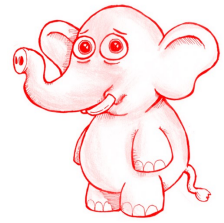


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Get Set for Student Council Elections!



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Attention all students! There are upcoming elections for student council.

These elections will determine who will be student council officers for the 2018-2019 school year. So that means 7th graders who are running are running for 8th grade officer positions.

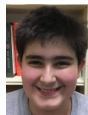
This also means that 8th grader who will campaign will be running for Somers High School student council positions.

Sixth graders can also join in the fun and run for 7th grade class officer positions. The campaigns will be starting soon so get ready if you are interested.

See Mr. Arnett in room 123 if you have any questions.



Welcome To Clearpool!



By: Michael Aiello
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Editor's Note: This is a story regarding the SMS 6th Grade Trip to Clearpool Camp at Green Chimneys.

Clearpool, the place of team building and low-rope challenges. The low-rope challenges are meant to be at the point when you get frustrated. Why? The reason is simple. The directions of the challenges are made to sound simple but, they are difficult.

You assume that the directions are easy, so you try a little bit, or you don't really think *deeply*. When you try it, it is hard, so you do have to think deeply and try *a lot*.

The low-rope challenges are hard while the team building is easy, but it requires teamwork. For example, you must put your finger under a hoop, and then you must lift it up. The twist is that you must keep it even and bring it up to shoulder height. You must be in sync with your team and try to make it to shoulder height.

In general, the team building is easy, but you need to be more in sync with your team while the low-rope challenges are challenging and hard. To conclude, Clearpool is challenging, hard, and a place full of teamwork.

Click on the link below for a slide show of Clearpool Photos:

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Slide show by Joseph Melillo

SHS Art Show Video!

Check out this video of the Somers High School Art Show that was recently held. The video is by Tusker Tribune Staff Writer Joseph Melillo:

<http://viewpure.com/wYTK0wxcRAE?start=0&end=0>

Plenty of Options For Sports Enthusiasts



**By Chris Salierno
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From baseball to skiing, there are many sports out there. Sports are always a good thing to participate in. They help you stay healthy and help keep you busy.

For example, track is a great sport even though I hate it. It gets you in shape and gets your heart pumping. Running a few laps may not be the best feeling in the world but you will feel great after you have run them. Plus, track helps you get faster by slimming down and losing weight. Being fast helps with many sports such as basketball, baseball, soccer, football, and so much more. Track is a great for pretty much anyone.

Another example of a good sport is basketball. Your constantly moving around up and down the court trying to score and steal the ball. Plus, watching it on the television is also fun. Highflying dunks, ankle breakers, mad rejections, and buzzer beaters. Hitting that clutch shot or making a great play always make you feel good afterwards. Basketball is a fun sport to get into.

Lastly you have tennis. Tennis is a sport that almost anyone can play. Even in your old age, tennis is a great sport to play because its not complex and does not require you to run that far. Tennis might not be the most fun sport but its lots of fun once you start a match with friends. Its relaxing but its also helping you get into shape.

In conclusion, there are many sports out there for you to try and for you to have fun with.



No Man's Land Author: David Baldacci



**By Nick Cirillo
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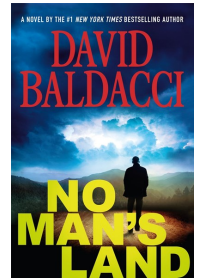
In David Baldacci's No Man's Land, something's not quite right. The disappearance of CID agent John Puller's mother happened thirty years ago, but the case is stirring once again. John's father, an old man with Alzheimer's, has been accused of murdering Mrs. Puller all those years ago. But there's something more sinister going on.

At the same time, Paul Rogers is released from prison. Paul isn't a normal guy – with no fingerprints, the strength of a monster, and the inability to feel pain. But as he journeys on a quest of revenge, to destroy the person who made him a killer, he faces a choice: To kill, or to save? Whether driven by his own selfish motives or not, this question could drive him insane.

The plot thickens as Paul meets the lying Suzanne Davis and the sneaky Helen Myers, who are engaging in a huge act of fraud to transfer government secrets to terrorists. And once Rogers' and Puller's stories collide, everything explodes, and the mystery behind the disappearance of John's mother – and the ominously linked murders of four women, who worked at a secret government lab – is blown wide open.

I did not initially know that No Man's Land was the fourth book in a series, but I had a full understanding of the book. The John Puller series seems to be linked only by the characters, and not by the plot, and while I may have understood some character traits more in-depth, I still had a good grip on the book and would still recommend it on its own.

With deeply intertwined plots and selfish motivations, No Man's Land is a thrilling ride of a book, and I can't wait to go back and read the rest of the series.



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Music Report



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SR3MM – Rae Sremmurd, Swae Lee & Slim Jxmmi

It has finally come out! *SremmLife 3*, or *SR3MM*, is being released as a 3-album compilation of Swae Lee's debut album *Swaecation*, Slim Jxmmi's debut album *Jxmtro*, and the Rae Sremmurd album *SR3MM*. With features from Travis Scott, The Weeknd, Future, Juicy J, Young Thug, Pharrell, and more, *SR3MM*, I'd say, is the best of the 3.



beerbongs & bentleys – Post Malone



The long-awaited Post Malone sophomore album is here. With lead tracks "rockstar", "Psycho", and "Candy Paint", this album is full of bangers like "Ball for Me" with Nicki Minaj. "Girls, cash, anxiety – songs about the ups and downs of the good life." Says

Plus Premiers, a music sharing site.

Simi – BlocBoy JB

First titled "SUMI", "Look Alive" and "Shoot" rapper BlocBoy JB sophomore album "Simi" is out at 9PM tonight. Earlier today JB released a new track off the album with "Gucci Gang" rapper Lil Pump called "Nun of Dat". I have big expectations for his come-up.



Shawn Mendes – Shawn Mendes

Shawn Mendes released 2 tracks called "In My Blood" and "Lost in Japan". Mendes later said in an interview that "In My Blood" was my favorite song to write and record because I had all my heart in it." Later in April, he put *Shawn Mendes* on pre-order. This week, he's releasing a new song off the project with superstar Khalid called "Youth". I wonder how Mendes will go about his self-titled third album.



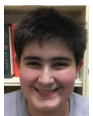
Ye vs. The People (feat. T.I.) – Kanye West



"Ye vs. The People" (Ye' short for Kanye) is Kanye West creeping me out. I think back to late 2015 when during a concert he said "I'm runnin' for president in 2020". At first, I thought it was just something he was saying,

but this is a signal that he might run for president. He starts the song by saying "I know Obama was heaven-sent, but ever since Trump won, it proved that I could be president." He also discusses about police brutality, African-Americans and what political party they should side with, Make America Great Again, white supremacy, and other political topics. I'm not saying it's a good song, but it is the first song he's put out since his 2016 mixtape *The Life of Pablo*. It is going to be part of his project coming this June, *Love Yourself*.

6th Grade Locker Mystery Adds Some Drama to Spring



By Michael Aiello
Tusker Tribune Staff

For several days, students were finding magnets in their lockers! There were many suspects and so far, almost half of 6th grade were victims of this magnet attack!

Some people were thinking that the teachers had caught one of this secret group of people attacking the 6th grade lockers. We don't know for sure.

The person who may have been caught might have had a master key with him. We are not exactly sure that person is one of the culprits.

Even if someone were caught, we would not say who it was because we do not want this person to be haunted by a rumor.

As of this writing, there might still be one person out there putting candy (that might be expired), magnets, pencils, and stealing objects from



the 6th grade hallway lockers. There will be more information posted once we get more information.

However, this mysterious individual's efforts did lead to a sort of rescue for one sixth grader. Here is his first person account:

From Joseph Melillo: *I was going into school on Monday when I noticed I didn't have any number 2 pencils, and I needed one for the state test. I went to my classes and when I came back from 3rd period writing, I was surprised when I found that the mysterious locker thief put a number 2 pencil in my locker!*

I personally think that the locker thief problem can go both ways. I found that many students got pencils and were saved by this mysterious person. Although this person has saved some of us, many of the teachers are mad because students are constantly asking to leave the classroom repeatedly because they are concerned about their lockers.