

## Weather

Today: Partially Sunny  
42°/52°

Thursday:  
41°/52°

Friday:  
39°/52°



Local Senior,  
Junyao Peng,  
Selected for  
YoungART's  
week!

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## Lifestyle

### Local senior travels to Miami for week of enlightenment

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Budding artists from all over the United States are gathering in Miami to hone their talents and make connections.

Over 8,000 students applied for YoungArts Week, a program presented by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA). Out of the 142 students actually chosen to participate, one talented pianist was from Elk Grove.

"It's really exciting," said Junyao Peng, senior at Laguna Creek High School.

Peng sent in her application and a 35-minute DVD of her playing piano.

"They wanted us to play solo," Peng said. "We needed to play one Sonata piece and a contemporary romantic piece. It wasn't just strictly classical piano but a combination."

But video taping her music wasn't as hard as it could have been for the talented Peng.

"I've been playing piano for almost 12 years, since I was 6



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