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The 2026 NBA Playoffs

The 2026 NBA Playoffs arrived with incredible intensity, bringing together the best teams in the league after the long regular season. One of the most exciting things about that season was the surprising level of young stars.

For example, players like Shai Gilgeous (SGA), Nikola Jokić, and Jason Tatum led their teams with very elite performances. That's why every game was so close and made of pure talent. The playoffs were a historic run filled with unforgettable moments and a high level of competition.

By Santiago

The Difference Between L.A. and Tunis

By Siwar

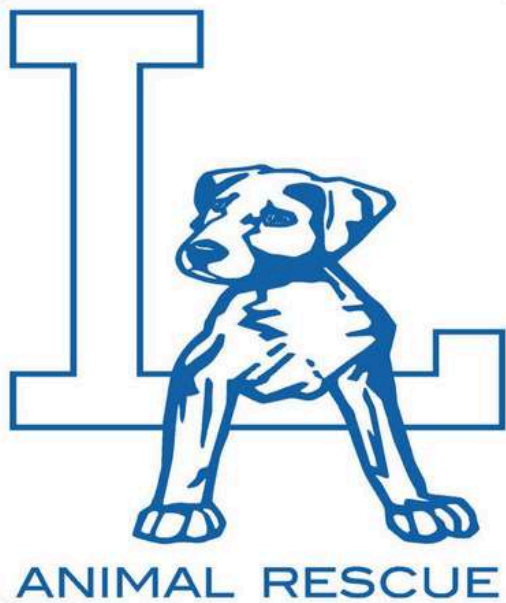
I came to the U.S. only 4 months ago and actually, there is a huge difference between America and my country. While they both have positive and negative things, Tunis and Los Angeles differ greatly in culture, lifestyle, and environment. Both offer unique advantages that I do appreciate.

Tunisia is known for its rich history, Mediterranean climate, and affordable cost of living in the cities. People there value close family ties and are relaxed. They do not worry about money or material possessions and have a very simple happy lifestyle. We don't have problems like homelessness, drug use, or alcoholism. I can walk late at night without worrying about being attacked.

Los Angeles is very nice and I love my new experiences here. The weather is similar to Tunis and there is so much diversity in the landscape and people. However, the mood here is completely different. I don't get a feeling that people here are happy and it seems that everyone is focused on making more money, having expensive things, and caring only for themselves. How can such a rich city have so much trash in the streets, people sleeping on the sidewalks, drug addicts, and crazy people wandering around screaming and crying? Why is it that the local government doesn't do something to help? Aren't the people living here embarrassed when visitors from around the world come here and see this?

I understand that every society has its own problems and of course, my country has its own issues to deal with. I'm going to enjoy my stay here in L.A. and I'm going to appreciate my own country even more when I return.





VOLUNTEERING AND HELPING ANIMALS

By Daryna

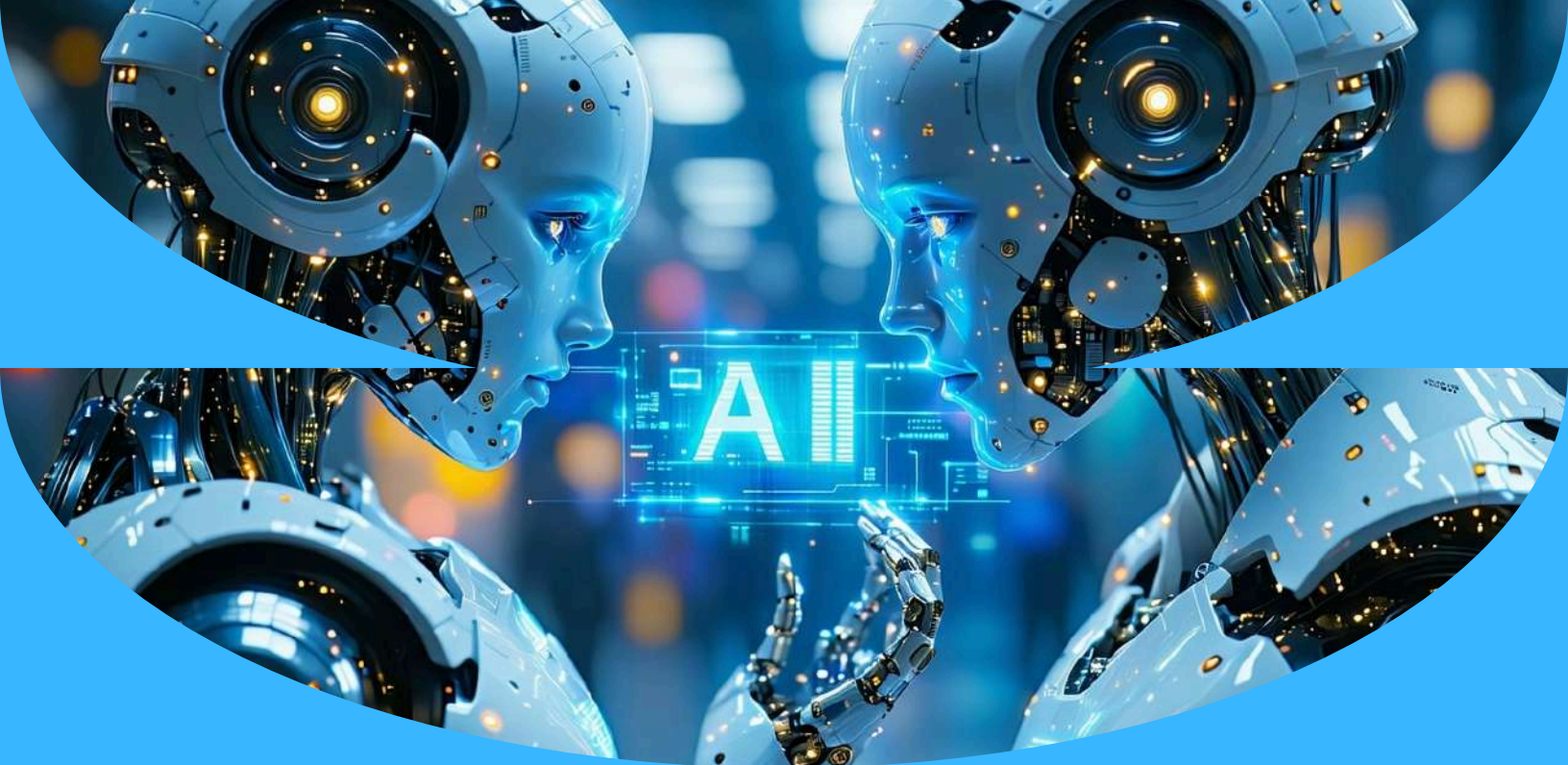
Volunteering is an important and kind activity. I think helping animals is as important as helping people because animals cannot always protect themselves. I love animals and consistently donate to animal shelters and organizations that rescue homeless animals. Even a small donation can help to buy food, medicine, or pay for veterinary care. People can also help in shelters by walking dogs, feeding the animals, and finding homes for these pets. I believe that every person can do something useful for animals in need. It's not always necessary to spend a lot of money.

In my opinion, helping animals teaches kindness, responsibility, and compassion. If more people help animals, I believe the world can become a better place and safer for all animals everywhere. Helping animals also makes people feel happier. When we see an animal get food, care, affection, or a new home - we understand that our help really matters.

Helping animals motivates us to be better and to continue to do good things in our lives and how we treat each other. For me, this is one of the most noble things that we can do.



FOR ADOPTION, HARBOR ANIMAL SHELTER OVER CAPACITY



By Airi

AI versus People

AI is becoming more and more popular all over the world, but it's not good for us to use AI too much. I have a few reasons. First, for the past few years, people have been asking AI for information such as, "How to make curry?" However people are beginning to ask more personal questions like: "How do I break up with my boyfriend?" or even "What should I do today?" It's becoming too easy to get advice from an algorithm instead of using our own brains. We are relying on AI instead of thinking. AI can help us with many things, but allowing a program to make decisions for you - decisions that may seriously affect your life - can have negative consequences.

Second, AI programs are designed to "be kind" but it's not human. It's important to be able to communicate with other people. It's important for us to experience different opinions, feelings and thoughts by interacting with each other.

Third, AI is creating all kinds of entertainment such as video, music, stories and art which is becoming more and more difficult to differentiate from human creation. Human art is not perfect, and we need to experience it with our own eyes and ears. This is why I came to America from Japan - to experience entertainment for myself.

We need to focus on reality and live in real life. My advice is to get away from AI and create and live our own lives ourselves. So, overall I would have to say that I believe AI is not good for humanity.



GETTING AROUND IN JAPAN

By Hana

In Japan, it's not uncommon to see trains completely packed with people during rush hour or late at night. In these situations, station staff sometimes push passengers in from the outside so the doors can close. While this is considered normal for many Japanese people, most still find it uncomfortable.



For travelers visiting from overseas, taking a taxi is often recommended. However, taxis in Japan are relatively expensive compared to other Asian countries. For example, a 10 kilometer ride may cost around 4 to 6 dollars in China, just over 3 to 5 dollars in Vietnam, and about 25 dollars in South Korea, while in Japan, it can exceed 40 dollars!



If you want to save money while still enjoying your trip, you can use rental electric scooters. Providers such as Luup and Lime are affordable and typically cost around 6 to 7 dollars per hour, and you can easily access them through any map app with location services. It's a convenient and budget friendly way to explore the cities in Japan.



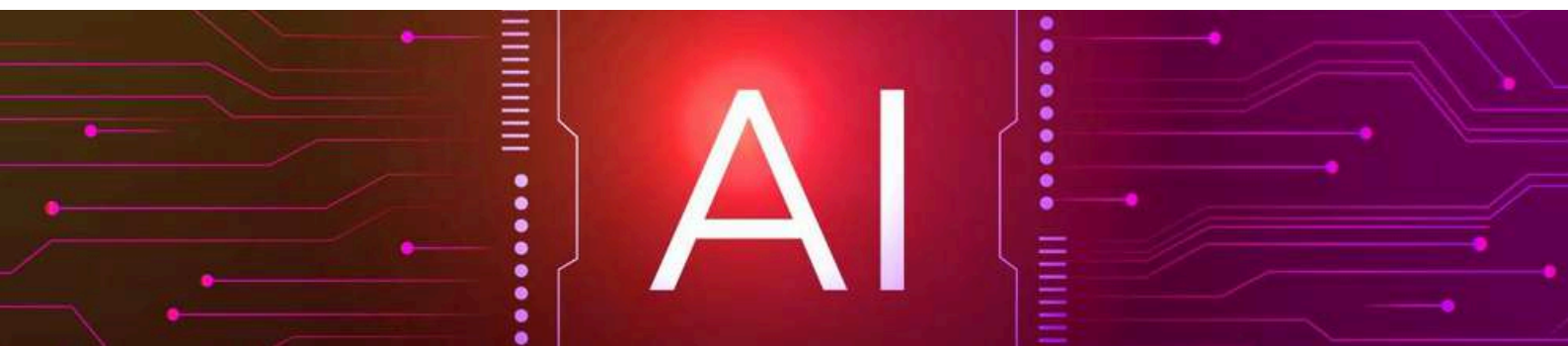
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN OUR LIVES

BY MARNIA

Artificial Intelligence is becoming an important part of our daily lives. Today, many people use AI on their phones, cars, and even at work. It helps us save time and makes many tasks easier. One of the main advantages of AI is convenience. For example, AI can help us find information quickly, translate languages, and even recommend what to watch or buy. In addition, some companies use AI to improve customer service and make better decisions.

However, there are also some disadvantages. Many people are worried that AI is replacing human jobs without providing new opportunities for employment. Others worry about privacy and security because AI systems collect a lot of personal data which can be used against them. AI has already been associated with suicidal behavior in young people and has adversely affected businesses by deleting databases and even lying about its activities. If people depend too much on this technology, they may lose important skills such as interpersonal communication and decision making.

In conclusion, Artificial Intelligence has both positive and negative sides. It can make our lives easier, but we need to use it carefully. In my opinion, AI is a powerful tool and it should be used to help people, not replace them.



CHINA CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY



BY VERA

China celebrated international Workers' Day on May 1st with a series of nationwide activities to honor workers and promote the spirit of hard work. In Beijing, a grand ceremony was held to commend model workers and advanced individuals. President Xi Jinping attended the event and emphasized the importance of diligence, innovation, and dedication in national development.

Across the country, many workers from different industries shared their inspiring stories, showing their contributions to society. Meanwhile, the five-day holiday brought a surge in tourism and consumption. Tourist attractions were crowded, and the transportation system faced heavy pressure due to increased travel demand. The celebration not only highlighted the value of labor, but also reflected the vitality of China's economy.





JAPANESE BATH TIME

BY KOTOMI

Do you like bath time? I like it because taking a soak in the bath relieves fatigue and I can relax. However, since coming to Los Angeles, I haven't been able to have a bath. You see, in Los Angeles, having a bathtub is not typical here. Why is it considered normal to soak in a tub in Japan?

There are several benefits to having a bath. First, bath time is very important for Japanese people. For us, taking a bath with our parents, brothers, and friends has been a normal practice since childhood. During this time, we talk to each other and deepen our bonds. It's also normal to bathe with strangers at hot springs or public baths.

Second, taking a soak in the bath does not only relieve fatigue, but it also improves sleep quality. In addition, it's said to foster a sense of happiness and even help prevent depression. You can also use bath salts to enhance the benefits of the bath. In Japan, you can find a huge variety of bath salts at almost any local store.

On the other hand, opting for showers offer several advantages, including saving time, reducing utility costs, and simplifying bathroom maintenance. However, I believe that soaking in the bath is much better for your health. That is why taking a long soak is such an essential part of Japanese daily life. By all means, take a soak in the bath and enjoy some wonderful time with your loved ones!



KABUKI

By Mireka

Do you know kabuki? It's a traditional Japanese performing art with music, dance, and acting. There are various themes in kabuki such as history, family, and romance. You can enjoy a complete cultural experience.

Kabuki theater started in Kyoto in 1603 with a woman called Okuni. It became a popular form of entertainment. It is often seen as something very old, but it has evolved with the times and continues to change. This is why it is still alive to this day. In 2025, a movie about kabuki became a big hit. However, the size of the audience has been declining. How can we keep it alive?

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DANCE IN L.A. AND DANCE IN JAPAN

By Yuichiro

Experiencing dance in both Japan and Los Angeles made me realize how different the styles and mindsets are. When I was in Japan, I was just focused on being clean and getting every move right. But when I came to Los Angeles, everything felt different. People weren't just dancing perfectly. They were expressing themselves through dance and enjoying the moment.

At first, I felt uncomfortable because I wasn't used to that freedom. Now, I'm able to try to focus more on feeling the music and being myself. So I'll try to balance both from now on!

