

## *Café Kent explodes with talent!*



Hillary Donohue and Erick Fernandez perform during Café Kent.

By *The Kent Word Staff*

The happenin' spot in Litchfield County is at Café Kent. What Café Kent lacks in coffee and cappuccino is made up for with entertainment.

Students shared everything from poetry to acting, spoken word to singing and dancing on five separate occasions in the Student Center. Performers included most of the teaching assistants and faculty members. Several students also shared their work either individually or as part of an ensemble. During the last week, there was a special Café Kent where students who had not yet read their work were given the first opportunity to read.

"It's nice to be able to share my poems with people who want to listen," said Sylvia Martinez.

One memorable and "tasty" moment was when Dr. Greene prepared a strawberry cream cheese, jalepeno and octopus bagel. Dr. Greene ate the bagel to reward his students for their excellent persuasive essays.

Eric Fernandez sang "I Believe I Can Fly" by R. Kelly and "All My Life" by K-c and

*Photo by John Gonzalez*

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## London struck twice by terrorism

By *Camila Aguais and  
Giulia Palermo*

London has been underseige. Two weeks after the first terrorist attack in London the terrorists struck again on July 21. All this commotion has changed London a lot.

The first attack took place on

July 7. At 8:50 a.m., three bombs exploded in the underground Westbound and Eastbound of Circle Line, and Southbound Picadilly Line. Then another bomb exploded on a double-decker bus at Tavistock Square at 9:47 a.m. All four bombs were placed in stations or on

a bus to spread terror in every direction. Seven hundred people were injured and 56 people died including the four suicide bombers.

The police are not sure if the explosion on the bus was caused by a suicide bomber or if it was

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## Poetry and music combine to make magic



Members of synonymUS helped students blend poetry and rhythm.

*Photo by John Kim*

**By The Kent Word Staff**

The Visiting Artist series brought synonymUS to Writers Camp on July 18.

Founded in May 2002 and curated by Raymond Daniel Medina, synonymUS is a group that uses music and improvisation to help the written word soar off the page.

The camp's Visiting Artist series was expanded this year to reinforce the ideas of creativity in other aspects of life, not just writing; synonymUS was a perfect addition. By inviting campers to read their poetry in a unique and creative atmosphere, they painted an improvised musical canvas for their pieces.

SynonymUS, which includes Writing Camp faculty member Abena Koomson, started off the evening by performing three pieces. Poets Jessica Elizabeth, Rich Villar, and Oscar Bermeo performed their poetry, spoken over improvised music provided by Koomson, Medina and Scott and Stephanie Williams.

"The jazzy music was exciting and suspenseful since everything was improvised. Scott played an amazing solo on the saxophone when I read my poem" said Benson Ku, who performed one of his poems on Monday night with synonymUS.

Even though the music was improvised, the musicians were completely in sync. Band members Scott and Stephanie Williams said improvising music has become easier as they have gotten to know each other better; it is easier to find a rhythm and play off each other.

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## Visiting Writers inspire new creations

By *The Kent Word Staff*

Anything can happen on Visiting Writers Day. You can take a trip to the rainforests, or visit the cliffs of despair, or let your words lead you where you have never been before.

Poet, novelist, and Professor Davyne Verstandig visited Ms. Koomson's class. She brought her creative and unique exercises into the classroom.

She urged students to go with instincts rather than over-think their writing. The students loved the thought of "not thinking" and did very well with the exercise. She also read a memoir that afternoon that many of the campers said was humorous.

Wendy Welshans, a biologist and teacher, showed Mrs. Rader's class slides of her adventures in Costa Rica. She amazed the class with pictures of spiders, bullet ants and many more kinds of animals.

"She is a woman who has a lot of knowledge and great ideas that inspired me," said Danel Gimenez. She also showed students that writing grants, patents and research reports can change the world.

Sandra Bishop Ebner gave Dr. Greene's class a list with words and told them to choose 10 that they liked and make a story using them. Then she taught the class how to break up the stories to form poems. She read "Setting Traps" in the class and in the auditorium. First most of the students didn't understand what she meant in the poem. But after she read it again, they got it.

Author and Kent teacher Tom Hunt spoke to Mrs. Palm's class about his upcoming book, *The Cliffs of Despair: a Journey to Suicide's Edge*. He also shared some rules for writing including using strong verbs, avoiding adverbs and forms of "to be." He also reminded students to "show, don't tell." Then students had a chance to use the rules by writing a letter, poem or essay.

Frances Chamberlain, who works for the *Heritage Villager* and is a freelancer for *The New York Times* and *The Hartford Courant*, visited Ms. Bolus's class.

Chamberlain said she likes to experiment with all types of writing. She attended Shymer College and was an English major in a Great Books program, where she had no textbooks and read all the original pieces of literature.

After graduating from college,

Chamberlain was not sure what career path she should take, so she worked as a waitress while deciding. One day she discovered an ad from a local newspaper that wanted an editor. She did not know anything about journalism, but with experience, she said she has learned a lot.

Besides journalism, she enjoys all types of writing. She has published some of her poetry and has other books.

"Writing can be very powerful," said Chamberlain. She has written editorials about certain issues that have changed some decisions. Chamberlain wrote one article about a farmer whose land was going to be destroyed to make a parking lot and edited an article about a local library lacking many classic books. Both of these articles made a difference.



Davyne Verstandig works with students during Visiting Writers Day.

*Photo by Elizabeth Jenkins*



Elizabeth Jenkins started as a camper and returned as a Teaching Assistant.

*Photo by Alexa Ho-Kang-You*

## Meet Elizabeth Jenkins!

*By Alexa Ho-Kang-You*

You probably know Elizabeth Jenkins is one of the Teaching Assistants. However, there are so many things you may not know about her.

### 1. Why did you come to Kent this summer?

I was a student here at the summer writer's camp in 1999 and 2000 and was a TA last year. Since the other TA's of last summer and I loved the Writer's Camp experience, we decided to come back together.

### 2. Which three words describe you best?

- Dramatic
- Artsy
- Fun Loving

### 3. What is your favorite color?

I really like green.

### 4. What is your favorite clothing store? Why?

J. Crew, because I really like preppy clothing with a funky twist. And J. Crew does a good job combining classic preppy with funky modern style.

### 5. If you could change your name, which name would you choose? Why?

I would change it to Felicity, which is my middle- and confirmation name. I also like it because it means great happiness and bliss.

### 6. Are you a morning, afternoon or night person?

An afternoon person, because I hate mornings. If I could I would sleep until two in the afternoon. I get tired at night and I get my high energy burst in the afternoon.

### 7. So, how do you wake up at seven in the morning here?

I set my alarm really early, for example if we have to wake up at 7:15, I'll set my alarm for 6:45. I also put my clock 5 minutes early so I actually wake up at 6:40. When I wake up I hit the snooze button. My body automatically wakes up 15 minutes later, I guess I have it well trained.

### 8. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? Why?

South Africa, I always wanted to go there because of the culture. I also want to go there because I've never been the minority in a culture.

### 9. Which ice cream flavor describes you best?

One Sweet Whirl, which was inspired by Dave Matthews and I'm often inspired by Dave Matthews when I write.

### 10. Would you rather go bungee jumping or skydiving?

Neither. I have an intense fear of heights.

### 11. Are you a dog or cat person?

Cat person. I have two cats: Tootles and Wonkit. But I dream of having my own apartment with a Malkie (a dog that is a mix of a Maltese and a Yorkie).

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**12. When is your birth date?**  
December 24<sup>th</sup> 1985.

**13. If you could buy anything in the world, what would it be?**

A Balenciaga bag, it looks really cool but costs a lot of money.

A Balincia bag is a medium sized bag that is usually leather, it has tassels hanging off of it and comes in different colors. I would get one in Lime Green.

**14. What are your goals for the future?**

After I graduate from college, I want to go Columbia Teachers College to get my masters in education to become a kindergarten teacher.

**15. Why a kindergarten teacher?**

I really like little kids. They're at the age where they learn how to read and write. I feel like it's a very important stage of life with respect to education. It is exciting and amazing

to watch kindergartners soak up languages, something adults and teenagers take for granted.

**16. Do you have any nicknames? If so, what are they and how did you get them?**

I have two nicknames: Izzy and Pudding.

Izzy because in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade my best friend Michelle and I watched a T.V. show called *Anne of Avonlea*. One characters name was Isabel but they called her Izzy. We liked the name and my nickname became, Izzy, and my friend Michelle became Mishy.

Pudding I got in college, because I tried to make pudding, with out using measuring cups. It ended up being a big disaster.

**17. Do you speak any languages other than English? If so, which are they?**

French and a little Spanish. I started Spanish in college in my

sophomore year, becuase next summer I'm going to study abroad in Spain.

**18. If you had a superpower, which would it, be. Why?**

To turn into a cat every once in a while. My cats have the best life, I'm jealous of the them.

**19. Do you have any advice for the kids at Kent Writers Camp?**

Take advantage of all the opportunities that this camp gives you. So many kids all over the world don't have these opportunities like seeing Shakespeare shows and working with great teachers and visiting artists.

**20. What is your favorite quote?**

“If I spend “\$40,000 on shoes and I have no place to live, I will literally be the old woman who lived in her shoes.”

- Carrie Bradshaw

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Jojo. Reid Paul, Alex Bliss and Gian Lodevole rocked the house with the song “Hotel California” by the Eagles. Emily Verona, Esther Brot and Lauren Kincade sang “Let It Be” by the Beatles. John Henry sang “Fire and Rain” by James Taylor and, in collaboration with Fernandez, performed “Jingle Bells.”

Café Kent was also a place where poems and new writing pieces premiere every few days.

“It's fun because you get to hear what people have worked on,” said Melanie Potts.

Because students are in different classes and workshops, they don't always get a chance to hear what their peers have been waorking on. Cafe Kent also gives students a wider audience for their work. “You get nervous, but when it's over, you feel relieved that people like your work,” Fernandez

said about his poetry.

In addition to poetry students and faculty members read short stories, monologues and dialogues. The Café was the perfect place to try out a new piece of writing or perform an older piece for a new audience. The supportive writing community made it easier to share.

As Ally Harvey summed up, “It's good stuff.”

## *International flair fuels camp*

*By Mariah Shanahan*

Students from all over the world come to the Kent Summer Writers Camp. This year there are students from Spain, England, Italy, Thailand, Taiwan, Germany and all over America.

Giulia Valentina Palermo, 14 is from Turin, Italy. This is her first time in America.

"I found everything really perfect and well organized and everybody seemed to be following the rules, unlike in Italy where nobody follows the rules," she said. "I had like four pages of questionnaires to answer. They were going crazy; they took my fingerprints and my picture."

She said she is enjoying her stay at the camp, but would like to change the sizes of the room. She thinks they are too small.

She really likes the lessons and teachers at Kent. She thinks it was great that she could easily make friends and that everybody was open to new friendships.

Palermo came to camp because she really enjoys writing and the Kent campus looked beautiful from the pictures online.

Palermo is very interested in the G-8 meetings. She says, "I didn't really have enough time to follow the G-8 meeting, but I usually do. I think we should have these



**International students Camila Aguais and Giulia Palermo.**

*Photo by Jessica Spall*

meetings more often and that they need to be able to make drastic descions in order to make countries agree and have peace throughout the world."

## *Gonzalez enjoys himself in America*

*By Sylvia Martinez*

Hailing all the way from the capital city of Spain, Madrid, John Gonzalez is here on his second visit to America to attend the Kent Summer Writers Camp.

Last summer Gonzalez came to America for the first time. He went to Pennsylvania to visit with family.

He said he is not homesick because he knows that in a couple of weeks he will see his family again. He also feels welcomed here and it helps him with his homesickness.

When asked what were some bad things that he might have heard about America he replied that he had not heard any.

Some good things he has encountered in America are the many sports, and most of the people he has

met are respectful and nice. However the different names for sports in America can be confusing.

"When they told me we were going to play football I thought we were going



**John Gonzalez**

*Photo by Sylvia Martinez*

to play soccer. Then when they told me we were going to play soccer I didn't know what it was," Gonzalez said.

Two places that Gonzalez really wants to visit in America are Hawaii and Washington, D.C. because he has heard good things about these places.

Gonzalez describes the United States as being similar to his home because most people are really caring and nice.

Gonzalez also describes the United States as being different from his home.

"Spain's climate is dry. There are no bull fights here and Spain is smaller."

He said he would he visit America again to see family and enjoy himself.

On a scale of 1-10, Gonzalez would rate America a nine. "The people that I have met have been really nice to me," he said.

## Getting to know roommates is part of the fun

By John Kim

Living with another guy isn't an easy thing to do.

Rooms are always smelly no matter how hard you try to get rid of it, and your room is always filled with a sweaty pile of clothes.

However, living with a roommate is really fun. He could be from a different state or even a different country. You get to share each other's different experiences. Here are the answers boys in Field Dorm gave to some interesting questions about their roommates:

### Where is your roommate from?

The most students answered, "New York." However, there were also students from Taiwan, Connecticut, Korea, and Germany.

### What time does he wake up?

The average time of wake up was 7:15 when one of our TAs, Jacob Winkler, starts to sing "Rise, Shine Give God your glory, glory..."

### What is his favorite band?

The response was very diverse. Some said their roommates listen to hard, loud music. Others said their roommates played Jack Johnson and Limp Bizkit the most. Erick Fernandez's roommate Charlie Ferguson answered that he likes most of the music.

### What are his talents?

This question had very interesting answers. Gian Lodevole liked to draw things; Leon von Ullmann's talent was soccer. Ferguson said Fernandez's talent was singing and acting ghetto. Brandon Bottini's roommate Franz Burda said his talent was soccer, dancing, and getting along with girls.

### What is his favorite sport?

Their favorite sports were very diverse. There was tennis, soccer, basketball, lacrosse, and baseball.

### Is your roommate easy to get along with?

Almost everyone said that they get along with their roommates very easily and they like their roommates.

### What is his favorite food?

The question for favorite food

was diverse too. The most interesting answer could be Fernandez's favorite food, as stated by his roommate Charlie, "It's anything black" and "Candies for sure," answered another roommate.

Though it was only three weeks, everyone seemed to have a lot of fun with their roommates even though it was a "smelly" job.

## Students give opinions on Peer-to-Peer Sharing

By Benson Ku

Millions of people download music using peer to peer (P2P) file sharing networks. They get music for free, and the networks are easy to use.

Yet many are not aware that P2P file sharing is illegal.

When eight students were interviewed about P2P sharing, they all thought it was legal. When they found out it was illegal, they agreed that the possibility of getting caught was almost zero. They say that everybody does it.

Many even said they wanted to help out the artists by spreading their music to a wider audience.

They go to networks like Limewire.com and Edonkey.com because they don't have to pay for music.

The simple truth is that copying copyrighted songs is illegal and wrong. It robs musicians of the

right to make a living.

On the Limewire.com website, there is a notice of copyright infringement. It reads: *Copyright laws and laws pertaining to patents and inventions protect the works of authorship and inventions. Individuals who reproduce, distribute, receive copies, publicly perform or display works or inventions other than their own and without consent of the owners or holders of rights, or their authorized agents, in original works of authorship or inventions, may be a violation of copyright, patent or other intellectual property infringement. Limewire LLC does not encourage or condone the illegal copying of copyrighted material.*

On the average students said they download about 15 songs a day. They share what they download, because they never thought of not sharing.

## Teenagers want to see stars

By Morgan Evans

Today, people watch celebrities do their thing on TV, in music videos, on the runway, and on a stage.

We see celebrities everywhere, it's possible to read about them in magazines, tabloids, newspapers and books. There are TV shows devoted to celebrity lives and so on. Celebrities make an unrealistic amount of money to do their job, and people envy them. People claim to hate them, but yet, everyone loves to know all about them, especially teenage girls of all ages.

Many girls today idolize and can't live without their favorite magazine with So and So on the cover; they also look up to celebrities for their fashion and life-styles. Why are teens so obsessed with celebrities today? It's probably safe to say that today most American teens are or could be considered star-struck.

Most girls interviewed say they are interested in celebrities.

Mariah Shanahan, 14, said, "It depends on what type of celebrity they are." Shanahan added that she doesn't have a favorite celebrity and isn't really *that* into them, but she still loves to read magazines.

"I don't believe what most magazines say," she said.

Shanahan is not the only one. Most of the girls that were interviewed said that they don't believe most of what they hear in magazines, but some of the gossip they do believe.

Of course, seeing that girls

today are reading magazines more, they all have that certain celebrity that they think is way overexposed and annoying.

"Britney Spears," Jennifer Schaffer, 13, said.

"Right now, Tom Cruise," Emily Knapsack, 13, said.

"Paris Hilton," Shanahan, added.

Girls today also have a favorite celebrity that they love or idolize. Angelina Jolie came up as the number one favorite and celebrity most girls would want to meet; though someone decided to break the chain. Hillary Donohue's all-time favorite is "Beyonce."

Magazines today aren't read by girls everywhere just for the gossip, but for fashion too. Today, girls like to buy and read fashion magazines to try and keep up with the hottest styles and celebrity trends.

"Yeah, I like to follow celebrity trends sometimes," said Melanie Potts, 14.

Some girls may say that they do not like to follow celebrity trends, but they seem awfully well informed about what it going on in the stars' lives.

When asked if they would want to be a celebrity, opinion was once again mixed. Would they want to live life in the spotlight 24/7?

"Yeah, I would love to be a celebrity because you get to go to the coolest parties," Shanahan said.

"No, I wouldn't want to be a celebrity because I like my privacy," Jennifer Schaffer said.

Potts had just one word:

"Paparazzi."

Many of the girls said that they would consider themselves one of the many star-struck teenage girls in America. Some claimed they were not part of the start-struck epidemic, or were only interested in celebrities some of the time.

If this is what girls do today to keep themselves entertained, no one is stopping them. What girl wouldn't want to read fashion magazines and talk junk about what celebrities are going through in life? Celebrity worshipping is just what the world is surrounded by today and it's just something that has happened to rub off more and teenage girls than anyone else.

Even though guys say they do not care as much about movie stars, they do care about certain types of celebrities.

"I like to read about professional athletes, not movie stars," said Danel Gimenez. Benson Ku said, "I only care about celebrities who gove back to the community."

It seems everybody cares a little about celebrities.



## The Kent School oozes with history

*By Kristen Zublin*

Many campers say coming to Kent for camp has been an enjoyable experience. However many are probably wondering about the history of the school and the town as well.

Frederick Herbert Sill founded the school in 1906. The history of Kent School is a history of new and improved education. The school's motto is "Temperantia, Fiducia, Constantia. Translated, that means, "Simplicity of Life, Directness of Purpose, and Self-Reliance."

Originally, Kent was an all-boys school until 1960, when the separate girls campus was built. Then in 1992 both the girls' and boys' campuses were consolidated.

Father Sill was committed to educating "all walks of life," which created an equal opportunity for people who could not afford the tuition to receive what is called financial aid.



*Photo by Elizabeth Jenkins*

Kent was founded with an Episcopal affiliation. With two school Chaplains, students at Kent find this atmosphere more understanding. Twice a week the whole school gathers in St. Joseph's Chapel.

Part of the Kent School experience in living in the small

town of Kent, located in Litchfield County. The Housatonic River runs through Kent. The campus itself sits directly next to the riverside.

Coming to camp here at the Kent School has been an amazing experience. As you depart the campus and go home you should



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*Photos by Jessica Spall*

## B-Rad sums it up

By *Erick Fernandez*

William Bradford Wetherell is 22 years old and is a teaching assistant at the Kent Writer's Camp.

Wetherell worked in this camp last year and said "This program is a great amalgamation of kids from all over the world. I like the thought of helping kids all over the world."

Wetherell learned this camp when he looked at a Yale website and found a listing for the position. He decided to work here because he loves writing. "I think it's a valuable tool for kids to have," Wetherell said.

During his spare time Wetherell loves to either read or write. He said he reads all the time, and when he's not reading, he is not inspired by a book, and is writing instead.

He also likes playing sports. His favorite sports are basketball and soccer. He likes soccer because he says it is a game of instinct and not a lot about strategy. He also likes basketball because, "You could play it at any town, whether you are alone or not."

When he was younger, Wetherell wanted to be a basketball player because he says there is no better job than playing games all day.

He just finished college in May at the University of Connecticut (UConn), where he majored in English with a concentration in Creative Writing and a minor in Political Science.

Some of the things he likes about the camp are the mixture of students from all over the world and watching kids go from being tentative and nervous, to becoming friends a couple of days later.

Around the end of the first week one of the funniest and "tastiest" things happened in the dining hall at lunch. Wetherell ate a bagel with octopus, strawberry

leave this place for a night. So I'm still poor, and yeah, I'd do it again."

Wetherell hopes to accomplish many things during the rest of his life.

"I want to travel to Switzerland, where I plan to marry my bodacious wife, who I will have five children with. And once the youngest one is 5 years old, we'll



**Intrepid teaching Assistant Brad Wetherell**

cream cheese, and jalapeno peppers. For a few moments he had the spotlight on him. Almost the entire the camp watched as he chowed down the bagel.

"The taste of the octopus overpowered most of the other tastes, but I felt the jalapenos burning in the back of my throat," he said. .

Why did he do it? Would he ever do it again?

"Because I'm poor and someone offered me a dollar. I spent that dollar on gas so I could

have a family band and travel the countryside singing heavy metal lullabies at martini bars."

And as for his future as a T.A. at camp next year, it's still in the air.

"I do not make plans, because if you don't make them, they can't fall through. I say live in the moment, make decisions in the moment," he said.

He ended the interview with one of his "famous" jokes.

"Two drums and a symbol fall off a cliff. Ba-dum chhh!"

## Cultures combine at Writers Camp

*By Kate Intal and Danel Gimenez*

This summer, 47 talented writers came together to do what they do best.

Many of the campers were ecstatic about coming to Kent Writers camp because they like to write and have been writing for years.

Some campers came because their parents wanted them to, while others came not knowing what lay ahead of them. Some had to travel nineteen hours by plane just to come to the Kent Writers Camp.

“This has been the most diverse group so far,” said Mr. Todd Marble, Director of the Kent Writers Camp.

Two students arrived all the way from Thailand, four from Taiwan, one from Korea, one from Germany, one from Italy, one from Spain, one from Aruba, and one from England.

John Kim, from Seoul, South Korea, had to take a 14-hour plane ride and a 3 hour drive to Kent. He will also be coming to Kent full time this fall.

Others did not have to travel as far. Nineteen of the 47 campers are from New York: Manhattan, the Bronx, or smaller towns such as Pawling. The other 16 campers are either from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, Illinois, Virginia, Louisiana, Michigan or Connecticut.

Some campers heard about the camp through school advisors, some through school competitions,

and others through family. John Kim from Korea was told about camp by the admissions director of his school.

Sylvia Martinez heard about the camp through a competition that was held in her school. As for Alexa Ho-Kang-You, she heard about camp through her mom who attended high school at the Kent School.

Another foreign student, Leon von Ullmann, from Germany. He came to camp because his parents were friends with the parents of a Kent student.

In fact, some campers will be attending the Kent School this September. John Gonzalez, from Spain, said he thought coming to

the Kent Writers Camp would give him a “brighter idea of what it would be like to come to the Kent School.”

Home is definitely different compared to camp. For foreign students, home compared to America can be as different as the many flavors of Coca Cola. There is the time difference, or the difference in the time they would normally go to bed.

July 29 may be when the Kent Writers Camp ends, but the fun doesn't end there for all the campers. Some campers will attend other camps. Others will be going on family vacations, and some might just be staying home and spending time with relatives.

### Top 10 reasons to miss camp

1. The good friends we've made in just three weeks
2. The teaching assistants who were ALWAYS there for us
3. The bee-ooo-tiful Kent Campus
4. The astounding visiting artists
5. The trips to parks, plays and arcades
6. Cafe Kent where we were all stars
7. Living in the dorms ('nuff said.)
8. The teachers who made us think
9. The food ( really 'nuff said)
10. Brad's popsicle jokes

# Features

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set off accidentally on the way to another target.

The second terrorist attack took place 15 days later. Out of four bombs, two of the detonators went off. The attack was not as effective as the first one. No one died and one person was injured. The bombs were placed in three underground stations: Shephard’s Bush, Warren Street, and an Oval Underground Station. A fourth explosive was placed in a bus at Hackney Road, again in stations and a bus North, South, East, and West.

The UK has taken serious security measures to protect their city and citizens: security was raised to the highest levels all across England. There are many more police officers walking around the underground stations.

*Kent Word* reporters conducted in interview of a Scott Aguais, who has been living in London since the attacks.

***Kent Word:* Mr. Aguais, you were in London when the terrorist attacks first affected the underground. Could you tell us more about it?**

Aguais: I normally commute from West Byfleet to Canary Wharf to get to my office there at Barclays Capital, an investment bank. I walk about 10 minutes to the train station in West Byfleet, the take

train to get to Waterloo which normally takes about 30 minutes on average and then I take the Jubilee line from Waterloo to Canary Wharf. Sometimes I come in early, getting to the office between 7:30 and 8 a.m., but more likely I get to the office between 8:30 and 9 a.m. On that day, the day of the bombing, I arrived at Waterloo at about 8:25 am and then took a Jubilee line train at about 8:30, getting to Canary Wharf at about 8:45 and to my office at about 8:50.

***Kent Word:* So you were in the underground at the time when the bombs went off at 8:50, but you weren’t in the stations bombed.**

Aguais: Yes. On Thursday, 7/7, everyone was very happy that London had been chosen the day before as the site of the 2012 Olympic games, so everyone was in a very happy mood. On that day, the day of the bombing, I arrived at Waterloo at about 8:25 a.m. and then took a Jubilee line train at about 8:30, getting to Canary Wharf at about 8:45 and to my office at about 8:50. I saw Martin King who works on our team and he looked upset. I asked him why he seemed upset and he mentioned that some bombs had gone off in the tube.

At that point we were all starting looking at the BBC on their web page. The first reports

were quite confusing as some referred to explosions and some referred to a power surge. At about 11:30 a.m. it was clear that something substantial was going on and we walked to the other end of our floor to see a TV that was on. Ironically, this was the same TV we saw the live announcement of the Olympic win the day before. The BBC was reporting that multiple explosions had taken place in three or four tube stations and a bus as well.

By early afternoon, and number of messages had been sent to employees throughout the banks suggesting that to be safe, everyone should stay in the office. I went to a meeting representing my team, which is about 12 people and we were advised that the bank’s management were reviewing the situation.

At that point it was clear, that no public transportation was available, as the Tube and buses were all shut down. I decided to walk out with the rest of my team and to try as best as possible, by walking, to get everyone home safe.

When we got to Waterloo there was increased police numbers, but not excessively so. The overland trains to W. Byfleet were running fine, so I took a train home.

I didn’t go to work on Friday, and Monday, then, was my first

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day. It seemed that the tube traffic was a little lighter, but not too much. Most people went back to work by Tuesday and things have now returned pretty much to normal.

The security seems more intense, and the main impact of this is the fact that there are more London Police (Bobbies) in each station, walking around. They are more evident in Waterloo and in Canary Wharf. In fact two days before the bombing, a policewoman asked the person three people behind me to show her what was in his backpack.

The overall impression is that (Prime Minister Tony) Blair has done a good job handling the situation. Blair first spoke on TV, from the G-8 summit on Thursday morning, saying it seemed like terrorists had organized the bombs. Then he also spoke with all of the rest of the G-8 leaders standing behind him, before he came to London in the afternoon. He went back to the Summit in the evening and the Friday meetings and then returned in the afternoon to chair the crisis meetings. Everyone has been very supportive and has pulled together, so that includes supporting a leader like Blair at a crucial time.

In the 10 days since the

bombings, there have been discussions that they (terrorists) could strike again. Now that it has been discovered that the bombers were British born Muslims, there is concern because they had more bombs in their cars, and they had more bombs at their homes. But their families didn't know what they were up to! Generally, I think there is a good chance that this will happen again, and the government is telling people to continue to be careful. On the other hand, the police have moved very quickly to find out who the bombers were as they all kept their ID cards with them. This means that in the short-run, maybe the police have found most of the existing bombs.

*The Kent Word also interviewed Mr Aguais after the second bombings on July 21.*

Aguais: It turns out that I chose (luckily) to work at home yesterday, when the second set of bombings took place. I was actually, therefore, at home when it happened and I didn't have the TV on. I walked down to the village to get some lunch and heard people talking about the bombings so I went home to catch up on what had happened.

In two cases on a tube and the bus, the detonator went off and the bomb didn't. On the bus a couple of windows were

damaged. Because the bombs didn't go off, the bombers then ran away and were chased by passengers and it isn't clear yet if they were caught.

One of the good pieces of news, is by not blowing up, the police experts now have the bombs, which they wouldn't have if they had successfully blown up. That means maybe that they have more clues to help in catching whomever has done this.

I feel now that this is going to be an ongoing issue until all of the people can be captured. I heard one person saying “Are they going to do this every two weeks?”

But not only England is in a alarmed state. Italy and Scotland could be the next terrorist targets, and scared by the terrorist experts, also they are tightening their security. “Italy,” says a terrorist expert, “may be the next target because it will host the Olympics in 2006 and because it still has troops in Iraq while Scotland hosted the G-8 meeting. Experts advise these two countries to be alert and focus security on the possible targets.

# Features

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## Concerts, summit work to end African poverty

*By Camila Aguais and  
Giulia Palermo*

Live 8 is a chance for people to get involved in ending extreme poverty in Africa, and make the G-8 hear the voices of the public.

At the Live 8 Concert in Philadelphia you could hear **Alicia Keys, Black-eyed Peas, Bon Jovi, Jay-Z, Destiny's Child, Dave Matthews Band, Linkin Park, and Will Smith.**

At the Live 8 Concert in London you could hear **Madonna, Snoop Dog, Maroon 5, Sting, Scissor Sisters, U2, The Killers, Joss Stone, Keane, Mariah Carey, Pink Floyd, Dido, REM, and P Diddy.**

Live 8 was a series of 10 huge charity concerts held around the world: London, Paris, Berlin, Moscow, Rome, Philadelphia, Tokyo, Johannesburg and Toronto. Musician Bob Geldof created the idea based on Live Aid which was similar Live 8 except held in Philadelphia and London. Also Live Aid raised money for African cultures but the Live 8 concerts want to raise people's awareness about the problems in Africa and get people to pressure their governments for change.

The concerts are supposed to pressure the members of the G-8 to end poverty in Africa.

The G-8 is a summit of the most powerful world leaders to discuss problems around the world. Its members include Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. This year's meeting was held in Edinburgh, Scotland.

## Goffe brings dance improvisation to *Kent*

by John Gonzalez

The improvisational dancer Deborah Goffe inspired writers to combine poetry and movement, as she kicked off the Visiting Artists CO-LAB-ORATION series with Artist-in-residence Abena Koomson on July 15.

For their first piece, Koomson read a poem while Goffe played music and created an improvisational dance on the spot. After another collaboration with Ms. Koomson, students and teachers got a chance to explore this area of poetry and movement. After breaking into three groups, each person in the group contributed a word and a movement.

After the performance Goffe spoke about her life and how she chose to be a dancer. She was born in Hartford Connecticut in 1974. From a young age she liked dancing, but she never imagined her first job would be dancing.

"I didn't like many of the dances I was exposed to as a child because they were too free and made women look fragile," she said.

When she was young she wanted to be a nurse for babies, a doctor, or a fashion designer. As she was studying fashion design a teacher encouraged her to consider dance in addition to fashion design.

"When I was at college I had the opportunity to focus on dance and making dances so I came to the foreground," she said.

Goffe is the director and creator of Scapegoat Garden, an interpretive dance company. She is constantly



Deborah Goffe brings improvisational dance to Writers Camp.

Photo by Leigh Rader

improvising new movements.

"I get my movements at the studio while I improvise. If I like something, I add it. If I don't like them I get rid of them, like a writer."

She said she would like the new generation to accept, comprehend and respect all the art forms.

"Their work as writers doesn't have to exist by itself, but it can live with other art forms," she said.

She also wanted to convey a bigger idea of dance. "I got the sense that they got a brighter idea of what dance can be," she said. "I enjoyed being here!"

One student suggested applause for Kent School because Goffe said she really liked dealing with the students.

Sylvia Martínez said, "It

was interesting to watch different movements of dancing, and how she collaborated with different forms of music."

Mariah Shanahan said "I thought that when we got up and did something, it was fun. I liked how random the dances were."

Morgan Evans added "I like the part when she did the shoulder stand and when she danced in a white, flowing, skirt."

Teaching Assistant Elizabeth Jenkins said, "The collaboration between the dancer and Abena was one of the most intense and beautiful things I've ever seen."

Teaching Assistant Jacob Winkler added, "It shows that everyone can be brilliant and productive."

## *Possibilities are unless with the human voice*

*By The Kent Word Staff*

Campers who thought they'd heard just about everything got a surprise from vocal artist Victoria Christgau and percussionist Fre At Last.

The duo were the fourth and final visiting artists in the Co-lab-ORATION series held on July 26 in the air-conditioned science building.

Christgau tried on many voices during the performance, including a Queens accent, a British accent, an Indian accent, and she even barked like a dog at one point. Artist in Residence Abena Koomson also joined in with an African accent and a honk. They urged students to think of their voices as a tool that could be used for many types of communication.

All of the exercises were designed to help students realize the incredible potential of the human voice.

Fre provided the beat during several call and response songs so that campers could dance as well as sing or speak.

"The dancing was fun and the drumming was interesting," said Sylvia Martinez. "She was an entertaining and unique visiting artist. She taught us to use sounds instead of reading or writing."



**Vocalist Victoria Christgau helps campers explore the potential of the human voice.**

*photo by Julia Bolus*

Christgau helped everyone realize that if they have a voice, they can sing. She asked campers how many people were singers. A few hands went up. Then she asked how many people sing in the shower. More hands went up. Then she asked how many people sing in the car. By the time she was done, almost every hand was raised.

Students learned a short Brazilian call and response song and then divided into four rows, with each row dancing and singing their responses in turn.

"It was fun because you got to speak in a different voice and you didn't have to make it up. You could just copy off of someone," said Melanie Potts.

Campers had a chance to develop their own call and response songs by contributing a sound.

"I'm glad that Victoria was our visiting artist," said Benson Ku. "She had a different approach to helping me explore new ways to use my voice."



## Who's winning the Pennant?

by *Erick Fernandez*

Although the year's far from over, I have a projected winner of the pennant and the World Series contenders of both leagues.

For the American League some teams are making noise for the playoffs. The team with the best record is the Chicago White Sox. They have surprised many people with their great start in the first half of the season. Even though they have the best record in the American League, I will count against the team winning the pennant.

I will bet my money on the Boston Red Sox. They will need to hold off teams like the Yankees, the White Sox, The Angels and the the Orioles , but they have solid players

offensively with Manny Ramirez, David Ortiz, and Johnny Damon. The Red Sox can also count on spiritual leaders like Jason Varitek, Kevin Millar. They have solid defense with Edgar Renteria and Trot Nixon. All these players have experience in the playoffs. They are solid players, and they work as a team. All this will help them be on top of the American League. Watch out for the Sox this October.

In the National League, I predict that the team with the best record is going to win the pennant. It will be hard holding off all those feisty teams in the National League East. In the east, all five teams are close to each other and have a handful

of games that separate each of them. I think it will be one of Eastern Division teams will take the pennant from the Cardinals if they do not pay attention.

The Cardinals have a great batting order with Larry Walker, Albert Pujols and Jim Edmonds in the middle of their lineup. They have one of the best, if not the best, lineup in the Major League right now. They have a good quality starting pitching staff with Chris Carpenter, Mark Mulder, Matt Morris, Jason Marquis and Jeff Suppan; and they have have Ray King and Jason Isringhausen to end the game.

Look for Boston and St. Louis to go far again in the playoffs.

## Campers pick favorite sports

By Danel Gimenez

Sports, sports and more sports. Campers love sports. This year at the Kent Writers Camp I polled every camper to see which were their favorite sports.

The process was easy; I just passed a sheet around to everyone on campus and asked him or her to write their name and favorite sport.

Some times the picking took really long because people couldn't decide on which sport to take as their favorite one, but it all worked out fine. After conducting this poll I was impressed by the results because they were so different. Ok, here's the results

Basketball: 15  
Baseball: 3  
Volleyball: 17  
Lacrosse: 9

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WHO MADE  
AFTERNOON  
SPORTS  
AND ACTIVITIES  
FUN!

## Jackson wins victory in an absurd case

*By Benson Ku*

The man behind helping the world by donating millions of dollars to the less fortunate, Michael Jackson, was recently accused and acquitted of molesting a child.

Some people claimed that Jackson was guilty because the child who accused him said so. However, one cannot assume that the accuser is speaking the truth especially when it seems clear his parents forced him to say so.

There was a history of feuds between Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon and Michael Jackson. It might have started in the year 1993 when Sneddon tried to build a child-molestation case against Jackson while, coincidentally Jackson released his album *Greatest-Hits Collection* in the same year. In my opinion, the false accusations sabotaged his album sales record. During the earlier investigation, Sneddon told officers to handle Jackson roughly, Jackson said on *60 Minutes*. The ordeal was the inspiration of a 1995 song titled "D.S." that Jackson included on his *History* album. The song is widely believed to refer to the district attorney, and contains these lines, "They wanna get me dead or alive." The liner notes say Jackson sings, "Dom Sheldon is a cold man." However, listeners say Jackson clearly sings

"Tom Sneddon" and "Thomas Sneddon." In a February 2003 profile, the National District Attorneys Association called Sneddon "the only D.A. in the nation to have an angry song written about him by pop megastar Michael Jackson."

Considering the bad blood between Sneddon and Jackson, it was no surprise when the District Attorney initiated a new case in the wake of the most recent charges against Jackson.

Without a childhood, Michael Jackson built Neverland Ranch to try to rebuild what he lost. One of the hundreds of children whom Jackson invited to Neverland, accused Jackson of molesting him. On *60 Minutes*, Michael Jackson said he had slept on the floor in the same room with children. However, the media immediately transformed what he said into something else. Instead of what Jackson meant as literally sleeping, the press made Jackson look like a pedophile. WorldNet Daily.com wrote "Michael Jackson confesses: I sleep with boys." District Attorney Tom Sneddon was trying to prove Jackson guilty while Jackson's defense team protected him from the false allegations.

Sneddon built a shaky case that case is plagued with loopholes. First, one of Jackson's

lawyers claimed that the accuser already had a history of lying and making up false allegations. Allegedly, his mother had used her child several times to sue various companies. JC Penny was a victim in a case that the mother won.

As I watched the case, it seemed that whenever the boy claimed to get hurt, his mother would sue and would not seek help for the "damage" done to her son. It seemed like the mother's goal was money.

When the boy testified, he contradicted himself many times with a worried look on his face. CBSNEWS.COM stated, "The witness also contradicted himself on a couple of points. Under questioning by Mesereau, he said Jackson would give him money whenever he read a book or got an A. Under questioning by one of the prosecutors, he said that did not happen." Another weakness in this case was that three of the five children, alleged Jackson molestees, denied any untoward behavior and insist that MJ is a pal among pals. That just leaves one boy, and another who refused to take the stand.

In conclusion, I feel Michael Jackson, who dedicated his life to helping others, is not guilty of any child molestation allegations. The case is simply too weak and absurd to believe.

## Vintage rocks American fashions

By *Morgan Evans and  
Mariah Shanahan*

Girls want to look good everywhere they go, right? Girls want to look good even if they are just walking down the road, going to the grocery store, playing sports outside or even in the house. Sure, your hair has to look right, and a little make up might be needed here and there but what you wear is definitely the most important asset.

Trash those ribbons and bows; get rid of those pleated skirts, ruffled skirts, polka dots and stripes. Move over last year's fashions and say hello to 2005 vintage.

When most people think of vintage most people think of '40s and '50s clothes. Well, that's all vintage, also called the sloppy-chic style. Now, the big question is how can you dress the part?

To dress the part, try wearing an assortment of cowboy boots, boho dresses, hobo bags, peasant skirts or flowing skirts, long necklaces, droopy earrings, flats, big, wooden bracelets, and black tights. It's a weird assortment of clothes, but it doesn't all have to be worn together. Try wearing a cute boho dress with cowboy boots and droopy, jeweled earrings. Wear black tights under a jean mini and cute pointed or round-toed flats with long jeans or any kind of skirt. A cute hobo bag can top it all off.

For all of those preppy



people out there who want to look in style, but do not want to get rid of your preppy-ness, try wearing, flipped collar polos with droopy earrings, a mini, and cowboy boots. Bermuda shorts are also good to wear with flats and a plain top with long necklaces and if you want to go for the cowboy hat...go with it! Wooden bracelets

can go with just about anything.

If you are a person who has a love for denim, it is coming back into style! Denim jackets and vests are the newest addition to 2005 fashion. Wear cowboy boots over some jeans with a denim vest. The jean and jean situation is no longer an issue.

So, that's fashion for the summer and early fall. If you need fashion help try <http://www.teenvogue.com> or any other fashion magazines and websites. Take it from the fashion experts: Mariah and Morgan.

## Appreciate our American heroes

by Jennifer Schaffer

They give up the peace and comfort of their homes to fight out on the harsh battlefields of foreign lands. They leave their loved ones to defend the freedom of complete strangers. They give up their lives for the sake of ours.

Shouldn't we be celebrating these men and women? Shouldn't we be decorating them and welcoming them home with parades and parties? Tonight, we are going to let 700,000 of our soldiers, our veterans, our American heroes, sleep on the streets, homeless, disabled, plagued by disease... now. I don't think that's very patriotic on our behalf, and if you do, you don't know what being a true American is.

About one third of America's homeless once served in our armed forces. The number of Vietnam veterans that are homeless or living in poverty is now higher than the number of soldiers that died on the battlefield. Studies say that there is no known connection between serving in the armed forces and homelessness. Rather, scientists say, it is lack of support from family and friends, that causes the large number of homeless veterans. Almost all homeless veterans are male (only 3 percent

are female), single, and come from dysfunctional and/or poor backgrounds. Homeless veterans are generally older and more educated than homeless non-veterans. Unfortunately, roughly 45 percent of America's homeless war veterans suffer from mental illnesses, and, with substantial overlap, more than 70 percent have alcohol and/or other drug abuse problems. About 56 percent of homeless veterans are African American or Hispanic. These are the cold, hard facts. Do they make you sad? Depressed even? Do they make you think

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*Tonight, we are going to let 700,000 of our soldiers, our veterans, our American heroes, sleep on the streets, homeless, disabled, plagued by disease...*

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twice when you see a homeless man or woman on the streets, asking you for a couple of coins? Then take action.

There are many organizations and foundations that are trying to help our

homeless American war heroes. However, they can not achieve their goal without the help of the American public. So instead of spending \$80 on a pair of jeans from Abercrombie and Fitch, why not spend it on a foundation for clothing for homeless veterans, so they can be warm this winter. Instead of spending your weekend going to the movies with your friends, why not take the day off from your busy social schedule and serve soup to the veterans in your city. Instead of sitting at home, reading this essay, feeling guilty, get out and do something to honor the men and women that defended your country.

Please visit The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans at <http://www.nchv.org/network.cfm> for ways to find out how you can help the veterans in your part of the country.

It's time for our veterans to see how much we appreciate them, it's time for us to give back to the community, it's time to say "Thank You".

## *Queen Review: We will rock you!*

*By Camila Aguais*

“We Will Rock You” is a unique rock musical you will want to experience again and again. The storyline fits perfectly with Queen’s music, the actors glow in their roles, the stage is enhanced with special effects, and the singing is incredible. WWRY is the best musical I have ever seen.

Set in the future, WWRY is about the bohemians of Planet Mall rebelling against the Ga Ga world. In the Ga Ga world everyone listens to the same music, wears the same clothes, and thinks the same thoughts.

All music is generated by computers at a company called Globalsoft. It all begins with a teen called Galileo who has odd dreams about a time when music was made by instruments, and he also does not think all the same thoughts as everyone else.

He along with a girl named Scaramouche are captured by the Killer Queen, who runs Globalsoft, and the police who think that anyone who does not follow the fashions and listen to their music is not good.

Galileo and Scaramouche escape, and meet a couple of

bohemians named Britney Spears and Meat.

Galileo tells them about his dreams, and discovers that the bohemians believe what he is saying.

One of the songs he has dreamed about, turns out to be part of their testament. The time when people made their own music with instruments is what the bohemians call the Rhapsody.

Britney and Meat then take Galileo and Scaramouche to the Heartbreak Hotel to meet their other bohemian friends. They all tell him more about their beliefs and dreams, which are very similar to Galileo’s. He also discovers he is the chosen one to find the place of living rock and the musical instruments.

Will Galileo and Scaramouche successfully complete their journey while the Globalsoft cops are trying to kill them?

All the main characters were handpicked, and do an amazing job singing. The entire cast has so much energy and gets so into the music.

The costumes are very creative since they are set in the future. For example, the normal Ga Ga teen would wear white clothing with a sheet of

transparent, neon-colored piece of plastic over that.

The stage effects are very good too. There are six giant plasma screens at the original production that I saw in London at the Dominion theatre. For instance, they showed blazing fire and explosions in the song that the Killer Queen sung called “Another One Bites the Dust.” These screens also moved out to the sides of the stage or to the back whenever the actors needed more space, or did not need the screens.

All in all, I have found only one word to describe WWRY: Perfect. When you experience it you are too captivated by everything that you just don’t notice anything wrong or that you would change about it.

WWRY is the ultimate dream come true for a Queen

## Need advice, ask Coco

Dear Coco,

All the boys at Kent like me so they always hang around me. All the girls are jealous and say that I am trying to show off. How do I make the girls see it is not my fault that I am hot?

-Ms. Perfect

Dear Ms. Perfect,

Girls here at camp are jealous of people like you. They act as if they are your friends just to be around the boys. Dump them.

Dear Coco,

Why is Kent picnic food always cold chicken, dry sandwiches, granola bars, water and apple juice?

-Hungry

Dear Hungry,

I usually have an answer to every question but this time I do not. I have stayed at Kent for 3 weeks and have gone on several "picnics" but I still cannot tell why the food is always the same. Sorry.

Dear Coco,

Why don't my parents send me any mail or packages?

-Jealous of Other Campers

Dear Jealous of Other Campers,  
I am going to tell you the truth why that happens. Your mom is having her nails done and your dad and your grandma are vacationing in Taiwan. I'm sure they will right as soon as they can. Call me for the



number to my therapist just in case you need to talk.

Dear Coco,

How do I deal with all the TA's on my case? Are all Americans like this?

-Foreigner

Dear Foreigner,

Yes, all Americans are like this. If any of the TA's annoy you, just talk about them in a different language. That is what I always did.

Dear Coco,

I have a problem. My roommate's music is awful, and I do not know how to tell her. Can you help me out?

-Scarred Ears

Dear Scarred Ears,

Tell your roommate her music is hideous. Then you hide her music and convince her to listen only to your music. If she does not like it,

tell her "Oh well, there are kids starving around the world."

Dear Coco,

Why aren't the Popsicle jokes Brad tells funny?

-Bored

Dear Bored,

All the Popsicle jokes Brad tells aren't funny because Brad is telling them. Ask someone else to tell you the joke. I guarantee you they will be funnier.

Dear Coco,

My roommate sleeps without pajamas. It's blinded me for life.

Dear Blinded,

Take a picture and put it by his or her pillow. After one look he or she will get the point.

Dear Coco,

My roommate has horrible fashion sense. She wears cowboy boots with capris and she's dyed her hair purple. How can I help her without hurting her feelings.

-dying to give a makeover

Dear Dying,

Every day insist on her wearing your clothes. Don't take "No" for an answer because you have to share, and she is your roommate. Make sure she lets you do her hair.

## Campers' share favorite quotes

*By Alexa Ho-Kang-You*

Recently students, teachers and TAs shared some of their favorite quotations.

*Submitted by Shannon Hurst:*

“Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination.” - Mary Oliver

*Submitted by Elizabeth Jenkins*

“If I spend “\$40.000 on shoes and I have no place to live, I will literally be the old woman who lived in her shoes.”– Carrie Bradshaw, *Sex And*

*The City*

*Submitted by Joanna Barker*

“A lot of good things have come out of dreaming.”- Arthur Miller

*Submitted by Kristen Zublin*

“You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.”- Wayne Gretzky

Submitted by Benson Ku

“Most people see things and wonder why, I dream things that never were and say why not?”-Robert Kennedy

*Submitted by Leigh Rader*

“Be one on whom nothing is lost.”

-E.M. Forster

Several campers also responded with original sayings.

“No soap, radio!” –Brandon Bottini

“What goes around comes around. This comes for a reason.”-Corinna Skeete

“Why are we dying to live, when we're living to die.”- Coco Martinez

## Jungle palm controversy put to rest

*By John Kim*

“Are there palm trees in the jungle?” This simple question was the most controversial issue at Kent Summer Writers Camp.

This question was asked by Krit Singh (14), who is coming to Kent next year. We were learning about trusting each other and building a community on a low ropes course in the woods near Southfield.

Singh contended “There are no palm trees in the jungle.”

However, Franz Burda (14) and Charlie Ferguson (13) disagreed by saying “There are palm trees in the jungle”

Later, the question became a huge controversy between people who were there at the time. For a while, the controversy seemed to be over.

However, at dinner that night, Singh and Burda went from table to table asking the question. Soon the whole camp was fighting over palm tree issue, even the TAs.

Before telling you the answer, the 9 people out of 14 believed there are palm trees in the jungle.

So are there palm trees in the jungle? The answer is yes.

Palm trees have 220 geni, 2500 species. Palm trees are usually distributed in tropical, sub-tropical zones, and some are can grow up in temperate zones. Tropical zone means jungle. Therefore, there are palm trees in the jungle.

“It can't be true, it just can't be” said Singh after hearing the answer. After arguing and debating for about a week we finally know the answer.

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