

# The Tiger Tribune

## Letter From The Editor:

Welcome to the October issue of the *Tiger Tribune*! We are now two months into the school year, with many great opportunities awaiting us despite the setbacks the world is facing. We hope everyone is staying safe and strong throughout these months and we hope that things will return to normal as soon and safely as possible. Although the start of a new school year especially in times like these can be tough, our writers have kept and portrayed their creativity through this month's newsletter edition. We always look forward to new ideas, creative writing, and more writers, so do think about joining the *Tiger Tribune* and making change with your writing! We wish you all a happy month and look forward to more writing escapades with you all! Enjoy this issue!

Sincerely,  
Sana Basheer  
Editor-in-Chief  
The Tiger Tribune

## October Survey/Staff Question

By Amir Chermat

“What is your favorite thing about Fall?”

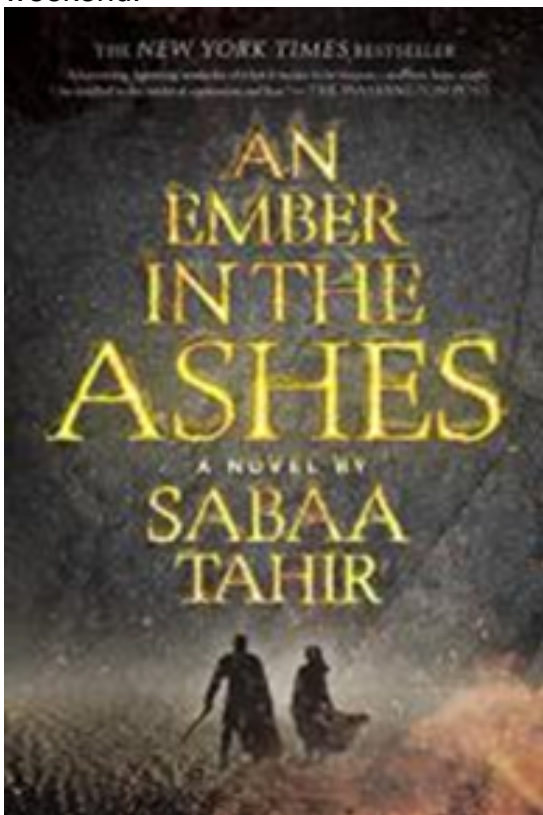
Emily Moy	It is before the cold/flu season, and it is harvest time so there is a bunch of food. And on Thanksgiving, you are with your family!
Melody	The apples. I love apples!
Sahar Farooq	The weather. After the blazing summer, Fall feels like heaven. Ooh, and don't forget the pumpkin pie!
Safiyah Razzak	The weather. It's perfect hoodie weather and I couldn't ask for more after a sweltering summer.
Anaya	I enjoy the weather cooling down and seeing the leaves change. I can also wear cozy clothes and wrap myself in a blanket. The fall festive foods are probably my favorite part, pumpkin pie, pumpkin spice chai, apple cider. All delicious.
Ziyad	When the leaves fall down
Zahra	The best thing is the beautiful colors of the leaves. I love the weather as well.
Amir	My favorite things about Fall are the gorgeous leaf colors, and the stupid amounts of five dollar pumpkin pies that flood the supermarkets.
Zayan Khan	My least favorite thing is the fires; everywhere I look there's either smoke or haze. It really covers up the scenery. However, my favorite thing about fall is how the days slowly become cooler, as the summer has been extremely hot this year.

## October 2020 Book Recommendation:

## **An Ember in The Ashes by Sabaa Tahir**

Summary By: Safiyah Razzak

In a successful attempt to portray the notorious effects of racism, jealousy, and hate, Sabaa Tahir craftily develops a mesmerizing storyline about an orphaned girl, Laia, who is from among the scholars, an oppressed community under the reign of the tyrannical empire. She has been barbarically stripped away from her beloved older brother who has been held captive by the empire and has set herself on an endeavor to free him and move away to the lands where they could live freely. However, how was she going to be able to save her brother? Furthermore, how was she going to be able to infiltrate the empire so she can break him out? An idea pops in her head, and though it is undesirable, it is her only way to succeed. She must seek out the Resistance, the rebellion group that her parents were leaders of, and eventually died for. While Laia continues on this journey as she meets new people and undergoes tremendously difficult and painful experiences, there is Elias Veteritus, a top student at Blackcliff Military Academy, direly attempting to escape the ruthless expectations of the Empire. Everything changes when Laia and Elias meet and extraordinary chemistry builds between them as they begin to notice that they have many of the same ideals and goals. There's only one small issue, the commandant of the academy is Laia's master and Elias's mother, forcing them to stay separated from each other and proving to be an obstacle for Laia to free her brother. As she continues on with her errands for the commandant, she realizes all the hidden secrets of her brother, he might be in bigger danger than she thought, and then a horror dawns upon her, is he still alive? As she faces all these speculations, she is trying to free herself from the commandant's wrath and comprehend her complicated relationship with Elias. This action-packed story is sure to interest any young adult reader who loves a good thriller book to read on the weekend!



## **Uy Scuti, the Biggest Star**

By Husna Basheer

Whenever we talk about stars, many people think about the stars we normally see or even the Sun. Some people think that the Sun is one of the biggest stars. However, the biggest star ever discovered is Uy Scuti. Uy Scuti is a supergiant and it is red. (Supergiants are stars that are brighter than normal stars.) It was discovered by German scientists in 1860. Uy Scuti is located in the Milky Way and is part of the constellation Scutum. Uy Scuti is 5,219 light years away from the Earth. Its radius is 738.35 million miles. It is more than 30 times bigger than the Sun! UY Scuti is 5597.33 degrees Fahrenheit. Compared to the Sun, Uy Scuti is much cooler, but compared to the Earth, Uy Scuti is really hot! It is around 340,000 times brighter than the sun. Uy Scuti is in the red Supergiant stage. It will explode as a supernova and will die in a few billion years. (A supernova is when stars explode because they run out of fuel.) When it explodes, we might be able to see it from Earth! While many people may not know about Uy Scuti, it is the biggest star ever discovered in our solar system!

## **The Surrender of the Nez Percé Indians**

By Maryam Masood

On the 5th of October, 1877, Chief Joseph surrendered to General Nelson A. Miles in Montana, after attempting to lead a band of the Nez Percé Indians out of the United States and into Canada.

Chief Joseph's Native American name was Him-mah-too-yah-lat-kekt, which meant "Thunder Rolling Down the Mountain." After his father died in 1871, he had been elected chief of the Wallowa band of Nez Percé Indians. For several years after this, Chief Joseph attempted to peacefully prevent the removal of the Wallowa from their homeland in Wallowa Valley, in Oregon. He negotiated with the government in 1873 to secure their right to stay in their homeland. However, in 1877, General Oliver Otis Howard forced the Wallowa to move out of Wallowa Valley to a reservation in Idaho, breaking a land treaty with the Nez Percé. Though Chief Joseph tried to maintain peace, there was some violence following the breaking of the treaty, which led to the Nez Percé war.

On the way to Idaho, Chief Joseph found out that a group of Nez Percé men had attacked a group of white settlers in anger at the forced removal of their people from their homeland. Chief Joseph feared that the U.S. Army would retaliate against them, and began a retreat to Canada. For more than three months, he led a band of Nez Percé, avoiding and battling some 2,000 pursuing American soldiers, over 1,000 miles toward the Canadian border.

The Nez Percé were only forty miles away from Canada, in the Bear Paw Mountains of Montana, when they surrendered to General Miles. After their surrender, the Nez Percé were relocated to Kansas and eventually to a reservation in Oklahoma, even though Chief Joseph had negotiated for a safe return to their homeland. In 1879, Chief Joseph went to Washington, D.C., to ask the government again for the return of his people to his homeland. It was not until 1885, nine years before his death, that they were allowed to return to the Pacific Northwest, though they were still far from their homeland.

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## **National Carry a Tune Week**

By Emily Moy

National Carry a Tune Week is the week of October 7. This week is meant to lift people's spirits, and it is especially true during the coronavirus. It reminds you to carry a tune in your heart that has a special and good meaning to it and a great feeling.

October 7 is also the birthday of songwriter Ralph Rainger (1901-1942). He wrote film songs, including "Love in Bloom" (1934), first recorded by Bing Crosby but which later became Jack Benny's theme song. He also wrote the Oscar-winning song, "Thanks for the Memory" that became Bob Hope's theme song! It is the birthday of even more composers, songwriters, and singers, including William Billings. October 7 was even the date that the popular program, YOUR HIT PARADE, premiered on national TV in 1950.

The American Tune Lovers Society opens a survey for people to suggest their favorite tune. The tunes are recorded in a growing list of favorites. People pick a favorite tune from school days, from a favorite song on the radio or elsewhere, from a love relationship, from a concert, in memory of a departed family member or friend, or from any other time!

But, there are also very strict rules to pick a tune. Like, it must be from before 2001, and it must be American in origin. Why? Because the week was organized as a tribute to those lost during the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. So, organizers decided to have only American tunes written before 2001. That is why this is a week to lift people's spirits!

There are six categories and the categories are the following; Patriotic, Folk, Religious, Pop, Classical, and Film.

For the patriotic, here are some great songs!

"You're A Grand Old Flag" (George M. Cohan)

"God Bless America" (Irving Berlin)

"The Stars and Stripes Forever March" (John P. Sousa)

For folk, try

"Home on the Range" (Daniel M. Kelley)

"This Land Is Your Land" (Woody Guthrie)

"Midnight Special" (Huddie Ledbetter/ Leadbelly)

For pop,

"Cold, Cold Heart" (Hank Williams)

"Solitude" (Duke Ellington)

"Someone to Watch Over Me" (George Gershwin)

The list goes on and on because there are lots of great songs to choose from!  
Have fun singing along!

# National Dessert Month

By: Anaya Cambridge

National Dessert month takes place in October, and, boy, we are in for some delicious sweets. Autumn is in full swing, and the food industry has brought back fall festive flavors such as pumpkin, apple, and other warm spices. We will also be seeing an increase in Halloween candies, so prepare to stock up! National Dessert month is not limited to one dessert as we have seen with other national holidays (Brownie Day, Ice Cream Day, etc.) You can have any kind of dessert this month in celebration, store bought or homemade. Personally, I enjoy homemade over store bought desserts. However, I'll never turn down a pumpkin spice chai latte from Starbucks. Some ideas for homemade desserts include: pumpkin bread, cookies and baked apples. A couple of days ago I made a lemon meringue pie for the first time; everything was homemade. It wasn't very fall-themed but it was the best pie I've ever made. The crust was buttery and flaky and the lemon curd was smooth and wasn't too tart. I think the meringue was my favorite part. It was so light and smooth, it tasted like marshmallows! So, enjoy this month; homemade or not, treating yourself to something delicious is sure to brighten your mood and add a smile to your face.

"NATIONAL DESSERT MONTH - October." National Day Calendar, 23 Oct. 2018, [nationaldaycalendar.com/national-dessert-month-october](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-dessert-month-october)

## The Big One

By Ziyad Shaikh

The year is 1989. You are sitting in Candlestick Park in San Francisco, watching the 1989 World Series between the SF Giants and Oakland Athletics. Suddenly, you feel shaking. As the shaking intensifies, it hits you: You are experiencing an earthquake. Then, you hear screaming and people sprinting towards the exit. You do the same. The next day, you hear on the news' 63 deaths and 3,757 casualties. One part of the Bay Bridge (I-80) also collapsed (which was recently rebuilt). Another part of I-880 (Nimitz Freeway) near Oakland crumbled. The Loma Prieta earthquake caused many economic casualties as well. This was one of the last major earthquakes to hit California. However, scientists are saying that California is due for another major earthquake, known as "The Big One." Although we cannot do anything to stop this natural disaster, there are many ways to prepare and stay safe. Before an earthquake, you can earthquake-proof your house. You can put heavy items below on shelves, especially in kitchens. Each household should have an emergency supply box with food, water, radio, batteries, flashlight, and any other items you feel are important. During an earthquake, there are also many do's and don'ts. First, do not panic. This can lead to stupid decisions. Second, get under any sturdy piece of furniture such as a table to protect yourself from falling debris. Third, don't run outside. This is mainly because the ground is shaking, so you could fall and injure yourself. Finally, wait patiently for the shaking to stop. Usually, this could be 10-15 seconds. If you follow these steps, you should be fine. Hope you learned something!

## Fire Safety Tips

By Abdallah Khan

With all the wildfires that have been blazing through California recently, I thought I'd share some important fire safety tips that everyone should be aware of.

1. Know when to evacuate. Wildfires spread fast, and getting out of wildfire's path before it spreads to your location is crucial for survival. Attempting to stay and fight it out with a garden hose isn't the best option, especially as most wildfires grow to massive sizes. So check with your county/city for updates on the situation, and obey evacuation orders.

2. **Fire-Proof your House.** Evacuation doesn't mean leaving your house and valuables to burn to ashes; by fire-proofing your house before you go, you'll have better odds of having your house intact when you return. Since wildfires spread through high winds and fuel such as dry branches/leaves, it is crucial to clear away any such items that could end up fueling the fire. Be sure to cut your lawn short and to clean your gutter of any dry branches and leaves. Another good idea is to plant fire-resistant plants around the perimeter of your house to cut the fire off in its path.
3. **Use a Wet Cloth as a Smoke Mask.** If you don't have any smoke masks in stock, and find yourself caught in the middle of a smoky inferno, you can make a quick smoke mask by wetting a napkin and placing it over your mouth. This will filter the smoke, and let you breathe through the smoke.
4. **Pet Boarding.** If you find yourself unable to take your pet(s) along with you during evacuation, you can make use of pet boarding services that many places offer during wildfires and times of crisis. You can look up places where this service is available for your city online.

These were some tips that you should probably know to be prepared for sudden blazes during this fire season. Take care, and stay safe.



## **World Mental Health Day**

By Zahra Shaikh

The world is experiencing the great impact of an unthinkable pandemic. COVID-19 has not only affected the physical health of millions but has also impacted their mental health. We already know that the levels of fear, anxiety, isolation, emotional distress, and social distancing have already increased while the world struggles to bring the pandemic under control and to find solutions. We also know that the levels of anxiety and depression were already very high prior to this worldwide virus.

In order to support and change the current states of people's minds, World Mental Health Day, a program of the World Federation for Mental Health, has a great significance and importance. One of its themes include the statement that mental health is a human right. No one should ever be denied mental health care, and it needs to become a reality for all. Despite the effects of social distancing and quarantine, we have to work together to find solutions and to facilitate mental health for everyone. Remember that World Mental Health Day is not a one-day moment. It is something we start promoting on October 10, and continue on forever, making sure no one is left behind.

# Science Column: Meteorology

By Emily Moy

Weather is always very complex. We don't always know when natural disasters or sunny days will happen. Today I'll talk about meteorology, the study of weather. I've always wondered how, just how do they measure the weather, and I'm sure you have too. They use RADAR, or Radio Detection And Ranging. They send out signals that get deflected by clouds and rain, so they know where precipitation is, and they create maps out of it.

They also use measures of temperature, pressure, humidity, precipitation, and lots of other information, like satellites to make even more complex maps!

Using all these different sources, they create weather maps that can be used by climatologists, who study weather over a long period of time to predict the weather!

Weather maps sometimes have isobars, which are signals of wind and air pressure, so they know where it's windy and cold. Below is a picture of a isobar map of North America.



Just like isobars, there are isotherm maps, that, if you guessed, are of temperatures. Instead of signal-looking bars, there are horizontal waves that show areas and temperatures. Below is a picture of an isothermal map of North America.



I think the weather is very fun and very complex and I hope you do too!

# Freedom of Speech Week

By Amir Chermat

On the third week of October, which would be the week of the 11th this year, our country celebrates Freedom of Speech Week. Even if we are so used to it, many of the things that we read and say today are only possible thanks to the First Amendment. Unlike other governments, there is nothing that Congress can do to prohibit the way we speak about and protest against our government. The press is free to write whatever it wants, and so are we. If you look into older, or even modern newspapers, you will find incredibly criticizing things said about our government and President. How often do you see a news headline featuring a picture of Donald Trump and some triggering tagline?

The ability for the media, or even a student such as you or myself, to write whatever they would like about our government is very powerful and says a lot about the concept of freedom that birthed our country. To celebrate this holiday, consider writing something about our government on social media. Or perhaps you would like to post a political sign in your yard, which is totally protected by the First Amendment. You have the right as an American citizen to do it.

## **Two Basic Laws**

By Lucas Jorrick

I've recently been reading a book called *Whatever Happened to Justice?* with my Mom. This book is about law. It states an intelligent point of view about law. The book says that law can be put into two basic categories. The first one being "Do all that you agree to do" and the second one saying "Do not encroach on other persons or their property." Also, remember other miscellaneous laws that are already in today's society.

An example of the first category would be if you signed a contract. If you signed a contract and did what it said, you would be fine. The category is there to enforce that people do what they agreed to do. You don't sign an agreement to work five days a week and work once a week. You wouldn't be doing what you agreed to do by not going to work on the appointed times. Another example, if you sign for a loan, you need to pay the lender back with the interest you agreed to. That way the lender gets the profit that you agreed to pay. The first category would be a basic part of a law.

The second category would be an even more important part of a basic law. Let's first figure out what "Do not encroach on other persons or their property" means. The meaning of encroach is "the intrusion on a person's territory and rights." Now that we know the definition of encroach, let's see the meaning of this statement. It would mean that you do not invade people's property or liberties. This category prohibits robbing people or their homes. This law is saying that you cannot steal, kidnap, or force them to do something against their will. The second category would be a basic part of developing the law too.

Now, let's summarize what we just talked about. You will do all that you said you would do. And you will not encroach on people's property, rights, or liberties. These two laws have to be a part of any strong law system. Without these two laws, there would not be a strong society. Without these basic laws, there would be no functionality in today's society.

## **Sports Column:**

The NBA Is Finally Back!

By Sahar Farooq

The COVID-19 Pandemic shut down sports all over the world. With no real basket games to play, NBA players started playing basketball video games against each other. In April, their games were even streaming on ESPN!

The NBA 2K20 Players Tournament started on the first Friday of April, and it lasted for 5 days. 16 NBA players got ready with their headsets on, competing for the grand prize: a \$100,000 donation to a charity of their choice for coronavirus relief efforts. While there is nothing like being in the arena watching a real-life basketball game, video games have gotten pretty close to the real thing. And since gaming and streaming was pretty much the only thing basketball players were allowed to get competitive with, many were sure that it was soon going to take over the sports world. Gaming soon became a new routine for many people. Athletes would wake up in the morning, have



breakfast and go straight onto their games. On July 30, 2020, the NBA finally resumed playing in-person in their “NBA Bubble.” Much to the country’s relief, the basketball games are finally back on!



## Tiger Tribune Trivia

By Melody Moy

### Questions:

1. What year was the Tiger Tribune first started?
2. Who was the first editor-in-chief?
3. How many editors-in-chief has the Tiger Tribune been through?
4. Who were the original members of the Tiger Tribune?

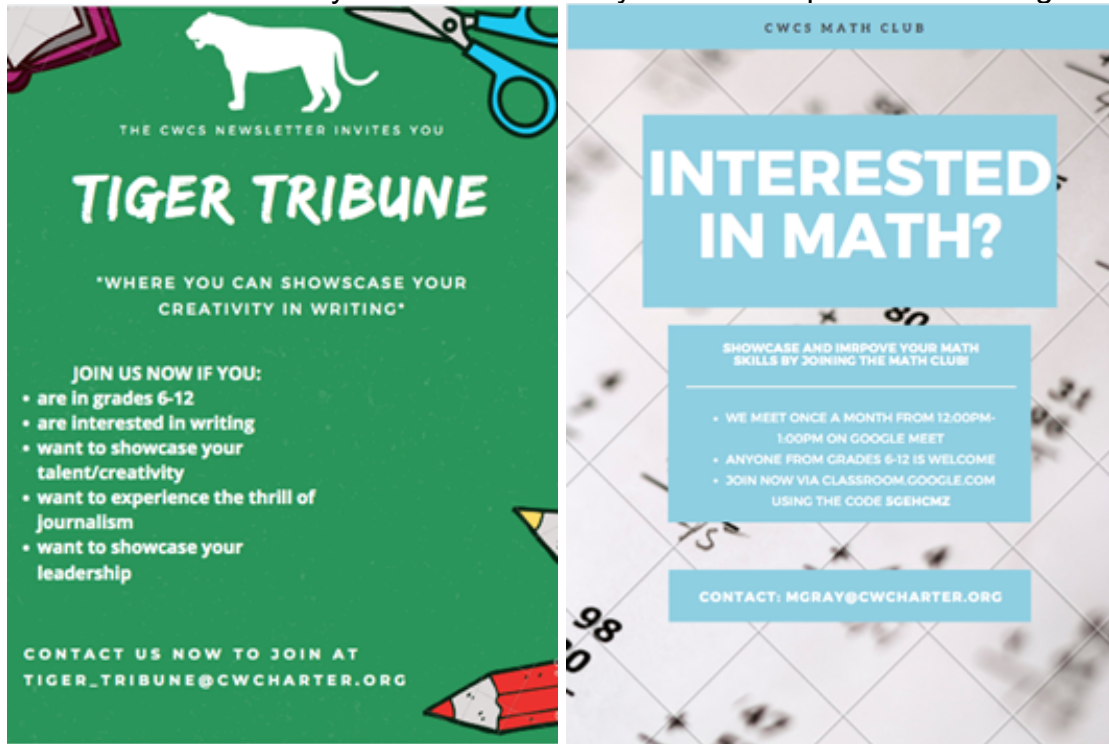
### Advanced Questions!

5. Tiger Tribune used to meet on
  - a) Google Hangouts
  - b) Moodle
  - c) Zoom
  - d) All of the above!\*put the platforms in order to get the question right!
6. What do you need to do to hold an editor/officer position?
7. How old do you have to be to join the Tiger Tribune?
8. What are the core values of the Tiger Tribune?
9. If I want to join the Tiger Tribune, what should I do?

## Extracurriculars and More

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### **Tiger Tribune Trivia Answers:**

1. Tiger Tribune was started in 2016.
2. The first editor was Jocelyn.
3. The Tiger Tribune has been through four editors-in-chief.
4. The original members were Jocelyn, Allie, Megan, Melody, and Savannah.
5. Google Hangouts, Moodle, Zoom. (All of the above is also acceptable if you do not know the correct order)
6. You will need to fill out an application.
7. Middle or High school.
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