sending her death threats. Removing censorship would only increase the prevalence of such attacks, as hate speech would no longer be punished on Twitter. Musk’s proposal is a worrying hindrance to the free speech movement.

Censorship is a necessary tool to facilitate speech in society, as not all speech is created equal. To preserve the health and safety of internet users, hate speech and misinformation must be regulated. Musk’s takeover should be feared in its attempt to dismantle the freedom of social media users.



CARTOON BY PEARLYYOON

mark my words

Warriors speak out on campus issues

Read what Warriors have to say about the drink that has maintained its 99 cent price: Arizona Iced Tea.

“I don’t like spending a lot of money so a buck is pretty good I’d say.”
- Brandon Bun, sophomore

“I agree with their decision because it is working and has been working for the past thirty years. Why change something that does not need to be.”
- anonymous freshman

“I don’t think I necessarily disagree or agree with the brand’s maintenance of their price, I simply can see that it may be overwhelming to keep such a cheap price for a long period of time.”
- TJ Haddadin, freshman

“It’s a testament to the ability of the company to choose to put consumers over profit.”
- Michael Arzubiaga, sophomore

“I hope the company isn’t too negatively affected by this decision.”
- anonymous senior

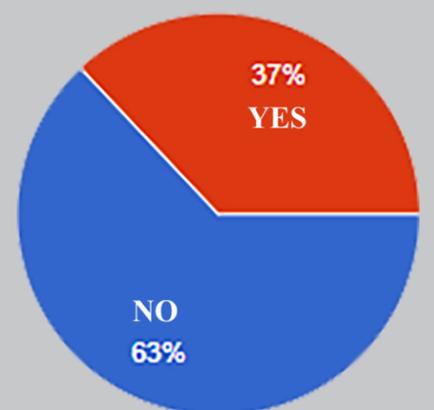
“Although it may be bad for business it would ensure they keep the same amount of customers.”
- anonymous sophomore

“It would be good for everyone, they can still make money and we can still afford it.”
- Angie Godoy, freshman

“It’s a respectable to choice that ensures people will continue to buy their product because of its standard low price.”
- anonymous sophomore

“I understand that inflation over time may make it impossible to make a profit off 99 cents.”
- Michael Arzubiaga, sophomore

If the price of Arizona Iced Tea increased to more than 99 cents, would you continue to buy the drink?



Biden's new ghost gun regulations are vital to a safer America

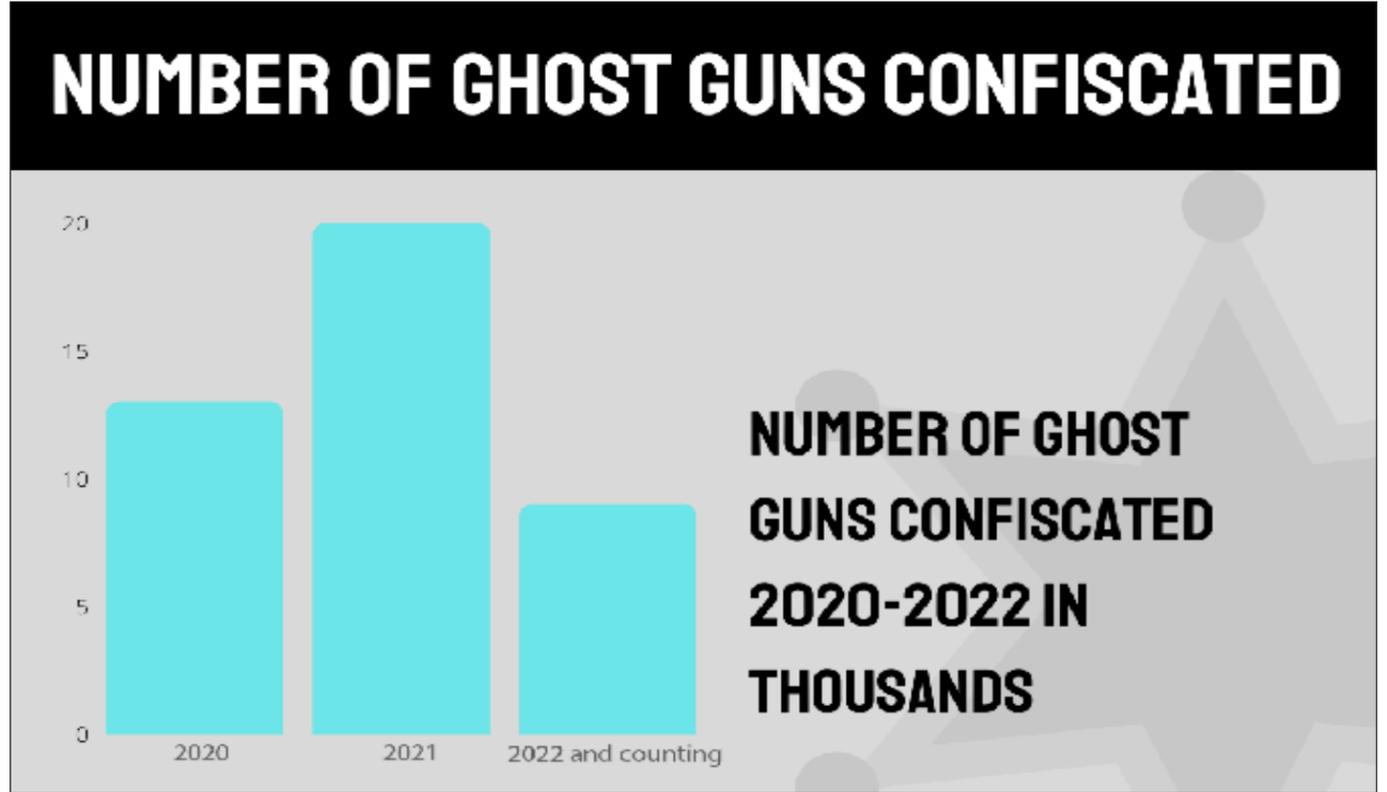
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A new epidemic has hit the United States: ghost guns. President Joe Biden announced April 11 that the government will create stricter regulations on ghost guns. Ghost guns are defined as unfinished firearms that can be purchased online and assembled at home. The regulations will change the government's definition of a firearm to include ghost guns—a measure that will require serial numbers and background checks. While some claim ghost gun regulations violate the Second Amendment right to bear arms, regulations need to be passed in order to account for the increase in gun violence.

Ghost guns need serial numbers to bring justice to victims of gun violence. All traditional firearms require serial numbers, which identify the gun manufacturer and the buyer. According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, out of all ghost guns recovered from crime scenes, more than 99% of them have been untraceable. This means the majority of criminals who use ghost guns go unpunished. One simple line of numbers could lead to faster justice for victims of armed violence.

Moreover, the accessibility of ghost guns threatens the safety of minors. Contrary to registered firearms, background checks are not mandatory to buy ghost guns, meaning that they are easily attainable. Anyone with access to a credit card, including minors, can purchase build-it-yourself

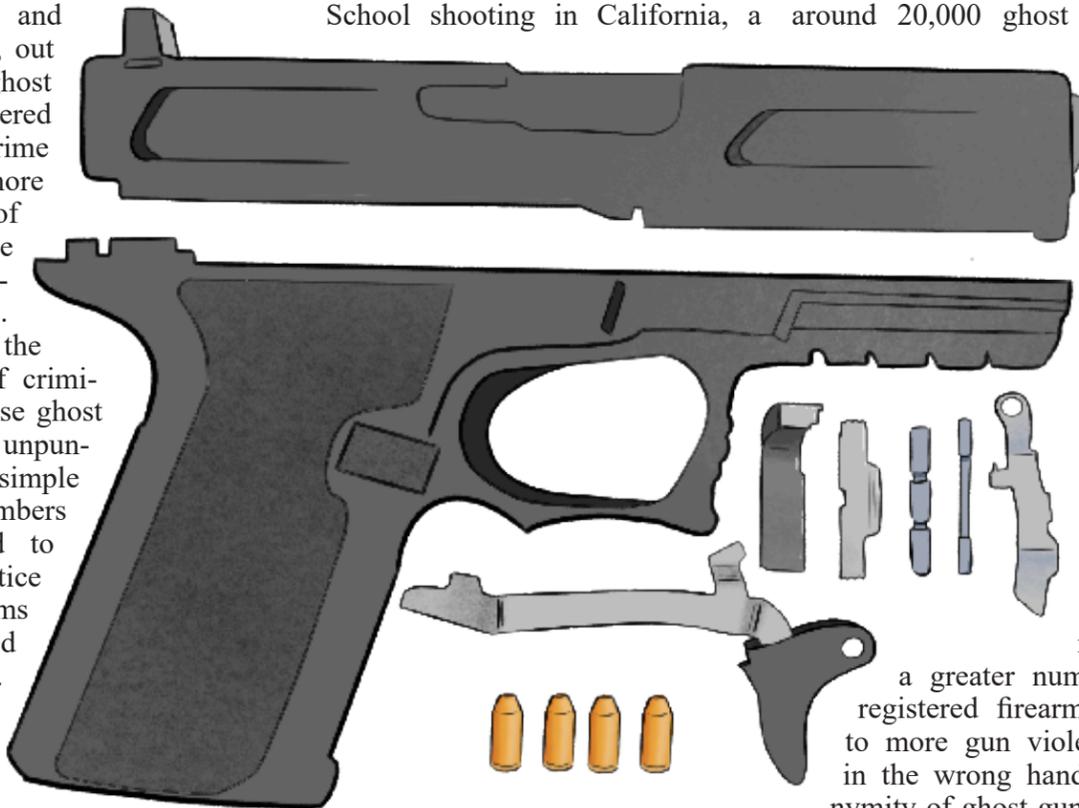


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gun kits online. Regardless of the completeness of ghost guns, they still have the same potential to do harm as a normal firearm. For instance, in the 2019 Saugus High School shooting in California, a

should not be able to purchase a firearm with the click of a button.

In addition to posing a threat to minors, ghost guns perpetuate crime. The ATF announced that around 20,000 ghost guns were



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recovered from crime scenes by law enforcement in 2021, a number ten times greater than that found in 2016. The rapid increase of ghost guns is alarming because

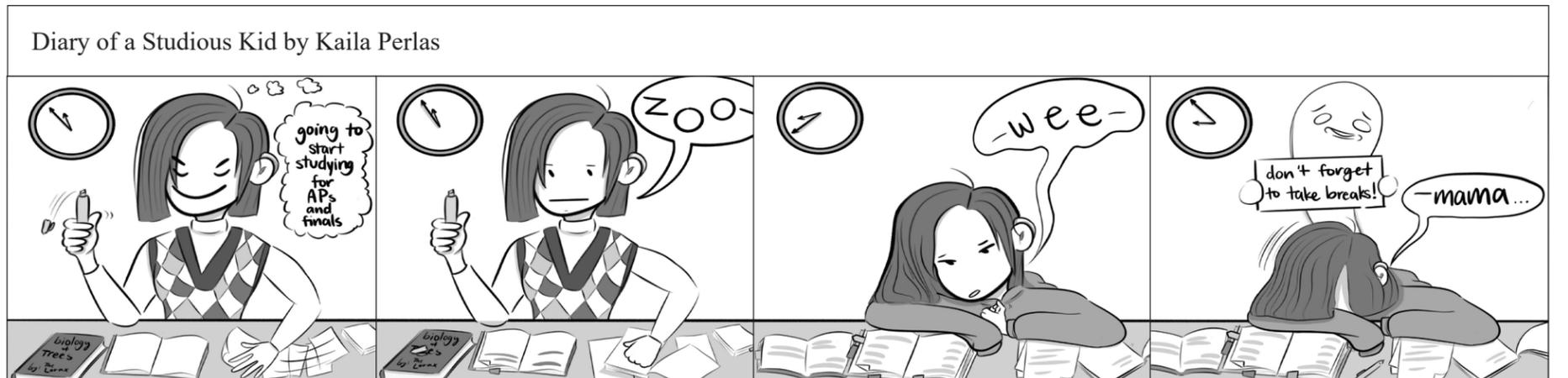
a greater number of unregistered firearms can lead to more gun violence. When in the wrong hands, the anonymity of ghost guns can tempt people to commit atrocious crimes.

Although every person has the right to a firearm, these weapons should only be given to individuals after extensive background checks. Traditional firearms require purchasers to fill out a form through the ATF to ensure that they have

no criminal history. A study from Michael Siegel and Claire Boine from Boston University of Public Health found that homicide rates are 10% lower in states that require background checks for unlicensed guns. Background checks are effective at reducing crime, since they prevent the wrong people from acquiring firearms. Additionally, it allows the federal government to keep track of who owns a firearm through a national registry. No person who is legally using a gun as protection needs to purchase a ghost gun because they can go through the proper steps to obtain a self-defense weapon. The goal of Biden's future regulation is not to ban all firearms or take away the right to bear arms; the goal is to save lives.

Ghost guns need to be regulated to ensure the safety of civilians around the country. These firearms should be the focus of gun control, since they are easy to obtain and have the same power as a traditional firearm. No one should be able to build a weapon in their home, especially those who are not eligible and fail proper government background and safety checks. The previous negligence of the federal government resulted in an unnecessary loss of life and grieving families. By limiting the accessibility of these weapons, the government is prioritizing safety over anything else.

student purchased a ghost gun and used it against his classmates. Five students were shot and two were killed before the 16-year-old shooter took his own life. The accessibility of ghost guns makes them appealing to minors, who



The Warrior softball team cedes to the Raiders in a close game before the playoffs

The softball team reflects on their overall chemistry throughout their defense play against the Raiders.

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The air is heavy with anticipation as a steady stream of spectators find their seats in the stands. Music and the sound of balls hitting gloves reverberates around the field while the two softball teams prepare for the game. Persevering through the ninth inning, Troy Warriors fell short to the Sonora Raiders 0-1 April 19.

The Raiders began the game offensively, but the Warrior defense effectively neutralized any threats. The team's first hit came from senior Anisha Venigalla, after an intense exchange with the Raiders pitcher. Great pitching from freshman Raquel Alonso and strong outfield defense from juniors Iris Avila and Sophia Rylaarsdam erased all momentum from the opposing team. A line drive and a bunt advanced senior Ashley Garcia to second base, but the Warriors failed to capitalize on the opportunity and ended the inning with a foiled attempt to steal third.



PHOTO BY TIFFANY VO

READY BATTER: *Waving the bat with deep focus and strength, freshman Angela Garcia lunges back and prepares to swing as soon as the pitcher throws the ball.*

The team continued to impress on the defensive end, catching a batter out on first base and creating a double play to send them to defense. Raiders proved to be a formidable opponent as they also held the Warriors to zero runs. The team faced its first serious threat in the sixth inning where

the Raiders had a player on first and third base, while only having a single out. Despite the dire situation, the Warriors closed the inning with a double play, narrowly avoiding an RBI in the process.

The team came alive in the seventh inning with their best

inning at bat yet. They had a single hit from Venigalla and three others that were caught by Raiders. Tied 0-0 at the end of the seventh inning, the game officially moved into extra innings. An eventful eighth inning led to the ninth inning, where Raiders converted an RBI to pull

ahead and win the game 0-1.

Despite the disappointing loss, co-captain Rylaarsdam acknowledged the team for its perseverance and competitiveness throughout the match.

"I think we played really well defensively and Raquel pitched the best she's pitched this season," Rylaarsdam said. "Near the end, we had some really great energy. If we'd hit better throughout the game we would have won that game."

Rylaarsdam contributes the team's grittiness to their friendship. Their bond on and off the field help them stay unified.

"I think our chemistry is what made us a good team this season," Rylaarsdam said. "We want to finish the season strong because we had a really good season so far."

Head coach Brett Fauria had high praise for the team's performance against the number two ranked Sonora. He believes the game to be one of the team's best this year.

"Sonora has a good club—they have good pitchers, and we didn't hit the ball when we needed to," Fauria said. "I'm happy with our bats, with our defense, and if we can pitch like this again for the next three games, we will go to the playoffs. That's our goal."

RUNNING RIVALS

Quick! Explore the rivalry between seniors Isaac Torosian and Ebba Adinew as they compete for first in hurdling.

Compiled by Jacqueline Liu, SPORTS EDITOR, and Erin Jang, ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR, photos courtesy of Google

With their team members cheering in the crowd, tension builds as seniors Isaac Torosian and Ebba Adinew shake off their nerves before the gun goes off. Running along the lane and jumping over hurdles, rivals Adinew and Torosian exchange looks over the shoulder. As varsity starters, the two athletes consistently made records at track races in the 110 meters and 300 meters hurdles, pushing each other to the best of their abilities.

Torosian joined hurdling as a freshman and captured the track team's attention for setting a high personal best time. With a time average of around 15.6 seconds, Torosian became a varsity athlete during his sophomore year. Behind the scenes, Torosian follows a daily routine of stretches, quick runs and sprints to advance his form and athleticism.

Adinew began high school in the Physical Education course but soon hoped to participate in a school sport. According to Adinew, his friends suggested he join the track team with the season about to begin. After the first meet, Coach Blume placed Adinew on the varsity hurdles team, and he soon set a personal best time of 15.1.

Despite only three years of experience, Adinew fell in love with hur-

dling as his skills consistently grew. He was able to place 23 in the state by this year.

"I just like how [hurdling] is different from all the other running events," Adinew said. "[The sport] is not just about how strong and fast you are. It has to do a lot with technique and how to perfect it."

In their first seasons as rivals, Torosian placed higher than Adinew during their sophomore and



junior years. Adinew turned the tables their senior year after returning from quarantine.

"I believe our rivalry began just this year, because I beat him every single year before this year," Torosian said. "The competition that I have with Ebba really makes me want to run faster and beat his time once again. My goal is to place higher than him once again."

In the

current season, Torosian and Adinew attended the Orange County Track and Field Championships March 26. Following a tough race, Adinew came in third and Torosian in fourth place. On April 2, the two athletes attended the Yorba Linda Invitational and met again as rivals. Adinew finished in first and Torosian finished in second place. The students constantly felt the competitive atmosphere as they raced for first and second place in league meets.

Amidst other hurdlers, Adinew and Torosian have considered each other their only competition since the beginning of their athlete journey.

"There are a few hurdlers at Troy and in the district besides me and Isaac," Adinew said. "I would not say these are rivalries but more like friendly competitive components."

The everlasting rivalry inspired the two students to practice harder, on and off season.

"I feel that [having a rival] is like building a friendship," Adinew said. "Isaac and I love to give each other pointers during practice, and we constantly look out for each other. Rivalry is like a bond that keeps you with the team."



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Fulfilling his dreams of sea-ing nature, senior George Spano heals the environment by practicing sustainable fishing. Read more about his fin-tastic abilities below!

Compiled by Coco Gong, **FEATURE EDITOR**, and Mary Kim, **ASSISTANT FEATURE EDITOR**, cartoon by Pearl Yoon, **CARTOON EDITOR**, and photo courtesy of George Spano

The crystal clear water reflects a perfect sunrise, its iridescent colors of orange and yellow shining as daybreak approaches. As he looks out of the boathouse, senior George Spano marvels at the seascape, not a sliver of land to be seen beyond the great blue expanse. Despite the boring stereotype fishing holds, his journey is full of passion and excitement, looking to fishing as a means to cherish nature. With a lifestyle aimed to preserve the earth, Spano masters the art of patience both inside and out of this hobby. He uses fishing as an avenue to treasure the simple beauties of the outdoors, fueling his dreams of being a marine biologist.

Spano's very first fishing encounter took place at six years old, an exhilarating adventure of standing by the water and reeling in every catch. Full of spontaneity, overnight trips to Mammoth and harbors across the country gradually became a routine for him. From California, to Mexico, Colorado

and more, Spano's adventures have taken him all over the world. Colorado holds a special place in his heart, but not just for the magnitude of fish to be caught: its towering mountains and grand red rock formations is nature's eye candy to enjoy while waiting to reel in a catch. Fishing is not all just smooth sailing though, as Spano's wild encounter with a Great White Shark can attest to. While fishing in Dana Point, an unsuspecting Spano stood on his boat when a looming shadow suddenly burst from the water, taut on the end of his line. Little did he know that he'd accidentally hooked a 10-foot Great White Shark, resulting in a beach-wide evacuation. Even with this near-death experience, Spano overflows with love for the outdoors; not just the fishing, but every moment of being in the open-air. "Honestly, for me, it's less about the fishing and more about getting outside," Spano says. "I'm able to get outside and explore nature. That's like the coolest thing in the world."

Spano swims past the imminent challenges at every bend, each difficulty redefining why he loves to fish. Showcasing a deeper understanding of his passion, he returns each fish back to its aquatic home after every catch, emphasizing why he fishes. Spano's vision is simple: It's about enjoying every moment; the cool water gently flowing downstream, the breeze stirring the air and the peace-

ful sunrises. With smooth reel-ins and a truckload of patience, he is a master of fishing. Spano never fails to return to the water with a smile on his face, even after hours of waiting for a catch under the hot sun. "It can be frustrating when the fishing's bad," Spano said. "But for me, that is not what fishing is about. I want to learn about nature. You're able to do that."

His dreams of becoming a marine biologist inspire him to focus on preserving nature, saving the ecosystem and promoting sustainability. Like catch-and-release fishing that helps sustain population growth, or beach cleanups devoted to unsoiling the earth, Spano believes every act of kindness towards the earth will pay off. Further down the river, he hopes to shed light on these issues with his support of conservation efforts as a fish and game officer. Spano's time on the ocean has not only built up patience, but also helped him grow into a persistent, enthusiastic individual through each trial-and-error. Proudly holding his latest catch, Spano reminds the community of how little actions can create great impact just by trying new things and experiencing the outdoors firsthand. "If you want to become more knowledgeable about the environment, about sustainability, about conservation, if you want to learn about biology or any kind of the sciences, fishing's a great way to do that," Spano said. "You're able to literally understand so much just by going outside and dropping a line in the water."



CRAZY CATCH: *George Spano holds his latest catch, a grand soupfin shark.*