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Addressing Bullying Within HWDSB Schools

Above: Manny Figueiredo, director of education for the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board says a PA day on Nov. 29 will focus training to address bullying. (Dan Taekema/CBC)

After the death of 14- year-old Devan Bracci-Selvey last month at Sir Winston Churchill High School, HWDSB is undertaking several new initiatives to combat bullying across the board's schools. Bracci-Selvey's death is not the first to do with bullying at Sir Winston Churchill either - 8 years ago, a 17-year-old boy by the name of Christopher Howell committed suicide after being the victim of similar harassment.

From November 18-22, Ancaster High observed Anti-Bullying Week, where homeroom teachers led their classes in various activities to further their students' understanding of bullying and its impacts. Although all Ontario schools are mandated by law to implement anti-bullying policies, some parents still say that it is not eno-

ugh.

Lindsay Harms, a parent of a child who was bullied at an HWDSB school, says "It's all lip service but no real action is being taken." The bully of her child was only suspended for 1 day.

"Don't wait for the school board to take action. Because they won't," she says.

But the school board is ready to change that. Amongst some of these aims include universal installation of the "HWDSB Helps" app on all board iPads, a PA day on November 29 where teachers will gather to work on how to address bullying in their schools, and education packages distributed to families with information on how to report and deal with bullying.

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▶ Manny Figueiredo, director of education for HWDSB

"They're not always positive conversations as you can imagine, but we all have to have them," says Figueiredo about these discussions.

Meanwhile, board chair Alex Johnstone claims that she is "absolutely" committed to implementing all of the policies that will arise from this panel.

CANADA



Jason Kenney
@jkenney

Albertans have been rightfully frustrated by the unfair deal we are getting in the Federation going as far as to even express support for separation.

I don't want to let @JustinTrudeau push us out of our country.

I'd rather focus on separating him from the Prime Minister's office.

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Above: Hundreds of people rallied in Edmonton, Alta. on Saturday in support of the western provinces separating from Canada. (Gabriel Brown/CBC)

In the footsteps of the European Union's current "Brexit" movement, the "Wexit" party has begun to gain traction in Canada's western provinces. "Wexit", which stands for "Western Canada" and "exit", describes a separatist party that aims to make western Canada a country of its own.

The animosity between western and eastern Canada was only made more severe by the recent Canadian election. As Alberta and Saskatchewan are provinces whose economies primarily revolve around the oil industry and who tend to lean more conservatively, compared to more liberal urban eastern provinces, this disagreement only seems natural. Albertans were further dissatisfied by rising carbon taxes and opposition to pipelines, which leaves many of them out of jobs in the oil-centric job market.

Even before Confederation, western and eas-

tern Canada were known to frequently clash over many issues. Separatist movements in the west are far from new either, with some dating back to the 1930s. What's more, the climate crisis has even further exacerbated this vendetta. If western Canada stops building pipelines, or continues fracking out of concern for the environment for example, this means job losses in Alberta, northeastern B.C., and Saskatchewan.

The idea of Wexit has begun to win over many disappointed Albertans who feel that their province is underrepresented. Peter Downing, the founder of "Wexit," says that "the Alberta public is willing to see what the separatist movement has to offer them in terms of Alberta-first advocacy and Alberta-first solutions". Surveys show that about 30% of Albertans support Wexit.

One of the main issues

with the movement, as some have noticed, is that much of these provinces' prairie land is protected under treaties and is owned by various Indigenous groups. Thus, separation becomes complicated since this land doesn't belong to the western provinces at all.

In an attempt to quell separatist sentiment, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau addressed Wexit in his election speech. "To Canadians in Alberta and Saskatchewan, know that you are an essential part of our great country. I've heard your frustration and I want to be there to support you," he said.

Following Trudeau's win however, support in Wexit skyrocketed. The movement's Facebook page went from just 4,000 members to more than 171,000 overnight. "People are heartbroken," Downing said in response. "The concept of Canada has died in a lot of people's hearts."



New Evidence in the Epstein Case

Above: The Metropolitan correctional center, where Jeffrey Epstein was being held. (Vanessa Carvalho/Shutterstock)

Jeffrey Epstein's death in August has remained mostly shrouded in mystery for the past 3 months, but it seems that a little more of the case has come to light. There have been new revelations about the 2 guards assigned to watch him while he was being held at the Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC).

According to an anonymous informant, these 2 guards, who were assigned to check on Epstein every 30 minutes, were in reality falsifying their log entries. The absence of guards and surveillance footage at the exact moment of Epstein's death has made many people suspicious about the validity of his alleged suicide - especially

when it was discovered that he had ties to many other important political figures, such as Prince Andrew and Bill Clinton. Some speculate that his suicide was actually an assassination, or perhaps faked entirely, although these claims are currently baseless.

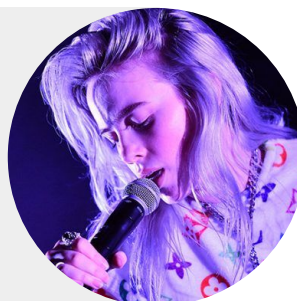
Epstein was awaiting trial on various sex trafficking charges, accused of having abused girls as young as 14 years old. The billionaire was found dead in his jail cell on August 10, 2019, and was formally ruled to have committed suicide by the New York City's chief medical examiner. His private island on the Caribbean was raided 2 days afterwards by the FBI, though their late response was

widely criticized, coming 6 weeks after his arrest. Meanwhile, in the wake of his death, men such as Prince Andrew are taking the brunt of the public outrage and being scrutinized for their alleged involvement within his schemes.

The individual who disclosed this information claimed that they saw security footage which showed that those guards had not been making the checks they were supposed to.

Meanwhile, Donald Trump has shown to be highly supportive of an investigation into the circumstances around Epstein's death, saying "I want a full investigation, and that's what I absolutely am demanding. That's what our attorney general, our great attorney general, is doing."

The 2020 Grammy nominations brought some well-deserved recognition to a number of the year's most iconic musicians, including well-known faces like Billie Eilish, Lizzo, and Lil Nas X, and Canadian favourites such as Drake, Shawn Mendes, and Michael Bublé. The award ceremony, hosted by singer-songwriter Alicia Keys, will take place on January 26, 2020.



And In Pop Culture...

ENVIRONMENT

California's Annual Fires Rage On

by Rose He – **Writer**

This year's annual burn will be tough to combat, and it may only grow worse in the future.

Wildfire season runs from August to December.



Above: A home destroyed by the Woolsey Fire. (Hans Gutknecht/Digital First Media/Los Angeles Daily News)

The California wildfires will continue to challenge scientists. It is currently beyond their abilities to foretell all of the potential environmental ramifications that will be caused by climate change. Analyzing this year's California wildfires statistics does show an exceptional difference between last year's, the deadliest wildfire season recorded in California. As of November 3rd, there have been around 1013km³ of damaged land from the entirety culmination of 6202 wildfires.

The cost to put out these fires is estimated at \$163 million. Unfortunately, there have been three fatalities and 22 non-fatal injuries. This season's largest wildfire so far, the Kincade Fire, burned from October 23rd to November 6th. It subsequently burned around 315km³ and endangered more than 90,000

structures until the wildfire was fully restrained. The area which was burned was more than twice the size of San Francisco. Despite the above, by comparing it to its past years, the 2019 California wildfire season was relatively quiet through the middle of September.

The time from October through December is expected to have the greatest potential for California wildfires, making it the most destructive season of the year.

Wildfires are caused by a combination of factors. These include human activities, climate change, wind conditions, and are compounded by the fact that it can take years to completely suppress a fire of this magnitude. Even though some wildfires do occur naturally, most are inadvertently set by humans, see-

mingly by small actions. A few examples involve campfires left unattended, the burning of debris, equipment malfunctions, or discarding cigarettes. The role of climate change cannot be overstated, in relation to influencing the quantity and intensity of these wildfires. California's climate has gotten drier and hotter, which leads to less moisture for vegetation. This condition has made it easier for massive wildfires to ignite and

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immediately burn through parched vegetation, particularly after the dry summer.

Furthermore, incredibly high wind conditions can affect the sizes of California wildfires because smaller fires meet due to winds, and then merge into more extensive fires. This can appear when gusts pick up embers and transfer them to different locations, sparking new blazes. Powerful winds can also generate a problem for preventing air support, such as water-dropping helicopters, from flying out of control. This leads to the fact that fire suppression is not as simple as it has been in the past, and it may seem harder to extinguish the wildfires nowadays. This is because of how it is also considered a controversial strategy. Fire suppression allows the decaying plants to build up again which enhances the risk for greater and longer wildfires.

Regarding this seemingly never-ending cycle, California wildfires will continue to be a dangerous ongoing disaster if the world does not spring to action and take a stand.



ENVIRONMENT

#TeamTrees Challenge

by Anika Kanagaretnam –
Junior Editor

A YouTube initiative hopes to plant 20 million trees by 2020, using the power of the Internet for good.

Left: Mr. Beast, a popular YouTube "influencer," helped inspire a crew of people to plant hundreds of trees in Oregon for their #TeamTrees video. (Night Media/YouTube)

On October 25th, YouTuber MrBeast started a fundraiser called Team Trees.

Many of his viewers have been commenting and tweeting, urging him to do it for quite a while. The time finally came. He spent months planning everything, and was finally ready to start up the Team Trees fundraiser. He teamed up with NASA engineer Mark Rober and partnered with an organization called Arbor Day- is one of the largest non-profit tree organizations in the world. Each US dollar donated results in one tree planted. Their goal is to get to 20 million trees (\$20 million) by January 1st, 2020.

In a video MrBeast released on October 25th, called "*Planting 20,000,000 Trees, My Biggest Project Ever!*," he talks about why this is so important. "We only have one earth, and it's important we take care of it," he said. "People just keep making fun of our generation for retweet activism and not actually doing something," which is another reason why he brought this idea of planting 20 million trees to life. He finished off the video saying, "This is our chance to

show the world we care."

After viewing this video, many people have more-than-willingly donated to Team Trees. In a mere five days, they were already halfway to their goal. On

\$1,000,00

the largest single donation to the cause (that's 1M + 1 trees!)

15,846,73

7 trees planted as of Nov. 20, 2019

October 30th, Team Trees hit the milestone of 10 million trees planted (\$10 million raised). As of November 12th, Team Trees has reached \$15 million, each day bringing them closer to their \$20 million goal.

Many other Youtubers joined in and some larger donations were made. MrBeast has donated \$200,002 for the cause and Mark Rober donated \$50,000. The biggest donation

was made by Tobi Lütke, the CEO of Shopify, with \$1,000,001. In the donation, he wrote, "For the lorax." He even changed his Twitter name to Tobi 'Lorax' Lutke.

Before he donated, the largest donation was made by Elon Musk, the CEO of SpaceX and Tesla, who donated \$1 million and briefly changed his Twitter name to Treelon. Some others made large donations: Marc Benioff (CEO of Salesforce.com), ELF Development A/S (real estate developer), Susan Wojcicki (Chief executive officer of YouTube), Jack Dorsey (CEO of Square and Twitter), Verizon (Green Team) (American Telecommunications Company), and TheOdd1sOut (Youtuber).

If you wish to donate, go to teamtrees.org and choose the amount of money you'd like to donate. It's that simple! The more trees planted, the cleaner the earth will be!



Scan this code to check out the [team trees.org](https://teamtrees.org) site!



Don Cherry's Controversial Comments

Above: Don Cherry, the star of Coach's Corner on Hockey Night In Canada, is under fire for comments made in the Oct. 6 episode. (Bruce Bennett/Getty Images)

by Jocelyn Mattka – **Junior Editor**

One of Canada's most cultural icons just lost his job. What does Ancaster High think about it?

On November 11th, the Day of Remembrance, Don Cherry was fired from Hockey Night in Canada.

For the last 30 years, Cherry has co-hosted Coach's Corner alongside Ron MacLean. He has strong ties to the sport, having both played for and coached the Boston Bruins, including coaching the famous Canadian hockey player Bobby Orr.

Understandably, this incident has kicked up controversy across the country and viewpoints on the issue tend to be in sharp contrast to each other. While some praise Sportsnet's decision to fire a man they've labeled as a racist and a bigot, others see it as the wrongful dismissal of a cultural icon.

Whether you support him or not, it cannot be denied that the effects of Don Cherry's firing have been felt by everyone. Even here at Ancaster

High students have voiced their opinions.

"What he said wasn't the right thing to say. The people he's addressing understand war. Many fled their home countries to escape from it ... And you don't need a poppy to show respect for veterans," said one student.

Others disagree. "Don Cherry was a legend on that program. To fire him over something like that, on Remembrance Day ... all it does is take away from the day. That's going to be what people remember. Not the fallen soldiers, but the controversy over Don Cherry," another student said.

Bobby Orr agrees and has taken a stand in supporting his former coach, referring to Don's firing as "disgusting."

Don Cherry himself, while refusing to apologize for anything he said, has insisted that people have misinterpreted

his words. "I should have said everybody," he said when speaking to the CBC. He doesn't believe that his statements targeted immigrants, but were rather voiced a patriotic frustration at the lack of poppies being worn this Remembrance Day.

Sportsnet, for their part, has issued a formal apology, completely attempting to dissociate themselves from Cherry.

Still, the discussions continue. Was Don Cherry's firing a terrible injustice or an inevitable event? Were his statements "divisive", or simply an unfortunate misunderstanding? No matter which stance you take, the situation brings to light a truth about the modern world; be careful what you say, because one false step can be seen as a grounds to entirely invalidate both you and anything you have ever done or accomplished.

Soon, we are going to have to stop and realize the sort of precedent these incidents will set and the implications they have on society as a whole. Don Cherry's firing was much more than the loss of a TV personality, but a wakeup call to the entire country.

CELEBRATIONS

Ancaster High Remembers

by Zainab Al-Rammahi – **Writer**

How we commemorated our fallen troops this year on November 11th.

Right: Owen Lapsley, Ryan Park-Lopes, Ethan Coleman and Kebin Lee during the Remembrance Day ceremony. (Royal Gazette)



Remembrance Day—known in America as Veteran’s Day, is a day to honour the fallen soldiers who gave their lives in service to our country. People honour our soldiers in many different ways. The most common method is wearing a poppy, a red flower with a black center.

The poppy has a long-standing association with Remembrance Day. Once conflicts ended, the poppy was one of the only plants to grow on the otherwise barren battlefields. Other ways people have honoured them is going to a ceremony and putting up wreaths or crosses to show gratitude for the soldiers and their sacrifices.

Why do we need a day to remember? We need to truly be grateful for the freedom and opportunities those soldiers have given us. Not many people enjoy or appreciate the ceremonies, but if people look in depth as to how these soldiers have affected our everyday lives, more people would be connected to what the soldiers have done for us and this country.

During the Remembrance Day ceremony there were many moving moments that were extr-

emely interesting and kept the students attention. One highlight was the famous poem “In Flanders Fields”. Another highlight was the wreaths. Many talented musicians played and sang songs that are traditionally performed for Remembrance Day, and truly tying the ceremony together.

The singers were Ashley Smith, Jocelyn Mattka, Owen Lapsley, Addison Massey, Clarissa White, and Chloe Braun. The musicians include Jeremy Ippolito, Ryan Park-Lopes, Ethan Coleman, Brendan Reynolds, and Kebin Lee. Along with that, the slideshow that played through the entirety of the ceremony was a nice focal point in the background.

The people who spoke offered eloquent message, demonstrating commitment to their work. A big take away after seeing how soldiers were affected by the war, was realizing that war was not an answer to global problems.

Public Performances:

- **Thursday December 5th & Friday December 6th.**
- Doors open at 6:30 pm, shows begin at 7:00 pm.
- \$10.00 for adults
- \$5.00 for students and kids

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Why do we need a day to remember? **We need to truly be grateful** for the freedom and opportunities those soldiers have given us.

The Remembrance Day Ceremony was overall a moving ceremony filled with students who brought to life the emotional connections we should feel for soldiers that died for this country. The talent and willingness to participate in this ceremony shone through in the students, and it was a great way to honour the fallen.



School Performances:

- **Thursday December 5th:** Ancaster elementary schools
- **Monday December 9th:** Junior classes: period 2, Senior classes: period 3 (at the discretion of the classroom teacher)

CELEBRATIONS

Halloween @ Ancaster High School

by Brooke Vesentin – **Writer**

This year's AHS Halloween celebration was chock-full of awesome costumes, fun activities, and most importantly, *lots of candy.*



Left: Students and teachers in the East Cafeteria for the costume contest and the candy jar guessing game. (Royal Gazette)

This past October, Ancaster High celebrated the spookiest holiday of the year in a variety of ways. From candy-grams to costume contests, the school was filled to the brim with Halloween spirit. One of the ways both students and staff were able to spread the Halloween cheer was by purchasing candy grams (which were available in the big cafeteria). For only \$1.00, you could purchase a candy-gram for one of your fellow students or a staff member. The small bags filled with various candies were then delivered to the person on October 31st, making their Halloween a little bit sweeter.

as per Halloween tradition, students and staff dressed in costumes could be spotted all around the school. Those who did dress up were able to show off their costumes at the costume contest, as well as compete for free homecoming tickets. The contest was also held in the big cafeteria on Halloween, and the top three costumes were awarded the free tickets. The winners of this contest were Alexis B, Alex T and Christian B. All of the costumes were incredible and truly showcased our school spirit. In addition, there were also various Halloween themed

activities available for students to participate in, one of which was the Halloween Escape Room. This was held in gym D at lunch, and was a fun and spooky activity for those brave enough to try it. For \$1.00 each, teams of 3-5 people took the challenge and afterward, were awarded candy.

Overall, it was fascinating to see all of the amazing costumes worn by staff and students, and the candy and activities on top of that really made it feel like Halloween here at Ancaster High.

Along with the candy grams, another activity available to those with a sweet tooth was a candy jar guessing game. At lunch on Thursday, October 31st, in the big cafeteria, there was a large jar of assorted candies. If you were to guess the number of candies correctly, you could win the entire jar! The entries for this contest were also only \$1. The winner of the candy jar was Aiden E.



On top of all of the candy,

Above: Students dressed up in costumes when they came to school on Halloween. (Royal Gazette)

CELEBRATIONS

by Chloe Williamson – **Writer**

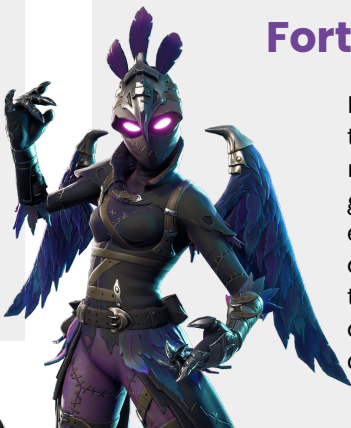
This Year's Trendiest Costumes

Halloween is that thrilling time of year that allows you to be whatever you want, for a day, and there are many creative ways to fabricate your full-fledged fantasy. We always see certain trends in Halloween costumes every year, often inspired by current and popular movies, books, or social media. Every age group is different, but there are still trends amongst them. Here are the Halloween costume trends of 2019 that span generations:



Purge Masks

Throwing on a scary mask and hitting the streets has always been a trend with teens, but ever since the first 'Purge' movie came out, these masks have had a specific theme. They came in a huge variety, from lighting up to just creepy faces; no matter the mask they are distinct and well known.



Fortnite Characters

If any costume was surely to be on this list it's this one. Fortnite has made such a big impact on gamers of all ages, but especially elementary students. These crazy characters were sure to be quite the attraction with all their bright colours, intricate weapons, and outfits.

E-Girl/Boy Fashion

Long sleeves under cool retro t-shirts with ripped jeans was a stylish and cool outfit for Halloween. This trendy costume was one of the easiest and most trendy outfits amongst teens. It was another style that you could sample for a day and still have the utmost confidence.



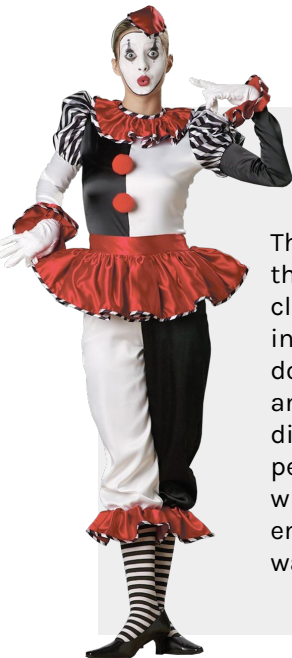
VSCO Fashion

Big t-shirts, scrunchies, and saving the turtles was the basis of what this costume portrayed. Whether you were mocking the VSCO trend or genuinely representing it, it was definitely a huge hit for a costume.



Clown Costumes

The movie "It 2" was released earlier this year, and since then putting on clown makeup to express your inner self has been all anyone can do. This costume is quirky and fun, and allows you to use so many different colours. Also, it's the perfect sticker on your Snapchat for when you do something embarrassing enough that it warrants your clown face.



The Joker

This was a popular trend amongst all age groups with the new 'Joker' movie being released this year, and it was quite fascinating to see everybody's take on new and old styles of the Joker.



ANCASTER HIGH

Friday Fun In the Special Ed Program!

by Vita Rao – **Writer**

A long standing tradition at Ancaster High is for Mr. Gallant to perform live for the Special-Ed students.



Above: Mr. Gallant and Mr. Perkins performing for the Special- Ed class

For the last six years, it has been a tradition for Mr. Gallant to sing and play the guitar for students in the special-ed program. It began prior to his arrival at AHS as he recognized the rewarding aspects of performing for special-ed students. The experience gives students the opportunity to end their weeks with positivity and to enjoy the music played.

This year, he played along with Mr. Vallance and Mr. Perkins, singing a variety of songs, including their closing pieces

Froggie Went a Courtin' and *I Know an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly*. The weekly event is filled with joyous laughing and singing. In fact, I had the opportunity to speak with one of the students, Mustafa. He has attended the

weekly celebration for four years now and expressed that his favourite part of the tradition is the music. According to the staff involved, music has assisted them in reading and identifying words.

Evidently, the weekly event is greatly beneficial and enjoyable for the students in the special-ed program. The event was a overall pleasure to experience!

Ancaster High's Homecoming Gallery

Photos by- Yearbook Club





by Vita Rao – **Writer**

To Impeach A President

It's only happened twice before in American history. Although Trump has faced the threat of **impeachment** ever since his inauguration, that danger has only become more real in the past few weeks.

Royal Gazette Writer **Vita Rao** breaks down the situation south of the border.

What is impeachment?

Essentially, if there is enough evidence to convict a government official of a significant crime or misdemeanor, they may be stripped of their title. If the evidence presented is substantial, and a majority vote in the House of Commons is obtained, then it moves to the Senate. If a majority is reached in the Senate—something that has not happened in the country's history—then the president will be removed from office. In this case, if the president were to be impeached, his vice-president would assume the position.

An Overview

Although there have been several attempts to impeach President Trump in the past, none have been successful. Following the disclosure of information regarding President Trump's affiliation with Ukraine, an impeachment investigation was launched—the fourth in the country's history. The scandal originated with a whistleblower complaint. This complaint, filed by an intelligence agent, alleged that Trump had been pressuring the Ukrainian government into giving him information that would aid him in the 2020 presidential election. The inquiry was sparked after an exchange between Trump and Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelensky, was released. The phone call reportedly contained information that implicated Trump and his attorney, Rudy Giuliani, among

others. Trump was allegedly pressuring the Ukrainian government into investigating Hunter Biden, the son of former Vice President Joe Biden in exchange for military aid. Biden is currently campaigning to be the Democratic Candidate to challenge Trump in the 2020 election. This trading of favours is the “Quid Pro Quo” at the heart of the issue. It was subsequently presented to Congress for review, with the public gaining access the next day. Following the release of the transcript, Trump, as well as his allies and supporters, have attempted to question the whistleblower, frequently campaigning to expose the identity. Nonetheless, until now, there has been no evidence that suggests any wrongdoing by the Bidens, who were the ones being implicated in the accusations by Trump.

What is the White House doing?

Although the allegations were corroborated by external sources, the White House maintains their innocence, saying that military aid was withheld due to corruption within the Ukrainian government. The President and his staff have repeatedly attempted to discredit the allegations and the whistleblower. However, all attempts thus far have been unsuccessful. Mick Mulvaney, White House Chief of Staff, told reporters to move on and blamed the media for publicizing the matter. The White House has also maintained that it is not unusual for political leaders to generate incentives to obtain their desires.

The Inquiry

The impeachment inquiry—led by the Democrats—is primarily focused on investigating the abuse of power, a narrative corroborated by multiple witnesses. The inquiry will be centered around whether or not Trump promised foreign aid during the 2016 presidential election, if he was pressuring Ukraine into investigating the Bidens, and if the White House

attempted to cover-up any wrongdoing.

Earlier this month, the Democrats voted on approaching the impeachment inquiry using a process similar to Bill Clinton's 1998 examination. Following the completion of several private depositions, public hearings are beginning. The focus of the investigation is to communicate the significance of Trump's actions, hopefully obtaining public support. The upcoming weeks will consist of hearings, testimonies, and documents that supposedly implicate the President and his staff.

Trump's Response

Trump has acknowledged the investigation via Twitter, denying the accusations and blaming his political opponents for the scandal. Furthermore, he has repeatedly communicated that there was no quid pro quo, saying that his relationship with the Ukrainian president was excellent. The White House has also accused the intelligence

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Essentially, it is illegal for political leaders to request foreign aid to advance their electoral campaigns. As of now, political leaders are debating whether the exchange ... would qualify as a quid pro quo.

agencies of disliking the President and creating a false narrative.

What Did Biden do?

Biden's role in the scandal dates back to Obama's presidency when the U.S. supported Ukraine during its dispute with Russia. The United States government concluded that a significant reason behind Ukraine's inability to progress was a large amount of corruption present in the country. The Obama government subsequently withheld aid until

46.3%

of Americans support Trump's impeachment, which makes the competition close.

80.3%

of those are Democrats. (As of Nov. 23, 2019)

43%

think the situation is serious. (As of Oct, 9, 2019)

the Prosecutor General was fired.

Following his departure, there were several allegations regarding Biden and his son. It was theorized that the actual reason behind the firing was to retain Hunter Biden's—Joe Biden's son's—business affairs with Ukrainian companies. Before his firing, Shokin—the person who was fired—was reportedly investigating the company with which Hunter Biden had a deal. However, after information on Shokin was released, his statements and articles of evidence were discredited.

What is wrong with what Trump did?

Although withholding foreign aid is not illegal, soliciting foreign support for personal reasons and threatening and pressuring other countries into taking an incentive is illegal. Essentially, it is illegal for political leaders to use foreign aid as a bargaining chip to advance their electoral campaigns. As of now, political leaders are debating whether the exchange between the Ukrainian and American presidents would

qualify as a quid pro quo. They are determining if the denial of foreign military aid was for an exchange of information or for genuine reason.

Public Hearings

The public hearings were set to begin in early November, starting with William Taylor, George Kent, and Marie Yovanovitch.

Day One: Kent and Taylor

The first testimonies took place on November 13th, with William Taylor and George Kent discussing whether the President's actions were an abuse of power. Kent's testimony revolved around Giuliani's and Trump's efforts to obtain information about a political rival, Joe Biden. He mentions that their efforts were not in the interest of foreign policy, but satisfying a personal vendetta against a political opponent. Furthermore, he also discussed the lack of evidence surrounding the supposed wrongdoing of the Bidens. Similarly, Taylor corroborated the quid pro quo narrative, saying that Trump did pressure Ukraine into investigating Biden. Taylor also revealed details of a phone call between Trump and Gordon Sondland, the United States-Europe Ambassador, mentioning that a member of his staff witnessed the exchange between the two. In the phone call, Sondland reportedly confirmed a trade or quid pro quo between the two countries. Although they were only the first testimonies, Taylor and Kent presented many crucial pieces of evidence.

Day Two: Marie Yovanovitch

The second testimony took place on November 15th, with Marie Yovanovitch testifying. The former Ukranian ambassador described a smear campaign being led by the President's attorney, and detailed the repercussions of his actions. Additionally, the theory that Ukraine had interfered with the

“ Like every American, I deserve to meet my accuser. ” President Trump, Sept. 26

2016 presidential election was discredited by Yovanovitch. Furthermore, she also provided insight into her reaction to Trump's statements about her, sharing her devastation and confusion. Throughout her testimony, Trump was communicating his reactions and opinions through Twitter. His seemingly intimidating and derogatory posts were condemned by the Democrats, potentially leading to an additional charge of witness tampering.

Public Stance


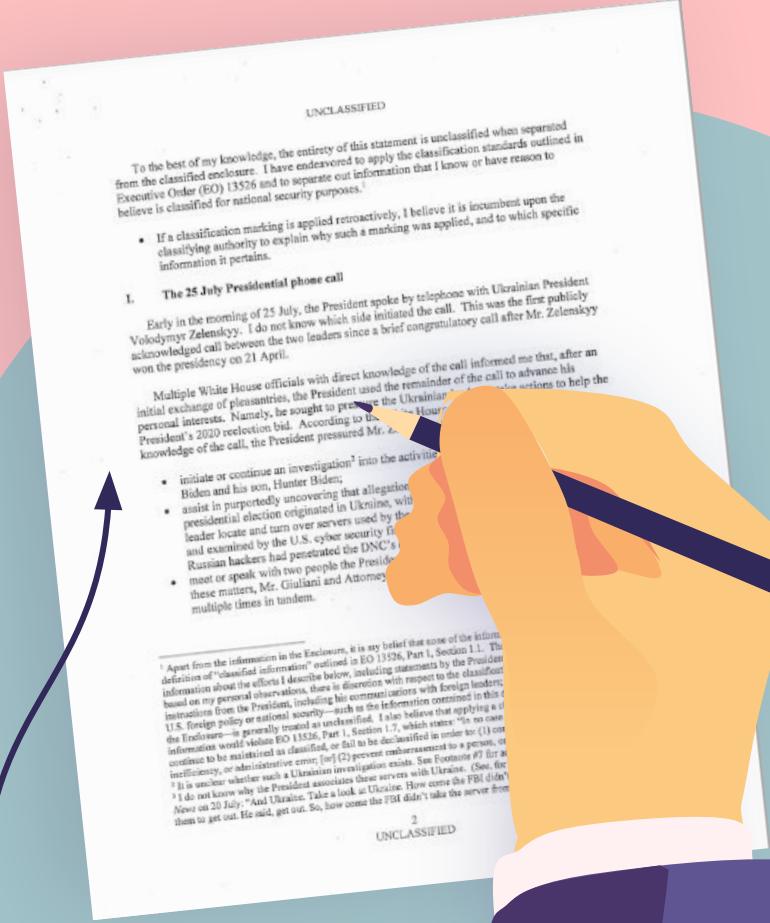
As revealed by polling, the public interest and support for the impeachment have increased, with over 50% of the public favo-

uring the inquiry. The general leaning of the public is towards impeaching Trump, however, there is a significant portion of the population who are against it. As the inquiry progresses, the support for the Democrats is seemingly increasing.

Future

The following weeks will consist of an abundance of public hearings and the presentation of more information. Between November 19-21, Jennifer Williams, Alexander Vindman, Kurt Volker, Tim Morrison, Gordon Sondland, Laura Cooper, David Hale, and Fiona Hill will be testifying.

Read the full whistleblower complaint by scanning here.



MUSIC

The 'Mac' is Back! Fleetwood Mac Leaves Audience Mesmerized

by Ashley Barry – Club Advisor



Stevie Nicks dancing during 'Gold Dust Woman.'
By @921citi

Fleetwood Mac has been travelling on their World Tour over the past year and returned to Canada to play five rescheduled shows set in Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Quebec City, and Toronto. The shows were cancelled last spring due to the band's lead singer, Stevie Nicks, losing her voice from catching pneumonia. At the time, the cancellation of the shows devastated their fans, but this time around, *Fleetwood Mac* returned to Canada with every band member in good health and ready to perform. As an ode to end 'Spooky Season,' I attended their concert on November 1st, held at the Scotiabank Arena in Toronto, and was amazed by their enchanting and beautiful performance.

This year's lineup featured Stevie Nicks; lead singer, Mick Fleetwood; drums, Christine McVie; keyboard, John McVie; bass guitar, Neil Finn; guitarist from *Crowded House*, and Mike Campbell; guitarist from *Tom Pe-*

tty and the Heartbreakers. Over the course of the night they played their hit songs from the albums: '*Fleetwood Mac*'; 1975, '*Rumors*'; 1977, '*Tusk*'; 1979, and '*Mirage*'; 1983. The songs I enjoyed the most were '*Gold Dust Woman*', '*Rhiannon*', '*Go Your Own Way*', '*Don't Stop*,' and '*Landslide*', though all of their songs were outstanding! They also performed two earlier Fleetwood Mac songs by Peter Green, called '*Oh Well*' and '*I Got You*', as well as a cover of Tom Petty's '*Free Falling*' and a cover of Crowded House '*Don't Dream It's Over*.'

I was very excited to see *Fleetwood Mac*,-. They've been my favourite band since I was six-years old when my mom used to sing me their song '*Landslide*' before I went to bed. Their music is timeless and every song is meaningful, forceful, and haunting.

Nicks is strong and authentic, and is the only woman

to have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice, once with *Fleetwood Mac*, and recently for her solo career. Stevie is a famous woman who does not conform to the typical ideals of how people believe women in the music industry should look or act. She is her true self and does her own thing, making her a badass, whose spirit and attitude inspires me every day. I think that is why *Fleetwood Mac* puts on such a mesmerizing show, because they are unique, real, and raw with emotion when they perform.

Seeing Stevie Nicks in concert was everything I imagined it would be,- From her bouncing silver hair, shimmering gold shawl, to her six-inch platform boots,-. The moment she gracefully walked to center stage during the intro to their opening song, '*The Chain*', the audience was captured by her witchy aura and her powerful composition

as well as the energizing beat of the drums. When the band sang the first lyrics of the song in harmony: “*listen to the wind blow, watch the sunrise,*–” the sold-out arena of fans was on its feet, singing and dancing to the music of one of the most iconic bands in history–and the energy was electrifying. When she sang ‘*Landslide*’, it was so quiet, it felt like you could hear a pin drop.

Stevie’s raspy voice paired with Neil Finn picking chords softly on his acoustic guitar made the song sound eerie, echoing in the large stadium. The people to the right of me were crying–and so was I. It was sung so beautifully that you felt the impact of every word in your heart.

Overall, the night was incredible. When they finished

their encore, the crowd applauded and cheered for the band for nearly ten minutes after they had left the stage. I found myself not wanting to move out of my seat because I didn’t want the night to end! *Fleetwood Mac* put on a stunning show and I will never forget how powerful and magnificent just being in their presence and listening to their songs made me feel.



Left: John McVie, Stevie Nicks, Christine McVie, Neil Finn, Mick Fleetwood and Mike Campbell. By Ralph_PH

Concerts You Must See In 2020!



Old Dominion
Dec 12 - Feb 21 / multiple venues



Post Malone
Feb 14 / Scotiabank Arena, Toronto



Elton John
Mar 28-29 / Scotiabank Arena, Toronto



The Lumineers
Mar 2 / Scotiabank Arena, Toronto



Green Day
Aug 24 / Rogers Centre, Toronto



Billy Joel
Aug 15 / New Era Field, Orchard park

How to Get Into the *HOLIDAY* *SPIRIT*



By Emily Outerbridge
– **Editor-in-Chief**

Snow! Holidays!
CHRISTMAS! I’m sure I’m not the only one who is already feeling the thrill of the season, despite many remarks from friends and family that “it’s only November”. The first snowfall brings with it many feelings: joy, excitement, an unbelievable urge to spend bajillions of dollars on presents, and of course for some, resentment. There are many reasons to feel joyful and grateful for those who surround you this holiday season. For those who aren’t feeling the glee quite yet, there are many ways to get into the holiday spirit, so don’t fret.

One place that always gets me in the spirit of the season is Limeridge Mall, and not because of Christmas shopping (though that is also quite enjoyable). Limeridge Mall is full of holiday lights and Christmas jingles, as well as free visits with Santa from November 16th right up until Christmas Eve!

They also have their Christmas Tree lighting ceremony very early on in the snowy season. This year’s ceremony held on November 15th, had a phenomenal turnout. CF Limeridge instills delight within as soon as you walk through the doors, and is a great place to go during the holiday season.

Decorate, decorate, decorate! Not only will decorating your home with festive accessories help to bring you some Christmas and holiday joy, but go full on Christmas, but

you can also make and decorate holiday cookies! It may be a little early to, but there’s no harm in whipping up some tasty holiday-themed treats. And you don’t even have to be good at it!

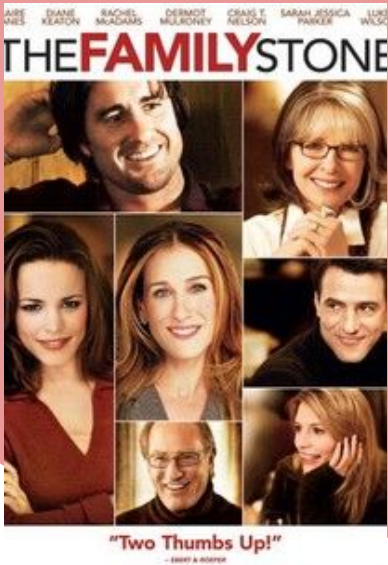
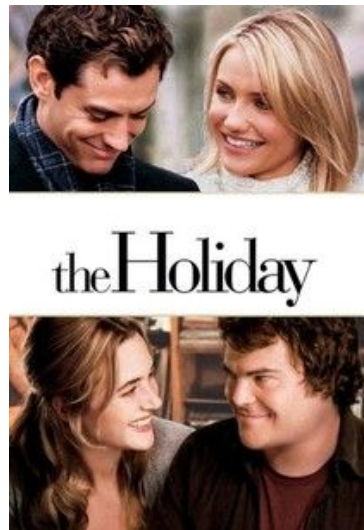
Or for those who want to take subtle holiday action, there is always the brilliant and simple option of wearing *holiday socks*. This is an easy and small way of showing holiday spirit without changing your everyday lifestyle! Plus, socks can be easily hidden if necessary, though I’m not sure why anyone would want to hide their holiday spirit.

A classic holiday trend is of course to watch as many Christmas and/or holiday movies as possible until you can think of nothing but Christmas. Even better, pair holiday cookie day with movie marathon day, and have a jolly holiday time!



Some I would recommend are:

- ***The Holiday***
- ***Love Actually***
- ***The Family Stone***
- ***The Polar Express***
- ***The Elf***

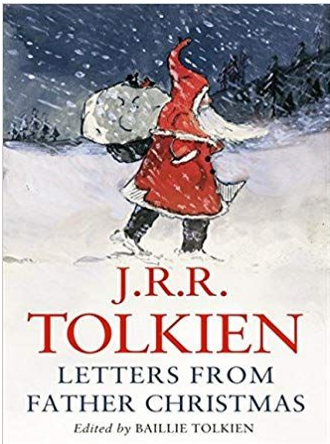
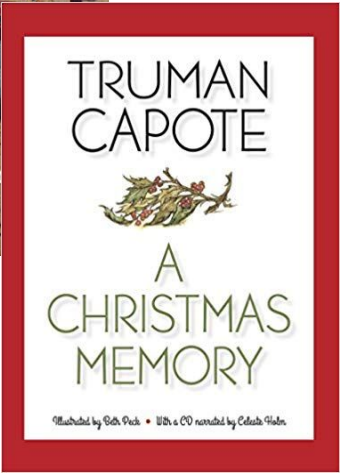
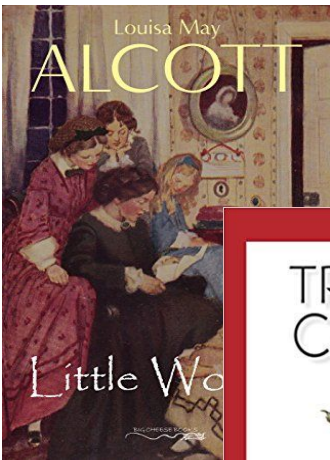
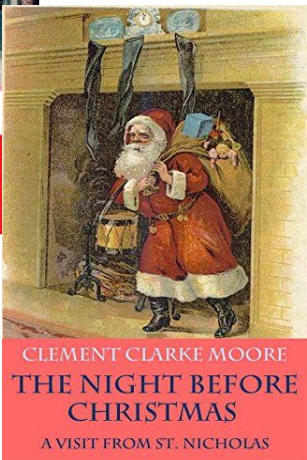
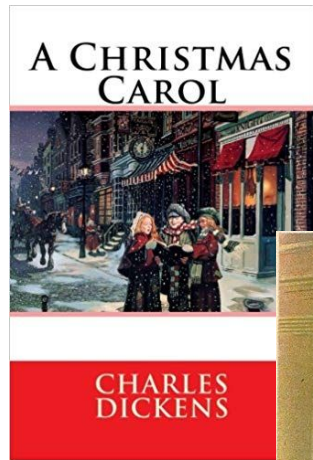


For those of us who enjoy reading, one of the best feelings in the world is to sit by a fire drinking hot chocolate and reading a good book! To make the feeling even more festive, try reading a good holiday story, such as:

- ***A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens**
- ***Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott**

- ***Twas the Night Before Christmas a Visit from St. Nicholas* by Clement Clarke Moore**
- ***A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote**
- ***Letters From Father Christmas* by J.R.R Tolkien**

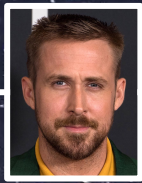
There are many methods of getting into the holiday spirit, both simple and bold. If you wish to feel the holiday spirit, by all means follow these steps. Overall, the holidays are a time to be grateful and appreciative of what you have and those you love, and it is never to early for that.



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Scorpio Celebrities:

Ryan Gosling



Leonardo DiCaprio

Katy Perry



By Sophie Hughes and
Olivia Pasian

ARIES ♈

March 21 - April 19

A month of bad luck has been foretold for you, Aries. This may be disheartening, but remember that your misfortune will not last long. Lucky numbers: 15, 24, 62

TAURUS ♉

April 20 - May 20

It seems that you will be very stressed this month, Taurus! Whether that is due to school, a job, or relationships, try to keep everything in perspective! Lucky numbers: 18, 22, 55

♊ GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

You will have a very fulfilled month, Gemini! You will finally complete something that has been weighing you down for a while. Enjoy this time. Lucky numbers: 1, 30, 73

CANCER ♋

June 21 - July 22

To be honest, Cancer, your month looks quite bland. Nothing particularly exciting is planned in the near future. Sit tight until December! Lucky numbers: 11, 29, 47

LEO ♌

July 23 - August 22

This month, Leo, you'll encounter quite the predicament. Though you'll prefer to solve it on your own, it will be necessary that you ask for help. Lucky numbers: 3, 38, 60

♍ VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

Virgo, you feel that you don't deserve a break until the work is done. But this month, it is foreseen that a bit of relaxation is what you need to make progress. Lucky numbers: 24, 25, 86

LIBRA ♎

September 23 - October 22

This month, someone close to you will attempt to talk you into something you don't want to do. It's hard to say "no" sometimes, but it's for the best that you stand your ground and be honest. Lucky numbers: 17, 45, 89

SCORPIO ♏

October 23 - November 21

It's Scorpio season! This month, you will have a strong urge to buy something expensive. It's nice to treat yourself around your birthday, but the stars say something smaller would be wise. Lucky numbers: 2, 12, 76

♐ SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

You have been putting off dealing with an issue for some time. This month, Sagittarius, things will come to a head and you will have to face it. Lucky numbers: 7, 60, 94

CAPRICORN ♑

December 22 - January 19

Do something nice for someone you care about this month, Capricorn. They'll appreciate it, and it'll give you a boost of happiness in an otherwise cold, miserable month. Lucky numbers: 19, 43, 55

AQUARIUS ♒

January 20 - February 18

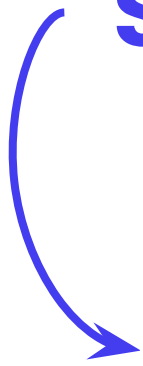
The temperature outside is dropping, Aquarius, and we predict that your enjoyment of the outdoors will plummet with it. We suggest finding fun holiday activities to combat this. Lucky numbers: 6, 11, 21

♓ PISCES

February 19 - March 20

Good news Pisces! You will stumble upon a small fortune in the near future. This will be of great benefit to you if you spend wisely. Lucky numbers: 2, 17, 38

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