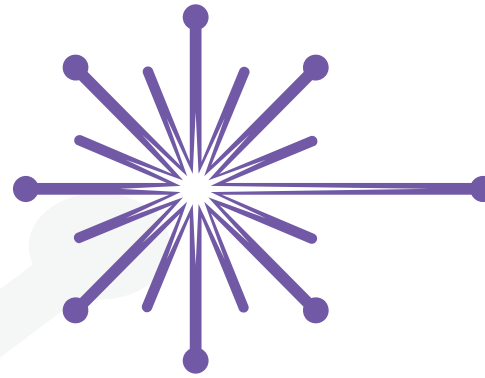




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Remembrance Day Feature

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Remembrance Day: Honouring War Sacrifice.

Remembrance Day is a day of profound significance observed annually on November 11th. It is a time dedicated to honouring the courageous individuals who have served and sacrificed in both past and present armed conflicts. This day invites us to pause, reflect, and express our gratitude for the peace and freedoms we enjoy, which have been hard-earned by the dedication and bravery of others.

The origins of Remembrance Day trace back to the end of World War One, with the signing of the Armistice on November 11th, 1918. Initially, it was a day to commemorate those who lost their lives in that devastating conflict, but over time, its scope has broadened to include all veterans and victims of war, regardless of the conflict or their role in it. The poppy, a resilient flower that grew on the battlefields of Flanders, has become a powerful and widely recognized symbol of remembrance, representing hope, sacrifice, and the enduring spirit of those who served.

On Remembrance Day, people come together to participate in solemn ceremonies, observe moments of silence, and lay wreaths at war memorials. These acts of remembrance serve as a poignant reminder of the human cost of war and the importance of striving for peace. By honouring the sacrifices of the past, we reaffirm our commitment to building a more peaceful and just world for future generations. Remembrance Day is not just a day of mourning, but also a day of hope, as we reflect on the lessons of history and work together towards a future where conflicts are resolved through diplomacy and understanding.



Film Review

Gregor

Jurassic World: Rebirth

The seventh in the series, and the fourth in the Jurassic World branch, *Jurassic World: Rebirth* is set long after the events of *Jurassic World*, and shortly after those of *Jurassic World Dominion*. At this point, most public interest in dinosaurs has diminished, and they are dying out. Most of the remaining dinosaurs have only survived around the equator, and even then most of their population has been confined to one island: Île Saint-Hubert. It is situated on the equator, where the temperatures are high enough for dinosaurs to thrive. It was once the site of a research facility (the company behind Jurassic Park), specialising in creating hybrid dinosaurs and experimenting with them. Unfortunately, a Snickers wrapper got caught in a door air vent, causing it to shut down and jam partly open. This door in particular was guarding a giant failed experiment, which was extremely dangerous and ripped through the facility. Seventeen years later, in 2027, a small team of mercenaries have been hired to collect samples from dinosaurs around the island. Seems simple enough: however, when a family is attacked by the same mosasaur they are trying to get a sample from, they bring them along with them on this perilous journey. When tension between the team rises, and one of them retrieves a gun from a ruined helicopter, what will happen next?

Overall, I think they were going in the right direction with this film, but managed to miss the mark by a considerable amount. There was a surprising amount of plot holes, but the callbacks to the novels and original films do make it better.

Overall rating 6.7/10 due to the references to the originals but the lack of depth.



Latest Paleontological News

Sebastian

New species of the living fossil found in plain sight

The famous coelacanth, known as a living fossil thanks to having lived a long time after its predicted extinction date when it was found in a fishing net in the waters of the Chalumna River, South Africa in 1938, has just had a recent discovery in its name. Researchers have identified new species of coelacanth hidden in museum storages. These fossils had been previously misinterpreted as reptile bones.

The new species of coelacanth dated back to the Triassic period; which originated in the UK when it was part of the supercontinent Pangea. At that time, the UK lay at a more tropical latitude, making it warmer and more habitable for a fish that currently resides in the Indian ocean from the coast of South Africa and in the Mozambique channel.

This shows that there could be more undiscovered fossils hidden in plain sight. When will this occur again and what will the new fossil be? And if we do find one, just how significant will it turn out to be?

World News

By Gregor and Alex

Hostages Released in Gaza

Twenty Israeli hostages were released on the 13th October in Gaza by Hamas, an armed Palestinian organization designated as a terrorist group by many nations. In the process, over 2000 Palestinian hostages were released by Israel. The twenty hostages released were the last hostages that remained still alive and were held by Hamas.

This conflict has been going on since late 2023, when Hamas invaded the city of Gaza, in the name of liberation of Palestine. A large majority of the city has been devastated in the conflict, with over 70,000 residents being killed and many more injured. Previous hostage exchanges have had similar ratios, with very few Israeli hostages compared to thousands of Palestinians.

As of 14/10/25 there is currently a ceasefire deal in place which has been influenced by external leaders, such as Donald Trump and Kier Starmer, who have helped organize previous deals.

The hostages were the following:

Alon Ohel, Ariel Cunio, David Cunio, Avinatan Or, Bar Kupershtein, Eitan Mor, Eitan Horn, Elkana Bohbot, Evyatar David, Gali Berman, Ziv Berman, Guy Gilboa-Dala, Maksym Harkin, Matan Angrest, Mantan Zanguker, Nimrod Cohen, Rom Braslavski, Segev Kalfon, and Yosef-Chaim Ohana.

Art Feature

Aashritha

The Enduring Power of Art

Art, in its broadest sense, is a multifaceted and ever-evolving form of human expression. It encompasses a vast array of mediums, techniques, and styles, reflecting the boundless creativity and imagination of artists across cultures and throughout history. From the delicate brushstrokes of a watercolour painting to the monumental scale of a public sculpture, art takes on countless forms, each with its own unique voice and message.

One of the defining characteristics of art is its ability to evoke emotions and stimulate thought. A powerful work of art can stir feelings of joy, sorrow, anger, or wonder, prompting us to reflect on our own experiences and beliefs. It can challenge our perceptions, broaden our perspectives, and deepen our understanding of the human condition. Whether it's the haunting melody of a song or the evocative imagery of a photograph, art has the power to resonate with us on a profound level, leaving a lasting impact on our hearts and minds.

Beyond its emotional and intellectual impact, art also serves as a vital cultural and historical record. Throughout history, artists have used their work to document the events, ideas, and values of their time. From the intricate hieroglyphs of ancient Egypt to the revolutionary paintings of the Renaissance, art provides invaluable insights into the beliefs, customs, and social structures of different societies. It allows us to connect with the past, learn from our ancestors, and gain a deeper appreciation for the rich tapestry of human history. In a world that is increasingly complex and interconnected, art serves as a powerful tool for communication, fostering empathy, and inspiring positive change.

Politics Feature

Sterling

Margaret Thatcher-The poll tax

Margaret Thatcher (who was born on the 13th October 1925 and died on the 11th of July 2013) was Prime Minister for over eleven years. She was a woman perceived in many different lights, with many describing her as the “Iron Lady” because of her ruthless characteristics and the longest rule for over 150 years.

Margaret Thatcher was disliked for many reasons, including creating the poll tax, which ultimately led to her downfall. What is the poll tax? A poll tax is a flat fee that is the same for every individual and is considered either very regressive, or very progressive. Everyone had to pay, no matter how much they were struggling financially. She also sold the UK’s emergency supply of gas: supporters argued this would increase efficiency and customer choice, while critics claimed it was the selling of public assets for private profit. Furthermore, her nickname “the Iron Lady” was given to her mainly because of her apparently cold and unwavering convictions, whilst others admired her bravery.

For some people, the poll tax is seen as fair in terms of requiring everyone to work for their living. On the other hand, others who worked hard but still struggled financially found this cruel and unjust. The poll tax was replaced by council tax in 1993.

Sports News

Sebastian

Dembélé wins Ballon D'or

The Ballon D'or is one of the most prestigious awards a footballer can win: not many players have lifted the trophy, with only a few winning it more than once. This year, Ousmane Dembélé has had the privilege of lifting the award: he won by scoring and assisting 41 times. The top 10 players were: 1. Ousmane Dembele [41 G/A], 2. Lamine Yamal [30 G/A], 3. Vitorinha [10 G/A], 4. Mohamed Salah [55 G/A], 5. Raphinha [48 G/A], 6. Achraf Hakimi [19 G/A], 7. Kylian Mbappe [42 G/A], 8. Cole Palmer [23 G/A], 9. Gianluigi Donnarumma [10 clean sheets], 10. Nuno Mendes [9 G/A].

Salah had the highest individual stats and won the Premier League. Dembélé won the award winning League Un [French league], Champions league, Coupe de France, Trophée des Champions, and the UEFA Super Cup. He won the award with 1380 votes, above the runner up Lamine Yamal with 1359 votes. Meanwhile, in the women's game, Aitana Bonmatí won her third Ballon D'or in a row. She won the award with 506 votes, playing for Barcelona, scoring and assisting 36 times while winning the Domestic Treble. She also helped Spain get to the final of the 2025 women's Euros with her Spanish teammate Mariona Caldently, finishing in second with 478 votes and 32 goals assists.

With the usual controversy circling around each of these, should Dembélé and Bonmatí have won these very prestigious awards?



Film Review

By Gregor, Thomas and Scott

Spaceballs

A parody of the original Star Wars, Spaceballs is a comedic spoof about a group of people in a galaxy very, very, very, very faraway, called 'Spaceballs', who are trying to steal a planet's oxygen after depleting their own planet's atmosphere. However, on their way, they capture a princess, who happens to be the daughter of the monarch of the planet Druidia, the same planet they are trying to steal oxygen from. Because of this, however, a man and his friend are hired to rescue said princess in a modified camper van, which is space capable. But can they stop the Spaceballs before they open the Air Shield on Druidia, and steal the atmosphere?

Personally, I quite like Spaceballs. It is rather entertaining as it was funny in many unique ways, like taking instructions way too literally and poking fun at hyperspace and other sci-fi elements. All-in-all, it was a revolutionary film for both the sci-fi and comedy genres respectively, with comedy impact from literal meanings and puns, and sci-fi impact from the way concepts are explained and written. There are some very funny parts in the movie, such as 'Ludicrous Speed', and 'Comb The Desert', which make the movie memorable, hilarious and endlessly rewatchable.

Overall Rating: 8.2/10