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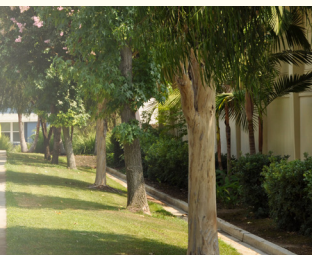
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Caring - our way of life. This is the motto of Key Club, an organization devoted to serving the community and one of the most prominent clubs at La Habra. Beginning last spring, Key Club has been led by an outstanding group of upperclassmen who

not only transformed the club, but truly made the school--and city--a better place. Over the course of one term (April 21 - March 22), La Habra's Key Club...

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LHHS Drumline: Leaders for a New Year

by Parker Reyes



The 2022 LHHS Drumline season is in full swing, with their first competition having happened on March 6th. The drumline is enrolled into two competitions, one being for SCPA (Southern California Percussion Alliance) and the other for ADLA (American Drum Line Association). They have performed in four competitions as of writing this, two for SCPA and two for ADLA. So

far, they have placed 17th and 8th for SCPA and 1st for ADLA (due to being the only ones in their division). With the season officially beginning in January, members of the drumline have had regular practices every Tuesday and Thursday as well as the occasional Saturday...

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NFTs Explained

by Ashley De La Rosa

If you've been anywhere on the internet in the past few months, you most likely have seen the word NFT pop up quite a few times. Internet quarrels, memes, and profile pictures featuring NFTs have suddenly appeared in almost every corner of the internet, leaving most wondering: what is an NFT?

What is an NFT?
The term NFT stands for non-fungible token, meaning that it's something that is unique and can never be replaced or replicated. They're digital assets that take the form of physical objects like art, music, videos and even games.

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NJROTC's AMI a Complete Success!

by Jasmin Gomez

NJROTC's annual military inspection (AMI) earned a 100% performance, with all cadets being present for the occasion.

The morning began with the uniform inspection which was led and conducted by Commander Tom Garcia. This took from the beginning of 1st period to the end of 3rd period, every cadet looked sharp as can be and answered questions in a respectful manner.

During 4th period, most cadets went to class but a selected few went to show CDR Garcia a brief presentation of this year's program and progress. Following that was lunch, of course, so cadets had time to relax and calm their nerves. Once lunch was over, every cadet reported to the football stadium to begin the marching ceremony.

First, Cadet Company Commander

Angelique Ponce conducted a drill for the whole company. Once it was over,



CDR Garcia presented his speech on how proud and surprised this year's NJROTC work and progress was. Next, Cadet Petty Officer 1st Class Hailey Barton Tidmore announced the cadet promotions, highlighting many outstanding cadets. Third, the whole company finally had the marching ceremony during which every platoon commander took charge of their platoon and conducted cadence to lead them throughout. Finally, a recruiter from the recruiting department wanted to give a speech and during his speech, he presented an award to Cadet Angelique Ponce for being more than an outstanding cadet this

year. Following that Cadet Angelique Ponce dismissed NJROTC with their everyday dismissal but this time it was the whole company yelling the motto "BETTER, STRONGER, SAFER, SMARTER, CAN DO!"



Drumline: Leaders for a New Year

by Parker Reyes

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have had regular practices every Tuesday and Thursday as well as the occasional Saturday. Due to having a year of no proper drumline, things were rusty at first. Everyone, from battery members (snare, quads, and basses) to pit members (keyboards, auxiliary, and more) had to relearn or start completely new on their instruments and music. Due to this jump, I wanted to ask the section leaders of this year to see how they feel about their experience and this season as a whole.

How did you feel going into the drumline season this year? Did you feel prepared for your role as a section leader?

Esmeralda Gaona (Snare Section Leader): *Going into this season, I'm not gonna lie I was really nervous. I thought a lot about how almost 75% of our drumline was new. No one really knew the ropes and it'd take a lot of time to teach everyone. I did feel prepared though being a section leader because I was captain for marching season and I used a lot of what I learned during marching band and applied it to this year's drumline season.*

Mia Florez (Bass Section Leader) - *Going*

into the season, I was a little worried that not enough people would want to join but in the end, I realized that we had this big family. We all grew closer together. I feel really unprepared for the role as section leader because I was never one before but I am really proud of our bass family.

How do your experiences this year differ from ones you had before?

Esmeralda: *This season doesn't really differ at all from my freshman year season. We still practice at the same spots, I've made amazing friendships, and I cherish every single moment I have with this amazing group of kids. Only difference is having to wear masks.*

Mia: *My junior year of drumline is really different from my freshman year because we have had a lot more obstacles this year. It's been a tough year but we've been pushing through and working hard.*

What do you look forward to in this season? Do you have a goal or motivation through this?

Esmeralda: *One thing I look forward to in this season is bringing home 1st place wins and leading my kids to victory!! I know that rehearsals can get really stressful*

and sometimes you just don't wanna do it anymore. But one of my goals is to encourage them to do better and think about the future whenever they feel like that. In hopes of that leading us to be better and get higher placements and scores at our competitions. My biggest goal for this season is to just have fun and teach younger grades so that they could be successful for years to come!

Mia: *I'm really looking forward to finishing our show and showcasing our hard work that we've all put into the show.*



The Positives and Negatives of Working While in High School

by Bella Garcia

As we live through some of the most formative years of our life in high school, students are closely patrolled when it comes to decisions we make and actions we choose to take.

One of the many decisions students can choose to make is whether or not they want to have a job during the school year. Each individual has their own reasoning for choosing to get a job; some people want professional experience, some want to save money, and some simply want the spending money.

With approximately 30% of high school students choosing to be employed, there is a distinction between these students and others. Two hard-working La Habra students shared their personal experiences and decisions to be employed in high school.

What are the advantages of being employed during this time in your life?

Julia Gutierrez: Some advantages are money, work experience, and getting comfortable with customer service.

Alexa De La Rosa: An advantage of being employed while also being a high schooler is that I have the opportunity to make my own money. I don't have to depend on my parents as much and I'm able to save and spend my own money.

Now, what are the disadvantages of being employed in high school?

Julia Gutierrez: For me, the disadvantages are having most of my weekends taken away or working late nights on weekdays when I have homework to do which causes me to stay up late with school the next day.

Alexa De La Rosa: One of the main disadvantages of being employed as a student is sometimes dealing with the struggle of balancing school and

work. When you have a shift right after school, then you come home to workloads of homework- it can be hard.

What was your reasoning for getting a job right now? How long have you been working?

Julia Gutierrez: I got a job for the money and since I'm 17 I need to start paying for my own things. I've been working for 8 months now.

Alexa De La Rosa: My reasoning for getting a job right now was because I wanted something to do outside of school and I wanted to start saving money for a car. I've been working at my job for 7 months.

Was there a reason for you picking your specific field?



Julia Gutierrez: No, I chose Yogurtland because I thought it would've been an easy place to work while I'm still in school.

Alexa De La Rosa: I work in retail, which was the field I wanted when job searching. I wanted to work in retail, specifically the clothing indus-

try, because I enjoy fashion and I thought it'd be fun being able to express that at work.

What do you feel you'll take from this job experience? How will it help you transition into your next job/profession?

Julia Gutierrez: I learned how to

maintain a fast pace, problem solve quickly, handle responsibility, and handle large sums of money. I'm not sure what my future profession will be quite yet, but I'm sure these take-aways will help me.

Alexa De La Rosa: An important aspect I gained from working is my improved people skills. I've learned to better communicate with customers and it'll definitely help me in my future careers.

On top of a school workload consisting of homework, studying, and extracurricular activities, these students who choose to take on the responsibility of employment show some real Highlander spirit. The knowledge and skills learned

by students in communication, careers, and self-efficacy on campus are undoubtedly carried off-campus and into their work environments.

As a student, if you find yourself interested in making the decision of getting a job or not while in high school, determine what is best for you. You can make a pro and cons list or a decision-making grid— it is a big decision that requires a lot of consideration. As an employed student myself (with a bit of a shopping addiction), getting a job was one of the first, smartest and most rewarding decisions I have made as a young adult. Whether you have been and know what it is like or not, being employed as a student takes major maturity and initiative, and all who take on the responsibility should be commended.

NFTs Explained

by Ashley De La Rosa

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NFTs are also sold and bought using cryptocurrency. In fact, the technology behind them is very similar to the technology used for crypto. The main difference between the two is the fact that cryptocurrency is fungible.

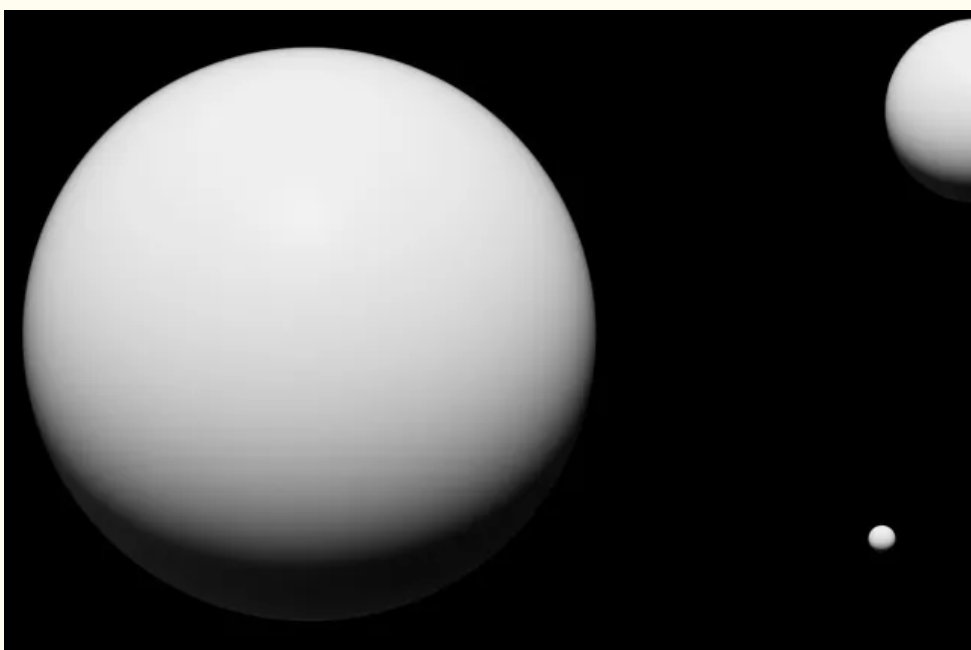
Why are they so popular?

Although they've gained popularity just recently, NFTs have existed since early 2014. Their sudden popularity can be explained by an increase in demand for digital artwork. NFTs are known for being one of a kind, so any form of art can easily be turned into and sold as one.

How do they work?

NFTs live on the blockchain, which is a digital, public

ledger that keeps track of any and all transactions. Cryptocurrencies also use blockchains, but they aren't connected to NFT blockchains in any way. NFTs in particular are kept on the Ethereum blockchain. They're bought using cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin and Tether. Once bought, the buyer receives exclusive ownership rights to whatever they have purchased. The blockchain also allows for ownership rights to easily be displayed/proven.



The Merge by PAK

Why are they so controversial?

Although they are popular (and expensive!), NFTs haven't gone without criticism. Many disapprove of them because of their negative impact towards the environment. The process of creating and distributing cryptocurrency results in an enormous amount of carbon emissions. Since NFTs rely on crypto, they indirectly support and contribute to increasing carbon emissions.

That being said, many people love and support NFTs because they are a source of income for artists. The artist behind the most popular NFT (Bored Ape Yacht Club) went from being a struggling artist to a millionaire in just a few months.

Are they worth it?

What the future holds for NFTs is a mystery, as their price will most likely fluctuate. NFTs are an investment, and just like any other investment, they require research and a willingness to take risks. The decision is always up to the buyer, but it's always best to make an educated one.

Making a Difference with Key Club

by Courtney Haraguchi

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successfully executed a total of twenty-four service projects and ten fundraisers. In addition, the club raised a collective \$980, all donated to the Pediatric Trauma Program, a foundation linked with Kiwanis and Key Club that is devoted to promoting child safety. The club is made up of more than 100 dues-paid members, making it the largest club on campus. This marked a stark contrast from the previous term, when school was online and the club could barely hold any service projects in person. Luckily, the current board was able to revive the club and surpass all expectations.

Members of Key Club attended bimonthly meetings where they played games, reviewed recent club news and learned about upcoming service projects. These events included beach cleanups, poster making, and bake sales. In May, club members donated used AP review books to be sold the following year to La Habra students. A few weeks before Thanksgiving break, students met after school to assemble Hand Turkey Grams to be distributed across campus. In January,

Key Club hosted a schoolwide clothing drive and received over 85 bags of donations which were then donated to Savers.

At their recent end-of-term ceremony,

board members reviewed all the events of the year and awarded select members for their outstanding attendance, enthusiasm, diligence and willingness to serve. A few weeks later at the Division

30 North banquet, three board members received recognition for their outstanding work in Key Club: Ashley Esquerra as Distinguished President, Lauren Krynen as Distinguished Vice President, and Ariana Abel as Distinguished Secretary. These awards, the highest in the division, show just how hard these students have worked. All board members have shown remarkable devotion to the club and helped transform it into something memorable.



President and senior Ashley Esquerra put countless hours and effort into preparing for club meetings, organizing service projects, and making graphics to ensure Key clubbers had the best experience possible. After a very successful term, she reflects back on the year. "My favorite part was being able to provide opportunities for people and just be an inclusive community...everything about Key Club just made it the best environment." When asked what her advice for the future board would be, Ashley responded "I would say keep your goals high and it's okay not to meet them, but you should always strive for more and you shouldn't settle for anything we've done in the past." After the growth shown this past year, there is no limit to what Key Club can achieve. March 16th marked the last meeting led by the 2021/2022 board; a new group of current juniors have recently taken over. They can't wait to begin their term and

make their mark on La Habra. Keep an eye out for Key Club at next year's club rush, or ask a member about it any time--it's never too late to join and start serving the community!

Stepping into La Habra Students' Shoes

by Bella Garcia

As young adults in high school, students' form of self-expression changes habitually as trends emerge, expire, and reemerge again.

However, expressing oneself can be intimidating for some and that's why having a subtle way of showing off your personality, such as your footwear, is comforting to all. An eclectic range of shoe styles is seen here at La Habra, and a few students were happy to share details regarding their personal styles.

How do you feel your shoe(s) choices show off a little bit about you/your personality?

Daniel Pando: *Definitely, I feel that a person's choice of shoes can say a lot about who they are. For example, since I'm someone who loves to express myself through fashion, the type of shoes I own reflect that. I always look for shoes that feel very expressive and "different", since that is the kinda person I am.*

Rae Donahue: *I try to use clean and cute shoes to make me look more put together... and I make sure they go with my outfit too.*

David Vos: *My shoes (most of the time) are literally hiking boots and that reflects what I like doing. I'm always out looking for trails and stuff to hike up or bike to.*

If you have a favorite pair of shoes, why are they your favorite? What

makes them special?

Daniel Pando: *I would say my favorite pair of shoes would be my 'have a Nike day' af1 ones. These shoes have a special place in my heart since they've been with me since freshman year. I can't help but feel like they were a huge part of my school experience since they've honestly been my go-to shoe ever since I got them. They're so simple that they go with any fit but still unique enough to where they stand out.*

Rae Donahue: *My platform docs are my favorite because they go with everything and they're super cute.*

Do you decisively pick out the shoes you wear every day?

Rae Donahue: *I'm very careful with what shoes I choose because I always make sure it goes with my outfit.*

How would you describe your footwear taste?

Daniel Pando: *I have a taste for chunkier/bulky shoes. Something about a big shoe has always just appealed to me. I also feel that there's a lot more cre-*

ativity when making these types of shoes from the industry compared to other more narrow ones.

Rae Donahue: *My shoe wear is pretty basic... but I try to buy cute sandals often so I have new things to wear.*

David Vos: *I think I finally found what shoes suit me best. Like, converse chucks don't suit me because I have bigger, wider feet and my pants are usually baggy so having chunky shoes just works for everything with me.*

Life, at any rate, does not allow you the time to always tell people who you are but the use of style (shoes, particularly in reference to this article), allows you the luxury of expressing yourself without having to say a word.

Senior Stevie Navarro stated "I usually go for something unique...I just buy whatever catches my eye!" She's doing it the right way, as we all should because your fashion style is an extension of yourself that should shadow no judgment.

Have fun with it and compliment someone's shoes today!



Over 500 Future Highlanders Attend Incoming Highlander Night!

by Jasmin Gomez

On March 9, our school held the first ever Incoming Highlander Night to show freshmen what the exciting things we have in store for them next school year!

The evening began in our amazing

Performing Arts Center (PAC) where everyone in attendance listened to presentations about everything that is offered at La Habra High School. Afterwards, incoming freshmen and their families were able to travel around at the tables outside the PAC to learn more about the various programs and organizations offered on our campus The Highlander



ing sports programs!).

All programs were flanked by our magnificent Counseling Department with Dr. Flores, Ms. Murphy, Mr. Gallego, and Ms. Gasaway ready to answer any and all questions from the incoming freshmen class. With students and family crowding around the tables that stood out to them the most, we had people

Spirit was on full display with participation from ASB, The Highlander Hub, Yearbook, Linkcrew, FFA and Welding, Culinary, World Language, MBA, FPFA, and Heritage (as well as many of our amaz-

from most programs going around with pamphlets of their program or even talking to them about it. The incoming Highlanders were able to walk around campus to explore some rooms that were opened to get a deeper understanding of most of the programs. As the night came to an end, it was clear that many future Highlanders were excited to begin school here in August!



by Parker Reyes

The album COA was released in 2020 by musical artist ericdoa. It includes eleven songs spanning over 23 minutes. In this article, I will go over each song and my definition of its meanings in the total story of the artist’s decline in well-being. Please note that this is simply going over the story within the album itself, and in no way is trying to state this is the artist’s life.

2008

The starting song for COA is “2008”, set in a hyperpop theme with a pitched up and fast voice. In hindsight, this can be seen as an initial barrier that ericdoa puts up to hide his insecurities. We can also assume that he recently got out of a relationship due to the fact that he states, “I found a different way to reach you, somehow I still can’t get you outta my mind,” but at the same time he’s talking about pursuing his passion and getting money. You cannot really see the deeper meaning of his words on a surface level due to the change in pitch, which might be the whole point of the change. It’s all a coverup, and only if you listen close can you notice something is off.

likewise

The chorus of “likewise” implies that the artist is with (or previously was with) someone who treated him coldly as if they hated him. This person, despite their supposed hatred, still ends up running back to him often. With his line, “You know I’ve heard it before, I’m walkin’ straight through the door, I can’t be hurt anymore,” we can assume that he has been in this toxic situation beforehand and is trying to acknowledge that he should leave. However, perhaps because the other person keeps coming back with ‘heart-eyes’ is also keeping him from leaving as well.

ivy

“ivy” is similar to the themes in “likewise”. However, in this one it shows Eric having a total disconnection and lack of emotion towards the other person. We can only assume that it’s another toxic person, implied through the line “You got me in your grasp, I’m just hoping you release me.” He wants to leave and doesn’t even care for the other person. He doesn’t want to go to their parties, but he’s stuck with this person anyway.

self sabotage

Apart from the other songs, “self sabotage” shows that the artist has actually parted from this toxic person in his life. This doesn’t mean that things are any better for him though. He most likely still has intrusive thoughts and bad impulses, all lasting damage this person has imprinted on him. The most important part, however, is what the whole song is about, Self-sabotage. Through the chorus, he sings about how he could help but he chooses not to. This could be a message that hits very close to home for some people, as it’s extremely hard for people to get help or even just help themselves after a very toxic relationship. I know it was for me. Even if he hates them, deep down he still misses them and that’s what creates the self-sabotage.

deep end

Initially, this song feels like another cover-up for the negativity Eric is going through. He sings about how he’s just looking for the money, and in his first verse he goes on about having money and success. However, after another run of the chorus, the music slows down and the lyrics change up. Here, he says he’s being pulled in again before switching it up and saying he feels so surrounded yet alone. This could be compared to fame, and how even if many people know your name they don’t know your story. He knows someone who does know his story, but does that make it any better? For that person, of all people, to run back to?

mistake

I feel this song makes the message clearer that Eric is stuck in his past and in a constant push and pull of moving on. With so much against him, he doesn’t know how much longer he can take it. He mostly likely is trying his hardest to move but he cannot due to his situation. This is apparent in a line stating, “You keep me down I feel defeated... Show a sign, I beg, I need it.” He is extremely tired of this, and yet he can barely do anything to stop it. If only he could find a way to escape...

do or die (interlude)

As implied, “do or die” is the song that splits this album into two pieces. It starts off with these lines, “Huh. You finally answered my call, didn’t cha? Ugh... whatever. Hi, I’m Dante!” Eric has previously explained that Dante (fully known as Dante Red) is similar to an alter ego. Having Dante sing the interlude, this could be seen as a last-ditch effort to hide all this pain and escape from it. The lyrics are similar to nonsensical ones you’d find in rap songs, which I shouldn’t explicitly mention. Within the context of the story, we can assume here that Eric is doing all these impulsive things to get a rush of dopamine, which could be highly addictive. I could be reaching here, but the last lines say “But I dropped off the cash? I don’t think that it’s enough.” Things don’t seem to be going well here either. Maybe he sees that this isn’t working, that he can’t escape his problems like this forever.



loose ties

“loose ties” is the first song in the track in collaboration with another musical artist, who is known as GRANDMA. Together, the artists sing about how they are living big lives now but are still stuck in a bad place. Eric in particular sings about how he feels like he’s “slipping away” and how he no longer sees the world in color, but rather in grays now. When we think about do or die beforehand, we can assume that Eric is acknowledging how his reckless lifestyle is not doing him any good. He finds new things to do, but nothing makes him feel better. He feels as if these new things are getting in the way of his life instead. However, with the line “You called my bluff, don’t give a [care], just watch me,” we can see that he’s still trying to hold onto what little escape he had left. He knows this isn’t good, but he’s not ready to let go just yet.

thingsudo2me

This song is interesting to me because instead of Eric directly addressing what’s wrong, it’s the other artist in this song, brakence. In Eric’s chorus and verse, he sings about how he and another person (perhaps the one addressed in previous songs like ivy) talking to each other and possibly trying to get something going. Even if Eric says that this person is the one keeping him down, brakence is the one to retaliate against them. He sings about how he knows he isn’t appreciated or loved and would rather be told that harsh truth. He’s well aware that this person is just there out of jealousy and to hurt him, perhaps a detail that Eric missed. The struggle that brakence has is letting go of this person, so out of his anger he goes to music. This is shown to be suc-

cessful, and he uses his money for supposed good. The song ends with a repeat of Eric’s chorus, which we could guess to be a pullback into that leaving this toxic situation is not easy at all, at least for Eric.

thanks4thewarning

In my notes, I originally wrote that this was a song about ericdoa’s depression and how his coping isn’t working. While you could argue this song is just that, upon a deeper analysis I think a little differently. Instead, I believe that this is a song of acceptance. This whole time we saw Eric struggling to let go of past people and his bad ways of coping, however here he finally accepts it. No fake-out, no nothing. The line that shows this most obviously is, “Yeah, I’m not my older self but I’m happy that I’ve lost him.” He’s finally looked back at himself and let it all go. Some have also taken this line to stand for him letting go of Dante Red, wanting to grow without him. It’s obvious through this song that things aren’t well despite this acceptance, hence the line “My world, yes it’s stormin’, so thanks for the warnin’,” but it was never meant to be perfect. None of this was.

plea

The final song of this album, and a heavy change of pace from all the other songs. An important note right away is the use of only guitar/bass and slight brushes on drums. All of Eric’s other songs were full of synthesizers, drums, and other instruments to capture one’s attention. This, however, is extremely calm in comparison to. In addition to the instrumentals, there is a constant hum of crickets and nature in the background. This is meant to be raw and simple, with nothing to take away from the message being conveyed. That message is accountability, for the pain he’s caused for himself and others. Many will know how much depression can harm oneself, and in turn spread that hurt onto those you love. It’s an extremely painful and terrifying process. I believe that here, Eric is trying to talk to two audiences. The first is a loved one who he has hurt with in his state of confusion, fear, and anger from the rest of the album. He’s cutting off ties with them, because this is someone who has constantly tried to help him to no avail, and he knows that he needs time away from them to help himself and them. If this is forever, we don’t know, but we do know it’s a decision Eric’s fully aware of even if it hurts both sides a lot. The second is us, the listeners to his works. He’s showing us the raw and painful side of himself and making it known that he struggles with this stuff too. I think he wants us to know that he’s not perfect, he’s just like you and me. In his lovely words outside of this song, “I want you to know that I’m just another dude. I want you to look at ericdoa and think, “oh yeah, that’s him.”

Summary [TD;LR]

COA is an album about showing the constant struggles of pulling away from toxic situations and coping mechanisms. Despite knowing that he is a musical artist with more fame and wealth than average person, ericdoa makes it known through this album that he struggles with these same things as any other person. He presented us with a story of his slow decline and acceptance with his situation, no matter how much it hurt. The album is full of catchy songs to listen to and beautiful messages to connect to that I would highly recommend listening to, if you are a fan of this kind of content.

A Brief History of Punk

by Ashley De La Rosa

Although its roots can be traced back to small garage venues, punk’s significance in music, fashion, and politics makes it one of the most influential genres of all time.

What is Punk?

Contrary to popular belief, punk is more than just a genre of music, it’s a way of life. Although music is what the subculture is known for, punk prioritizes and emphasizes anti-establishment beliefs. This non-conformist mindset is what leads many famous bands to be considered “Political Punks.” Most punks are left leaning and advocate for social justice issues.

Origins & Pioneers

This fast paced and aggressive genre began making noise in the early 60s, but where punk originated is still a heavily debated topic. Most historians trace its roots back to two bustling cities: New York City and London. Both of these cities shared a thriving rock and roll scene, featuring classic acts such as The Velvet Underground, MC5 and The Stooges. Rock’s immense popularity encouraged smaller musicians to form DIY bands in their own homes/garages, which eventually led to the creation of Garage Rock. These bands are considered the pioneers of punk, as they were known

for their distinct style and disregard for any established rules in music. This rebellious way of thinking allowed for musicians to experiment with different styles, which is

what eventually led to the formation of punk as a genre.

Icons in the Scene

Both Detroit and New York City are considered to be sacred in the American Punk scene. The 1970s were an especially important time in New

York, as many of the city’s biggest punk bands were starting to gain popularity. Some of these bands include The Ramones, The Cramps and Blondie. These bands and many more began to develop a sound and culture that would influence New York for years to come.

Punk wouldn’t be punk without London’s influence. During the mid 1970s, the UK’s economy was taking a bad turn which resulted in record high unemployment rates. Many citizens were struggling to make ends meet, which only brewed anger and a need for change. British youth expressed their disapproval for the government through rebellion and politically motivated music. A mixture of all of these factors helped cultivate London’s thriving and long lasting punk scene. Some famous bands that

formed during this time are the Sex Pistols, The Clash and The Damned.

The US is also home to many other thriving punk scenes on both coasts. Washington DC is surprisingly known for its influence on various punk sub genres, specifically hardcore punk. Bad Brains, Dag Nasty and Minor Threat (my personal favorite) are known as the founders of the hardcore genre which later began to gain popularity on the West coast.

Punk Today

Today, punk is still very much alive and prospering. Although it’s not necessarily mainstream, many bands like Gulch, PUP and Sunami are making the genre more accessible to a wider audience. Modern day punk continues to experiment with its sound while still maintaining its classic, aggressive style. At the end of the day, punk is still and will always be about experimentation and individuality.



Man on the Moon: A Deep Dive into Kid Cudi’s Otherworldly Impact on Hip-Hop

by Alexa De La Rosa

Ever since Kid Cudi released his debut mixtape in 2008, his discography has helped shape modern hip-hop into something new and imaginative. It’s not just his use of melodious sounds and catchy lyrics that make his music stand out from the rest, but it’s also his continuous advocacy for sensitive topics that make him such an admired artist.

Kid Cudi, whose full name is Scott Ramon Seguro Mescudi, was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Having grown up in such a music-oriented city, he was surrounded by several influential hip-hop artists. Unlike the creators that came before him, Kid Cudi began his music journey by touching on taboo subjects in his songs such as mental health, substance abuse, and familial issues. In a genre that has been stereotyped to only writing lyrics about drugs, sex, and money- it was refreshing to have an artist shoot that typecast down. Though he wrote songs for others to resonate with, his lyrics were connected to him and his story.

At the age of 11, Kid Cudi lost his father to cancer and this tragedy left a devastating impact on his mental health. As a way to cope, he expressed his emotions through his songs and lyrics. His vulnerability was an eye opener to other hip-hop artists, which then led to Cudi’s first notable influence on the music industry.

Kid Cudi’s music has not only exceeded the expectations of hip-hop fans, but it’s also found its way into the playlists of those struggling with mental health. Several of today’s rappers credit Kid Cudi for opening the gate of susceptibility for them. Big artists such as Kanye and Travis Scott give credence to Kid Cudi for disrupting the negative stigma that

surrounds mental health because it allowed them to express their own sentiments to their fans.

It wasn’t always that easy for Kid Cudi, though. At the beginning of his career, his songs rarely ever dominated the music charts. The industry failed to recognize the importance of his emotive lyrics and instead played them off as amateur-like and gauche. It took years of patience and hard work for other artists to start acknowledging the outstanding impression his music was leaving on hip-hop. Having faced continual negative feedback and ridicule from critics, Kid Cudi never gave up on his passion and continued creating pieces that were sincere to him and his audience.

After a life of hardship and privation, Kid Cudi has remained one of the most crucial artists in hip-hop. His music continues to inspire young artists to produce creations that are not only meaningful to themselves, but also to those around them.



Honest Uncharted Movie Review

by Larissa Samano

The action/adventure movie *Uncharted*, based on a video game, was released in theaters on February 17, 2022 for the world to enjoy. Right off the bat, there were many positive reviews on the film, so I decided to watch it myself to provide a review for others.

I personally never played the video game growing up, however I was still very excited to see the adaptation that was created. The first time I watched the previews to the film was when I went to see *Spider-Man: No Way Home*. Right away the movie looked like it would be amazing. Mark Wahlberg and Tom Holland were starring in it which automatically made me want to see it. Not only are they some of my favorite actors, but *Uncharted* is an action-adventure filled movie that will keep you on the edge of your seat from start to finish.

I've always been drawn to these types of movies, so I knew I would at least enjoy it. If you enjoy movies like *The Avengers*, *Jumanji*, *Mission Impossible*, or *Indiana Jones*, then this is the movie for you. I have also yet to see a movie with Mark Wahlberg or Tom Holland that I didn't like so going into it, I knew there were slim to none chances of me hating it, and I was right. I can 100% honestly say that this is one of the best action-adventure movies I have

ever seen. Without spoiling anything, this movie had me glued to the screen for 2 full hours straight. There were so many twists and turns through the whole plot that continued to catch me off guard and enhanced my interest in the film.

I would personally rate this film a 10/10 for many reasons. First off, the movie is paced perfectly, never dragging on and certainly not feeling too short. Second, I think the casting was done very well and all the actors took on their

about the characters through the film and create a connection.

Not only are Tom Holland and Mark Wahlberg some of the most successful actors of our time, but *Uncharted* will go down as one of the most successful video game adaptation movies in box office history. This past week, the movie hit \$300 million global and will continue to rise on the charts. They surpassed the box office expectations by 10's of millions of dollars and the numbers are climbing everyday.

Now, I know I have never played the game, but according to other movie reviews I have read the movie does a great job at capturing the adventure sense of Sully and Drake going on a mission together to find missing treasure. They have their differences at times that are known in the game as well, but the only difference is some of the characteristics portrayed in the movie. Although there are some differences between the two, I do still think it is a great movie that people should watch because I think they will be pleasantly surprised by the outcome. Sony never disappoints and put out yet another very successful movie in my books.



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roles perfectly. Third, the plot made sense and there was never a dull second. The filmmakers did a perfect job in introducing the characters and allowing the audience to learn more

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Batman Movie Review

by Noemi Vazquez

Movie theaters were packed on March 4th for the opening night of the new Batman movie, starring Robert Pattinson and Zoe Kravitz. I was lucky enough to have seen it the day it came out.

Leading up to the release there was a bunch of talk about whether Pattinson was the right person to play the role. I have personally always been a fan of Pattinson so I could possibly be a little biased, however, I thought he did a phenomenal job. I'm not a DC fan so I was a little confused throughout the movie and who some of the characters were, but it wasn't hard to learn or keep up with. There wasn't much fighting in the movie which I



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enjoyed, and it had a pretty dark and gloomy feeling which is what I heard Gotham City is supposed to be like. The movie had a little over three hour run time but it didn't feel that long. It took a little bit to get into it but once they did, more and more kept coming. Overall, I felt it was a great movie.

The reviews throughout social media are mixed, to put it plainly. Some people are saying it's one of the greatest movies they have ever seen, while some feel it wasn't portrayed correctly citing that Pattinson wasn't a great fit. Senior Noel Vallejo said "I'm not a fan of movies with excessive amounts of fighting but this super-

hero movie didn't have much fighting and thought it was really good. I just thought they could've made Robert Pattinson look bigger."

It would seem that most people would tend to agree with Noel's opinion that Pattinson did seem rather small for the role. However, it is important to note that most people seemed impressed by his performance as Batman.

Overall, Pattinson did amazing and showed he was very capable of being the new Batman. He brought a whole new look to Batman and many, including myself, were very happy with how it came out. Now you can see the new Batman movie in any local theaters.



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Spring Break Recap by Allie Valentine

Students thrive off the thought of not having to go to school. LHHS students just recently had Spring Break, a week of no school!! Most people spend Spring Break doing all sorts of fun activities like beach days, movie nights, family trips, traveling, and so much more. This article consists of some activities that our LH students did over Spring Break.

Damian Gomez (10th grade) - Dom was excited to be spending his time playing football with a team he is currently on called Dynasty. During spring break Dom and his team had a tournament. This tournament consisted of 25 minute games as if they were playing two hand touch. They play against teams from all over. Unfortunately, the Dynasty team only won one game from the tournament. Dom also celebrated his 16th birthday over spring break. He celebrated by having a family breakfast for his birthday. Lastly, Dom spent a couple days at Huntington Beach with his friends.



Raelina Torres (10th grade) - Over spring break Raelina finally hosted her Quinceanera. She had been waiting to celebrate her Quince since she was 2 years old. She had an amazing time with her friends and family from her hometown and she finally got the experience she's been waiting for. Raelina and her family have been planning this party for about two years. She was ecstatic to showcase her surprise dance with her damas after months of practicing and it was amazing.



Kaylah Mabwa (11th grade) - Kaylah's break was not eventful but she had a relaxing time which is what she said she needed before the start of test season. For most of Spring Break she did some deep cleaning which she found very therapeutic. Kaylah also celebrated her little cousin's first birthday, which was also on Saint Patrick's Day. She spent some time with her friends, she

discussed plans for prom, and visited the beach with her family. Overall, Kaylah said that she had a really fun and relaxing spring break.



Michael Orona (12th grade) - Michael spent most days at the beach over Spring Break. He went to the beach with his friends and his father. At the beach, Michael was able to see dolphins and seals, which he really enjoyed. He also had a very fun time at a trampoline park which he said he hadn't been to one in so long. Michael enjoyed going on car rides and grabbing lunch with some of his friends. He was even able to go visit one of his old friends who graduated high school a couple years ago.



On Friday, March 11, 2022, the La Habra Varsity Baseball team had a great win against the Buena Parks Varsity team with a score of 8-0. It was one of the first league games for their 2022 season.

They have started off their season with a great start and are hopeful to win the league. Before the game started a few of the players had no doubt they would win. La Habra’s pitcher, Jacob Garcia, said “I’m confident we will win today’s game,” their spirits were high before the game. During the game, the Highlanders had no trouble keeping the win.

While the game was happening there were a few times the ref seemed to be making bad calls. Parents were in the



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stands upset by the call made against the La Habra boys. In the 4th inning the La Habra catcher, Jake Rifenburg, threw the ball to the third basemen and got the Buena Park runner out. However, the ref made a call against it which shouldn’t have been done. But, those calls didn’t affect the boys’ game and they still beat the Buena



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Park Coyotes. Although the Buena Park boys’ out up a good game it was no match for our Highlanders. The game against Buena Park just proves the boys’

determination to win the league this year and put in their all. I’m very happy I was able to witness the amazing win for the La Habra Baseball team. You can keep up with their latest games on the morning announcements or @lahabrabaseball on instagram.

Last Preseason Game for Boys Volleyball

by Noemi Vazquez

The La Habra boys Varsity volleyball team took on the Whittier Christian Heralds at home on March 14th for their last preseason match.

The game kicked off at 4:00 PM on that Monday evening with people in the crowd cheering on both sides. It was the last game of preseason so the boys were determined to get a win under their belts before league started. As the first set was on its way, La Habra started off strong with confidence. They then had their first set win secured easily and needed to win two more sets to win it all.

Once the second set started, Whittier Christian started to gain momentum. It was still not enough to take the lead but they brought a new sense of urgency to the game which made it that much more exciting. La Habra continued to outscore them and took the second set too.

At this point, La Habra needed just one more set win to take the








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game but Whittier Christian wasn’t going to give it up without a fight. The Heralds shocked the Highlanders and began to score point after point and went on a big scoring streak. Because they caught the La Habra boys off guard, Whittier Christian was able to win the third set to keep the game alive.

Both sides of the court were tense and wanted to win so badly. The faces of the players said it clearly and the audience was ready for a show. The fourth set began and it went back and forth for the duration of the set. As the game continued to keep everyone on the edge of their seats, both sides of the court fought for every point. They went on for long rallies, but La Habra just slightly outplayed the Heralds.

Although it was a very close game, that’s what made it exciting. As the game ended, the La Habra boys jumped with joy on the court as they celebrated their first win. It was a big

deal that they were able to secure a preseason win just before league to give them an idea of what they have to do to stay successful. With that being said, I am so happy that I was able to report on this game and watch the Highlander boys represent our school and take a big win! For anyone interested in supporting our boys volleyball team, which I highly recommend, you can find their schedule on the school’s website or listen every morning to the announcements for the times and locations for their games.

Tue, 4/12 5:00pm		Fullerton Home • League	Preview
Wed, 4/13 5:00pm		Troy (Fullerton) Home • League	Preview
Thu, 4/14 5:00pm		Sonora (La Habra) Home • League	Preview
Tue, 4/19 4:00pm		Buena Park Away • League	Preview
Thu, 4/21 4:00pm		Troy (Fullerton) Away • League	Preview