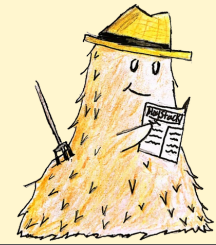





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Hot Summer Incoming!

By: Lyvia Maloa

The sweltering heat of California's winter has caught the attention of many, hitting an all time high of 108 in SoCal. So, how did this happen and why is it starting to become such a large issue as the years progress?

Global warming

Global warming is caused by human activities which leads to long-term shifts in temperature or weather patterns. It continues to grow through over consumption, generating power, and even using transportation. This issue persists and gets worse as our technology advances and the need for energy grows; but our energy supplies stay the same. And, as AI uses up more and more of our water supplies, there's nothing left to cool the natural world.

The specific heat wave in SoCal was caused due to high pressures and lack of cooling winds that blow from the Pacific Ocean. In summary, the pressure built up made it so California was an oven, and the lack of natural air conditioner made it so the heat built up from said pressure couldn't go away. Resulting in temperature degrees over the 90's.

What can we do about this?

As students, our voices aren't usually heard by large corporations or government officials. But, there are some small things you can do in your everyday life in order to help out with this cause. This can be through small things. Energy wise, you can take short showers, turn off the lights when they aren't needed, and start to walk or bike to get around. Things you and your family can do is recycle, run appliances on low power mode (such as dishwashers), and replace incandescent with fluorescent bulbs (which can also save a lot of money). You can also choose to use less AI or not use it at all!

Theater Field Trip: Kim's Convenience

By: Anthony Searle

It was Friday morning at Bart station, I waited outside for about an hour or so since we were meant to arrive at 8 o'clock or 9 o'clock since we were told of a certain time to be at Bart in order to be there in time for our train. We wait for a bit of extra time for everyone else to arrive before Kammet tells us it's time to get on the train which we head up and go through the terminal to get to the platform and wait for about two other trains to pass before getting on the third to get to San Francisco, which we then boarded and rode before arriving at the station where the theater was that we had the show at but we'll have to wait before going to the show so we went to an area to eat if we haven't eaten at which some events would happen, so me I didn't eat since I wasn't hungry while the others played around or talked or ate or chilled around like I was doing.

There was something events that happened like someone's stealing something from someone in my class before they got a new one but after a while with a few minutes we went into a Nintendo store that was nearby which we noticed before entering the park like area so we all looked around the store some may have bought some items or just played the demos of Nintendo games but after a while we went to the theater to the show.

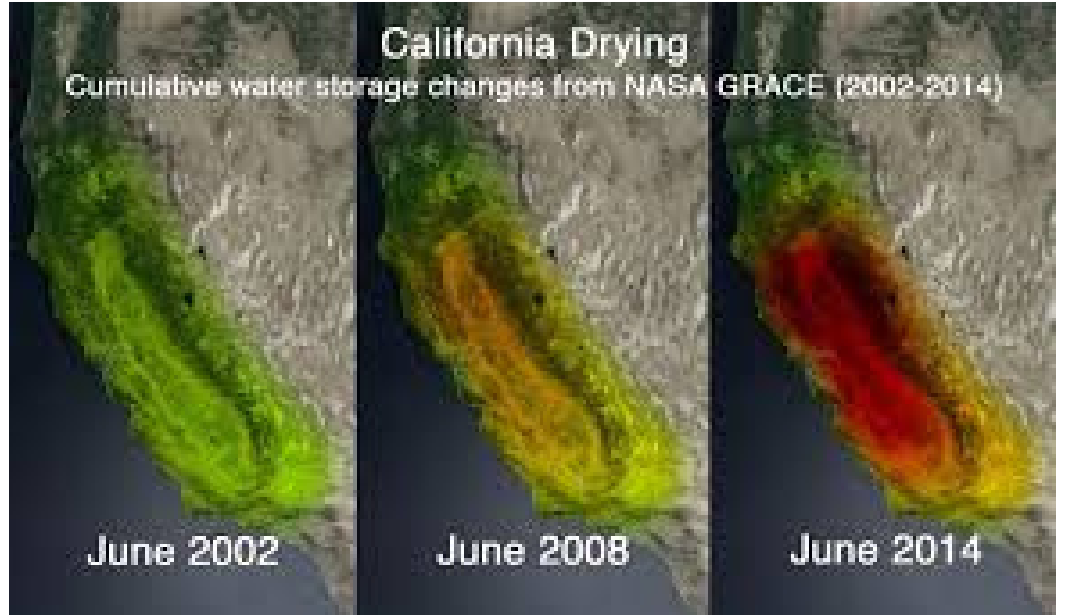


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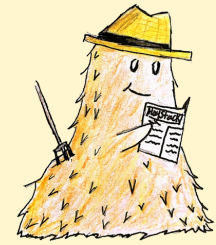
Once there we waited a bit before noticing the other schools but we got our seats and waited for the show to start. I actually passed out for a little nap but I woke up before the show started and I watched the show but during the show someone from the audience ran up on stage. While a teacher from that school tried to get them off the stage but the show continued with that intuition that none of the actors broke and the show went on which was great. I was told that the play was a Netflix show but was originally a play, but after the show was done we were all handed cards to write to the actors if we wanted to ask questions. Though we were told by Kammet to not ask "How did you remember your lines" since we were all in the theater, we waited around and let them answer the questions on the cards we wrote on.

Once done we went to the mall to eat lunch but the food court was mostly shut down and nothing was available besides a "Shake Shack" and "Panda Express". Last time I was there a bunch of places were open but now it was mostly empty. We ate and all chilled, some went into the nearby stores like I went into one but nothing else and didn't buy anything but I just bought something from panda express which I went to get something from the vending machine. I was looking for some water because the line was long but the machines were busted. I put a dollar to test it out and tried to get my money back but had to figure out later how to get my dollar back. Which I did, and luckily enough got a dollar coin and dealt with not getting a drink but once done we went and waited for the train to return to Hayward.

Overall, the show was great with some minor setbacks from the lunch options, but still a lot of events happened that day, with waiting at the station before leaving for SF, and things that happened during the time in SF. There were many things that had happened that day, and they were all eventful since a lot of interesting things had happened, like watching the show, going to the Nintendo store, etc. Overall, that day wouldn't be a day I would forget.



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California- What's Taken for Granted

By: Jonas Wilkison

I have lived in this state for officially 10 years just a couple days ago and I have had time to reflect on what my life has been like here compared to Canada. For a quick summary, you guys take so much for granted. Throughout my years in the Golden State I have heard people complain of how cold it is outside during the winter, or how brutal the rain is. I'd like to clarify that 40 degrees is not cold, it's chilly at best, and the rain is good because of how dry the state is. Now despite my poking and laughing, California is amazing. From the food, to the people, the weather, the nature, and the cities, this place is really like nowhere else I have been.

Before California I lived in Alberta Calgary, which for everyone that doesn't know Canadian maps, it's right above Montana and Idaho. In short it was the most stereotypical Canadian childhood anyone could imagine; I grew up in the suburbs with the main city not far away; I had a local man-made lake that would become an ice rink in the winter; I played hockey; and I had a snow fort outside my house. Not sure you could say a more stereotypical Canadian if you could think of. Then I came to California in the dead of winter, and I was in shock and awe. It was warm, there were palm trees like in the movies, and there weren't just white people everywhere.

My first couple years here were built off of sunburns and major culture shocks. The first major thing I noticed was (of course) there no snow, anywhere, that meant no more shoveling driveways or salting the sidewalks which was a dream. Then in school, it was all outside, no closed off hallways or anything like that. The food was also so much better, like from a land-locked province to the golden coast's food was a dream. Soon I would settle into the culture and become somewhat more tan and then really started to see the beauty of this palace. There was the ocean not even one hour away, massive state parks, amazing weather almost all year around, pools and so much more culture.

I also don't think people here see how amazing the culture of California is, it's spectacular. Not saying where I came from wasn't also culture packed, but California and moreover the Bay has almost everything I could think of. I have met people here that I have only read history books on, I have learned so many cultures I never knew about, so much food, so many traditions, and a lot more acceptance. In Canada it is very accepting but the people there are majority white so a lot of ignorance shines through, but here the massive multiculturalism is just shock and awe. For example I had never met a person from Mexico before, and in the 4th grade I was invited to a quinceañera for my friend's sister. I had never tasted so many good foods at once, or been accepted into something I never knew. I was getting taught Spanish in between trying to dance and helping the moms chop food. That would have almost never occurred in Canada, but it did here in California.

Now 10 years later I look back and I honestly couldn't think of who I'd be without California and what it has given me. I thank the luck of the draw that I am here.



The dates for each AP exam:

- Week One:
 - Tuesday May 05, 2026
 - Morning - Chemistry, Human Geography
 - Afternoon - United States Government & Politics
 - Wednesday May 06, 2026
 - Morning - English Literature & Composition
 - Thursday May 07, 2026
 - Morning - World History
 - Afternoon - Statistics
 - Friday May 08, 2026
 - Morning - United States History
 - Afternoon - Macroeconomics
- Week Two:
 - Monday May 11, 2026
 - Morning - Calculus AB
 - Tuesday May 12, 2026
 - Morning - Precalculus
 - Afternoon - Psychology
 - Wednesday May 13, 2026
 - Morning - English Language & Composition
 - Thursday May 14, 2026
 - Afternoon - Computer Science Principles

Good luck to students taking AP exams this year and make sure to take care of yourself during this time!

POV: You've Never Taken an AP Exam

By: Lola McGinnis

First time taking an AP exam this year? They're right around the corner but don't worry, they're not as bad as they sound. For HHS, our testing areas are usually in the library and the STEM Makerspace so maybe try familiarizing yourself in the areas to lessen nerves for the day of (AP Psych reference for those who get it). AP exams take place in the mornings and afternoon meaning classes will be missed but you'll be excused for them including zero period (only applies to morning exams). AP exams typically last around two or three hours in which they are divided into sections of multiple choice questions (MCQs) and free response questions (FRQs) with a ten minute break in between each section. The amount of questions in each section differs depending on the exam you're taking. Fair warning, timing for everything will not be told to you by staff within the room, you need to pace yourself on the test and keep an eye on the clock. No one will tell you when to switch over to a different question or anything. If there's anything you still want to look into such as breakdowns of each section, supplies to bring, potential study plans, and more you can always visit the CollegeBoard website (collegeboard.org) for more information!