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KOALA NATION



A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

To My Fellow Koalas,

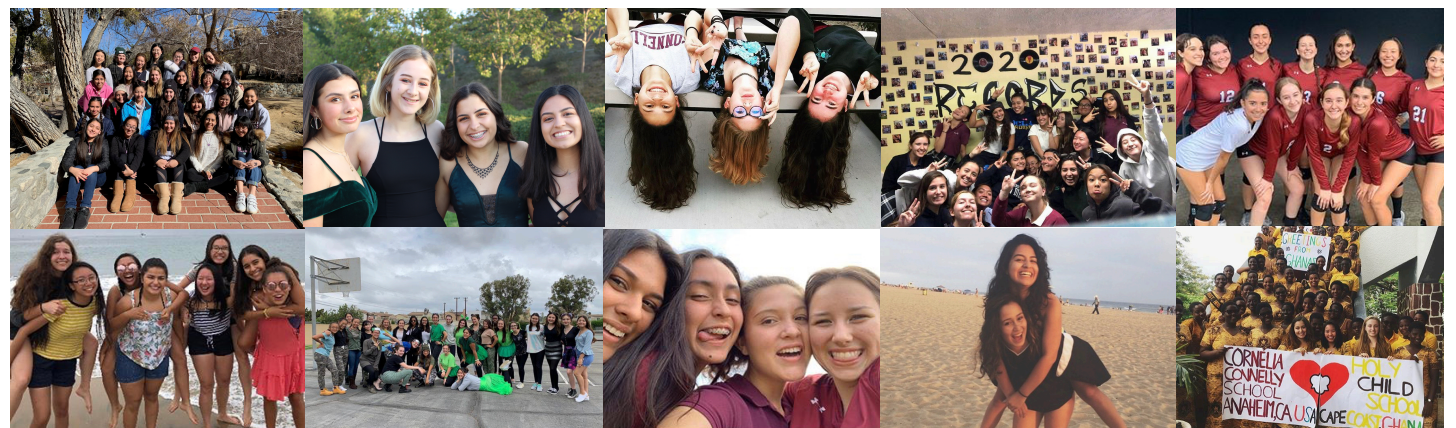
In this hard time, it is essential we come together in support and love for one another, more than ever. We need to be there for each other as sisters, friends, and family. Allow yourself to feel the many emotions you may be experiencing, and be there for others who may need a shoulder to cry on.

We must allow ourselves to feel, and to grieve, and then we must use this experience to grow and get stronger. This school year, our lives, and the many things we are all involved in will continue. It may be hard to stay motivated, but we need to give this year our everything and make it the best one yet. If you are struggling to keep working hard, remember that we are the last group of young women to be able to attend our amazing and incredible school; use this to fuel you to be the best this school has ever seen.

We should all be proud of how much our community has already come together in solidarity and unity. As soon as our parents, students, and greater community heard the news that the school would close at the end of the year, everyone came together and sprang into action. We must keep our heads high knowing we fought as hard as we could for our school.

Life will and must go on. Make this year the absolute best it can be. Spend as much time as you can making memories with your koala sisters. Go to dances, school concerts, sports senior nights, tri-school productions. Enjoy all the traditions we celebrate in honor of Mother Connelly. Come together this final year and support each other as much as you can.

Be kind. We are all going through so many things all at once right now, and it is even more essential, in this hard time, to



Photos from social media

be kind to one another. Each person you see on our campus is truly your sister. Show and tell each other how much you mean to each other through the smiles on your faces, the support you show one another, and the kind acts you do for each other.

Don't forget to sleep and stay hydrated. Enjoy this last year with this amazing community. Always remember that you are strong, you can get through this, and you are not alone. Everywhere you look is another koala sister experiencing the same feelings you are, and facing the same hardships as you. Take care of each other, and of yourself.

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-MRS. KAM

BY ALICIA DOFELMIER AND EMILY ARENDT

On October 3rd, the Connelly Community heard the devastating news that Connelly would be closing at the end of this school year due to financial instability. The school will close in June of 2020, just before its 60th year.

Not ready to say goodbye, both parents and students acted fast upon hearing this news, and created organizations to brainstorm and execute fundraisers and ways to gain awareness for the cause. The entire Connelly community came together and created a GoFundMe page and Instagram account, and the Junior and Senior classes held a telephone campaign where they called each Connelly alum, seeking funds. Lunch and bake sales were held, and people all across the Connelly Community were speaking up on social media using #SaveConnelly. There was a lot of hope among the entire student body that we would be able to save Connelly.

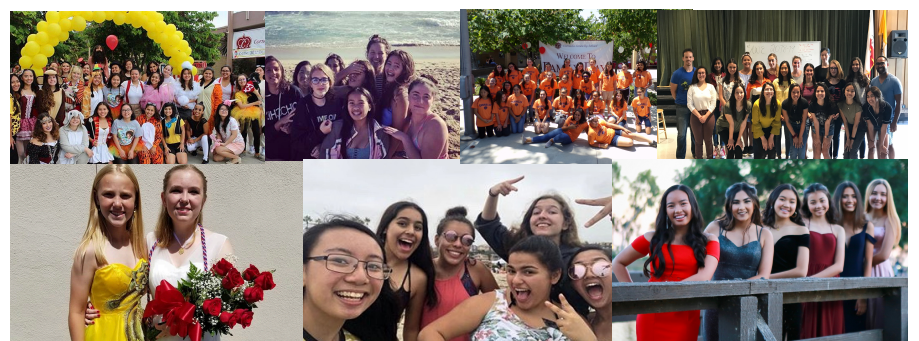
Despite the community's best efforts,

fundraising was brought to a halt on October 17th after an email was sent out from the Board stating that while we had done our best, Connelly would for certain be closing in June 2020, and the school is now moving forward with closing procedures.

The Connelly Community is determined to continue the current school year as normal, celebrating every tradition that Mother Connelly began. All programs will continue as planned and the transitions for students to move to new schools next year will be made as easy as possible. In addition, all the Connelly traditions that we know and love will still continue on this year.

The immediate call to action we have witnessed and been a part of after the announcement of this recent news, is a testament to the strength and determination of our amazing community of students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, friends, and family

We will always be a Connelly family.



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Myra Makes Her Mark

BY ANYA IBASCO



Many members of the Connelly community remember the bright and bubbly personality that is Myra Juma. As a graduate of the class of 2019, Myra is currently a freshman at Whittier College, and although she misses her Connelly sisters, she is thriving and making her mark in college.

Juma attributes her readiness and success in college to the strong foundation she built at Connelly. According to Juma, “Connelly prepared me for college academically and socially which I am very grateful for.” She also admits that she feels “over-prepared” for her classes. Thanks to Mrs. Morris, Juma’s writing class “felt like second nature,” as she already knew how to write cohesively and thoroughly. Connelly also prepared Juma in a social aspect as she is not afraid to ask what may be considered as “dumb questions”. She feels comfortable and confident when speaking in all her classes, which takes other women by surprise. Connelly empowered Juma to step out of her comfort zone as she was involved in a multitude of activities that she might never dare at another school. She was a vital part of ASB, being class Vice President her junior Year and ASB Vice President her senior Year. Juma was also a part of the Advanced Women’s Ensemble and was the pioneer of the beauty segment on CCTV. Sophomore through Senior Year, she was involved with Mock Trial and developed a deep passion for it so much so that when she discovered that Whittier College did not have a Mock Trial Team, she decided to start one herself! Juma believes that she “would not have the confidence to start an entirely new club as a freshman if it weren’t for Connelly always helping me to build my confidence.”

As a Business and Administration Major, Juma’s favorite parts about college are the classes and her current schedule. She loves the fact that she knows what will be covered in the class way beforehand so that she can prepare for every class and plan her schedule out easily. She is aware that her schedule will change over the years, “but as of right now, I love it because it’s super chill.” After graduating from Whittier, Juma plans to go to law school.

After successfully going through high school as a Connelly girl, Juma has so

Dear Cornelia...

Dear Cornelia is a special feature of the Connelly Chronicle.

Questions for Dear Cornelia may be left in the mailbox outside of Classroom 16.



Dear D.C.

“All the work and homework we get is so overwhelming. Trying to balance school, homework, sports and after school activities, How do you deal with stress and find the time for yourself.”

Dear Overwhelmed,

I get it. Life can get so busy so fast and often times, we get so overwhelmed we don’t even know where we need to begin to help ourselves. Personally, I love a busy schedule. However, I would not be able to do it if I didn’t realize the importance of time management. Learn how to plan for the week. Get a cute planner that you like, maybe a few fun colored pens, and stick to planning when you need to do what. God helps those who help themselves. Organizing your schedule is the first step. When I feel overwhelmed with stress, I stop and look to see if I am remembering to take care of myself. Make sure you’re eating well and enough times a day, if you’re not doing that, it will affect your overall mood and energy levels. The same goes for how much sleep you’re getting. If you’re taking care of yourself, you’ll have more energy throughout the day to get all of your stuff done and not feel so drained. Though I myself love a busy schedule, make sure you don’t have too much on your plate. We can’t be in two places at one time. Finally, during these stressful times, I know it is easy to forget about God. Start and end your day with prayer. It helps me a lot.

Dear D.C,

Transitioning from middle school to highschool has been kind of difficult. I have to wake up earlier than I’ve ever had to. I can’t fall asleep at night which means I only get a couple hours of sleep. I have a lot more responsibilities and a lot more homework. There are a lot more tests and quizzes. I also do sports so it feels like I have a lot on my plate. Although things are getting a lot harder with all the new changes, I know I can get through it.”

Dear Getting Through It,

The transition from middle school to high school can be dizzying. But I promise, you’ll gain your balance in no time. I was in your position, and I won’t lie to you, high school is not easy. You will continue to have more homework than you are used to and sometimes it’ll feel like you have quizzes left and right. However, you’ll learn how to handle it just like you said you know you can! That is the best mentality you could have. The second we tell ourselves we can’t do something, the more impossible it appears. Regarding your sleep issues, talk to a parent and make sure health wise, you’re okay. If you’re not sleeping because you feel like you have too much homework to go to bed at a reasonable hour, I can promise you, if you do not sleep you will not make it through highschool. These four years are going to go by so fast so enjoy them! Get your sleep, drink your water, work hard and you’re going to be just fine.

P.S Hi ladies. I know that the recent events that have unfolded have been hard to deal with. During this time, remember that we are all going to be okay. God has a plan for us and we just have to trust him. As always, remember your self worth and know that you are worth it. Remember to drink your water and make sure you’ve done your membean.

XOXO

D.C



Myra Juma '19 at Whittier College. Photo by: Myra Juma

much wisdom to impart on her Connelly Community, but her biggest advice is “to have confidence”. She admits that it was easy to lose her confidence, especially going into a completely new environment. During orientation, she recalls being shy because she would have to make new friends. However she quickly “regained focus and remembered to be confident”. Lastly, she wants every single Connelly girl to “remember who you are and just be confident with yourself. This will make adjusting to college a breeze.”



A SENSE OF CALM

BY ALICIA DOFELMIER



On Monday, October 7th, the whole school participated in an all School Rosary. It was a calming and peaceful way to start off our week. After the heart-breaking news that our Connelly community had just received about our school closing, praying a Rosary was a good way for us to put ourselves in God's presence. It was a good reminder that God is with us through this difficult time, and there seemed to be a sense of peace that enveloped the entire auditorium as we were praying the Rosary. Athena Mandi '23 expressed that, "Praying the Rosary with all my sisters made me feel that with all of us together, we can accomplish anything as long as we



Our Mother Mary after being crowned by Coach Henry. Photo by: Alicia Dofelmier '22

come together as a community."

Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Perez did a wonderful job of decorating the auditorium in preparation of the Rosary, and Campus Ministry did a truly fantastic job of leading the Connelly community in the Rosary. Mr. Arnold was generous enough to provide calming music as we walked into the auditorium before the Rosary and as we filed out when it was time to crown Mother Mary.

Coach Henry had the honor of crowning Mother Mary at the end of the Rosary because of her never-ending faithful dedication to our school. Her peppy spirit and a cheerful smile can always be counted on to cheer up anyone who is feeling down. She always supports anything Connelly related and is truly the epitome of what being a part of the Connelly community means.

Last Monday's Rosary was truly a great experience for everyone to be able to put themselves in the presence of God and to know that He is with us in everything that we do.

Koala Family Spotlight

BY ANYA IBASCO



Chloe Webb '20 and her koala family dressed as the Breakfast Clubs for Matching Monday. Photo by: Anya Ibasco

Spirited, enthusiastic, and extremely involved are just a few words to describe this edition's Koala Family! Chloe Webb '20 along with her sisters Elyssa Savellano '21, Ava Shanklin '21, Skylar Cooper '22, and Nicole Ortiz '23 have had a strong sisterly relationship ever since they were grouped together. Chloe remembers, "...screaming when I saw my family list because I got such good family members!" The other members felt the same way; they instantly knew they would become close and would always support each other.

In addition to being involved with one another, each member of this family is widely involved in the Connelly community. Senior, Chloe Webb, is on the varsity volleyball team, ASB, mock trial, journalism, yearbook, yoga club, and most recently, the Save Connelly Committee. Junior, Elyssa Savellano, is a part of the Advanced Women's Ensemble, NHS, and similar to Chloe, is involved in ASB, journalism, and yoga club. Also a junior, Ava Shanklin is currently in Tri-School Theatre as the stage manager, participates in the eco-schools club, journalism, and NHS. Sophomore, Skylar Cooper, is also a part of the eco-schools club with her sister Ava, and part of journalism as a CCTV on-spot reporter. As a freshman, Nicole Ortiz is just as involved as her koala sisters, as a member of the golf team, mock trial, ambassadors, Spanish Honors Society, and also planning to join the swim team.

Although the school has just started, this family has already had some

memorable times together. Their favorite one being Spirit Week when they dressed up as the Breakfast Club, and according to Chloe, absolutely "nailed it!". Chloe also recalls that on Beach Day, when a seagull grabbed Ava's sandwich and bolted with it, Ava just watched, unphased. Skylar loves the conversations in their "FamChat" where she's "laughed for hours over our conversations!". Because the school year has just begun, there are so many things this family is looking forward to doing together. Ring day is one big event they're all looking forward to. Ava is "really looking forward to the moment when Chloe gives Elyssa and me our class rings" and as their little sister, Skylar can't wait to "cheer on Ava and Elyssa when they receive their rings!". Elyssa is "looking forward to getting to know each of my sisters even more." Nicole wants to participate in more school events together, and Chloe is just excited for every moment with them!

As their big sister, having experienced almost four years of high school, Chloe has so much insight and advice to share with her family, as well as the Connelly community. First off, and most importantly, "Don't be afraid to find yourself." Chloe encourages girls to try new things in order to figure out what you like and dislike, this goes for sports, clubs, classes, friends, boys, and just about anything. She wants to remind girls that it's okay to say no to things you may not enjoy. And lastly, some wise words from Chloe, "You don't have to live your life for anyone but yourself. Learn to love yourself and be okay with not being perfect. There's beauty in being genuine."

St. Teresa's Day Mass

BY ALICIA DOFELMIER



Rebekah Patin Class of '23 reading the Prayers of the Faithful. Photo by: Alicia Dofelmier.

On Tuesday, October 15th the whole Connelly community came together for St. Teresa's Day Mass. We were blessed to have Father Eugene preside over the Mass, and we are very grateful to Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Perez, and all of Campus Ministry for putting together a beautiful Mass. After the tumultuous recent news that we had received about our beloved Connelly, it was a good time for us to put



Anya Ibasco '21 and Tahila Garcia '21 smile before mass starts. Photo by: Alicia Dofelmier

aside how we were feeling and instead be able to focus on the presence of God. Father Eugene gave a wonderful homily about how no matter what you're going through that things will always get better. It was a good reminder to have been given taking into consideration how our entire Connelly community has been feeling recently. When asked how she felt about the Mass Mrs. Morris said, "I enjoyed the honesty of Father Eugene."



The altar all set up for St. Theresa's Day Mass. Photo by: Alicia Dofelmier

Sometimes all that we need is a gentle reminder that God will always be with us through the good times and the bad and St. Teresa's Day Mass reminded the Connelly community of that.

Theme Week

BY ELYSSA SAVELLANO



Photos of our girls from the Theme Week. Photos by: Philomena Ninh '21

Spirit Week was in full swing for the 2019-2020 school year! The Connelly Koalas started off the week with Matching Monday. Each koala family, a group of girls consisting of a freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior, coordinated with each other and chose a theme to match as. The campus was filled with families dressed as french fries, VSCO girls, students from The Breakfast Club, the Scooby-Doo gang, and more. A fashion show occurred in which certain families showcased their outfits. What a great way to kick off the exciting events the week!

Tuesday consisted of food, kickball, and fun times. The freshman, sophomore, and junior class sported their class shirts, whereas the seniors wore their senior shirts. Each class set up a food booth to sell snacks or drinks. The girls, faculty, and staff sipped on horchata and snacked on baked goods, popcorn, and more as members of the upperclassmen and lowerclassmen played a game of kickball. After an intense match, the upperclassmen pulled through with the win, leaving them to play against the faculty. The next match between the upperclassmen and faculty wasn't nearly as competitive, but nevertheless, it was a great time as the upperclassmen swept the faculty.

Cowboys made an appearance on campus this Wednesday as the girls took on



Mrs. Aceituno's daughter enjoying her time in the water at beach day. Photo by: Philomena Ninh

Western Wednesday. Many flannels and a variety of cowboy hats were seen at every corner. Anya Ibasco 21' said, "It was fun seeing how creative everyone was with their cowgirl outfits. I loved wearing big matching cowgirl hats with my friends and taking pictures with them."

Theme Thursday was the best I've ever seen. The seniors stayed overnight to decorate the campus to their chosen theme. This year they chose the circus. Tickets were given out to each student to spend on games, including ring toss and fish bowl toss, or snacks, such as popcorn and snow cones. The Greatest Showman soundtrack played overhead in the speakers and many enjoyed the bounce house between classes and at break. The decorations were beautifully painted and showed the great artistry of the senior class. Well done, seniors!

A gloomy and cloudy sky did not stop these Koalas from going out and enjoying a day at the beach! The girls, faculty, and staff packed onto buses and headed out to Corona Del Mar. Eventually, the sun came out as the girls went into the water and enjoyed sunbathing. Many snacks were shared with friends and stolen by seagulls. The day was seemingly perfect until one student got stung by a stingray leaving her in pain. But even after the encounter she still enjoyed her time at the beach!



Photo by: Anya Ibasco

Breast Cancer

BY ANYA IBASCO

Whenever one sees a pink ribbon, they are reminded of the impact that breast cancer has on many people's lives. Anyone can be affected by breast cancer whether it be oneself, a mother, a loved one, a friend, or an acquaintance. Throughout the month of October, people are encouraged to display the pink ribbon as a sign of awareness and support for those who have been diagnosed and those who continue to search for a cure.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the U.S., and according to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, about 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. Although obtaining breast cancer is not preventable, many lives can be saved through early detection and education about the topic. When detected at an early and localized stage, the 5-year survival rate is 99%. This message is so important to share through the Connelly community and to families, friends, and everyone we meet. We must stress the importance of doing self-exams and getting regular checkups in order to save so many lives.

There are over 3.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States and we are so blessed to have the presence of a few of these strong women in our own Connelly community. Our very own Head of School, Mrs. Sienkowski and Assistant Head of School, Dr. Rauterkus have both been impacted by breast cancer. Mrs. Sienkowski was diagnosed at the young age of 23 when the cancer discovered early due to a required physical when she was working as a flight attendant. Dr. Rauterkus was diagnosed in June 2014 with stage 0 breast cancer. Both women are thankful for their support systems of parents, family, brothers, sisters, and friends during the troubling times they faced during treatments. They continue to serve as inspirations and beacons of hope to those battling breast cancer and to anyone in our community who may be going through hardships. Mrs. Sienkowski expresses that, "I faced the worst that I physically could and I came through, it's not the end of the world, it could be the beginning of a life well-lived." To the Connelly community, Dr. Rauterkus strongly emphasizes the importance of getting checked, she says, "Tell everyone, your mom, your sister, your cousins, your aunt, do self-exams because catching it early is what's most important."

FASHION SHOW

BY EMILY ARENDT

The Servite Fashion Show is an annual fundraiser with a main focus on honoring some of the incredible Servite Moms. The event is much more than it sounds, and although the Fashion Show itself is a large part of it, the event also includes a silent auction, a live auction, and a luncheon. The entire fashion show team has been hard at work since the mid-summer months.

As one of two models from Connelly for this year it has been an honor to have the opportunity to take part in the show. I got to walk down a runway in stunning outfits with professionally done hair and makeup alongside my best friend, Chloe Webb '20. In total, there were seven



Fashion models on the stage. Photo by: Emily Arendt

female, student models; the remaining five being from Rosary Academy. The moms in the show gained the nickname of "varsity", while us girls were "JV". Us JV girls truly became a team, and we all clicked and bonded on the very first day of practice. We were all terrified after seeing how high the heels we had to wear were, how slippery the runway was, and how bright the shining lights at the end of the catwalk were in our eyes. However, it's safe to say that our countless hours of practice and perfecting our walks prepared us well.

After my first fitting I was beyond excited to see my looks those of my fellow



Our girls walk confidently. Photo by: Emily Arendt

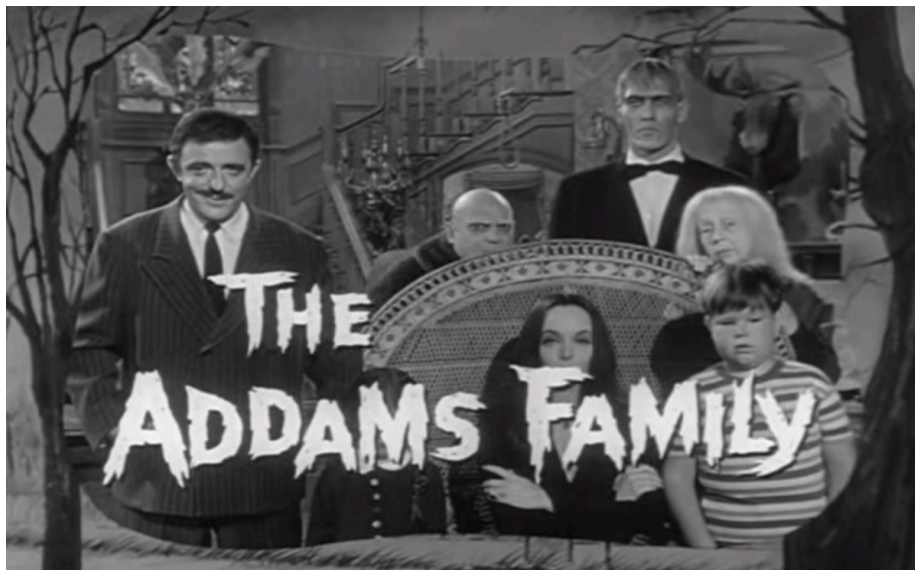
JV "teammates". Hair and makeup was also a really fun experience. It was nerve wracking to completely put my appearance, from head to toe, in someone else's hands, and just roll with whatever they wanted. To be honest, the show itself was kind of a blur. I was so nervous, and was focused on remembering which turns to do when, and more importantly not to trip and fall.

This experience as a whole was such an amazing opportunity, and I am so proud to have been a part of such a longstanding Servite tradition.

SPORTS, ARTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT

THEY'RE CREEPY AND THEY'RE KOOKY

BY BETHANIE SANFT



Picture from the Television show in the 1960's. Photo Courtesy of portablepress.com

They're creepy and they're kooky. Mysterious and spooky. They're all together ooky, the Addams Family. On October 11 The Addams Family premiered in the movie theaters for all to see. The Addams Family movie takes on a different perspective and a more modern twist to the television show from the 1960's. The characters are portrayed in a similar matter in the movie as they are in the show. The television show focuses more on Morticia and Gomez Adams, who are the parents, while the movie focuses more on the children, Pugsley and Wednesday.

Ever since Morticia and Gomez were chased out of their wedding ceremony by their pitchfork and torch carrying neighbors, they have tried to live their lives as best they could. They decide to move to New Jersey. On their way to find a new place to call home, they stumble upon a man in the street who they soon take in as their butler. Once they settle into an abandoned asylum, they have two children named Wednesday and Pugsley. Life seems to be a bit old and boring until they begin to see that it is actually quite wonderful and comforting.

As time goes on and the children grow up, it becomes time for Pugsley to get ready for his Mazurka. Gomez wanted to help Pugsley prepare for the Mazurka—a traditional rite of passage for the Addams family that involves swordplay. If Pugsley is unable to perform the Mazurka then he could face death. Wednesday feels as if the life they

are living is getting boring for her. She wants to attend a public school like the rest of the kids and learn what is beyond the fog at her house. Of course, there has to be a villainous character in this story. Margaux Needler is a home renovator who purchases a whole town below the house of the Addams and plans to renovate it. She hopes to reveal her plans on her show and make a fortune.

Overall, I think it is a great movie that I would recommend to everyone, especially to those that are fans of the Addams Family. Some of the main points to take away from this movie are that it is okay to be different and that we should not judge others for being different. Not one person is the same as someone else and we need to be ourselves. There is no need to change who we are just to please others.



The Addams Family movie poster. Photo Courtesy of IMDb.com

Knott's Scary Farm



BY HAILEY FROGNER

Sparks, roller skates, clowns, mazes, and so much more. Knott's Scary Farm did not disappoint its attendees this year, and even surprised many people with what may have been the strongest lineup of haunted mazes it has had in all of its past years. The park contains nine haunted mazes, four scare zones, and four shows per evening, in addition to all of the park's regular rides. I had to see it for myself and really had an amazing time. As I entered the park, I was approached by some of the scariest monsters I have ever seen, wearing shoes that make clicking noises and sparked when struck on the ground. Near the boardwalk, clowns lurked, towering on stilts and shaking loud boxes while interacting with park goers.

The scariest and most fun part of the park are its mazes, thanks to the high quality set design, story telling, and scares. I went in the Origins: The Curse of the Calico, The Depths, Dark Entities, Pumpkin Eater, and WaxWorks mazes. There are live actors that hide and jump out at you throughout every maze. In Origins, you are walking through a witch trial that is taking place right in the midst of Ghost Town. In The Depths, which was my personal favorite, they put lights and fog that makes it look like you are walking through water. You are essentially in "the depths" of the ocean, so there are not as many actors in this maze, which makes it the best maze for those who scare easily. As you walk through it, people will come in front of you and jump out of the water. Another really well put together maze was Dark Entities. In this maze, you felt as if you were in the plot of Stranger Things. This maze, I think, was one of the most well planned and put together. The actual setting was overall the best.

Overall, I think Knott's Scary Farm is extremely fun and has so many activities to choose from. I will say, if you do not like being scared, it is not the place for you. I also strongly recommend following their 13 and up rule, because anyone under that age will be frightened. I am planning on returning soon and would recommend it to many, but this place definitely is not for the faint of heart.

Día de los Muertos



BY REGINA ZHAO



A brightly colored ofrenda, also known as an altar, where photos of the deceased are placed. Photo Courtesy of the New York Times.

Día de los Muertos, also known as Day of the Dead in English, is celebrated in central and southern Mexico during the days of November 1st and 2nd and is also widely celebrated in the United States, including in our own Connelly community. It is a tradition that has been celebrated for thousands of years. At midnight on October 31, the souls of all deceased children come down from heaven and are reunited with their families on November 1, while the souls of adults that have passed on come to visit on November 2. People make colorful altars in their homes in honor of their deceased loved ones, the altars are decorated with flowers, candles, the loved one's favorite food, and pan de muerto. The symbol of Día de los Muertos are usually the calacas and calaveras, which appear in candied sweets, as parade masks, and on dolls. Calacas and calaveras are almost always portrayed as enjoying life, often in fancy clothes and entertaining situations. As a community, Connelly will celebrate Día de los Muertos together on October 28.



A painting of a woman's face as a calavera, or skull. Photo Courtesy of artvoice.com

FRIARS V. MONARCHS

BY CHELSEA BARTILAD



Noah Avinger '21 making the catch of the game. Photo Courtesy of Fox Sport's twitter account: @FOX Sports Prep Zone.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is the moment we have all been waiting for! On Friday, October 11, 2019, the Servite varsity football team played against Mater Dei, their rival school. To say the least, it was a hard fought battle on both sides.

During the first quarter, Servite quarterback Noah Fifita '22 made a 21-yard pass to wide receiver Noah Avinger '21. As he caught the ball, a player from Mater Dei knocked Avinger '21 out of bounds. Fifita '22 also made a 13-yard pass to wide receiver, Damien Moun '20. As Moun '20 was catching the pass, three players from the other team surrounded him just as the ball reached his hands and he [Moun '20] was fumbled at the 30-yard line. The Monarchs led 14-0 by the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Fifita '22 made a 19-yard pass to free safety, Tetairoa McMiallan '22. Unfortunately, as McMiallan '22 caught the ball, one of the players from Mater Dei was right behind him, and McMiallan '22 was fumbled on the 40-yard line. At the end of this quarter, Servite had scored 3 points while Mater Dei had 28.

After halftime, the third quarter began. A 16-yard pass was made by Fifita '22 to McMiallan '22. However, a player from Mater Dei tackled McMiallan '22 as soon as he reached the ball. Servite managed to score a 41-yard field goal. By the end of the quarter, the Friars had gained 8 points.

During the fourth and final quarter of the game, Fifita '22 made

a 16-yard pass to Avinger '21, who completed the pass. Finally, an 8-yard touchdown pass was made between Fifita '22 and McMiallan '22. The final score was 56-11 in favor of Mater Dei.

Despite Servite's loss, it was still a lively game and much of the audience enjoyed it. According to Ana Marie Masino '21, it was "inspiring to watch our Servite brothers fight so hard. You can feel the team spirit throughout the entire game. [The Asylum] was very energizing to be around." "It was my first game so I was a little nervous, but when I warmed up to the huge crowd, it was so much fun!" exclaims Alejandra Hutchison '22, "Seeing [the Servite football team] live and in action really made me appreciate all the hard work and effort they put into these games."



Rain or shine, the Asylum will always be there to support their brothers. Photo Courtesy of the Servite Asylum's Instagram: @servite_asylum.

MAN OF GOD

BY THERESE ENRIQUEZ



An attack against religious freedom, or just execution of the NFL's strict rules? Earlier this month, New Orleans Saints linebacker Demario Davis was fined \$7,000 for wearing a headband with "Man of God" written across it. Some people expressed outrage, and called the fine an act of religious persecution, while others are defending the NFL's policy on personal messages on uniforms.

Davis claims he, along with fans, had not fully understood the policy and says, "I just wanted to put it out and just kind of help fans who care about the game understand a more intricate part of the game." He was flooded with an incredible amount of support from fans that encouraged his respectable attempt at sharing his faith on the field.

In a social media post, Davis posted a picture of his headband and asked fans whether or not he should continue to wear his headband. If he were to wear it again, Davis would continue to be fined \$7,000 every game he wore the headband. The following game, Davis chose not to wear the headband and told reporters, "Of course you don't want to be fined. Nobody wants to lose money but I think any time that the conversation about God is brought up, especially in these times, I think it's always a positive or silver lining. If He can get glory from it, I think He can get glory from it whether I personally wear the headband or don't wear the headband. He's always gonna be in control of the whole situation. We're still all good." He decided to sell the headband and send 100 percent of the proceeds to a good cause.

Davis filed an appeal, and the NFL surprisingly overturned the fine, returning Davis' \$7,000. He took the \$7,000 and the \$30,000 he has already made from selling headbands and put it toward the St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi, the organization he chose to donate the proceeds to.

In an interview, Davis said, "No matter the case, whether I'm wearing a headband, or whether I'm not wearing a headband, whether I'm talking about a headband, I'm not talking about a headband, I'm always using my platform to glorify God."



Demario Davis wearing his Man of God headband in the New Orleans Saints game vs. Seattle Seahawks. Photo Courtesy of CNN.com

HAILEY'S HOTSPOT

BY HAILEY FROGNER



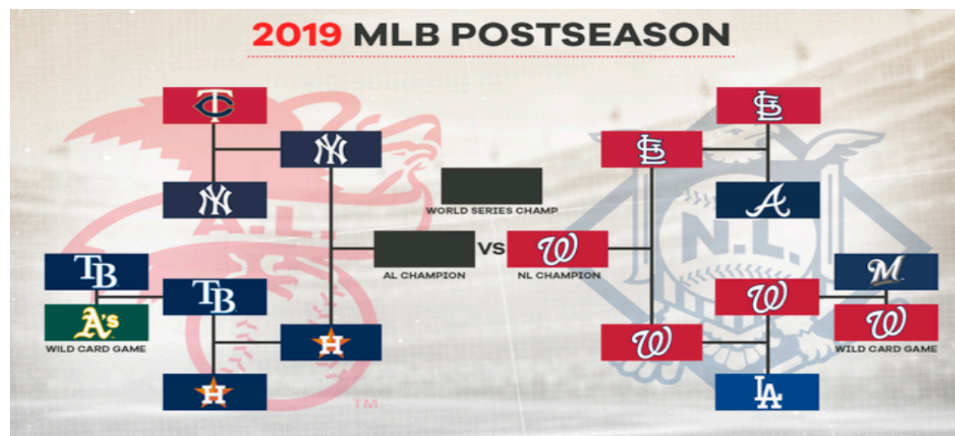
This past month there was yet another breakup in Hollywood, and everyone seems to be talking about it. Travis Scott and Kylie Jenner, who have a one year old daughter together, recently called it quits... for now. Many fans suspect that something had happened between them, as the couple had not been seen out together since Scott's "Look Mom, I Can Fly" documentary premiere. A source close to the former couple explained that they were trying to make their relationship work for a while, but they eventually decided to step away. Since their separation, Kylie seems to be enjoying herself. She has been going out with friends, going to weddings, and enjoying time with her daughter and her family. Travis and Kylie have been keeping Stormi, their daughter, their number one priority and have been parenting her to the best of their abilities as young parents. They do not want this to be the end, but they need a break for a while. Do you think this is the end for these two, or will they eventually get back together?



Travis Scott, Kylie Jenner and Stormi back in August. Photo by TOMMASO BODDI/GETTY IMAGES.



Travis and Kylie at "Look Mom, I Can Fly" premiere. Photo Courtesy of cheatsheet.com



The teams of the MLB that made it to playoff season battle each other to see who gets to go to the World Series 2019. Photo Courtesy of CBS Sports.

BY MARISA ZAVALA

October is the official playoff season for Major League Baseball and quite a bit has happened, so here is a complete summary of scores and who will make it to the World Series.

10/1 National League Wild Card Game: Milwaukee Brewers versus Washington Nationals. The Nationals win with a score of 3-4.

10/2 American League Wild Card Game between the Tampa Bay Rays and Oakland Athletics. The Rays win with a score of 5-1.

10/3 ALDS Game 1 between St. Louis Cardinals and Atlanta Braves. The Cardinals win the game with a close score of 7-6. They lead the series 1-0.

NLDS Game 1 between Washington and the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Dodgers shutout for the first game with a score of 6-0 and start of leading the series 1-0.

10/4 ALDS Game 1 between the Rays and The Houston Astros. Houston wins with a score of 6-2. They lead the series 1-0.

NLDS Game 2 Between the Cardinals and the Braves. Braves shut out the Cardinals Cardinals in a score of 3-0. The series is tied 1 to 1.

ALDS Game 2 between Minnesota Twins and New York Yankees. The Yankees win with a score of 10 to 4. New York leads the series 1-0.

NLDS Game 2 between the Nationals and the Dodgers. The Nationals win with a score of 4-2. The series is tied 1 to 1.

10/5 ALDS Game 2 between the Twins and Yankees. The Yankees win with a score of 8-2. They lead the series 2-0. ALDS Game 2 between the Rays and Astros. The Astros advance with a score of 3-1 and lead the series 2-0.

10/6 NLDS Game 3 between the Braves and Cardinals. The Braves win with a score of 3-1 and lead the series 2-1. NLDS Game 3 between the Dodgers and Nationals. The Dodgers win with a score of 10-4 and take the lead of the series 2-1.

10/7 ALDS Game 3 Astros versus

Rays. Houston wins 10-3 and lead the series 2-1.

NLDS Game 4 Braves and Cardinals win 5-4. The series is tied 2-2.

NLDS Game 4 Dodgers and Nationals. The Nationals win 6-1 and tie the series 2-2.

ALDS Game 3 Yankees and Twins. The Yankees win 5-1 and take the series 3-0. The Yankees advance to the ALCS.

10/8 ALDS Game 4 Astros and Rays 1-4 Tampa Bay Rays, series tied 2-2.

10/9 Game 5 of the NLDS Dodgers versus Nationals The game went on to an extra inning and the Washington Nationals come out victorious with a score of 7-3 and advance to the NLCS.

10/9 NLDS Games 5 Cardinals and Braves. The Cardinals win the game with a score of 13-1. The Cardinals scored 10 runs in the opening inning. This was the biggest opening season in postseason history. The Cardinals advance to the NLCS and wins the series 3-2.

10/10 ALDS Game 5 Rays and Astros 6-1 Tampa Bay Rays.

Houston wins the series and advances to the ALCS.

10/11 NLCS Game 1 Nationals and Cardinals.

Washington leads the series 1-0

10/12 NLCS Game 2 Nationals and Cardinals. Nationals win 3-1.

Washington leads the series 2-0

10/12 ALCS Game 1 Yankees and Astros. Yankees win. New York leads series 1-0.

10/13 ALCS Game 2 Yankees and Astros. Score of 3-2, Astros take it. The series is tied 1-1.

10/17 ALCS Game 4 Astros and Yankees. The Astros win with a score of 8-3.

The Nationals will advance to the World Series for the National League. The World Series is anticipated to start on October 22, 2019 and go until October 30th if all 7 games are necessary.

A New Look to the NBA Antonio Brown vs. the NFL

BY THERESE ENRIQUEZ



After a crazy offseason and 2019 draft, another NBA season is headed your way with a whole new look. This past summer, the Toronto Raptors dethroned the back-to-back NBA champions, the Golden State Warriors, and took the title for the first time in Raptors franchise history. It was the first time since 2015 that the Finals were not Warriors versus Cavaliers, and it was an exciting match up. More exciting news, though, was all the changes to some of your favorite lineups. Here are some of the biggest moves that happened:

With the face of one of the greatest NBA stars on their roster, the Lakers have acquired some big names in basketball. This offseason, players like Anthony Davis, Danny Green, DeMarcus Cousins (injured), and Dwight Howard signed with the Los Angeles team, and primetime LakeShow seems to be making a comeback.

The other Los Angeles basketball team is now also starring new but very familiar faces. 2019 NBA Finals Champion and MVP Kawhi Leonard signed with the Clippers, along with small forward Paul George.

Following the Warriors' Finals loss, 2 time NBA Finals champ Kevin Durant signed with the Nets, NBA veteran Andre Iguodala was traded to the Grizzlies, and another NBA veteran on the team, Shaun Livingston, retired. The Warriors acquired D'Angelo Russell during the offseason. New Orleans may have had one of the most exciting offseasons, as they had the number one pick in the 2019 Draft. The Pelicans drafted Zion Williamson, the most sought after player in the Draft, as well as Jaxon Hayes. In the trade for Anthony Davis, they acquired Lonzo Ball, Brandon Ingram, and Josh Hart from the Lakers.



Zion Williamson in his first season with the Pelicans. Photo Courtesy of Sports Illustrated.

Two out of three of OKC's old big three are back together, this time in Houston, as Oklahoma traded Russell Westbrook to the Rockets for Chris Paul.

These are just a few of the biggest changes that happened over the summer. Make sure to tune in and watch this basketball season unfold as each team fights for their spot in the NBA Playoffs!

BY THERESE ENRIQUEZ



If you read the article last issue on Antonio Brown, you may know that by the time the paper dropped, there was much more to the story. Shortly after Antonio Brown signed with the New England Patriots, he was accused of assault by two separate women, one being a previous trainer that came forward and filed a lawsuit against him. Brown's lawyers have denied all allegations thus far, but the victims have asked the NFL and the Patriots to take legal action. Eleven days after the first victim came forward, the Patriots released Antonio Brown, making him a free agent. The NFL responded by investigating the allegations and will most likely place Brown on the "Commissioner's Exempt List" if he is signed by a club.

In a tweet on September 22nd, Brown posted, "[I] will not be playing in the @NFL anymore. These owners can cancel deals [and] do whatever they want at anytime. We will see if the @NFLPA hold[s] them accountable..."

After countless social media stabs at the NFL and its rules, Antonio Brown is now bringing his conflicts with the NFL to court. He has filed a record amount of nine grievances and appeals against the NFL. Brown believes the NFL has withheld money that he should have received due to fines he has been charged, bonuses, and signing guarantees that went unpaid, which totals almost \$40 million.

After posting his tweet about leaving the NFL, he took to Instagram once again, posting "You guys follow the Patriots, tell them to call me. They still gotta pay me, might as well let me earn it." Now he is trying to resolve issues so he can return to playing in the NFL, but as of now, it does not look like playing for the Patriots is an option for Brown.

The NFL is still conducting investigations on Brown's personal conduct violations while concurrently dealing with the grievances and appeals he filed against them, so bringing Brown back to the NFL is not a priority for them at the moment. We will see how this plays out, but for now, all we know is that Antonio Brown is not in good standing with the NFL.



Antonio Brown and Patriots head coach Bill Belichick in Brown's first and only game with the team. Photo Courtesy of Yahoo! Sports.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Marisa Zavala '20

Get Into the Halloween Spirit

HELLO CONNELLY COMMUNITY, I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GREAT MONTH. AS OCTOBER IS HALLOWEEN SEASON, HERE ARE SOME SPOOKY TUNES TO GET YOU IN THE SPIRIT!

- "Ghostbusters"-Ray Parker Jr.
- "Monster Mash"-Bobby "Borris" Pickett, The Crypt-Kickers
- "This is Halloween" -Nightmare Before Christmas
- "The Twilight Zone"-Jerry Goldsmith
- "Halloween Theme"-John Carpenter
- "Werewolves of London"-Warren Zevon
- "Dead Man's Party"-oingo Boingo
- "I Put a Spell on You"-Screamin' Jay Hawkins
- "I Want Candy"-Bow Wow Wow
- "Eyes of the Night"-Starlight Mints
- "Spooky, Scary Skeletons"-Andrew Gold
- "Somebody's Watching Me" -Rockwell
- "Hungry Like the Wolf"-Duran Duran
- "otherworldly Concerto"(Haunted Mansion) -Gaylord Carter
- "Reel 9"-John Carpenter
- "Theme From Beetle Juice"- Dominik Hauser

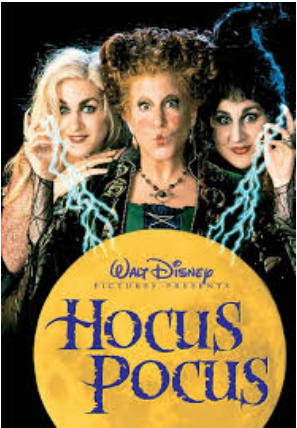
IF YOU ARE MORE INTO MOVIES, HERE ARE SOME FILMS TO GET YOU INTO THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT:



GHOSTBUSTERS IS A MOVIE THAT WILL MAKE YOU SAY "WHO YOU GONNA CALL?"



THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS WILL MAKE YOU EXCITED FOR BOTH HALLOWEEN AND CHRISTMAS AT THE SAME



AFTER WATCHING HOCUS POCUS, YOU WILL WANT A BLACK CAT BY YOU AT ALL TIMES.



HALLOWEENTOWN IS A MUST WATCH IF YOU LOVE TO WATCH DISNEY CHANNEL DURING THE SEASON.

Maya Ordonez '20

Frights and Scares with Maya

KNOTT'S SCARY FARM IS AN EXCLUSIVELY SPOOKY EVENT THAT OCCURS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WHERE KNOTT'S IS OPEN FOR A FUN, SCARY TIME.

For more information about Knott's Scary Farm see Hailey Frogner's article on Page 5



MAYA ORDONEZ '20 TAKES A SELFIE WITH A CLOWN



EMILY ARENDT '20, MAYA ORDONEZ '20, AND CHLOE WEBB '20 ENJOY THEIR TIME TOGETHER AT KNOTT'S SCARY FARM.



MAYA ORDONEZ '20 AND FRIENDS HER FRIENDS POSE FOR A SPOOKY PICTURE.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Daisy Ibarra '20 A Spooky Time at Knott's with Daisy

DAISY WENT TO KNOTT'S SCARY FARM AND HAD A GREAT TIME. SHE SAYS, "KNOTT'S SCARY FARM WAS FILLED WITH FRIGHTS, CHILLS, AND HORROR. I STARTED OFF GOING ON THE RIDES, TO THEN EATING A FUNNEL CAKE, AND THEN WALKING THE BOARDWALK. I SAW SCARY CLOWNS AND GUYS IN STILTS. I HAD A SPOOKTACULAR TIME WITH MY FRIENDS."



DAISY IBARRA '20 SNAPS A PICTURE WITH A CLOWN TO REMEMBER HER SPOOKY TIME AT KNOTT'S SCARY FARM.



CARVING A PUMPKIN IS A FUN AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY TO GET INTO THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT. YOU CAN GO TO A PUMPKIN PATCH WITH YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS AND MAKE MEMORIES TOGETHER. WHEN CARVING A PUMPKIN YOU CAN DO ANY DESIGN YOU SET YOUR MIND TO.



At the end of October to early November, All Souls Day or Dia De Los Muertos is celebrated. Altars or ofrendas are put up to remember family, friends, and loved ones who have gone before us. Disneyland put up decorations to celebrate the holiday for all its guests to see and enjoy. For more information about the history behind Dia De Los Muertos see the article by Regina Zhao on page 5.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is the month of Breast Cancer Awareness. It is a time to celebrate the survivors, mourn those who have passed from breast cancer, and bring awareness in hopes of preventing people from getting breast cancer in the future. It is a fight that is far from finished and has impacted so many lives. In honor of breast cancer this month, below are some quotes about breast cancer as well as words of inspiration for anyone battling breast cancer, survivors, or anyone who knows someone who has been affected by breast cancer.

"WHETHER YOU'RE A MOTHER, FATHER, OR A HUSBAND, OR SON OR A NIECE, OR AN UNCLE OR NEPHEW OR UNCLE, BREAST CANCER DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE" -STEPHANIE MCHAON

"YOU BEAT CANCER BY HOW YOU LIVE, WHY YOU LIVE, AND IN THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU LOVE." - STUART SCOTT

"BREAST CANCER IS SCARY AND NO ONE UNDERSTANDS THAT LIKE ANOTHER WOMAN WHO HAS GONE THROUGH IT TOO." - MINDY STERLING

"SUPPORTING THE FIGHTERS. ADMIRING THE SURVIVORS. HONORING THE TAKEN. AND NEVER, EVER GIVING UP HOPE." -UNKNOWN

**LET YOUR
FAITH
BE BIGGER
THAN YOUR
FEAR**

**OVERCOME
THROUGH
COURAGE
& STRENGTH**

Let's find a cure for breast cancer.

WORLD NEWS



Protesters holding a sign calling for the President's Impeachment. Photo courtesy of Andrew Lichtenstein/Getty Images.

Impeachment Inquiry on President Trump

BY GRACE EDWARDS



On September 24, 2019, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi announced an impeachment inquiry on President Donald Trump, after a whistleblower's complaint. On July 25, 2019, President Trump had a phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. In a transcript of the phone call, it was revealed that Trump urged Zelensky to investigate the son of former US Vice President and current candidate for the 2020 Presidential election, Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden. According to BBC, Hunter Biden in 2014 "accepted a lucrative seat" on the board for Burisma Holdings, one of Ukraine's largest private gas companies. Burisma Holdings is controlled by Ukrainian oligarch, Mykola



Photo courtesy of CNN.

Zlochevsky. There is no evidence of wrongdoing on Hunter Biden's part. According to BBC, This call happened shortly after Trump blocked military aid money for Ukraine.

The impeachment process occurs when the president or any other high-ranking government officials are accused of misconduct. According to the United States Constitution a president can be impeached and be removed if the president is charged with "treason, bribery, or other high crimes of misdemeanors." The process begins with a simple majority vote by Congress, then a two-thirds majority in the Senate. It is vague what happens with impeachment after that, due to the fact only two presidents have been impeached (Bill Clinton and Andrew Johnson), but neither was removed from office.



President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence at an Oval Office ceremony. Photo courtesy of the New York Times.

College Catastrophe

BY SARAH AKHTAR



On March 12, 2019, about 30 parents, teachers, tutors, and coaches came under fire for unlawfully getting their children into universities such as Yale, Georgetown, University of Southern California (USC), and Stanford. Considered to be one of "the largest college admissions scams ever prosecuted by the Department of Justice", this debacle featured notable Hollywood stars, a certain college consultant known as William "Rick" Singer, and a whopping 25 million dollars. Rick Singer, a former basketball coach, was no stranger to funny business. According to educational consultants who knew him, Singer filled his students' college applications with white lies.

According to Singer's philosophy, there was a "front door" and a "back door" to get into colleges. Singer provided parents with a "side door" which is otherwise known as cheating. The system involved bribery, from Singer setting children up with standardized test proctors who would make sure they received great scores, to psychologists who diagnosed children with learning disabilities.

Among parents who got baited were the infamous couple, Lori Loughlin and Mossimo Giannulli. These two parents allegedly paid \$15,000 to get their daughters into elite colleges. Another notable family was the Zhao family, who paid 6.5 million dollars to get their daughter into Stanford.



Felicity Huffman and husband, William H. Macy. Photo courtesy of CNN.

As of now, Rick Singer has plead guilty to all charges and faces up to 65 years in prison. Other parents such as Loughlin and Zhao pleaded not guilty, citing miscommunication. According to them, they believed they were sending a donation to the school. Specific charges are yet to be confirmed, but one thing is for sure, the parents can't use a "side door" to get them out of this one.



Felicity Huffman sentenced to 2 weeks in Jail. Photo courtesy of Shutterstock.

Vaping Death Toll Hits 26

BY GIGI GALLIANI



As smoking rates decline, it appears that vaping rates have spiked. E-cigarettes - battery-powered devices that mimic smoking by heating liquids containing substances such as nicotine and marijuana - are now the most popular smoking device worldwide. Their popularity has risen dramatically, surging from 7 million users in 2011 to 35 million users, within the past few years.

Five million minors, mostly high school students, reported that they have used e-cigarettes recently. About one-quarter of the nation's high school students reported vaping within the last 30 days in this year's annual survey, 20 percent higher than last year's results. The first death to a vaping-related illness was reported on August 23 in Illinois.

This vaping outbreak in the United States has led to nearly 1,300 lung injuries and 26 deaths as of last week. Patients typically experienced coughing, chest pain, or shortness of breath before their health declined to the point that they needed to be hospitalized. Other reported symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, fever, and weight loss.

Officials are not certain as to why

there has been a recent surge in vaping-related deaths and are still trying to figure out what, exactly, is causing people to fall ill. They speculate that the chemicals are to blame.

On Wednesday, Michigan became the first state to ban flavored e-cigarettes -- a measure that the governor announced was vital in protecting the youth's health.

Health officials, lawmakers, and parents have been steadfast in raising awareness about the risks of vaping. In response to concerns about vaping's growing appeal to high school students and newly surfaced death cases, the Trump administration has announced plans to ban all flavored e-cigarettes. "The Trump Administration is making it clear that we intend to clear the market of flavored e-cigarettes to reverse the deeply concerning epidemic of youth e-cigarette use that is impacting children, families, schools and communities. . . We will not stand idly by as these products become an on-ramp to combustible cigarettes or nicotine addiction for a generation of youth," US Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said in the announcement.



Twenty-six people have died from vaping-related disease. Photo courtesy of Vox.



Greta Thunberg addresses the UN Climate Summit on September 23, 2019. Photo courtesy of Rolling Stone.

The General Assembly and Greta

BY RANEEM IFTEKHAR



In mid-September, the 74th general assembly of the UN met in New York City to discuss a range of topics from climate action to nuclear weapon control. World leaders from dozens of countries attended the assembly, and gave speeches that prompted the analysis of their leadership motives. While impeachment investigations in the US and the long conflict over Brexit continues in the UK, their respective leaders gave speeches at the UN emphasizing themes of nationalism and economic growth.

Iran came under intense fire for being the main target of blame after attacks on Saudi Arabian oil tanks earlier in the month, and the country is increasingly pressured to come to an agreement with the US. With heightened insecurity of the state of negotiations between the two countries, sympathy for Iran was low at the assembly.

The assembly broke up into smaller sessions on select issues, where the climate action summit provoked worldwide attention. At the summit, talk of substantive progressive or

commitments to environmental goals was very low and the US's silence and absence from the discussion was seen as a demonstration of their disinterest in committing to a climate action plan. A much talked about highlight of the summit was the fiery and passionate speech of Greta Thunberg, a teen activist who mobilized youth across the world to protest for climate change action.

In the speech, Thunberg accused world leaders of "disappointing and failing us all" with their empty promises and that her generation would "never forgive" the idleness of current heads of state over the issue.



Thunberg's speech at the UN Climate Change Summit. Photo courtesy of USA Today.



Well Done World!

BY GRACE EDWARDS



Well Done World is a feature of the Connelly Chronicle that hopes to create awareness that we are a nation of people who care about one another... well done world!

Former President Jimmy Carter, 95 is building homes for Habitat for Humanity, despite having 14 stitches and a black eye.

- CNN

Carter's passion project of building homes. Photo courtesy of CNN.

In Virginia, a man raises \$8k to pay off lunch debt to high school students.

- ABC

In Northern California, a teen throws birthday parties for homeless children.

- CBS



Tanvi Barman hosts birthday parties for children in homeless shelters. Photo courtesy of CBS.

Emma Watson Launches a hotline for Women experiencing workplace harassment.

- Good News Network

Cousins separated during the Holocaust reunite after being separated for 75 years.

- ABC



Cousins Morris Sana and Simon Mairowitz reunited after 75 years. Photo courtesy of Good Morning America.

Woman to Watch

BY LINDSAY WIPPLER



Amina Ansari is an incredibly accomplished artist who lives in Pakistan.

In fact, her portraits of the British royal family currently hang in Windsor Castle. This amazing woman has found a way to give back to her community through her talents.

In the Pakistanian city of Islamabad, Amina has set up a studio where she teaches others not only her unique style of art, but how to use art as a type of therapy as well. Her students say they have used their art to cope with difficulties such as depression and loss of close family members.

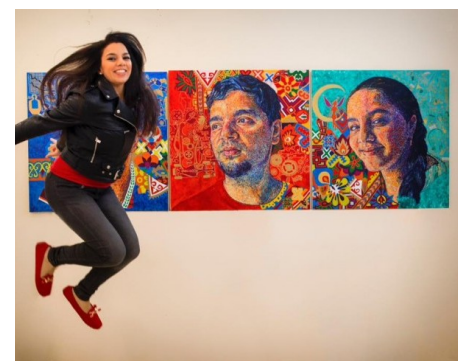
Many of these students express love and admiration for her. When talking about her students, Amina expresses a great deal of affection, saying in an interview that she has “seen them fly” (BBC News). Her goal is to see as many people transformed this way as possible.

Amina is a woman who seems to fly



Amina Ansari is a British-Pakistani artist living in Islamabad who aims to “bridge the gap between East and West”. Photo courtesy of Dawn.

herself. Her native town may view most of her artwork as unorthodox and strange, but Amina reclaims these descriptions. She is proud of her bright, bold, and colorful artwork. Every one of her sculptures and paintings is created with painstaking precision. An article written about her by Chris Cork from the Tribune even suggests that one should “take a magnifying glass to the brushwork”. This individuality is what she seeks to pass on to her students.



Amina shows off her art. Photo courtesy of Tribune.



Donald Trump. Photo courtesy of Green Global Travel.

America and Economy First, No Longer Environmental Protection Policy

BY GIGI GILLIANI



In a shift of policy from his predecessor, the Trump Administration has made a series of regulation rollbacks on environmental or climate change action policies. In September, the Environmental Protection Agency under Trump repealed

the Clean Water Rule and cited its burden on economic growth as the main reason.

In the past months, regulations on methane leakage from oil industries has also been loosened and there continues to be an emphasis from the White House on



"On a climate one world". Photo courtesy of FRANCOIS GUILLOT/AFP/Getty Images

the protection of the fossil fuel industry. In stark contrast to the past administration, the current one has placed an “America’s economy first” perspective on environmental policy both domestic and worldwide.

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