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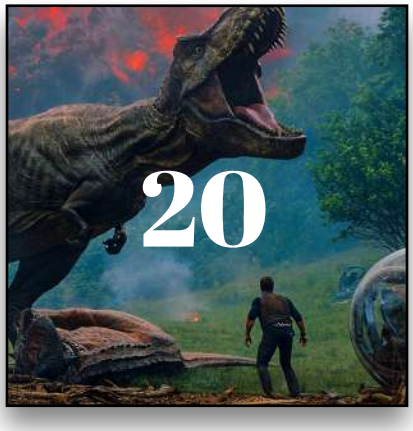
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About Us

It all started with an idea. *The Mammoth Tribune* (TMT) is Western Center's very own school newspaper. Mariam Bagdady, the creator of TMT, had the hope of helping students understand the importance of language and writing. Considering the fact that WCA is a STEM school, the English subject needed its own voice. Having this paper not only helps students with writing, but can be a safe space to express their thoughts on current events. With the help of Victor Keroles, Aaliyah Webster, and the student body, *The Mammoth Tribune* became a reality.



WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

By Kylie Salcedo

Friday, September 14, ASB hosted the first school dance of the 2018-2019 school year. Leading up to the dance, students dressed up for Spirit Week. The spirit days included Macaw Day, King of the Jungle Day, Tribe Pride Day, Camouflage Day, and Tourist Day. Students showed their excitement for this year’s back-to-school dance by dressing up and showing their school spirit. On the day of the dance, the school was buzzing with talk about the selection of a new DJ, the eagerness for wings, and jungle-themed decor. Junior Elizabeth Ollerton said she was "so excited to dance and take photo booth pictures with friends." At 7 p.m., students showed up at the piazza ready to have fun. They enjoyed dancing, taking pictures in the photo booth, and racing each other in the obstacle course. Senior Caitlin Dillon says her favorite part of the night was “dancing and having fun with my friends at my last back-to-school dance of high school.” All in all, students enjoyed the break from school life and were able to focus on being with their friends in an exciting, stress-free environment.



















Much Ado About San Diego

By Kylie Salcedo



On Tuesday, September 11th, Mr. Rossi's current, as well as some former, AP Literature students took a field trip to San Diego. The students had options of going on a backstage tour of the three different theaters or a tour of The San Diego Museum of Art. Catalina Lauridsen, a senior, went on the theater tour and said, "I learned so much and it was really amazing to see how a professional theater is run." Students who decided to go on the art museum tour commented that they really enjoyed the quiet and looking at interesting art with their friends. After the students finished their tours, they had the opportunity to explore the beauty of Balboa Park, the botanical gardens, and the shops and restaurants. The students were then taken to Seaport Village where they were able to eat dinner and buy souvenirs. Students expressed their joy at being able to hang out with their friends by the ocean. Lastly, the students ended their fun-filled day back at the Old Globe Theatre and watched the well-reviewed production of Shakespeare's comedy *Much Ado About Nothing*.















BIG TIME CLUB RUSH

By Aubriana Bernhardt

Every year, representatives from clubs all over WCA line up at Club Rush to recruit new members. Clubs display colorful posters to attract the eyes of students with the hopes of getting them to join their club. Some clubs - such as the Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA), Marine Mammoths, and UNICEF - are designed to support important causes. Representatives of GSA described their club as a "safe space used to spread awareness and anyone of any sexuality and identity can join." Other clubs, however, are more designed to be a fun and stress-relieving break from rigorous school schedules, such as the Dungeons & Dragons Club, and Rock Band. Students can walk around and sign up for the clubs that appeal to them the most. Senior Kaci Koelker said she is considering joining GSA, Kindness Committee, and Compassion for the Voiceless because she thinks that they "help spread the idea of love and care of one another throughout the school."

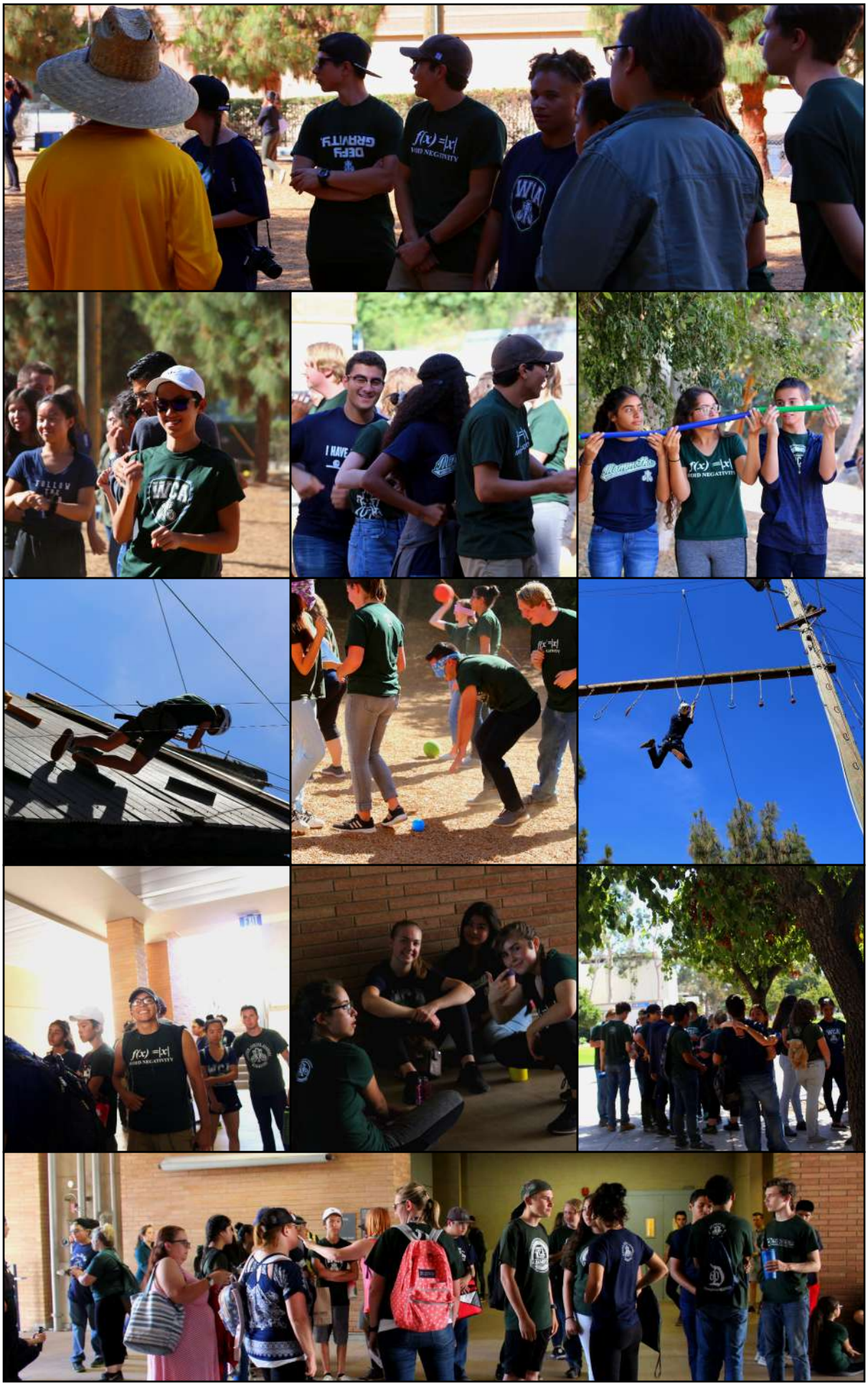


THE UCR EXPERIENCE

By Dominic McClymont

It was a day to remember for the class of 2020 – a field trip to put in the books. During the field trip to the University of California Riverside (UCR), the juniors were able to experience many things, such as team-building activities, a ropes course filled with physical and mental challenges, and exploring the college campus.

The junior class first started their day off with bonding activities, such as playing tank, which essentially is a communicating exercise. The highlight for most students, however, was the ropes course. From Aedan Bailey's triumph on the ladder to Dominic McClymont's hilarious scream as he was swinging across what seemed "the entire campus," this was a field trip that would not soon be forgotten. Following that, the juniors were able to eat among the students of UCR, getting a slice of what it feels like to be a college-goer. The day was filled with laughs and joy, providing a "great start to junior year" as Mariam Bagdady stated. The University of California Riverside brought out the best of the class of 2020.





READY, SET, BOAT!

By Dominic McClymont

For the fifth consecutive year, Western Center Academy put on a successful boat regatta competition. With thirty-nine teams this year, it was a tough competition to see who would come out on top of their heats. Even with the limited time groups had for building, some of the boats were quite impressive. Some of the most memorable groups aesthetically were Thanos Kar, The BEYhive, ABSOLUTE UNIT, Cops and Robbers, and the winners of the Best Theme Award, The Valiant Vikings. The groups with some of the best times were (in no particular order) Pier Pressure, SEAS the Day, Yachts All Folks, Radical Radicans, Fo' Reels, and the First Place team, Oceans 8.













THE LIMELIGHT



By Hannah Gallagher

Welcome to WCA's Career Section, "The Limelight." In this section, we will highlight a series of careers and interview people from those fields. If you know someone who you would like to see interviewed, let us know.

Craig Shultz, a reporter for the Press Enterprise in the Hemet and San Jacinto Valley, shared his experiences with WCA's Journalism class on September 5, 2018. Mr. Shultz studied Radio/Television/Film at California State Northridge in the hopes of becoming a sports announcer. Life, however, had other plans for him when a friend requested that he report sports for "The Valley News" in the San Fernando Valley. One thing led to another and the temporary position morphed into a 32-year-long career in reporting.

Mr. Shultz began reporting in the Hemet and the San Jacinto Valley by covering local high school sports. He later covered city government news through social media as well as printed articles. Now Mr. Shultz covers most of the San Jacinto and Hemet community and government news.

During Mr. Shultz's career there has been a major shift from printed news to digital news. Platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram have proven useful tools in easily reporting news with high efficiency. Mr. Shultz shared that often times he would attend a sports game or community event in the evening and post about it that same night on social media. Then, he would write a full-length article about the event to be published in the paper.

Mr. Shultz's advice on understanding if journalism is the right career for you sprouts from three essential questions: Are you inquisitive? Do you like sharing stories? And, are you curious?

New York Fashion Week

By Mireya Ruiz

New York Fashion Week was yet again a success this year . Models appeared in clothing that featured designers like Tory Burch, Michael Kors, Marc Jacobs, Ralph Lauren, and Oscar de la Renta. This one-week show took nearly six months of preparation. What happens behind the scenes of NYFW can make or break someone's career. Being a part of the fashion show is packed with stress and great amounts of pressure. What the designer chooses to present at the show can affect the rest of their label. For this year's show, vibrant colors made a comeback for the Spring 2019 Collection and each designer excelled in that criteria. Vibrant colors were very big in the 1980s and 1990s and they seem to be designers' biggest catch for this year, while last year it was ruffles and puffed shoulders. Each year has something different that will become a catch for the event. Throughout the years, NYFW has become a huge event to which fashionistas across the world travel. Attending the show allows designers to showcase their talents and for interested parties to place orders for their fashion lines. NYFW contributes to the designers having a better understanding on what is to come and what styles will be most appealing to people. As more and more people use clothing and style as a means of self-expression, the world of fashion will surely continue to grow and catch the eye of the



For this year's show, designer Jarel Zhang—known for designs that demonstrate independence—presented many clothing items that focused on the modern day woman's personality. His collection drew inspiration from the streets of New York city and used reworked anorak jackets.



Designer Jeremy Scott has gained a reputation for being "pop culture’s most irreverent designer." His designs have garnered a huge interest and his name is becoming more well-known throughout the world. Scott's Spring 2019 collection drew inspiration from colors and designs from the 1990s.



In 2016, the one and only Lady Gaga walked the runway for the Marc Jacobs show. This year, musical artist Nicki Minaj showed her support for Marc Jacobs by attending the designer's Spring 2019 show while wearing a striking ensemble from his Fall 2018 collection.

HOLIDAY-ING IT UP!

- 9/3 Labor Day
- 9/9 Grandparents Day / Teddy Bear Day
- 9/11 Remembrance Day
- 9/12 National Video Games Day
- 9/16 Mexican Independence Day
- 9/21 Miniature Golf Day
- 9/23 Autumn Equinox / Dog in Politics Day
- 9/25 National Comic Book Day

FREE TUITION FOR NYU MED STUDENTS

By Kierynn Cornell



NYU (New York University) announced this past August that they would begin covering tuition for all of their current and future medical students, regardless of need. Medical graduates are faced with an overwhelming amount of debt which, for some, has become an issue regarding the advancement of their education. In the field of medicine, some argue that tuition debt causes students to pursue in the "top-paying" medical specialties rather than in much-needed areas, such as pediatrics.

Since full-time tuition is around $55,000, NYU hopes that with medical students no longer having to worry about such a high tuition, more people will be able to pursue careers in primary care rather than focusing on the more highly lucrative specialty fields. The school is also hoping that this program will contribute to more diversity among its medical students. Medical school still will not be completely free, however, as students will still have to pay nearly $29,000 for other expenses, room, and board.

New York University ties with Stanford University for #3 in the category of Research for Best Medical Schools according to U.S. News and World Report (https://www.usnews.com).







Every Corner a Story: *San Gimignano, Italy*

By Brooke Fuller

This past summer I was fortunate enough to travel out of the country for the first time. I visited London, Paris, and a few major cities in Italy, but one town that really stood out to me was San Gimignano. San Gimignano is a little medieval town located on a hill a few miles southwest of Florence. The town boasts medieval towers and landscape, a cathedral, and most importantly, a world champion gelateria. Gelateria Dondoli is famous for its incorporation of unique plants, spices, and herbs in its gelato. I sampled a blackberry lavender and a rose and lychees gelato during my time there, and although they both sound like a nasty perfume, they were an excellent combination of sweet and savory.

San Gimignano is a small town, but there is an endless amount of things to do there. You can climb the towers, admire the art inside of the cathedral, or wander around the little shops and flea markets. I spent a good amount of my day doing just this. There are shops that sell souvenirs, lavender soap, and silver. Some of the products are pretty pricey, so you have to prioritize what you really want to buy.

One attraction in San Gimignano is the Museo Storico Della Tortura, or the Museum of Torture. It features several exhibits of torture devices used during Renaissance times with graphic images and descriptions beside each one. My personal favorite was the brazen bull. This torture device is a life-size hollow bull made of bronze or cast iron that has a trapdoor in its belly. The prisoner is placed inside of the bull and a fire is started underneath it. A passageway is placed in the mouth of the bull, allowing the audience to hear the prisoner's screams as they are being cooked alive. Doesn't that sound like fun? There were a lot of torture devices, but actually many of them were not used very often. I guess in addition to great art and literature, Europeans during the Renaissance came up with a lot of fun, creative ideas to torture people.



The Man of the Hole

By Genesis Brillante

Within the deep forests of the Amazon, a man resides. He is alone, his tribe was likely killed off by ranchers and gunmen. This is the tale of the man of the hole…

For over twenty years he has been alone. His people were probably killed off during attacks by people seeking to develop these indigenous lands. Nobody knows his real name or the tribe he is from. He is called “The Last Survivor,” or more commonly, “The Man of the Hole.” His nickname came from his tendency to dig holes about six feet deep into the ground inside of his shelters. The holes may be used to hide in or to capture animals. His residencies are made of straw, leaves, and tree bark. With no relations to modern society and technology, he keeps to his ancestors' way of life. He is among an increasingly disappearing group of uncontacted indigenous Amazonians who strictly follow the tribal ways of the past. He is a man that has inspired researchers to document and conserve the past.

The Man of the Hole is a nomad who lives off the land. He wears only a loincloth and he makes everything on his own using natural resources. He uses tools to capture, cook, and eat organisms. While he makes most of his own tools, he does receive materials from observers. Researchers try to keep track of him from a distance in an effort by the Brazilian National Indian Foundation who seek to protect him and his land. They track his whereabouts, study his way of life, and occasionally leave tools for him to find. One observer left an axe for him to find in a tree and others have left him seeds to plant. However, the researchers do not interact with him directly, out of fear for their safety and his. The Man of the Hole has made it clear that he does not welcome interactions with outside people. According to a group of researchers tracking him, he once shot an arrow in their direction as a warning to stop following him. For now, he lives isolated from society and his story remains a mystery. However, his private life is becoming more public as the outside world continues to be intrigued by this Man of the Hole.



China's "Forest City" Solution

By Kimberly Stauffer

The air pollution in China has quickly been increasing for the last ten to fifteen years. In 2013, the Chinese government officially announced that air pollution is the number one health risk in Hong Kong, China. Cancer and numerous other illnesses have been linked to the growing problem of air pollution. According to Dominique Mosbergen from The Huffington Post, "Researchers from Berkeley Earth, a California-based climate research organization, calculated that about 1.6 million people in China die every year from health issues caused by the country's notoriously polluted air" ("Air Pollution Causes 4,400 Deaths in China Every Single Day: Study," 2015).

One of the main causes of the pollution is the amount of vehicle exhaust from cars and large ships. Within households it is common to find air purifiers, but they are not able to fully clean the air and are not transportable.

In order to address the problem on a larger scale, China is planning to build a "Forest City." Designed by the Italian architect Stefano Boeri, China plans to finish the city by the year 2020. In the forest city, multiple plants will be growing on the roofs and sides of buildings. The idea behind this is that with the increase in the amount of trees, bushes, vines, and other types of plants, enough CO_2 (carbon dioxide) will be processed into clean O_2 (oxygen), which allows the amount of air pollution to steadily decrease and create a healthy atmosphere. Another benefit that could come with a forest city is a cooler, shaded environment during the summer provided by the plants and a greater biodiversity. Once China's "Forest City" is finished, it might influence other countries to improve their environments as well. This is a potentially lifechanging project not just for the people of China, but for the entire world.



A Moment of Pure Silence

By Alexander Rangel

Tragedy struck Florida once again on an August afternoon. A Madden video game tournament had been taking place in Jacksonville, Florida when a single gunman entered the building and proceeded to shoot and kill two competitors and injured 10 more. The perpetrator was 24-year-old David Katz, who had a history of mental health issues and visited a number of therapists since at least the age of twelve. Katz motive is still unconfirmed, however, suspect the reason he committed this heinous act is because he was unhappy about losing this tournament after winning the 2017 Madden Bills Championship.

Katz had legally purchased two weapons in the span of a month. One firearm was equipped with a laser sight. The two victims killed by Katz were Eli Clayton, 22, and Taylor Robertson, 27. Both men were prominent gamers and will be missed dearly by friends and family as well as the gaming community.



THE MASSACHUSETTS DISASTER

By Evan Lamoree

On Thursday, September 13, 2018 a string of explosions occurred across several towns in Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts. These explosions were devastating, leading to more than 8,600 people being evacuated, around twenty-five injured, and an eighteen-year-old male dead. According to NPR, hospital workers reported that injuries included smoke inhalation and blast trauma.

A state of emergency was declared and an investigation was launched in the hopes of finding the cause of the explosions. A spokeswoman for the state Fire Marshal's office, Jennifer Mieth, indicated that the explosions could have occurred due to overpressurization of gas mains owned by Columbia Gas and noted the company had been upgrading gas lines in several neighborhoods. Columbia Gas said they hoped that gas service would be restored to all of the affected areas by November 19.

As of September 18, 2018, it was discovered that the gas pressure was close to twelve times higher than it should have been (USA Today, 2018) and according to ABC News, lawsuits have been filed against Columbia Gas.







"I am a Child"

By Selene Hofstetter

On July 26, 2018, around 100 parents and children led a sit-in at the Hart Senate Office Building. Children gathered around in a circle singing, chanting, and holding up their hand-made drawings and signs that read, “I am a child” in protest of President Trump’s now-abandoned immigration policy that separated families crossing the border illegally. Close to 2,600 children were separated from their parents before the Trump administration ended the policy and a California federal judge ordered all of the children to be reunited with their parents within 30 days.

Thursday, July 26, the day of the protest, was the deadline for when these thousands of separated children were supposed to be reunited with their parents but, unfortunately, not all of these children had their happy ending. Parents brought their children to the protest to show lawmakers the kinds of people who have been effected by the president's policy and to remind them of the importance of families being together. These protesters are representing the immigrant families that are unable to fight for their children. Many parents brought little children and babies to this protest to show how heavily they rely on their parents throughout their fragile childhood. One of the protesters, Jenn Kauffman, had a two-month-old baby with her and said, “He’s still breastfeeding. He depends on me for nourishment, for everything. I don’t know what either of us would do if we were separated.”

Parents are an important factor in the positive development of a baby’s mental health. It is devastating for a child to be forcibly separated from their parent; even at a young age, this can have severe consequences for the child’s future mental health. Many of the families present at the sit-in see President Trump's policy as a great injustice and wanted their children to participate in standing up for others.

Sen. Kamala D. Harris (D-Calif.) came out of her office at the capitol building to look at the children's drawings and to speak with the protesters. As was reported by Marissa J. Lang (Washington Post, 2018), Sen. Harris told the crowd, “It is the ultimate act of inhumanity to rip those children from those parents. And to do it for what? For the sake of so-called deterrence? It is important that we all stand up and say, ‘We as a country are better than this.’ ”

As of today, there are still several hundred immigrant children who have not been reunited with their families despite the federal court order.



Jurrasic World: The Fallen Kingdom

By Lindsay Duggan

Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom was one of the most anticipated films of the summer and hit theaters on June 22, 2018. With a cast comprised of talented actors, such as Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Rafe Spall, and Justice Smith, it's no wonder why the movie was so highly awaited.

The film had an estimated budget of $170 million. Its box office opening in its first week in the United States was more than $140 million. By August 16, 2018, the movie had a national box office grossing of about $411 million and a global box office grossing of about $1.3 billion. It did extremely well in theaters both nationally and globally.

In the second installment of the Jurassic World movies, Claire and Owen mount a campaign to save the remaining dinosaurs from the island where a once dormant volcano is roaring back to life. During their adventure, Owen uncovers a plot that could potentially disrupt the natural order of the whole world. With a story like that, as well as the success of the previous movies in the franchise, it is obvious why the movie was such a hit.

Now the question is whether *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* was as successful as the very first movie in the series, *Jurassic Park*. Both movies had a lot of success during their opening weeks, with *Jurassic Park* setting the record of weekend release at the time during the summer of 1993 at a whopping $50.1 million, with a domestic gross of $357,067,947. However, if you look at the domestic gross for all of the Jurassic movies and adjust for ticket price inflation, *Jurassic Park* sits at the top of the franchise with an adjusted gross of $799,128,100.

Although *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* may not have beaten out the original *Jurassic Park* in adjusted domestic gross, it does have the distinction of being one of three movies this year to surpass the $1 billion mark globally.*



Kin: The Sci-Fi Spectacular

By Gabriella Mares-Galletta

Brothers Josh and Jonathan Baker are the brilliant directors of *Kin*, a futuristic action/thriller that successfully embodies a science-fiction movie. If you are a fan of all things action and entertainment, along with a great twist, then this movie is highly recommended for you!

Kin is based on the short film “Bag-Man,” where a young boy living in poverty discovers the power of a futuristic weapon that he found while scavenging for valuable materials in abandoned buildings.

From the producers of *Stranger Things* and *Arrival*, viewers will be sure to see some familiar faces on the screen. Along with the introduction of rising star, Myles Truitt, Dennis Quaid, Zoë Kravitz, James Franco, Michael B. Jordan, and Carrie Coon make up the cast of *Kin*.

The film’s protagonist, Elijah, portrayed by Truitt, finds a similar object as the one found in the short film. This weapon is kept hidden from Elijah’s father, played by Dennis Quaid, and brother, played by Jack Reynor. What ensues is Elijah's journey across country.

* Numbers for earnings found on www.boxofficemojo.com

THE MUSIC UPDATE:

THE FIVE TOP SONGS OF THE SUMMER

By Lindsay Duggan

The votes are in and they are as follows:

1. “I Like It” By Cardi B and J Balvin & "Lucid Dreams" by Juice WRLD
2. “Mine” By Bazzi & ”FRIENDS” by Marshmello ft. Anne-Marie
3. “Nice for What” by Drake
4. “God’s Plan” by Drake
5. "Dance to This" by Troye Sivan ft. Ariana Grande

While there were many other votes for different songs, these seven songs were voted for the most, with both “I Like It” by Cardi B and J Balvin and "Lucid Dreams" by Juice WRLD receiving thirteen votes, “Mine” By Bazzi and ”FRIENDS” by Marshmello ft. Anne-Marie receiving seven votes, “Nice for What” By Drake receiving six votes, “God’s Plan” by Drake receiving five votes, and “Dance to This” By Troye Sivan ft. Ariana Grande receiving four votes.

COMIC CON TOUCHES 'SD' HEARTS

By D'Artagnan Avina



ADVENTURE TIME - THE END

A very popular Cartoon Network show, *Adventure Time*, hosted its panel on the 20th of July. The panel discussed the nearing end of the show, leaving many bittersweet emotions throughout its duration. After its eight-year run, the iconic show was finally scheduled to end on September 3 with its finale episode, “Come Along With Me.”

A great friend of the creators, songwriter for the show, and creator of her own Cartoon Network show, Rebecca Sugar, was present at the panel. On stage, she sang the song she wrote for the finale, “Time Adventure,” which was the last song she was ever able able to write for the show. Her performance brought many in the room to tears, including John DiMaggio—the voice of Jake the Dog.

The finale episode aired on its respective date and received immense amounts of love from all around for its clever writing, the inclusion of a canonical LGBT kiss, and its emotional ending that fans will remember for years to come.



STEVEN UNIVERSE - A NEW ERA

A day later on Saturday, July 21, San Diego Comic-Con hosted its *Steven Universe* panel the first thing in the morning. The "StevenBomb" (a week where a new episode is released for every weekday) episode “Reunited” had aired over July which set up the new episode shown at SDCC. Fans were able to watch the season 5 finale, “Legs from Here to Homeworld,” during the panel, where the highly-theorized-about and anticipated White Diamond debuted on the show. The episode was released to the public on the Cartoon Network app the following day.

After the episode aired to the audience, the Q&A portion of the panel was held where creator Rebecca Sugar answered various questions about her experiences developing the show, art direction, cast, and characters.

Accompanying the premiere of the new episode and debut of White Diamond, and before ending the panel, a teaser was shown for the newly announced *Steven Universe* movie!



AARON RODGERS FOR MVP?

By Melanie Hernandez

GREEN BAY -- After the first opening Packers game, Aaron Rodgers proved yet again that he can still do what he does best, even after an injury.

The Packers went up against the Chicago Bears on Sunday, September 9. In the first half, Rodgers made two incomplete passes from outside the pocket with no touchdowns. Trailing 17-0, Rodgers got sacked by Bears defensive end Roy Robertson-Harris and had to be taken off of the field. The Packers didn’t think that Rodgers would return after his second-quarter knee injury.

After the Bears made yet another touchdown in the third quarter, bringing the score up to 20-0, Aaron Rodgers came running out of the halftime tunnel. Greenbay kicked a field goal and then Rodgers, seeming to be superhuman, threw three touchdown passes with one good leg. In a spectacular performance, Rodgers was able to secure the victory against the Bears 24-23. The 20-point comeback is the largest in Aaron Rodger's career.

According to Kalyn Kahler's article, Aaron Rodger's spectacular performance led tight end Marcedes Lewis to say, "That's why he's the GOAT [Greatest Of All Time]" (Sports Illustrated, 2018).

Aaron Rodgers won the MVP award in 2011 and 2014, but a broken collarbone kept him out for nine games last season. If not for that injury, it is possible that Rodgers would have won his third MVP award last year. Rodgers could secure his third if he takes the Packers to the playoffs. Will Aaron Rodgers be unstoppable coming back from this injury? Does he have a weakness? What will the future hold for Aaron Rodgers?

THE END OF A GREAT SEASON AND A DREAM COME TRUE

By Ryan Worthington

The FedEx Cup Playoffs kick-started on the PGA Tour during the last full week of August. The first of four events took place at the Ridgewood Country Club, specifically the Championship Course. The Northern Trust Open in New Jersey saw 118 players in the field. Some notable players included two-time FedEx Cup champion Tiger Woods, last year's champion Justin Thomas, Dustin Johnson, and Jason Day. Dustin Johnson, currently number one in the world, has something in common with all of these golfers: they have all been number one in the world at least once in their respective careers. Kevin Tway, Jamie Lovemark, and Vaughn Taylor led the tournament at five under-par for the first round. On moving day (Saturday), Bryson DeChambeau shot a 63. Not the lowest score of the day though as Keegan Bradley trumped him with a round of 62. On Sunday, DeChambeau shot two-under to capture his third victory on Tour at 18 under par and has given himself a legitimate chance to go to Paris for the Ryder Cup in September at the Albatros Course of Le Golf National.

On August 31, the Dell Technologies Championship began at TPC Boston. In Massachusetts, 98 players of the top 100 in the FedEx Cup took on the rigorous 7,200-yard golf course. Dechambeau started right up again, coming off an impressive win at the Northern Trust. He carded a one-under par round on Thursday. The leader by sunset was Justin Rose, as the Englishman capped off a solid round of 65. Heading on to the next day, Tyrrell Hatton fired off a 63, an eight-under round to tie Justin Rose at the top of the leaderboard before moving day. On Saturday though, DeChambeau made a rise up the leaderboard with a 63 to come within one shot of the leader, Abraham Ancer, who was at 13 under par. Dechambeau prevailed on Sunday to capture his second win of the 2018 playoffs and third overall on Tour for his career at a total score of 16-under par, two clear of the nearest competitor in Justin Rose.

The third leg of the Playoffs took place at Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania on September 6. The top 70 that had progressed in the first two playoff tournaments know this is what it comes down to -- moving on to the Tour Championship (Top 30). Round one started strong for the likes of former world number ones, Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy. The pair shot an eight-under par round of 62, taking a one-shot lead to begin the week over Xander Schauffele. However, during round two, Schauffele took a commanding lead over the players by backing up the first day with a 63 to take the solo-lead atop the leaderboard.





The third round saw Justin Rose grab the lead (-17 under) with Schauffele and McIlroy just one stroke behind with 18 holes left. Rickie Fowler made a great return to the Tour, with three straight 65s, which was just two back of Rose. The final round of the championship had Keegan Bradley prevail, who narrowly escaped a loss on the seventy-second hole when Justin Rose missed a par putt to win. After the fifth playoff hole, Bradley saved par and won the golf tournament, securing his spot to advance to the Tour Championship.

The Playoff Finale was where all of the hard work over the course of the entire season, 49 events and 196 rounds, concluded. Justin Rose entered the week at the number one seed of the Playoffs. $10 million dollars was at stake for Rose who has an impressive résumé which includes an Olympic gold medal, a No. 1 ranking in the Official World Golf Ranking, and nine PGA Tour wins. Tiger Woods and Rickie Fowler got off to an early lead during round one, each posting a 65 at the par-70 East Lake Golf Club right outside of Atlanta, Georgia. Tiger found his rhythm in round two, but a double bogey and bogey would set him back at the top of the leaderboard with Justin Rose as the round concluded. Moving day got off to an amazing start by Woods, who had six birdies in his first seven holes and then followed up with a couple of bogeys to end the day. Rory McIlroy and Justin Rose were tied for second as they awaited Sunday's final round, three shots behind the leader, Tiger Woods. The final round of the Tour Championship was set, with Woods and McIlroy in the last group. Justin Rose's chances of claiming the infamous FedEx Cup depended on Tiger and other various outcomes. Woods started the round with a birdie on the first hole. McIlroy and Rose had trouble off-the-tee and struggled to keep pace with Woods. Tiger had his fair share of ups and downs, but this was expected as it was a nerve-racking day for him. Justin Rose tapped in on the 72nd hole for birdie to claim the FedEx Cup title, the $10 million dollars, and retain the World Number 1 spot. With thousands of fans behind him, the stage was set for Woods' long-awaited comeback. He hit his second shot into the green-side bunker, and placed it within 10 feet of the hole. Tiger lined up his putt and stroked in towards the hole, for one last birdie at East Lake, but it wasn't meant to be. Woods tapped in for his par and won the 2018 Tour Championship with a 2-shot cushion over Billy Horschel. After four back surgeries and five years since his last win, Tiger Woods is back in the winners circle, his 80th PGA Tour win. What a way to end the 2017-18 PGA Tour season!

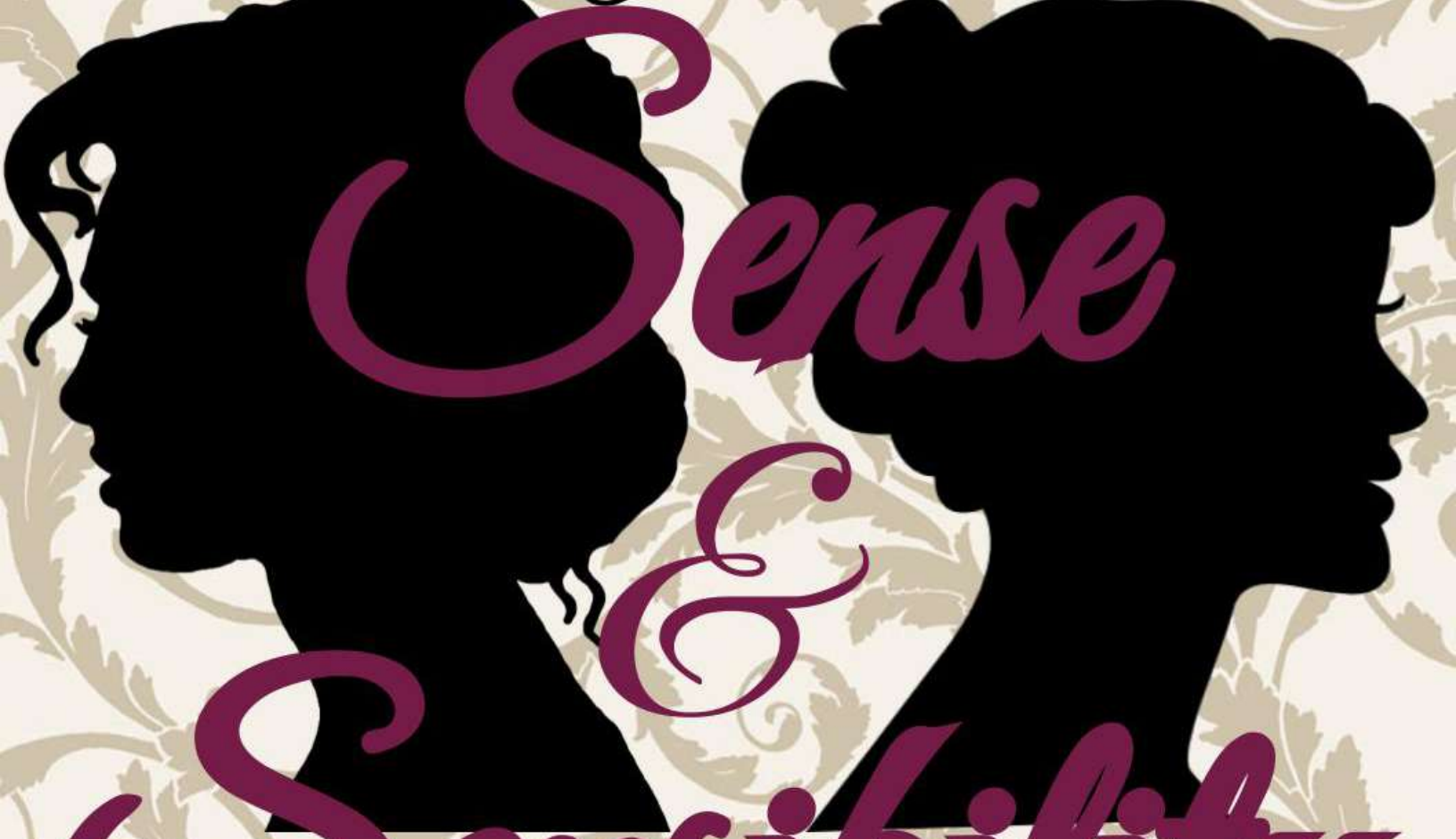


THE FOOTBALL CONTROVERSY

By Benjamin Uribe

Europe's top football leagues started last month and already a number of controversies have arisen between many teams. For instance, there have been many speculations swirling around Manchester United's midfielder, Paul Pogba, who has expressed his disappointment in the club. Pogba, 25, who is coming off a victory at the 2018 World Cup, is linked with a move to Barcelona and his former club Juventus. The Red Devils of Manchester have lost two of their first three games during this Premier League season and media outlets all over England have one man to blame for this: Jose Mourinho. Pogba and Mourinho have a shaky history and considering the state of the club, it wouldn't be a surprise to see Pogba depart.

In Italy, Juventus has gotten off to a perfect start with back-to-back wins, but their record signing, Cristiano Ronaldo, has had a rough time acclimating to Serie A defenses. The five time Ballon d'Or and Champions League winner has a combined 14 shots for his new home. Is this a sign of greatness coming to an end? Or, has Ronaldo just hit a bump in the road?



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