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THE APP RAP

By Alex Pawlakos

App: BestParking by BestParking.com
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Anyone who has ever driven in San Francisco, or any city for that matter, knows how difficult it is to find parking. Free parking is virtually non-existent, while parking garages and parking lots can be complicated to locate as well as exorbitantly expensive. For example, parking in downtown San Francisco from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on a weekday can range from \$10 to \$61 depending on where you park. How is one supposed to locate not only a convenient parking place, but, one that is reasonably priced? Simple. Download and install the free parking locator app called BestParking. Using the GPS in your phone, this app will quickly

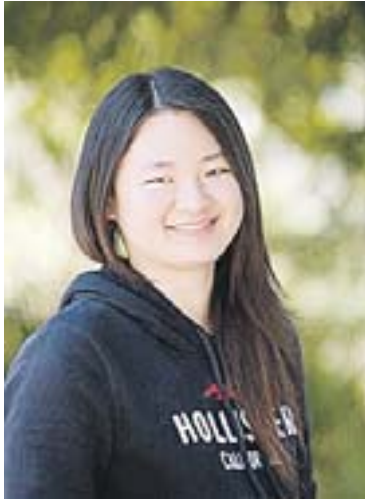
find the most convenient parking garages or lots that also offer the best prices. Users of this app especially like its ability to locate lots and garages that are hidden from the street. The app also gives you information about the parking facility, including the phone number, hours of operation, whether it is indoors or outdoors, cash or credit, and valet or self-parking. BestParking's search engine can find you the best parking in North America, in 85 different cities. It also has parking information for the best airport parking lots at 115 airports. This is an app that not only saves you time and aggravation, but can also save you dollars.



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OA Student Wins Awards

Submitted by Miriam Schaffer



YingYu Ren Photo provided

entry titled, "The Inspiring Ocean," details how her experience with the ocean impacted and parallels her life, from the time she was an infant in China to today as she looks toward her future.

"These awards encourage me to go further, keep challenging myself, be a better person, do my best and give back to the community," says Ren.

"YingYu is one of the most impressive, extraordinary students I have encountered in my 38 years of teaching and administration," says Ron Graydon, founder and head of Orinda Academy. "She has prospered in spite of being an English language learner and has maintained a straight-A average in Orinda Academy's rigorous college preparatory curriculum."

In addition to her academic achievements, Ren has been a driving force on the student council in organizing the most successful toy drive in Orinda Academy's history. She is on the yearbook staff (her cover design was chosen in 2012 and 2013), is a math TA, a tour guide for prospective students, and has served as an interpreter for visiting Chinese recruiters and families.

Ren has logged hundreds of hours of community service, including work with the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation helping people prepare tax returns. She has also taught students study skills, time management and social media through A Better Chance's West Coast Orientation Program.

Orinda Academy junior YingYu Ren, 17, recently received three awards recognizing her academic achievement, service and leadership. Ren is one of only 10 students in the nation to win "A Better Chance Award for Excellence" for academic distinction, contributions to the school community and demonstrated ability to achieve. The award is from the organization, A Better Chance, which works to increase the number of well-educated young people of color who are capable of assuming positions of responsibility and leadership in American society. The 2013 Alexander Hamilton Citizenship Achievement Award was also awarded to Ren. It recognizes youth who demonstrate leadership abilities, academic excellence and a passion for public service.

Ren's writing talent earned her the 2013 Friends of the Orinda Library Poul Anderson Writing Contest in the Essay/Memoir category. Her

TEEN SCENE

Summer Stress

By Hannah Li

It seems just yesterday that we flaunted our new backpacks and bright eyes on the first day of school, but the reality is that summer is just around the corner. "Be excited! You can finally take a break from school and relax," said my mom; but little did she know that June breezes also blow in a warm dose of anxiety as a cycle of summer stress settles in the pits of our stomachs.

For incoming seniors it's the ominous stack of college apps, but even the incoming freshmen understand the double-edged sword of the three month vacation: summer isn't just daily tanning and trips to the beach, summer equals stress.

We all acknowledge that this is an era of competition – an era when college isn't just application and acceptance, but a grueling four years of five-days-a-week and seven-hours-a-day. We acknowledge that in order to get our hands on the glowing acceptance letter we must back ache and back break our way through all-night study sessions and endless stacks of flashcards. We acknowledge all of this with the glimmer of hope that summer brings a much needed exhale and a prolonged time-out. But maybe not...

An incoming freshman, Jordan L. from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School commented on his prospective summer: "No camp. I'm starting community service. And then my dad wants me to take an online math course. I'm not that excited for summer this year." Little does he know, his freshman summer is just the lesser of three evils; sophomore and junior year bring their own heightened problems.

"I don't even remember what summer is. This

year I have to tutor, be tutored, go to a college counselor, intern in Oakland, and then somehow catch up on my thousands of hours of sleep deprivation," mused Meg S., a current junior at Miramonte. "I'll probably just give up on that."

Regardless of year, the reality is apparent: summer is now a three-month gap to fill with work. Whether it be internships, college counselors, or online courses, Lamorinda teens aren't letting any precious time slip from their hands. It's only a matter of time until the elementary school kids will be enrolling in SAT classes.

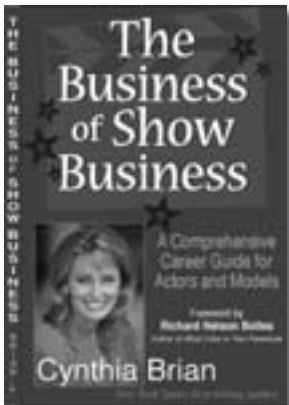


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