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Somers 12U Football Wins!



By Ryan Cole
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This week, the Somers 12 U Tuskers faced off against the Southern Dutchess Patriots. It was a hard-played game but in the end, our Somers Tuskers emerged victorious.

Led by quarterback Mac Sullivan, they went on to a shut-out. Their record is an odd 1-1-1.



This win has seemed to put them back in the fighting spirit.

Coming hot off a championship win last season, they are a big target in the league. In this past weekend's game, multiple kids stepped up and rose to the challenge. It was a true team effort.

This coming weekend will be another tough game against Poughkeepsie at home.

7th Grade's a Whole Lot Different From 6th Grade



By Luke Cukaj
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I was surprised at how different 7th grade is from 6th grade.

For starters in 7th grade, the distance from each class is insane. For example, I have gym first period. And then, from gym, I have to go all the

way to Mr. Pappas which is room 305. But luckily for me, it's only A and C days. It's not like 6th grade when all your classes are in the six-grade wing.

I also feel like the stuff that you learn in 7th grade is much more interesting than last year's curriculum. Firstly, in math class,

every time you answer a question, it doesn't take you like 15 minutes on showing your work.

Also, in social studies, I feel that learning about America and the native American tribes are much more interesting than Egypt and India.

So over all I think 7th grade is awesome, and I feel like I have much more freedom than last year because every day you learn about something different.



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Gaelic Football Popularity Grows



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What is Gaelic football? Gaelic football is a sport that combines the suspense of soccer, the scoring and skill of basketball, and the speed of some of the fastest sports in the world.

So, what is the objective of Gaelic football? Basically it is like football, rugby, and basketball combined. There are two teams of 15 and 2 goals similar to goals in rugby, except they have a net attached to them.

The objective is to get the ball into the goal by either kicking it or punching it into the net for three points, or putting it over the crossbar for one point. The ball cannot be bounced more than twice in a row and the goal is a lower version than a rugby goal. You are also not allowed to tackle in Gaelic football. If you do, it will result in an automatic suspension.

Where did Gaelic football originate? It orig-



inated in Ireland. It is easily the most popular sport in Ireland and the All-Ireland Senior Championship final, held at Croke Park, Dublin, drew an attendance of 82,300 people!

Gaelic football began under the Gaelic Athletic Association, but it really started much before that, like around the 17th and 18th centuries. It was an Irish sport that has grown into an International sport with clubs from the United States,

Europe, and Australia. The game can help enhance the fun, team building, and competition.

So, you want to play Gaelic football? Well, you're in luck! There is actually a Gaelic football league near us! It is the WestPut Setanta football Club. They are continuing the Gaelic football program here in the Somers Schools. The link to the flyer can be found [here](#) along with the cost and further information about the sport.

If you do decide to play Gaelic football, have

fun!

'Captain of America' to Hang Up Cleats



**By Ian Cohen
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About one week ago David Wright and the Mets decided that Wright would end his career at the end of the season but not play his last game until September 29, the last Saturday home game of the Mets season. He stopped playing due to, neck problems, lower back problems. He was also getting old to play baseball.

Wright earned his nick name, "Captain America" because he was an amazing ball player



when he got brought up to the major leagues in 2001.

Stats

Wright's overall average is .296, he has 1,777 hits, 970 RBI, 242 homeruns.

The Mets are going to put Wright into their own hall of fame, but David will probably not be in the Major League Hall of Fame. He is probably not going to get put into the major league hall of fame because he was only good when he was young, he missed a lot of years due to injuries, and he was not proven to be one of the best players in the world.

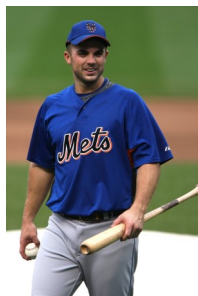
'The Captain': A Brief Bio



**By CJ Griggs
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David Wright is a professional baseball player for the New York Mets. He was born in 1982, which makes him 35 years young. At the start of David's career, he started off well and he was one of the best young players in all of baseball. David continued to shine throughout his MLB career becoming an all-star multiple times.

It was in 2013 in the world baseball



classic that he was nicknamed "The Captain".

In 2015, David found out terrible news, that he was diagnosed with terrible back injuries that would most likely cut his career short. David could not play baseball for 8 weeks. After those 8 weeks, David participated in a practice and he messed up his shoulders, things were not going well for David, but as a captain he kept fighting and maintained a good attitude.

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Video Game Review: **RAINBOWSIX Siege**



**By Mario Mancini
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The game Rainbow Six Siege is a game where you can play as real people from anti-terrorism units like the GIGN, FBI and the S.A.S and many more.

Each person is called an operator. Each operator has a different ability, Ash has a breaching round that can breach walls from a distance. I find her very useful in clutch situations (Also her hitbox is really small).

I can go on all day about operators and their cool gadgets but let's not. Each operator is an attacker or a defender. The attackers first in the preparation phase uses drones to locate defenders and the objective. The objective is either defuse a bomb, secure the area, or extract the hostage.

The defenders are supposed to protect the objective from the attackers. It is a 5v5 3-minute match to win. You either kill all of the enemy team or disarm the bomb, secure the room or extract the hostage.

For defenders, you either kill the whole team or time expires and you win. Also, attackers can have frag grenades, claymores, stung grenades and breach charges. On the other hand defenders can have deployable shields, impact gre-



nades, barbed wire or a bullet proof camera.

Now let's get into reviewing gameplay. I am currently a level 73 and I have every operator. I commonly use trap operators on defense like Frost, Lesion and Echo. Sometimes, I'll use Doc or Vigil or Mute. I use submachine guns or an SMG on defense because I like a fast fire rate that gets me the kill. On attack I use powerful assault rifles. Operators with powerful assault rifles are Lion, Zofia and Twitch.

I'm a very good player. I've had at least 10 1v5 aces and I drop very high kill games.

Now let's talk about game modes. "Casual" is a game mode where every level player can play. It's 1 vs 3 and in every round, you switch from attack to defense. It's either defuse the

bomb, secure the area or extract the hostage.

"Ranked" is where you are ranked if you win or lose the match. If you win, you rank up. If you lose, you rank down. The highest rank is Diamond. Ranked is 1 vs 4 and you must be level 20 or higher to play.

Finally, "Custom" is where you customize the game according to what you want.. You can play with your friends or play online custom with random people.

Overall, I give Rainbow Six Siege a 10/10. It's my favorite game. You should really buy it.

NBA 2K is On The Rise



**By Jessie Manginelli
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The NBA 2K series is a basketball styled video game based on real NBA games and players. This year it's the 2K series' 20th Anniversary.

NBA 2K19 is the newest game and way better than 2K18, according to Forbes. The ball physics are well done, and strength is as important as it's ever been. Rebounding is much better.

The "MyCAREER" mode is more challenging and entertaining according to a recent blog. In my opinion the cover art is the best part. There are many covers for 2K19 and they all have some things in common. All the covers have an action shot of NBA superstar and in the background are



some different words and phrases that relate to the superstar.

For example, the cover that shows Giannis Antetokounmpo has the words "Greek Freak" in the background. "Greek Freak" is Giannis' nickname.

This year's game is proving to be a great addition to the 2K series. Many players have said that the series has been pay-to-win which means you could good things in the game to make playing more enjoyable but less enjoyable for people who spend less or no money at all.

This year is a different story. Now players are saying that 2K19 is not pay-to-win at all. NBA 2K19 is playable on PC, Xbox, and PS4.. I would recommend 2K19 if you enjoy a good sports game.

Music Report

September Edition



By Noah Volkman
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Cry Pretty – Carrie Underwood

Carrie Underwood has long been America's country-pop sweetheart, belting playful revenge anthems and hear-me-roar power ballads. But her sixth album brings a shift in tone: modern and thoughtful, it represents a period of personal change (at 35, she's a new mom and expecting her second child), and comes at a moment so politically charged that even traditionally country megastars are daring to ask tough questions.



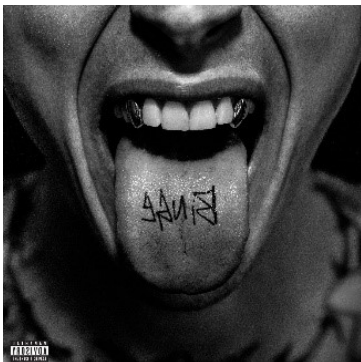
There's urgency in songs like "The Bullet" and "Love Wins" (describing the emotional wreckage of shootings and the importance of gay rights, all at once), and courageous reflections on private battles in "Drinking Alone" and "Spinning Bottles." The title track draws a hard line between vulnerability and weakness. "Falling apart is as human as it gets," she sings.

On any other album, the party songs ("Southbound") and hip-hop collaborations ("The Champion," featuring Ludacris) would steal the spotlight, but here they're simply outshined. Thirteen years after her *American Idol* debut, we're finally getting to know the woman behind the mic.

Genre: Country
Listen to some of the top tracks here:

- [#1 Cry Pretty](#)
- [#10 Love Wins](#)
- [#11 End Up With You](#)
- [#13 The Champion \(featuring Ludacris\)](#)

BINGE – Machine Gun Kelly



Machine Gun Kelly and Eminem have been having beef (a feud) with each other ever since Eminem dropped his surprise album "Kamikaze" a couple weeks back, when in one of his songs, the 45-year-old rapper made a small diss directed at MGK.

In response, he made a diss track against Eminem called "RAP DEVIL," which hints at one of Em's

nicknames, the "Rap God", also after a song Eminem made in 2013 of the same name. In response to this diss, Eminem went off in a response diss called "Killshot".

MGK did not respond directly, but he did drop a short 9-song project called *BINGE* with a raging, angry tone. In summary, the Lace Up general gets his demons out across a short project.

Genre: Rap

Listen to some of the top tracks here:

- [#2 LOCO](#)
- [#3 GTS](#)
- [#4 RAP DEVIL](#)
- [#6 LATELY](#)

15 – Bhad Bhacie

In Rodgers & Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*, a group of nuns spill Haterade on contestant (and future Von Trapp) Maria. Behind her back, in detail, they list her offenses—wearing curlers, singing in common areas, concluding that she "is not a benefit to the abbey."



There's a similar chaos in the hidden music community surrounding suburban Florida teenager Danielle Bregoli, a.k.a. Bhad Bhacie.

To refresh, Bregoli achieved fame in 2016 after expressing a salty reply on *Dr. Phil*: "Cash me ousside, how bow dat?" It went viral and led to a million memes, and now, a rap career. So how do you solve a problem like Bhad Bhacie?

With ghostwriters like, Brittany B., natch. She stays in her delinquent potty-mouth lane, countering jealous attacks with an aggressive offense. "Gucci Flip Flops" is an obvious hit, her defiant tween accent hugging the trap groove. She admits regretting ("No More Love") and giving in to crushes ("Trust Me"), flashing a human spirit behind the rage.

All said, *15* extends Bregoli's time in the spotlight. With A-list hip-hop features (YG, Lil Yachty, Lil Baby, Ty Dolla \$ign, and more), and hard trap/rap beats to bop to, *15* is a great debut album for a misbehaving teenager that went from just from what one may call a snob, to what one might call a come-up rapper.

Genre: Hip-Hop/R&B

Listen to some of the top tracks here:

- [#3 Gucci Flip Flops \(featuring Lil Yachty\)](#)
- [#5 Geek'd Up \(featuring Lil Baby\)](#)
- [#13 Trust Me \(featuring Ty Dolla \\$ign\)](#)

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Cristiano Ronaldo: the Star of a New Team



**By Isabella Milojevic
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Over the summer, Cristiano Ronaldo, the former Real Madrid star, has been transferred to Juventus. Well, if you were wondering "Who's Ronaldo" here is a little bit to know about Cristiano Ronaldo.



Ronaldo was born February 5, 1985 in Portugal. He has played for Manchester United, Real Madrid, the Portuguese National Team and now Juventus. He has won 4 European Gold-

en shoes, 26 trophies in his career including 5 UEFA titles, and more!

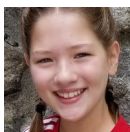
In his career, he has scored 198 national goals and 120 club team goals. That

is just a little bit to know about Cristiano Ronaldo.

Even though he was paid \$133 million from Real Madrid, he will start a new legacy with Juventus. Ronaldo has been playing for Juventus for only a couple of games, but he has scored over 30 goals already. Juventus is the most popular team in Italy. Now that Ronaldo is on the team, there will be millions more who will cheer for Juventus.



Garbage Cans Used To Catch Leaks Create Fun Hallway Obstacle Course



**By Allison O'Connor
Tusker Tribune Staff**

Did you know why the garbage cans in the hallways are always moving? Well, here is why.

The garbage cans are always moving because of the roof leak in the original Somers Central School Building.

When it rains, the water comes through, soaks the ceiling tiles, and then drips on the floor. The roof is supposed to be fixed this coming summer, so that's good news. But for now, garbage cans are moved around to catch the water so the floor doesn't get too slippery. Fortunately, the leaks are only happening during a steady rain.

The moving garbage cans make for a surprising walk on the third floor when we go to class because you're not sure where they've been moved.

So, when the roof is fixed, will we miss the "garbage can obstacle course"?



Feminist Parade!

Let's celebrate humanity!



**By Neha Madhwesh
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On November 3rd of this year, Michelle Pred, a feminist, will be taking her parade to Washington Square park in NYC! Michelle's Parade is designed to bring politically motivated art out of galleries, and bring them onto the street to show their work! Michelle's parade is based on these art works, and activism with their portable projects!

Pred has created many activist/artwork parades in the past years. In December of 2017, Michelle curated the Parade Against Patriarchy in Miami, while Miami Art Week was going on. She invited many female artists to participate. But for the parade here in New York, she's also invited male artists too!

Michelle has been represented by the Nancy Hoffman Gallery since 2004, her work is also a permanent collection at the Berkley Art Museum, the 21st C Museum some of her works include her bags that say things like "Equal Pay" and "My body, My bBsiness".

Michelle is a feminist, and we should too, so go join her on November 3rd, 2018 in Washington Square Park in NYC!



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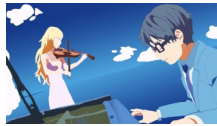
Top Five Recommended Anime Shows



**By Shira Softko
Tusker Tribune Staff**

Here's a list of Netflix shows I recommend.

Your Lie in April – After a piano player's mom died, he quit piano until he met a free-spirited girl who plays violin and turns his life around.



Seven Deadly Sins – A princess goes on an adventure to find the seven deadly sins to stop and defeat the holy knights.

Sword Art Online – I know this one. People either love it or they hate it. After the design for the Nerve Gear, a virtual game, comes out and after many players go



This is for fangirls. A commoner goes into a school for rich people and owns the host club a lot of money.



in, they can't come out until they kill the boss on floor 100, but if you die in the game, you die in real life.

*Ouran
Host Club* –

Fairy Tail

– this show proves that a family doesn't have to be blood related to be a family.

All of these are on Netflix, and yes, they are all anime, but look past that fact and go watch them; they are good!



NBA Update

**By Michael Abrams
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Melo to Houston Rockets

There's been another big move in the NBA as Carmelo Anthony signs a 1-year, \$2.4 million-dollar contract with the Houston Rockets. He was traded by the Oklahoma City Thunder for Dennis Shroder of the Atlanta Hawks.

Melo was waived by the Hawks, became a free agent and on August 13th signed with the Houston Rockets joining James Harden and Chris Paul.



Harden's Memorable Season

James Harden just wrapped up a phenomenal season, leading the league in scoring with 30.4ppg and 8.8 assists per game. Even though CP3 only played in 58 games last season due to an injury, he still averaged 18.6 ppg, and 7.9 assists. He has fully recovered and will be able to play in the 2018-2019 season.



So, in my opinion the Houston Rockets will have a good chance at the NBA title. What do you think?

Music Report

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No Stylist – French Montana featuring Drake

After “Unforgettable” with Swae Lee of Rae Sremmurd, French Montana comes back with a Drake-assisted return to the streets.

With flare and bop, and a track produced by rap super-producer London on Da Track, and a proven-great duo of French Montana and Drake, “No Stylist” is a great song. The melody is a Middle Eastern-sounding guitar and it's great.

Genre: Hip-Hop/Pop. Listen to the track here:

[#1 No Stylist \(featuring Drake\)](#)



‘The Captain’

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David did not play for the rest of the 2016 season. David has not played more than 10 games since, due to injuries.

David will play his final game on September 29 at city field in queens, the Mets final home stand of the season. The Mets will retire David's number 5 at city field making David the forever “Captain”.

Snapple Makes a Splash at SMS



**By Allison O'Connor
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Everyone has been going nuts about the new Snapple juices that are in the vending machines!

Flavors include green apple and grape. Some students have been wanting different flavors, like strawberry kiwi, pineapple, banana, mango, or orange.

Students are jealous when someone else has one. On the other hand, some students despise the new Snapple. They say it is the grossest thing they have ever tasted. They say the favors don't taste like the flavors there supposed to be.

Some have even said that they taste gross.



The results:

One student who loves Snapple, Annie McGuire, says: "The

Snapple is the most delicious thing I have ever tasted. It's like my dream come true. My mouth explodes whenever I take a sip. I love them!!!!!!!!!!".

On the other hand, Emma Sherman, who despises it, says: "So mostly the problem isn't the Snapple. It's not that I like the flavors. They could be more refrigerated. The last time I had a Snapple, it was green apple. First it was warm, and it tasted like plain apple juice. The second time I had one, it was grape and was also warm and tasted like jelly straight from the jar".



One student who is undecided about Snapple, Olivia Sherman, says: "The green apple tastes like plain old apple juice, but with a lot of sugar. The fruit punch tasted really good, but the grape taste like grape juice and apple juice mixed."

Onomastics: The Science of Names



**By Sam Sanz
Tusker Tribune Staff**

Whether your name is John Smith or John Christian, or Ka'iminoeau-loameka'ikeokekumupa'a Fairbairn. (The Houston Texans' Kicker) you have a unique name.

It's you.

One day, a man (Name not listed) named one of his kids Winner. The other was named Loser. Loser was a star athlete, a smart person, and became a police officer. A great man all in all. His nickname is now Lou. Our friend Winner? He is a criminal who is serving two years in prison for many crimes. Winner and Loser barley talk unless Winner is asking Loser for money.



Nerd's Words

Names can matter. One of the fastest and most famous runners, Usain Bolt, has the last name Bolt. Like lightning. Coincidence? Probably. According to Dr. Brett Pelham, more Louis's are in Louisiana than any other state. He also said that "Names also affect marriages. People with simple last names like Johnson or Smith have a better chance to marry."

Also, people with early initials have a better chance of winning the Nobel Prize Pelham said. Don't worry though if your name is Xavier Zane. You still could win. It's all about statistics. Tune in next week to read about more "nerd stuff"! Thank you.

Come On, Give Us Some Soda!



**By Will Underkoffler
Tusker Tribune Staff**

No, I'm not talking about giving us some Pepsi or Coke, I'm talking about giving us some lemon-lime soda, like Sierra Mist or something like that.



I think the school would make a lot of money and it's not like lemon-lime soda like Sierra Mist is going to be any worse.

Snapple has 170 calories, whereas Sierra Mist has only 100 calories per can and as I said, Snapple—170 calories in a can! So Sierra Mist is healthier for us kids and it will probably taste better.

Sprite is also healthier than Snapple, with 146 calories and is completely caffeine free.

These beverages are healthier than Snapple and are not in the cafeteria. Why? Why will you not give us healthier sodas?

