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Prom, oh Prom. Delicate dresses, splendid suits, and a plethora of pretty centrepieces arranged on every table are hallmarks of the last school-sanctioned party for any graduating class. Thornhill celebrated with "Magic at Midnight" on May 23, 2013 at Le Parc. Food, music, and the company of over two hundred other senior students made the night a lovely success. Teachers and students alike mingled, danced, and spent precious moments together reminiscing. We at the Eye thank everyone who worked to organize this stellar night for our senior class, and bid all of our graduating students a fond farewell and a loving good luck in all their future endeavours. Photos from the night courtesy of Eric Bai and Andrea Howard.



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EYE OF THE TIGER



The missiles that could start a war

the constant nuclear threats from North Korea, the possibility of a third world war is approaching.

BY MICHELLE BEYN

tablishment, North Korea has States. isolated itself from the rest of the knowledge of international events from the people. When Kim Il-Sung died, his son Kim Jong-Il ruled the country until his death in December 2011. For ened to launch it on the 100th the past two years, North Korea anniversary of Kim Il-Sung's has been ruled by Kim Jong-Il's Kim Jong-Un, who is currently the world's youngest head of state at just 30 years old. United States had supported South Korea, providing re-sources to the citizens and

rom the establishment of and lack of experience, they be-North Korea in 1948 to his lieved that there was more of a act of the U.S. " even though the death in 1994, Kim Il-Sung possibility that Kim Jong-Un's U.S. was not planning an attack was the autocratic dictator in priorities would follow in the against North Korea at that time. ing need for power and desire what today is known to be the footsteps of his father and grand- In March 2013, the issue esca- for war with the U.S. Recently, nited

ernment officials are justified in February of 2013 they conducted their increasing wariness to-wards possible missiles or at-tacks on the United States. Because of his young age try's security and sovereignty in the face of the ferocious hostile

for attack from North Korea. ets that were capable of directly resources to North Korea, and Korea is so isolated, we do not With the new leader, U.S. gov- hitting the United States, and in have even supported them in the know much about the inner Korean War more than sixty workings of their government

years ago. With Kim Jong-Il's public plans to attack the United States, China has grown concerned about the nuclear weapons program in North Korea, and have questioned North Korea's growand internet videos that have gone viral in China showing to slander the name of Kim Jong-Il, and the Chinese government has down incoming missiles in not responded in any way or banned these negative com-

system, and we can only specu-late on the inner workings of government agencies in the Hermit Kingdom. The Obama administration is currently working on negotiations and self-defence strategies to try to avoid the devastating impacts that a nuclear missile could create. One of ing 14 ground-based missile interceptors in the west coast that have the capability to shoot space. The negative relationship United States is likely to stay this way for decades to come, and all deflect a major war from starting between the three countries. The United States has clearly stated that they have no intention to attack North Korea unless they Currently, North Korea poses a threat to the United States and South Korea and both countries will closely monitor the conduct of the Hermit King-

The government was right world, limiting the access to in its assumptions, as North Korea started threatening the U.S. in March of 2012. Kim Jong-Un ordered a missile to be moved to the launch pad, and also threatbirth. In April of the same year, son and Kim Il-Sung's grandson, he launched this missile in the direction of the United States; however, it failed to make it far,

North Korea has had a was not considered to be a legitinegative attitude towards the mate war attack on the U.S since United States since the Korean the missile didn't get to U.S. soil. War in 1950. When North and At that time, North Korea did not South Korea went to war, the have technology advanced enough in order to be able to carry a missile out as far as the U.S. mainland. In October, after troops to fight in the war. Ever many months of peace after the since that period of conflict, the failed missile, North Korea Currently, China is North Ko- United States or South Korea. could harm the lives of millions U.S. has been a potential target claimed to have developed rock- rea's closest ally as they provide Because of the fact that North of people.

itly stated that they were planning to attack both South Korea and the United States with nuclear missiles. Their targets were Seoul, South Korea, as well as Washington D.C, Hawaii, Texas and California. The recent threats have put both the U.S. works. government and the people of

North America in panic of what North Korea could potentially do.

Many believe that although as it crashed into the sea. This North Korea is saying that they are willing to launch a nuclear missile, they are not in a position to do so at this time. Many people think that they don't even have these nuclear missiles in with North Korea. the first place, or can't launch a

ments from social media net- that North Korea has with the

China's new president, Xi Jinping, quoted at a Boao forum that U.S. government agencies "...no one should be allowed to are reasonably able to do is try to throw a region and even the whole world into chaos for selfish gains." Although he did not directly admit that this message was aimed at Kim Jong-Il, the press has speculated so, given attack them first. the current escalating situation

On the other hand, there is nuclear attack because it would a possibility that North Korea damage the relationship that could send a missile with the North Korea has with China. potential to directly hit the dom in hopes of deflecting what

Childhood adversity can actually affect adult personality

There are many dangers that hood. could be affiliated with child-Harvard Medical School which con-score lower on the sociability tests. with deprived caregivers are less words. hood hunger.

BY SARAH SHIN NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

symptoms of starvation syndromes. starvation. Various tests like neu- constant struggle to survive might status had greater problems in However, in addition to these physi- roticism (which measures one's cause children to grow up suspi- working memory. cal attributes, scientists have found tendency to feel distress) tests and cious and distrustful. that growing up in bad economic sociability tests were performed. circumstances, which could lead to a lack of food, could actually alter The malnourished teenagers were had mothers who were victims of child could only remember up to one's personality, well into adult- five times more likely to score poverty could have negative effects two words while the ones from

sisted of children in Barbados who This study also showed that mal- able to manage distress and anxiety.

physical dangers of hunger: until the age of 12. These children iors. emancipated, short, protrud- were then compared to 57 other

higher on the neuroticism test, and on the child's development into wealthy backgrounds could rememwere exposed to severe poverty. nourished children were less likely

The results were astonishing. Research shows that children who adults who suffered hunger as a

Monitored by the Barbados Nutri- to be open to change and new ex- correlates with the functionality of rates. The effects of poverty on a tion Center, these children were periences. They also had a higher the brain as well. In fact, another child are immense, and that gives veryone is exposed to the provided with sufficient nutrition chance of developing hostile behav- study conducted by the Society of us an even bigger reason to help Neuroscience in New Orleans fight child hunger. Since these children lived in a found that people who grew up in ing belly, and numerous other classmates who had never suffered world where food is so scarce, the homes with lower socioeconomic

Starvation is even more vicious. in a memory test, on average, the

A study was performed by the were three times more likely to adulthood. It shows that children ber up to double the amount of

Childhood poverty also corre-Childhood poverty actually lates to crime rates, and disability

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The effects of poverty on a When 72 adults had to partake child is immense, and that gives us an even bigger reason to help fight child hunger.

Cybercrimes on the rise

The number of crimes that York City alone. The heist was actu- caught and prosecuted on May 9, posted on web pages, all from the age, it is all too simple to hide beare carried out online are in- ally carried out in two parts- the though authorities are still looking safety and anonymity of a com- hind the anonymous curtain that creasing- can it be con- first taking place in December 2012, for the other criminals in this fartrolled?

BY HYEWOAN SONG

n February 2013, a criminal ring operating in dozens of countries managed to steal \$45 million in a matter of hours- making it the second biggest heist in history. The crime was performed with surgical precision. The culprits hacked into various banks to drastically increase the amount of money available in the prepaid MasterCards they were using, and then simply used the cards to withdraw huge amounts of money. Over 3,000 ATM machines were looted in New New York section of the heist were money be stolen, or brazen images controlling it will be difficult. In this crisis in the best way possible.

and then in February. However the phase from December did not amount to much- the New York masks, this cybercrime organizagroup made off with a measly \$400,000- and no one was caught.

In December, the first to be caught were a crew in New York who were seen stuffing their backpacks with cash, about \$2.4 million. The criminals located in New York seemed quite content with showing off their newfound wealth by buying luxury cars, Rolex watches, and may have lead to their own downfall, as their purchases made it easy that have faced cyber attacks in sounds guite simple. for authorities to track them down. recent years. Security of personal Eight who were involved in the

reaching and international scheme.

"In the place of guns and tion used laptops and the Internet," said attorney Loretta E. Lynch. Indeed, many criminal organizations have been focusing on 'cybercrimes' to carry out their schemes. Cybercrime has grown in both size and sophistication as we become more entrenched in the digital age.

Reserve are all large corporations information can be compromised,

volve cyber and financial weapons, and progressive." Says Director of National Intelligence in the United States.

Cyberattacks are not as hard to pull off as one may think, and they can be surprisingly low-tech. Many institutions do not practice good security hygiene, which makes pulling off these kinds of things rela-Facebook, Microsoft, the New tively simple. In fact, the heist Febmore. Their excessive spending York Times, and even the Federal ruary was considered very hightech and sophisticated, though it impossible to diminish the problem

> In all likelihood, the number of cybercrimes will not decrease and

puter. "Attacks, which might in- drapes the online world. However, new measures are being taken to can be deniable and unattributable. attempt to manage the problem. Destruction can be invisible, latent Traditional firewalls filter out 'harmful' packets of data and only pass along 'legitimate' ones. Newer firewalls look at entire software applications and can not only weed out dangerous ones, and have increased efficiency and accuracy. According to a recent report, 'nextgeneration' firewall users will hit 35% in 2014, as opposed to 10% today.

> Though it will almost certainly of cybercrimes, it is important to remember that we will always be able to adapt and respond to this

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Jodi Arias: the timeline of murder

fate of Jodi Arias is to be decided by a new jury in July 2013.

BY MICHELLE BEYN

he Jodi Arias murder case has been making headlines throughout the world in the past four months. The case grabbed the attention of millions of people for the lies, sex, and blood that are involved in one of the largest American murder cases in the past decade.

On May 8th 2013, Jodi Arias was convicted of first degree murder of killed, his body was found in the her boyfriend, Travis Alexander, in his Arizona home in 2008.

The story of Jodi Arias and Travis Alexander's relationship multiple amount of injuries includvention. Within a week, they were throat which was almost decapitat-

ship, and two months later, Arias the autopsy ruled the death as her story once again, saying she the ultimate freedom". was baptized in the Church of Jesus homicide. Arias became the only killed him as an act of self defence. Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The baptism was done because Alexander was a dedicated Mormon, a taken on the day of Alexander's part of his life that Arias wanted to death, as well as her fingerprints, and both verbally and physically be in. Their relationship continued until June 2007, where they broke up. However, they continued seeing each other for sex. On June 4_{r} 2008, Arias visited Alexander in his home, and the two engaged in sexual activities, as well as taking provocative pictures of one another. Alexander was said to have been murdered on this day.

Five days after Alexander was washroom of his house by his friends. An autopsy was done on his body showing that he suffered a

major suspect in the police investiput Arias at the crime scene on the day of the murder.

was arrested for first degree murder of Travis Alexander, and the investigation to gather evidence which cution described Arias as a coldwould prove her guilty beyond a reasonable doubt continued. The first story that Arias told to the police when she was arrested was that she was not in the house and had not been in the house for many months, and that she did not know anything about the murder. In September 2008, Arias changed her story and claimed that two masked began in September of 2006 when ing 30 stab wounds, a gun shot to intruders came into the house and they met in a Las Vegas work con- the head, and an incision on his murdered Alexander while she was able to get away. Almost two years

After four years, the final intimately involved in a relation- ing. The coroner who performed later on August 2010, Arias changed alty than life in prison, as "death is In this version of the story, she porgation, as the pictures that were trayed him as a violent boyfriend who would take advantage of her abuse her.

The trial against Jodi Arias On July 15, 2008, Jodi Arias started on January 2, 2013, and lasted for four months, ending on May 3, 2013. In this time, the prosehearted murderer who planned to kill Alexander when he was the most vulnerable. The defence tried to portray the opposite, that she was a victim of household abuse and that she was a battered woman, trying to support her self defence plea. Arias went on stand for 18 days, one of the longest testimonies by the accused in United States history

In her testimony, she described her relationship with Alexander, while answering questions from the jury and the prosecution. She stated that Alexander attacked her first in a fit of rage, and claimed that she lied about her story because she planned on committing suicide and did not want to make Alexander seem like an abusive person. After this, the prosecution made the case that she has borderline personality disorder, and was jealous whenever Alexander had had contact with any other women, even though their relationship had already been over. To counter this, a defence expert stated that she had Post Traumatic Stress Disorder from the abuse.

After the case was presented, the eight men and four women of the jury were left to decide the fate of Travis Alexander, making the of Jodi Arias. After five days of deliberation, their verdict was that she was guilty of murder in the first degree. Within minutes of the verdict, Arias made a statement that shocked the society as well as her attorney. She said to reporters that als perceive the American legal she would rather get the death pen-

On May 16, 2013, the case entered a "penalty phase" in which the jury needed to decided whether or not Arias would receive the death penalty. During this phase in the trial, the prosecution needed to prove that the killing was exceptionally cruel and that death was the only option for society to feel safe. On May 21, 2013, Arias offered an allocution, or a statement to the jury, that she should be given life in prison, although many expected her to plea for the death penalty. The jury then needed to make a difficult decision as to what her punishment would be. On May 23, the result was a hung jury. This meant that they were not able to make a decision on her punishment. In most U.S. states, as well as many other countries, if the jury is unable to come up with a verdict for this phase in the case, then the defendant who is found guilty is automatically given life in prison. In Arizona where this trial took place, however, a second trial could be done with a new jury to decide whether or not she gets the death penalty. The judge did so, and declared a mistrial in this portion of the case. With another jury being picked in the next month, the Jodi Arias case should finally come to a conclusion in July 2013, after more than four years. Whether Arias lives or dies is in the hands of 12 people in the jury, whose main goal is to provide justice for the crimes committed.

Although she was already convicted for first degree murder for planning and executing the murder decision that could end someone's life takes time and the dedication for justice. The decision in July will represent the values and morals that the American society holds, and will influence the way individusystem.



RELATIONSHIP TO MURDER The results of Arias' hearing will be revealed very shortly in the coming months.

Toronto mayor under major scrutiny

Rob Ford finds himself engulfed in another scandal.

BY GRACE TO RIBUTOR

web of allegations as a story of the current Toronto mayor was His brother, Doug Ford, who is a Ford Football Foundation were released on an American blog, The Toronto city councillor, has de-Gawker, about how there was a fended the mayor in a media statevideo in existence that showcased ment. Ford smoking crack cocaine. The

have suggested that Towhey was schools. fired by Ford because of his efforts

in convincing Ford to go to rehab. his silence and commented upon conclude that Ford had abused his n May 16, 2013, Rob Ford the issue, as he addressed the pubfound himself tangled in a lic that he has never used or have letterhead and other council rebeen addicted to crack cocaine.

Ford has not confronted the The commissioner explained that

The letters he used contained the City of Toronto logo, causing

On May 24, Ford finally broke the city's integrity commissioner to council position by using official sources. The donations to the Rob also found out to have come from lobbyists and a corporation doing business with the city of Toronto.



also had the opportunity to view entire truth of the matter. Instead, fused to do so. the footage on a smartphone.

stated that Ford was clearly seen smoking from a glass pipe, as well as making racial and homophobic vestigated the Fords' family history political career. Ford has also been slurs. The video has not yet surfaced to the public as neither publication has bought the rights to it. On May 25, reports were released ing mayoral candidates, and utter-However, the story of these accusations has provoked a considerable amount of media attention in Canada and the United States.

In response, Ford has denied all allegations regarding his use of drugs, stating that it was "absolutely not true." The week are not the only huge scandal surfollowing the allegations, Ford had also fired his chief of staff, Mark 2010, Ford has been involved in a Towhey had been Ford's top policy missed.

he is accused of skirting around Both reports of the video the issue, refusing to answer questions posed by the media.

> several years in the 1980's and that trade and was also once charged for a drug-related kidnapping.

The recent drug allegations rounding the Toronto mayor; in Towhey, without an explanation. conflict of interest case. Ford had be highly depended on his faithful sent letters requesting for donaadvisor since his 2010 election tions on behalf of the Rob Ford whether these scandals against campaign and would not explain Football Foundation which is him are an indicator of ending the reasons as to why he was dis- Ford's private foundation dedi- Ford's dream of becoming Tocated to providing football equip- ronto's mayor again for the years Several other media reports ment to underprivileged high to come.

Toronto Star also published an issue head on and has not been. Ford must pay back the funds and article, claiming that they have clear with the public regarding the a court case ensued as Ford re-

> In the years since Ford becoming the mayor of Toronto, he has been engulfed in countless However, reporters have in- colourful media moments in his and discovered that there were a accused of appearing intoxicated number of drug-related offences. for social events, sexually assaultthat Doug Ford sold hashish for ing offensive remarks to specific groups. Amidst the Torontonian another one of their brothers, public, he has established himself Randy, was involved in the drug as an unprofessional man who has his priorities improperly lined up; he has been caught leaving important meetings to coach his football team and campaign with magnets.

> > As of now, Rob Ford's campaign for re-election in 2014 may supporters. It is still difficult to say

ROB FORD Toronto's mayor was supposedly recorded using crack cocaine.

Protesters march against GMO giant Monsanto



TRULY GLOBAL AND POWERFUL Monsanto's presence in the market is an issue for many as food production affects us all; the war against Monsanto rages on for things such as GMO labelling.

The American GMO company becally modified food.

BY HYEWOAN SONG

rganizers say that at least 2 million people marched in over 436 cities in 52 countries to protest against seed and GMO (genetically modified organisms) giant Monsanto.

The purpose of the "March Against Monsanto" as it was called, was to bring attention to the possible dangers of genetically modified troit, and Los Angeles. Demonstrafoods, specifically ones that are made by the company Monsanto. Monsanto produces agriculture seeds, plant biotechnology traits, and crop chemicals in 66 countries.

It in fact produces up to 40% of the against GMOs. United State's seed corn, and some comes target of recent protests in reports say that Monsanto's genetian ongoing debate about geneti- cally modified soy and grains control virtually all of the markets in **Buenos** Aires.

> The movement began in February 2013 when Tami Canal set up a Facebook page that called to rally against the company, its products, and its practices. Though she expected just 3,000 people to participate, and incredible amount of people began to join her in support, and millions of people ended up participating in the march in cities such as Toronto, Buenos Aires, Detors waved signs that read "Real Food 4 Real People" and "Label GMOs, it's our right to know". The group plans on using its unexpected success to continue protesting

GMOs have been much reason for debate in recent years. Regardless of how controversial they may be, they found a firm place in the market: GMOs are incorporated in up to 30,000 different food products

The majority of genetic modification is done on commonly grown crops such as soy, wheat, rice, and corn, which is why so many different food products contain at least some GMOs. Crops can be genetically modified to be herbicide resistant, which allows farmers to use a specific herbicide without having to fear killing their crops. Crops can also be modified to be insect and disease resistant.

For example in 2001, a strain of tomato was modified to absorb salt from the ground as nutrient, which

allowed it to be grown in places that are still unknown, which worries did not receive much water or sunlight.

tion, the long-term effects of GMOs food.

quite a few people.

The timing of March Against The largest concern of GMOs is Monsanto coincided with decisions the problem of cross pollution. If being made about GMOs right now. genetically modified plants or ani- The US senate recently rejected a mals breed with wild ones, the re- bill that would require companies sulting organisms could out com- to label genetically modified foods. pete unmodified species and create People who protested against the an imbalance in the ecosystem. bill say that mandatory labelling Some GMOs are not fit for human would only confuse and frighten consumption- like the modified consumers from buying GMO prodcorn in 2000 that was created by ucts. However, smaller milestones Aventis Corps Science. Though it still persist: similar bills have moved passed the test for consumption of ahead in state legislatures in Veranimals, it was deemed unfit for mont and Connecticut. GMOs will consumption by humans. Unfortu- continue to be controversial, but it nately, it somehow found its way is expected that they will continue into the taco shells of Taco Bell. to grow in prominence; proper la-Consumer backlash from this event belling and awareness can only forced increased regulations on help to neutralize any concerns genetically modified foods. In addi- surrounding genetically modified



Thornhill Secondary School is pleased to announce a 9-day March Break 2014 excursion to England, Ireland and Wales. This trip is open to all students from grades 9-12. This excursion includes guided tours of Dublin, Killarney, North Wales, Stratford, Oxford and London. Your visits will include Shakespeare's Birthplace, the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, Blarney Castle, Book of Kells and much more! In collaboration with EF Tours.



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The illegitimacy of a virtual "currency"

Gaining unique Bitcoin market is gradually increasing in value, and economists and users alike are speculating what the future of Bitcoin will hold.

BY GUY ROMM

amount of Canadian money traded Bitcoins to be used for illegal pur- and services. Some argue that Bit- a little spare money in Bitcoins or globally), and is instead given value poses as well as promoting con- coin is more of a type of credit, and to use them as a form of payment, by the quantity of Bitcoins being traded.

Secondly, the lack of central management means that the sys- physical equivalent and as a result, sure that transactions are always if someone breaks into the comitcoin has proved to be a revo- completed successfully and easily. lutionary and unique idea, It is self-sustaining, because very already taking on a large role little external input is required to ensure that the system is funcing end is encouraged to either sell Bitcoin is what is known as the Bitcoins to those who want goods. It is essentially a closed system and this makes it both success-

sumer security.

As well, Bitcoins are completely virtual. There is no truly nomics perspective.

popularity, the money in circulation and the receiving Bitcoins. This allows for value useful for purchasing goods tile market. It'd be alright to invest where Bitcoin stands from an eco-

Bitcoin should not be treated self-sustaining. It is more reliable, plex, cryptic code, but while Bitco- several problems that limit it country's currency. In fact, Zimbecause the system is made to en- ins are secure during transactions, greatly. The largest issue, but one babwe has already accepted Bitthat will most likely be fixed, is that coin as an official national curputer where the Bitcoins are stored, a limited variety and quantity of rency. Bitcoins are increasing in merchants accept Bitcoins as a value, and the entire Bitcoin marsmall businesses searching for total economies of over twenty the Silk Road, a website dedicated value will simulate more internato selling illegal merchandise. Alare now accepting Bitcoins, it appears to be generally a niche marcrash in Cyprus and the continuing value of Bitcoins will fluctuate decline of Europe's economy has (at least for Bitcoins), the market seen a giant increase in the purhas been greatly predictable, but chase of Bitcoins in the area, espedoes show signs that fluctuation cially within troubled countries and devastatingly. Since Bitcoin's ins are being bought as either an allow for the transfer of wealth becreation in 2009, the currency has investment or a place to safely store money in these countries. whether or not Bitcoin deserves the another investment. Bitcoins are

overall, economists are split over but converting Canadian dollars to Bitcoins in large quantities does not secure the value of your money.

Bitcoin currently appears to be tem is more reliable, and it doesn't this currency can be easily ac- as a currency just yet. It is still in its slowly reaching the point where it rely on external decisions and is cessed. Bitcoins are stored in com- infancy and has revealed it has can be used as a substitute for a form of payment. Mostly, these are ket is already worth more than the online customers or controversial countries. As Bitcoin becomes organizations, such as Wikileaks or more acceptable and popular, its tional economies, imitating their though more and more businesses recessions and periods of growth, as use of Bitcoins will rely on the financial state of the users. If Bitket, but there are other uses for coin remains a niche economy, Bitcoins sharply fell from over \$260 Bitcoins. The recent economic then this will not occur and the more rapidly. Bitcoin should be treated as an experimental currency, just like it is. Bitcoin does essentially deserve can occur rapidly, unexpectedly such as Spain. It appears that Bitco- the title of a currency as it does yond goods and services, is easily accessible and can be stored and As of now, Bitcoin is best has a real value of wealth, but Bit-The point of contention is treated as a form of credit, or just coin is not a currency to trust in, yet. The future may be very differ-(for example, Canadian currency is the actual transfer of Bitcoins is not title of currency, a title generally liquid (meaning they can easily be ent, and this experimental currency

in the global economy, but skepticism still revolves around this vir- tional. The currency ensures that it tual currency. To many people, is commonly bought and sold. Bit-Bitcoin is a vague notion, appear- coins cannot essentially be reing to be just another virtual form moved from the market or be used of credit, much like Paypal, gift up. When someone wants to transcards, or in-game credits. Bitcoins, fer Bitcoins into flat money, they however, are unlike anything that sell the Bitcoins and allow the Bithas ever been seen, bought or coins to be used by another. When traded, and is a first in a digital Bitcoins are transacted, the receivworld.

"crypto-currency", which means them or to sell them again for real it's a currency that is transferred and created using cryptic computer code and does not rely on a central ful and unpredictable, as will be management group controlling the explained later. transfer of Bitcoins. Its uniqueness as a currency is a result of a few rency is completely private, and untested ideas.

Thirdly, all transfer of the curcan, in no way, be linked to your Firstly, the value of a Bitcoin is identity. This doesn't mean that not determined by any real value your use cannot be discovered, but, valued by the amount of Canadian connected to the person giving or reserved for trustworthy units of converted to cash), but have a vola- will either shine or decay.

they can steal them very easily.

These unique qualities provide Bitcoin with both advantages and disadvantages. The main concern is for the fluctuating value of Bitcoins. In early April, the largest exchange for Bitcoins (much like the Toronto Stock Exchange), Mt. Gox, was attacked by DDOS. This took the exchange offline for several hours and as a result, the value of per Bitcoin to less than \$140. Except for these catastrophic events greatly increased in value and usage quite steadily.

Protecting your civil liberties- one violation at a time

violation of our rights and freedoms: Bill S-7.

BY DANNY ROMM DEPUTY OPINION EDITOR

If It seems that spring has sprung events of 9/11. At the time, Canadiwe witnessed the two old-line parties caught in each other's warm bill was passed for the purpose of embrace once again" NDP member protecting Canadians. This bill, have to lift a single finger for our Pat Martin said in the House of however, 'sunsets,' which means civil rights to be violated. We're all Commons. "We recognize that that after 5 years it expires, so in these springtime smells can be intoxicating, but that is no excuse for shirking one's responsibility to the Canadian Charter of Rights and as to whether or not they should litical courage to do so." With a Shortly after the Boston Bombings, little humour Pat Martin delivers a this bill was bolstered through Parhappy to cooperate.

law in Canada. This, for me, is trou- S-7, and with few complaints, the bling. Titled the "Combatting Ter- general public ignored the atrocity rorism Bill," Bill S-7 is actually that was passed as law. quite an old bill, written in Jean Chretien's time, following the and love is in the air as last night ans felt an immediate threat to

their safety and well-being, and this 2018 the bill was no longer law in Canada.

For a few years now, this bill uphold both the letter and spirit of was being debated in Parliament, Freedoms, even when it takes po- reinstate all of its provisions. very important message- it seems liament, apparently reinvigorated bill are as follows: investigative that when it is time to remove civil by the terrorist attacks. Not a few rights and liberties, suddenly the hours after the media announced detentions are reinstated, facilitattwo major contending parties, the that this bill passed in the House of ing, committing, or conspiring to Conservatives and the Liberals, are Commons, the RCMP announced commit a terrorist activity abroad is that they caught two terrorists plot-Bill S-7 passed through Parlia- ting to derail the Via rail from the ment on April 24th, and received United States into Canada. The

Now introducing another Royal Consent the next day. The public, praising the RCMP, sud- Rights and Freedoms gives us cer- on arrest or detention, including

As it often happens, irony comes into play. Terrorists, supposedly, have the purpose of atcivil liberties. Fortunately, Canada makes their job easy- they don't too happy to ignore our Charter of Rights and Freedoms ourselves. As Pat Martin said, it now takes "political courage" to stick up for our guaranteed freedoms.

Perhaps, before you formulate your opinion, however, it would be pertinent to know the contents of hearings are reinstated, preventive prosecutable in Canada, and wiretapping provisions are reinstated.

is snatched away when investigacooperate with (at risk of one year's jail time).

for two reasons. The first is that law - innocent until proven guilty. If a hearing is secret it is assuming the second reason- that the member of the public does *not* deserve a "fair and public hearing." If a hearing is secret it does not allow for a guilt. Instead it prevents a fair trial. This in itself is terrifying, but if it's not enough to worry you, there's more

Section 9 and 10 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects us Section 11 of the Charter of onment, and gives us certain rights surely doesn't, then who will?

bill is currently passed and is now a denly saw the pressing need for Bill tain legal rights in terms of criminal the validity of the detention to be proceedings. Among them the right questioned and to be released if the "to be presumed innocent until detention is not lawful. This right is proven guilty according to law in a also removed with preventative fair and public hearing". This right detentions. Preventative detentions mean that in Canada, people can tive hearings are present. These be held up to three days without tacking our country and removing hearings are secret hearings, which charge or warrant, and be senpeople may be forced to attend and tenced to probation for up to a year, once again without charge or warrant, by suspicion of terrorism Secret hearings are frightening or relation to terrorist activities. So, to summarize this, it allows for arthey eliminate the idea of "onus" in bitrary imprisonment and broadens the idea of lawful detention. Trudeau Sr. would be rolling in his grave - interestingly, his son neglected to vote with the Liberals in this bill.

> These two provisions in Bill S-7 this bill. The primary issues of this public tribunal (jury) to determine are by far the most concerning. Even more concerning is the apparent apathy of the general public; when our civil liberties are violated. everyone seems utterly complacent

> > If Canadians don't stick up for from arbitrary detention or impris- their rights, and the government

The Internet belongs in the classroom

How free content on the web can change the classroom experience.

BY JUN PARK DEPUTY OPINION EDITOR

just depend on large systematic where every student in the school can access the world's information tuition behind anything from arithbut few actually realize how emas I'd like to say that technology has the feedback from students is conence, the reality is it hasn't.

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Points, or paper for iPads. Has it "slow", inattentive, or unmotivated, made things easier and more effi- we should first look at the different cient? Yes. Has it made learning factors in this multi-faceted issue: any more engaging? Not exactly.

comes in. Over the past few years, ut I won't be using the usual the Internet has become a massive buzzwords like "reform" or gold mine for educational content nation may suffice for the majority, "overhaul", because we can't and resources. Take for example, the Khan Academy, a site funded changes to improve education. At by Google and the Bill and Melinda expectations means that the class Thornhill, we've reached a point Gates foundation, that hosts thousands of videos explaining the infrom their fingertips - a feat uni- metic to calculus to world history to students with gaps in their learn- like CrashCourse to review matemaginable a single generation ago - economics to the sciences - an exhaustive and ever-expanding range powering this technology, espe- of topics. With 260 million views cially the Internet, can be. As much from students around the world, wholly changed the in-class experi-sistent: "I finally get it". A sense of leaving motivated students disinonly doing old things in a shinier before we turn to point fingers at tutors or resources outside of often unprofessional, inaccurate, now - let's make good use of our

Here's where the Internet explainer, let alone at all times.

b) Students come to grasp concepts in different ways - one explabut not the whole class.

c) Meeting paced curriculum doesn't fully understand a concept.

Our current system can leave tion makes it difficult for students to come to terms with more comand sciences. This frustration is - replacing blackboard for teachers for being "bad" or apa- school. This leaves the classroom or even juvenile. But this is a plea technology.

smart-boards, lectures for Power- thetic, or at students for being environment, frankly, dead boring at times.

The proposal is this: Let's use free, world-class Internet resources a) Not every teacher is a great to supplement teaching in the classroom. Even though some sources to supplement teachteachers already use webextensions provided by textbooks, documentaries, or other high-cost to teachers to be more open tone" of these sources can easily intuition behind a concept, watching independent YouTube creators memorization, there are myriads of classroom.



The proposal is this: Let's use free, world-class Internet reing in the classroom.

productions, the overtly "academic minded towards the Internet, to scavenge the web for these hidden turn students off. Whether it's using gems, and to inquire students who has to move on, even if a student the Khan Academy to reinforce the use these resources , perhaps to incorporate them into lessons or introduce them to other students.

By no means is the Internet a ing, and an "incomplete" founda- rial, or using sites like Memrise for silver bullet for the problem of student engagement, but recent initiaways to incorporate entertaining tives, especially, have helped milplex concepts, especially in math and informative content into the lions of students worldwide become engaged. Instead of waiting These are gems that are being for sweeping changes to come from frustration is one of the single larg- terested in class, and more stu- largely ignored due to misconcep- government, classrooms can take We've fallen into the trap of est roadblock to engagement, and dents are finding the answers from tions that content on the Web is ownership of their own education





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A GREAT EXAMPLE OF POWERFUL EDUCATION ONLINE Khan Academy provides viewers with in-depth explanations on a variety of topics where students can learn quickly and effectively.

Mapping the human brain 2219 20 18 17 16 15 14 13 10 11 12 9

On April 2, 2013, President Obama announced his BRAIN initiative, Brain Re- mapping the human brain may not search through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies to America and the world. It is a \$100 million that the current technologies may initiative dedicated to unraveling not be enough to fully understand the mysteries of the human brain. It will allow scientists to finally fully brain and its nerve cells, as well as behaviour.

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that it has the potential to allow us 1990 and completed in 2003. to solve a plethora of health issues brain, such as autism, Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy, and traumatic well as the lives of the patients.

The investment in brain resince the world is in a state where it tools to make this initiative possiiads of information and knowledge, ble. In addition to the potential proved medical treatments. as its memory space, unlike the health benefits and medical adimportant as the brain is to us, we also hope that this initiative will

tries, such as jobs in the nanotech- team that geneticists has yet to find results into the real world because nology and computer sectors.

However, many speculate that yield the results that people are hoping for; there is a likely chance the works of the brain.

understand the functions of the many believe that this incredible significant genes for human health our unanswered questions about project may not be an overall sucunderstanding about the brain cess. Instead, many think that this processes and how it affects human is a waste of time, money, and energy. Some even compare this sci-The importance of unlocking entific feat to the Human Genome the secrets of the human brain is Project, which was launched in

The HGP was an international that affect the brain. In the US, project to analyze the human gehealth conditions that affect the nome, a complete set of human GPS and the Internet, which started genetic material. The results of the project allowed scientists to map brain injuries, puts a huge dent in nearly all of the human genome, as come a great success worldwide ing gradually more important for government health care costs, as well as identifying 85% of the sequences of nucleotides, which are the molecular building blocks of initiative is not based on shaky asof the nervous system that search has been timely planned DNA and RNA. This led to the discovery of the specific genes that has the necessary technology and cause genetic diseases and certain human health, the economy, and types of cancers, allowing im- the invention of new scientific and

everyday computer, seems to be vancements of this research pro- the genetic findings from the HGP project's goals and is anticipating ernment officials in this neurosciinfinite. However, as special and ject, many government officials were significant to human health as useful results, or at the very least, ence project will be beneficial as it they initially hoped for. It was ac- insight for the medical field. It is will most definitely reveal to us the are merely acquainted with the help to create new jobs and indus- knowledged by a few from the acknowledged that it will be a diffi- answers to living better, healthier,

more than fraction of the genetic the human brain is a fragile organ, basis for human disease.

failure of this project is what worachieve its original goals. As the Despite these hopeful chances, failure of not being able to find the continues, geneticists and scientists are now skeptical of the ex-Obama presents with his BRAIN plan. Obama quickly addressed an economic boom by creating new jobs. He cited technology, like the out as research projected backed by the government and have besince

Unlike the HGP, the BRAIN sumptions and it actually does pose some real potential benefits for medical technologies. The BRAIN Unfortunately, not as many of team also has clearly defined the original human genome project cult process to apply the research and longer lives.

with billions of neurons and their Through this perspective, the complex connections. With the neurotechnology that we already ries many scientists today: the most have today, we have already been expensive scientific research pro- able to retrieve information about ject ever launched did not fully our brain, reassuring many of the realistic results that may unfold.

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Not only will it solve many of the complexities that the human brain possesses, but it will also prepected success and results that sent potential cures for mental illnesses, or at the very least, a clearer understanding about them. Underthose concerns by pointing out that standing the inner workings of the this research project could lead to brain is an important step in science history and also the greatest challenge.

As the world continues on to be powered by the exchange of ideas and information, it is becominnovation to happen. This is especially evident in the sciences, as it is also becoming vital to solve health issues with the use of new knowledge about our brains.

It is a mystery that must be solved to better understand how and why we function. With the collaboration with scientists and gov-

Obama arranges a plan to get to know the human brain.

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BY GRACE TO NION CONTRIBUTOR

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he brain is a human's most intricate organ; it is the center controls everything that we do, from speaking to moving to feeling. It is able to miraculously store myrworks of it.



UNDERSTANDING OUR MOST IMPORTANT ORGAN President Obama proposes an ambitious program to map out the human genome which could benefit research in the future.



A bigger issue than it seems: [censorship]

still remains a major issue in Canadian society.

BY DANNY ROMM OPINION EDITOR

sources, just to get a skewed image of what actually happened.

It's obvious to anyone who's paying attention that some form of

ing; it does it in the form of bias.

It's easier isn't it?

t is said that you used to be able different sources for accurate inforto pick up any paper and get mation, you just pick a source true, factual, and accurate infor- which matches your thoughts and mation about any event. Today you viewpoints, and receive all your out Borders, an international imhave to look at three or more information from them. However, it is vital to always be critical of facts and viewpoints that we receive.

Government censorship still censorship occurs, though not ex- occurs within Canada to a greater cation; university, college, apprenplicitly, nor in the form we're used or lesser degree. Statistics show ticeships, whatever fits the student, to hearing and reading about. The that information is harder to obtain but it also has a few other purposes, objective of the idea of 'freedom of from Canada's government, and a among them being a vastly overthe press' was originally to protect lot of the information is being re- looked purpose; to inform. media and news agencies from dacted before it can be obtained. censor the press anymore- the to protect their sources. A recent that they are informed, that they press does so itself. It does it, also, court case resulted in this sorrow- have the know-how to inform ual is informed, they will not suc- has gone astray.

It seems that censorship not in the form we're used to see- ing fact, wherein a news writer was themselves. The citizens of the fu- cumb to the general mindless folforced to reveal his source. If newsopenly to the press, so that we may (from #10- #20) in one year (2012-2013) according to Reporters Withpartial organization which conducted this survey..

few purposes. Primarily, it is to receive access to information. But and an objective, and it has already prepare its students for higher edu-

It is of utmost importance that

to bias that they simply accept it. will be less people willing to speak majority of the information everyone receives is tainted by both pubabout the important issues of soci-

> From this, readers should conthe because everyone will go out and tical.

ture must know how to inform lowing that plagues the general Bias is universally expected papers can't protect their sources, themselves with open, free, unbi- public. An informed citizen is now, and most people are so used it can only be expected that there ased information. When the vast someone who can make change. Much of the great change the occurred and occurs within society is Rather than looking at multiple receive truthful information. In lic and private bias, we come to an by individuals who are aware of fact, Canada dropped 10 spots unacceptable situation wherein the what's going on around them. If public is not accurately educated one does not know what's going around in the world, they can hardly hope to change it.

No one should blindly accept clude that before you graduate high and believe all information that The education system has a school, you should learn how to comes to them. Everyone has a bias question that undoubtedly been established that censorship crosses many minds is: why? It is a and bias are thriving, so there is not fair question, why should anyone one reason to believe that the inforbother to be informed, when it mation you receive is truthful. Aldoesn't seem like it changes much? ways check facts, always double Everyone should be informed not check sources, and always be skep-

being censored by the government, Additionally, the press in Canada students coming out of high school change the world- that's an unrealbut the government doesn't have to no longer is given the absolute right are informed citizens, but not just istic assumption.

When high school students feel the need to warn about bias and It's more so that if an individ- censorship, you know something



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Media coverage: Boston vs. Syria

Is it fair that events like the Boston Bombings get more coverage than other international events that may have caused more casualties?

» Jun Park

t's easy to blame the media for a from the media. lot of things. Usually, the burden on issues like censorship or faircoverage will fall on the shoulders Boston and other parts of the of media outlets, and rightly so organizations responsible for disseminating information to the public need to be held under close to be aware of our own biases, and scrutiny. That being said, there is a the fact that private media outlets clear difference between the events can exploit this unbalanced attenin Boston and elsewhere in the tion for their own interests. The world, like Syria, that justify the tragedies in Boston, Syria, nor any differences in coverage.

unprecedented and completely should never lose our essential unexpected, compared to the per- human ability to empathize with petual violence in the Syrian conflict. The United States is consid- find ourselves selecting what we ered one of the securest countries want to read, see, or hear, we need in the world, and its citizens hold reasonable expectations that idyllic world, the burden of finding scenes of mass havoc wouldn't take accurate and impartial information place at the world's oldest annual lies not only in media, but in ourmarathon. It's not as much about

western media and governments conspiring messages on "the war on terror" as it is about shattered expectations and human bias; when events like this happen, people across the world are left shocked and in search of answers

So even if there is a disparity in the scale of destruction between world, it is reasonable that the events in Boston receive more coverage. But despite this, we still need other events of human loss, can be The events in Boston were considered "insignificant", and we the lives of others. Each time we to recognize that in this less-thanselves



n April 15th, 2013, the Boston bombings weren't the only tragedy. The same day, a wave of bombings across Iraq killed 75 and injured hundreds of others. In Somalia tens died from shootings. In Syria 40 died from a massacre. But you won't hear much about that; that news doesn't sell. You know what sells? Repeated fear-mongering coverage of the same event- this time that event was the Boston Bombings.

The importance of the media and news agencies is not to be underestimated in any regards. They provide information on what is happening across the world, or even locally, and without them we would be left in the dark.

On April 15th, and the week following, you could hardly hear a cricket past the persistent jabbering of the press on the Boston Bomb-

ings, despite the turmoil the world the press can benefit from this type seemed to be in that week. Through of reporting. The press loves to devastating earthquakes, heartwrenching massacres and blood- can you blame them? It's a legitibaths that we're already used to, mate marketing strategy. Keep evethe big news were the 4 dead in Boston.

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Following the event, the news points out that international and local communities band together to put the victims of the event 'in their portant information from around minds.' How can it be that daily in foreign countries dozens die and no one really cares, but when four The press agencies have a job in die in Boston suddenly the world the country, and they should be band together. The reason is that held to it.

instil fear into its audience. And ryone coming back to you for more information about how they're in danger.

But when those who we rely on for information fail to give us imthe world, the entire public suffers, and is more ignorant for the matter.



ALL EYES ON BOSTON The media has done much coverage on the event..

A farewell from the editors

Thank you for taking the time to read through this issue of the Eye of the Tiger, and for supporting the wonderful work of our writers, photographers, finance, layout, and editorial team. Having been a part of the Eye for the entire four years of my high school career, this student-run newspaper has seen me through some of the worst and best times in my life, and those of Thornhill. From student trips to the mock-apocalypse, we're not just any newspaper, we're your newspaper, and proud of it.

It's beyond bittersweet to graduate this year. Thornhill has been much more than home for me, and the Eye is such an integral part of our community; I'm going to miss it. Following after me will be Eric Choi, a lovely grade 11 student who has already proven that he is able to take on my role. There is no doubt in my mind that Eric will do well, and I hope that you too look forward to seeing where Eric takes the Eye in the next year. None of this happens without a huge help from some of the greatest people I know. Graduating with me are Andrea Howard, Nathan Oh, Jordi Klein, Eric Bai, and Jessica Wu. Following us are Boaz Wong, Crystal Chen, Daniel Grenier, Danny Romm, Guy Romm, David Bryckine, Hyewoan Song, Jodi Lee, Jun Park, Patrick Shen, and Wilmer Kwong. Our staff is the largest it has ever been in my four years here, and it has been an absolute pleasure being a part of that growth. As well, a huge thank you must be given to Ms. Borges, our staff advisor, and Mr. Lim, for stepping in to assist during the year. The secretaries, administration, and staff at Thornhill have all been so wonderful to us, so thank you.

-Adele Chui, Editor-in-chief

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Editor-in-Chief, 2010-2013

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I am terrified to leave and so excited to step a little bit further in the world. Wherever you are going after this year, I hope it is lovely. Just don't forget to bring a copy of the Eye with you!





brought me the joy of immersing grateful for the wonderful people myself in a variety of topics and I've met, as well as the chance to opinions, from a diverse student write and edit articles, which genubody. I've had the opportunity to inely intrigue me. And though I've educate individuals in music, film and television, while learning and here! exploring aspects of entertainment



'The Eye of the Tiger is not just any nal. I can firmly say, with conviction old high school newspaper. It's the and sickeningly sweet tears in my best one around. But it's also my eyes, that the Eye of the Tiger and extended, happy, and sometimes TSS will forever hold a special place dysfunctional family. The past three in my heart." years has been beyond phenome-



Entertainment, 2012-2013

Being a part of Eye of the Tiger has I've never before delved into. I am loved every moment of it, I'm out of

JESSICA WU Finance, 2011-2013



I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to - Voltaire say it."



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recruited member of the graduating being a part of this unique group staff, I quickly grew attached to the has simply been a lot of fun. Speaknewspaper and my fellow editors. As head photographer, the Eye has given me so many great opportunities to develop my photography loving guy or gal should totally get experience and get more involved on that!



had heard about the Eye of the tantly, however, the Eye has also Tiger even before attending high school. It was one of the biggest students that enjoy writing and reasons why I chose to attend sports as much as I do. I am truly Thornhill instead of any other grateful for the opportunity to be a school, and getting involved was part of such a great editorial staff something I wanted to do. Joining and although I am excited to start a the Eye has allowed me to be a part new chapter in my life, my deparof Thornhill tradition and has held ture from Thornhill and the Eye of me to a high standard of writing the Tiger will indeed be bittersweet. and responsibility. More impor-

Photography, 2012-2013

Despite being the most recently with the school. Most importantly, ing of which, the Eye of the Tiger has no head photographer for next year yet so some photography-

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Sports, 2010-2013

introduced me to a community of

sports

What Kobe means to the NBA



ANOTHER LEGEND AMONG THE NBA Although the Kobe Bryant sensation has died down, he continues to impact the league with his spectacular skills and satisfy our high expectations.

How does this once amazing basketball sensation impact the league today?

BY VICTOR LI SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

lennium, no other player has represented the NBA to the degree that he has. Through good and bad, Charlotte Hornets with the 13th Kobe has been the face of the NBA. pick in the draft of '96 with other ever, the Lakers returned to suc-When fans celebrate last second heroics, it's Kobe's buzzer beaters they remember. When fans cele- bles in a draft class considered one brate dominance, they remember of the best of all time. He was his 81 point explosion, as well as traded to the L.A. Lakers and was his many other dominant scoring efforts and when fans complain Shaq from the start of his career. about NBA players being thuggish, From the very moment he entered they bring up Kobe's legal troubles. Yet through all this, through 17 seasons of NBA play, Kobe has the youngest player ever to play in been as steady as ever on the court. Regardless of what happens off the an NBA game, the youngest NBA court, of what fans think of him, Slam Dunk contest winner and the Kobe does what he does. That's his contribution to the NBA, the consistency with which he plays, day in and day out. No matter what, you can always #countonkobe. That is, until late this season, in a home game against the Golden State Warriors with the Lakers' playoff less of efficiency. The Lakers rode fate hanging in the balance.

Garnett, inspired many other high schoolers to skip college and go straight to the NBA. Kobe especially had an impact on young guards (Kobe was the first true prep-to-pro make the playoffs. But was that guard). Even before he even played hat does Kobe Bryant a single NBA game, he was already mean to the NBA? Since a pioneer; someone who would the advent of the new mil- serve as an inspiration to those who would come after him.

Bryant was drafted by the superstars Allen Iverson, Ray Allen and Steve Nash, among other notagifted with a chance to play with the league, he started breaking "youngest ever" records. He was an NBA game, the youngest to start youngest NBA All-Star starter, on top of breaking numerous youngest ever scoring records.

As a result of this, Kobe was eventually turned loose and allowed to do what he did best. which was to get buckets, regardhis outside touch and Shaq's inside Kobe Bean Bryant first entered dominance to a three-peat. Howthe NBA straight out of Lower Mer- ever, chemistry issues eventually changed his nickname to reflect games. Before the majority of out Kobe, but no one can deny he's ion High School, having skipped resulted in the trading of Shaq. college to go straight to the pros. As Even after his much-publicized became Vino, someone who had to analyze the game, Kobe's style during and hopefully beyond his one of the all time great prep-to- split and feud with Shaq, Kobe did become better with age. He now was all the rage for guards. But playing time.

pro players, he, along with Kevin his thing. The result was a period of made winning plays, not just scormediocrity and playoff failures from 2004 to 2008 until the Lakers traded for Pau Gasol, including a importantly, the Lakers started season where they didn't even what he does? Heck no. The two years that he led the league in scorgame

After the arrival of Pau howcess, reaching the Finals three times in a row, winning two. After that though, the Lakers started falling off again, suffering several more playoff failures. But now here we are in Kobe's 17th season. He's got arguably one of the greatest teams ever playing in the purple and gold with him. The season started out an unmitigated disaster, but the Lakers used a late season push to inch back to playoff conevents of April 12, 2013.

During their run towards the playoffs, he still wanted the ball, still wanted to score. But this is #mambamentality, the way he plays. But after realizing that scoring big wasn't winning many games, Kobe did what many had previously claimed he couldn't: he this change. The Black Mamba

ing plays. He got teammates involved, passed the ball. But most winning again.

Kobe had been heroically playgoing to dissuade from Kobe doing ing heavy minutes leading up to the tions, and that's what we'll miss fateful game, in a desperate bid to help the Lakers sneak into the playing were during this futile stretch, offs. And during the game against including his famous 81 point the Warriors, Kobe injured himself on what looked like it should have been a routine play. Soon, we found out that it was a torn Achilles, an injury which requires 6-9 months to recover from. After 17 years in the NBA, is Kobe going to what he's about: winning, no matrecover from this? He's vowed to do so, but if he does, will he still be the same? We'd like it if the All-Star Kobe we've become accustomed to only is he great on the court, but seeing returned, not some diminished shadow of what had once been an all-world talent. Looking but around the world as well. He back, Kobe represents the decade not only helps the league with his of the 2000's better than anyone tention. And then we have the else, except maybe Tim Duncan the game. and Shaquille O'Neal.

league favoured was vastly different how Michael Jordan did in 1998, from today's NBA. The NBA posttenure with the Wizards) featured or not he retires on top, he's alteams and players which were all ready done his part for the league, about getting buckets. Scoring, regardless of efficiency, and hero changed his style of play. He even ball were considered what won

now, the new vogue is efficiency. Corner 3's, layups and cutting down on long 2's is the new style. Still, Kobe was one of the last of the players who could just take over a game. He could defy all expectamost about him when he leaves the league. He can carry a team to victory, but he can also submarine a team by constantly selfishly looking for his own shot. More than one incarnation of the Lakers locker room has been splintered by his attitude, but it's all okay, as long as the Lakers are winning. And that's ter the price.

Another reason Kobe is so great is his off-court presence. Not he's also enormously popular off of it too. Not just in North America, play, but also as an ambassador of

While Kobe would like to go The style of play that the out on top, like Ray Lewis did, or it's not always possible. After all, both his gift and his curse. It's his Michael Jordan (his 1999 retire- his ex-coach Phil Jackson got swept ment, we're not talking about his right out of the NBA. Still, whether entering it, representing it, changing it, and changing with it.

It'll be a different league withteams started using advanced stats been a great face for the league

How the 1-and-done player is ruining the college game

Wildcats. Coming off of an NCAA National Championship, the Cats lost then-freshmen Anthony Davis, Teague, and then-sophomores Terrence Jones and Doron Lamb to the NBA, which basically gutted the team before this season's new freshmen class even arrived. And despite an elite class which in-Noel, among other top recruits like Alex Poythress, Willie Cauley-Stein and Archie Goodwin, head coach John Calipari and his enormous pedigree, the Wildcats failed to qualify for the Tournament and

One of the reasons why this some point in the season, and the forcing them to rebuild their team coach Rick Pitino brought a team requirement to 19. So it will have top ten ranked teams seemed to be around another class of freshman, led by seniors in Siva, and centre to be the NBA who either ups the year's NCAA wasn't top dropping like flies in early Febru- which ultimately leads to less pol- Gorgui Dieng, and the always spo- minimum age to enter the draft so ary, which upsets more often than ished players, and the vicious cycle radic, yet always reliable junior players will stay in school longer, or not happening at the hands of un- continues. The perfect example of Russ Smith to the Championship offer some sort of incentive (or ranked teams. While this led to how the one-and-done players in game. But in this day's NCAA, for every Louisville team filled with five Kentucky's, where freshman don't see a school where they will Michael Kidd-Gilchrest, Marquis get a great four year experience, only a one year stage to showcase their talents for pro scouts. I don't think you can ever fault the players for going for the money and turning pro, everyone has their reasons, whether it's trying to give pressured by friends and/or agents; I get it. But at the same time, this cannot continue without the colexperienced players. were ousted in the first round of the any exists that is. The entity in control of this whole situation actually There is always the exception isn't the NCAA; it's the NBA. It's But this leaves many college to the rule, as is with the case of this the NBA who sets the restrictions stay longer in school is a great thing programs out of order, after their year's champs in the Louisville for players entering the Draft, who and will only help raise the level of Hall-of-Fame head in 2005 changed the minimum age play in both leagues significantly.

penalty) to keep college players in their respective programs. But it's experience, and guys who choose never that simple, the NBA will not to stay in school, there are four or increase the minimum age to enter the Draft because then they would lose out on an extra year of the sure -things coming out of college, like Anthony Davis, Kyrie Irving, John Wall and Derrick Rose, not to mention the money that those players bring in. The only realistic solution is the NBA altering the salary structure of first-round picks to give back to a struggling family, or being more incentive to those studentathletes who choose to stay in college Regardless of what happens lege game being hurt by the lack of with the heavily criticized "one-and done" rule, and by the way, there So next comes the solution, if doesn't appear to be any real discussion at the moment, as a fan of both the NBA and college basketball, I think having student-athletes

notch.

BY PETER SOTIRAKOS

he 2013 NCAA Men's Basketball Champion Louisville Cardinals' victory over the Michistorylines: the Cardinals being inspired by the horrific broken leg from Michigan's Spike Albrecht and the Cards' Luke Hancock, and the fantastic point guard battle aspiring pros could enter the NBA between the consensus National Player of the Year in Trey Burke and Louisville's Peyton Siva. But for many, that great game was not where the college players who enough to erase what was largely considered a bad season in college basketball.

past season started at the top of the rankings. The number one ranking was a carousel, with Indiana, Duke, Louisville, Michigan, Kansas and

even more Madness by the time the college ball have hurt the overall Big Dance came around, it also product is this year's Kentucky became easy to see the diminishing level of play across the board in gan Wolverines in early April was a Division I. What this speaks to great game. There were tons of more than anything has to be the amount of younger players leaving their school early to try their hand suffered by Kevin Ware, the bursts at turning pro, and how it has hurt NCAA programs.

Since 2004, the last year that with only a high school education, cluded the lottery bound Nerlens the quickest path to the NBA has been the "one-and-done" route, would assuredly be drafted in the first round of the NBA Draft choose to come out early for the promise of One of the biggest issues this a guaranteed contract worth millions of dollars; a hard bargain to NIT. ignore.

Gonzaga all holding the top spot at top recruits leave after only a year,

Cardinals.

The drought is over: the Maple Leafs-Bruins Playoff Series, in pictures

The Toronto Maple Leafs finally enjoyed a taste of the postseason this year after clinching the fifth seed in the Eastern Conference. Although short, Leaf Nation savoured every blood-pumping and heart-stopping moment that eventually led to their first-round exit against the rugged Boston Bruins in seven games. Here are some visuals that show what the series was like. By: Nathan Oh

> **GAME ONE:** Rabid Leaf fans cheer on their home team outside TD Garden in Boston. Despite scoring the game's first goal early, the Leafs lost 4-1 and found themselves in an early hole.



GAME TWO: Boston bombing victim Jeff Bauman waved the Boston flag in a very emotional pre-game ceremony. Phil Kessel finally exorcised his demons and scored his first goal against Boston in regulation, and Joffrey Lupul scored twice, leading the Leafs to a 4-2 win.

> **GAME THREE:** Leaf Nation got ready for the first playoff game in Toronto in eight seasons. Despite the hype, Boston scored three times in the second period, winning 5-2.

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GAME FOUR: Boston walks into the ACC and wins 4-3 in overtime thanks to a costly error by Dion Phaneuf and a goal by David Krejci. The Leafs head back to Boston one game away from elimination.





GAME FIVE: Tyler Bozak scores shorthanded, Clark Macarthur scores on a backhand, and James Reimer makes 44 saves as the Leafs win 2-1 and avoid elimination heading back to Toronto.

GAME SIX: Dion Phaneuf and Phil Kessel score, and the Leafs stave off late pressure from the Bruins to win 2-1, forcing a win-or -go-home Game 7 in Boston.



GAME SEVEN: The Heartbreaker. With Toronto holding a comfortable 4-1 lead midway through the third period, Boston scores three times in the final 11 minutes to force overtime, where Patrice Bergeron scores the clincher for the Bruins, winning the game and the series and sending the Leafs home.

Finding the right balance within the NHL

League always keep its fans on their toes.

dream of achieving. The Los Angehockey giants in the East. They baffled the hockey world by going exciting. It's supposed to 16-4 en route to engraving their name on Lord Stanley's hardware. This run was not a story of a puny little eighth seed that scratched and clawed its way to the finals, which has happened before. The Kings come to mind when you think of dominated. They came, they saw the best moments in professional and they crushed every opponent in their way. After their success, The extent to which profes- there was talk of a Cinderella story, sional sports are unpredictable is a and how nothing like this has ever truly beautiful thing. It's quite sad been seen. Yet, the fact of the matto see some leagues creeping to the ter is, if this was going to happen, it The spreading of talent in the NBA realm of extreme predictability, was going to happen in professional hockey. The LA Kings were not a fluke, but instead a product of what a well-balanced league looks Over the past fifteen years, the painful as it might be to the ears, NHL has gone through lockouts, the NHL has actually done some- major salary cap changes and an onslaught of new rules but has still The 2011-2012 is a perfect ex- managed to keep their competitive really boils down to the fans. Fans taking cup runs and quick season ample of the NHL's uncanny diver- playoffs intact. The best way to see need hope to thrive. It is essential to season recoveries.

How the National Hockey sity that other leagues can only the NHL's triumph is to compare it that the fans believe in their team team reigns victorious. It doesn't take a very large sample size to see the differences between the leagues. Since 1994, nine teams lower than the fourth seed have made the Stanley Cup Finals. Six of those teams were either the eighth or seventh seed in their respective conferences. In the NBA the story is slightly different. Only two teams lower than the fourth seed have ever made the finals. In the entire history of the NBA only a sixth and eighth seed have made the finals. is absolutely atrocious, especially compared to the NHL. Hockey fans are able to sit back and talk about their teeth and made it all the way to the finals. NBA fans do not have that privilege. As cliché as it is, this issue

with its closest cousin, the NBA. and their teams chances. The NHL ability to have a "competitive balles Kings entered the 2012 postsea- The NBA has an almost identical has provided their fans with that ance" is their ability to make it so son and exemplified the true mean- playoff system. Eight teams from hope every single season. It is a spending a ton of money on your ing of being under the radar. A very two conferences make the playoffs completely underrated aspect of team, really means absolutely talented Western Conference stood and the team's battle out 4 rounds their league. The Montreal Canadi- nothing. In typical NHL fashion in front of them as well as some of a best of seven series until one ens finished dead last in their con- they have done this completely by playoffs easily. That quick turnaround for a fan is one of the best feelings in sports. The NBA needs to keep pace, because right now, they are a league without hope. The NBA works on the formation of dynasties that run the sport for years at a time. If your team isn't that dynasty, well than you're just going to have to watch a losing team. Better luck next season. Realistically, what could Raptors fans hope for in the past couple of seasons? That maybe they could how their hometown team barely nudge themselves into the playoffs made the playoffs by the skin of only to be squashed by a team like the Heat.

The reason behind the NHL's ference a year ago. This year they accident. At the end of the day in led the conference for a good por- the NHL, it comes down to how tion of the season and made the well your team is run, not how big your wallet is. Teams that have spent to the limit of the salary cap have no guaranteed success. The New York Rangers and Minnesota Wild showed us that quite clearly this season. The NHL's ability to keep their league unpredictable, pump out new champions every year, and give the little guys a chance, makes them the most watchable league for some fans. It just isn't exciting to watch a league where there are only a few possible champions and everyone just has to sit back and watch. Hockey has somehow blossomed into a sport that is up for grabs as long as you are well-run. Fans should sit back, relax and try to contemplate the unfathomable idea that the NHL has actually done something good for them.

BY JOSH PETERS SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

atching professional sports is supposed to be keep you on the edge of your seat and make you hold your breath as you attempt to expect the unexpected. Comebacks, underdogs and close games are words that sports history.

and it makes them unwatchable to some people. However, there is one league that, for now, has discovered the formula for a diverse, fluc- like. tuating and entertaining league. As thing right.

The NHL on the other hand, gives that underdog hope. It paves the way for fantastic stories, breath-

The ABCs of Toronto sports: Anthopoulos, Burke, Colangelo



TAKING ONE SMALL STEP AT A TIME Although it may not seem like it, Toronto's general managers have been making the moves to slowly, but surely, improve Toronto's teams.

Toronto has been known for its mediocre sports been working on it.

BY KEVIN CHAN SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

exception of the Toronto Rock, one outraged that the centre of the Tocould say that we've been perform- ronto pitching staff would be ing poorly. The Blue Jays have not traded away for minor league playmade the playoffs within the last ers, but Anthopoulos stuck by his ten years, the Raptors have made vision for a long-term rebuilding of the playoffs twice and were the Blue Jays. In January of 2011, knocked out in the first round both Anthopoulos traded away the other for his successes previously in Van- with the Phoenix Suns. In his first times, and the Leafs made their face of the Blue Jays franchise, first playoff appearance this year Vernon Wells. since the 2004-2005 season.

failures on upper management of poulos then finalized a blockbuster but despite making several signifithese teams; ten years is a more deal with the Miami Marlins, ac- cant trades, he was unable to do so. Conference as well as Atlantic Divithan reasonable timeframe to re- quiring SS Jose Reyes, P Mark During his time with the Leafs or- sion champs with a 47-35 record. build a team into a championship Buehrle, P Josh Johnson, C John contender.

Toronto was filled with optimism the 2012 offseason. After four gruel- Phaneuf, who are now the faces of Bosh, as well as numerous injuries regarding its professional sports ling years of rebuilding the Blue the Leafs franchise. Burke also to top draft pick Andrea Bargnani teams. Many avid baseball fans Jays from the ground up, Antho- traded away long-time Leaf Tomas and other role players. agreed that this season's Blue Jays poulos has succeeded in turning Kaberle to the division rival Boston had one of the strongest lineups on the Blue Jays from bottom feeders Bruins. These trades, along with been near the bottom of the Eastpaper since the Roy Halladay/ into one of the most dangerous the drafting of forward Nazem ern Conference for three consecu- sound management fundamentals, Vernon Wells era, and that's all teams in the competitive AL East, Kadri, make up the core of the Ma- tive seasons, and play like a team and it would appear that Toronto

began his tenure as the Blue Jays' teams, but our GMs have previous GM J.P. Ricciardi was Many baseball critics predicted fired, and had an immediate imf you take a look at Toronto's ace pitcher Roy Halladay for a East. record in major league sports number of minor league prospects. over the past ten years, with the At the time, many Jays fans were their team celebrated the end of an

Ultimately, we can pin these draft picks in the offseason, Antho-

Alex Anthopoulos. Anthopoulos tion, a good bullpen, and most importantly, a monster lineup both season to the foundation Burke Colangelo was lauded for bringing general manager in 2009, when behind the plate and in the field. brought in during his tenure. Look- proven wingman Rudy Gay to Tothat it would be the Blue Jays, and pact on the team. He is known for not the perennial playoff contendcompleting one of the biggest deals ers of New York or Boston, who prospects into future NHL stars. are pursuing 11-time championin Blue Jays history, trading away would come out on top in the AL Hopefully within the next two to ship coach Phil Jackson to join their

eight year playoff drought under the management of GM Dave and GM for the Toronto Maple thanks to young general manager sporting a passable pitching rota- ple Leafs team today, and we can that lacks both an identity and a has just that.

erhouses of the Eastern Conference

Of the three general managers Burke had served as the President arguably the least successful. Colangelo came to Toronto in 2006, Leafs for five years, and was known leaving behind a 15-year legacy couver and Anaheim. After his full season as GM, Colangelo comsigning with the Leafs in late 2008, pletely overhauled the Raptors ros-After acquiring a number of fans expected Burke to bring a ter and turned a team that had finquick end to the playoff drought, ished the previous season 27-55 into the third seed of the Eastern ganization, Burke most notably However, things started to spiral Buck and OF Emilio Bonifacio in completed trades that brought in downhill from there with the de-Heading into 2013, the city of one of the most one-sided deals in Phil Kessel and captain Dion parture of franchise player Chris the guiding hand of Bryan Colan-

attribute some of their success this leader on the floor. Recently, ing forward, the Leafs have several ronto, and Gay has been heralded high-profile prospects in their farm as the franchise's new saviour. With system and hope to turn those rumours surfacing that the Raptors three seasons, the Leafs will regain organization, the Raps seem to be Leafs fans rejoiced this year as their reputation as one of the pow-heading in the right direction, despite the process taking nearly four seasons.

Many Torontonians see hope Nonis. Previous to Nonis, GM Brian mentioned, Bryan Colangelo is for Toronto's sports teams in the coming years. Led by Alex Anthopoulos, the Blue Jays bring a young and talented roster that, barring injuries, should make them contenders for years to come. The Maple Leafs are in a good spot, securing their berth in the playoffs behind the foundation that Brian Burke laid for them before he was fired. The Raptors team contains many talented players whom have yet to mesh well together, but should come together soon under gelo.

Just like how every child begins to learn English with their As a result, the Raptors have ABCs, success in major league sports teams also begins with

ne year from now – Sochi 2014 part 2

Hockey is back. Many fans have enjoyed this year's season, and are looking forward to many more games on the ice. Arguably the biggest games for many players will be during the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. Canada will yet again be a force, but their team has not been finalized. Regardless of

what happens, we still choose to speculate, exploring the possibilities of defensemen and goaltenders for Canada next year. By: Daniel Becker.

Defensemen

Looking back on Vancouver 2010, it's apparent to me that Team Canada seems to find a way to win when it matters most. Going into Sochi, Russia on its arguably biggest high since 1972, Team Canada looks to be front and center when the medals are handed out. I know it's still a year from now but, hey, you have to plan for the future. This is my take on the future line-up of D-men for Team Canada 2014.

Steve Yzerman will be at a loss with the departure of some key defensive leaders and icons. Looking back on the defensemen Team Canada selected for Vancouver, they seemed to be very offensively focused with Dan Boyle, Scott Niedermayer, Drew Doughty and even the heavy hitting Shea Weber. Most of these guys will be past their prime by 2014 and I see it as an opportunity for some new blood to

Famers (i.e. Pronger, Niedermayer, 12 goals, 32 assists, and sitting 12th four returning defensemen, I see 2011-2012 beating Letang, the 2014 line-up of Team Canada to Doughty, Keith, Yandle, and Nickbe close to this group:

Doughty (LA)-Weber (NSH) Keith (CHI)-Seabrook (CHI) Extra: Phaneuf (TOR)

I know I put Phaneuf as the 7th D-man. You probably think it's a joke, but you're mistaken. In my opinion, Phaneuf is a game changer surprisingly enough. He is most effective when he plays minimal minutes. With one hit he can change the course of a game; he is not a proven leader but we're not asking him to play big minutes. He third pair was tough to choose from has offensive potential and defen- because of the disappointment of sive firepower with his bone crushing hits. I must admit I'm a bit bi- these two players bring leadership

las Lidstrom. I rest my case.

Pietrangelo (STL)-Letang (PIT) top pairing of Doughty and Weber talent at the D position. Here are seems to be a unanimous choice because of their recent Stanley Cup win and the fact that Weber can outduel even Nicklas Lidstrom in the playoffs. The second pairing brings out the speed and raw talent these two players bring to the game day in and day out. They will push the offense forward into the opponent's end and create tremendous scoring opportunities and hassle for the opposing team. Now the last season for the Blackhawks, but

period of time, especially as it will be their second go-around at Now back to the starters. The GOLD. It is rare to have so much some guys who are close potential alternate selections:

P.K. Subban (MTL) Marc Staal (NYR) Tyler Myers (BUF) Mike Green (WSH)

Goalies

It is known that Canada may not have the best goalies in the world but they still measure up to the best. Looking back at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics everyone saw an inconsistency in the Canadian goal. Trying to go with the more experienced goaltenders almost

step in and fill the void that was ased as a Leafs fan, but don't hate and it's very fortuitous that they cost us the gold. But in the end it all once stacked with future Hall of on me just for that, look at his stats: both play on the same team. These worked out which is why we need a two players bring chemistry that is new set of goalies who are known possibly Boyle). With likely only on the NHL defensive points list in very rare for an Olympic team that to be stable in the net. Even though only comes together during a short many would think Brodeur would be a big loss to the team, Canada having depth in the goalie position like many other positions will find a better replacement. With likely only one returning goalie, I see the 2014 line-up of Team Canada to be close to this group:

Starter: Carey Price (MTL) Backup: Cam Ward (CAR) 2nd Backup: Marc-Andre Fleury (PIT)

These three lucky candidates beat out a not so tough Canadian goaltending group of:

Mike Smith (PHX) Roberto Luongo (VAN) Brian Elliott (STL) James Reimer (TOR) Corey Crawford (CHI)

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Macklemore: More than your typical rapper

Not just a thrift shopper.

BY ISAAC TAM ERTAINMENT CONTRIBUTOR

eattle-based indie rapper and hip-hop artist Macklemore enjoyed a surge of success in this past year with the release of the hit single "Thrift Shop" from his first album alongside his producer and musical partner Ryan Lewis with The Heist. The song reached number one on the Billboard 100 along with his album that also reached the top spot on the album charts.

However, Macklemore is not your typical rapper – or musician for that matter. Hidden under his fur coats bought from Value Village lies the story of a man that struggled with drug abuse and alcoholism; trying to maintain the balance between his career and his life.

Born into an Irish family, Macklemore (born Ben Haggerty) ventured at an early age into the Seattle hip hop scene, listening to the West Coast underground since he was 6 years old. He spent much of his childhood with friends listening to the radio and creating dubs and mixtapes, being unable to buy records for underage reasons. Wu-Tang Clan, Nas and Freestyle Fellowship were some of his greatest influences. He started

writing lyrics in his teen years, gaining the support for his musical career from his family. By 2000, he released his first

EP, Open Your Eyes under the name Professor Macklemore. Things were looking good for the young artist of 17, but the music and fame came with a cost.

Drug and alcohol use was common in the underground hip hop scene, where rappers glorified the consumption of illegal substances. Macklemore admitted in an interview that with drugs and alcohol, there was never any moderation. He tried OxyContin and marijuana and drank in excess. For the artist, he wanted marijuana to help him with his creativity, but the drug never translated into anything constructive.

In 2005, he released his first full-length album, The Language of My World. However, substance abuse was still in the veins as he struggled to sober up. His music took the biggest hit, with nothing being produced in the years where he struggled to get off the drugs. His favourite rappers were large influences that lead him to taking cough syrup as a means of getting high, triggering a downward spiral in his life. Finally in 2008, he admitted himself into a rehab clinic where he got sober. Back on track with partner Rvan Lewis, whom he met

in 2006, they began to work on the Vs. Ep, their first collaborative record, which was then released in 2009, receiving positive reviews and praise from critics for its fresh and creative beats. He also released another record that same year, The Unplanned Mixtape. Macklemore drew inspiration from his experiences with drugs to help him write the songs that were included in these two EPs, eventually making him an example of sobriety for many teenagers in that generation.

Gaining popularity, he went on tour in late 2011 and came back home in December of that year. He says of his experience, "It's a weird thing to get home from tour when you're used to being in front of so many people. I hadn't gone to [my AA] meetings. I felt weird in my head. And I had a cough" He continues to say, "I went to the doctor and got a prescription". Codeine cough syrup was prescribed to him. Later that night, he had finished the whole bottle. For the few weeks to follow, the same thing happened each night until he realized that he had relapsed. These were dark times for Macklemore. In his music, he made many mentions of his sobriety and tried to convince young people to never try drugs. To relapse was something he did not want to do in that point in his life.

Shame and regret filled his mind, being afraid to show his face when he went outside. However, with support from his father and attending AA meetings again, he got over his addiction and partnered up with Ryan Lewis to finish the album they had started in their parents' basements, The Heist, which was released in October 2012.

To be quite frank, Macklemore is a black sheep among rappers. Ironically, this is because he is white. However, this is not the sole reason for standing out. Macklemore is a rapper with a message. A rapper with many messages actually. Throughout his entire extensive discography, you can find many themes that he writes about, which includes racism, gay rights, and consumerism. The most obvious, however, is drug abuse.

"Otherside" is the most critically acclaimed song off the Vs. EP, dealing with the very real experiences he had with cough syrup. To break the song down, a loop from the Red Hot Chili Peppers song of the same title begins the song. Macklemore goes on to narrate a story of a boy who begins to drink cough syrup because of the music he listened to. Although the high he got was satisfying, he ends up overdosing and losing his life. Reflecting on this story, Macklemore starts to examine his own life and the places where he went wrong. Growing up listening to the rappers who greatly influenced him and his peers, it was the path of drugs that many young listeners began to delve into. Most thought they would never do drugs or thought it would never harm them but this was just a case of self delusion. This song is a warning and a wakeup call to the rap and hip hop community that things need to change.

The accompanying music suited the tone of the song as well. At points, kick drums and snares could be heard, driving the tragic moments of the song and suddenly all of that would fade to be replaced by a violin duet. This song is amazingly powerful and needs to be heard.

In the end, Macklemore is a very unique rapper who loves the music and loves to share his stories. He has struggled and he has reached his dreams, a true underdog story. Even with his success, he remains humble and supports those in his community through charities and events held publicly. I don't consider him to be a rapper, but a poet who records his life on track. To quote his song "Make the Money", "life's a beautiful struggle, I record it; hope it helps you manoeuvring through yours".



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Do the Jonas Brothers ring a bell?

Put your pom-poms down for the Jonas Brothers!

BY PRISCILLA LAY CONTRIBUTOR

he year 2013 is said to be a bright and new year to everyone; it is a year full of new music from talented musicians. Some artists may be ancient to teens today, but do the Jonas Brothers ring a bell? The band of brothers were on the hot seat of fame back in 2008, but does the society still remember the band?

The Jonas Brothers were already known for their pop music when they were hitting it off the charts in 2008. The band informed the public that their upcoming album would be very different from past projects.

After three years from their big break from the band, Nick and his other band, the Administration had their album release in mid-2010, then Joe's single album release in early 2011, and Kevin's reality show with his wife, the brothers have gone through quite could not wait for the album release this coming fall, but they aren't the only ones eager about the new album; fans are extremely supportive, with excellent reception of their new single, pompoms.

The "Jonatics", as they call their fans, are super excited to hear the stories behind each of their songs. In late 2012 when the brothers performed "Wedding Bells" in one of their live chats and concert in South America, the rumors instantly swirled around Miley Cyrus. In an interview with Ryan Seacrest in October 2012, Nick Jonas confirmed that the song was written a long time ago, and was about Miley. He added, "It's just being open and honest about the fact that your life is just what you have to write about ... just pull from life inspiration." Seems there is definitely a lot to look out for once the album is released. After all, the band has gone through a lot after three years. They have become young adults and Kevin Jonas, the older

a lot of experiences solo. The band brother of both Nick and Joe, warns that this album will be more mature, highlighting their success.

The band announced that the album is finished, but they want fans to slowly "absorb" the music as more singles are to come throughout this spring and summer. Despite the upcoming album, the Jonas Brothers will be touring this summer with some new songs from the album, and refreshing fans with past songs. They have already announced tour dates and locations.

With the busy schedule the brothers have on their plate, it will be an outstanding year of Jonas. 2013 is definitely ready for their fresh music and North American summer tour. The Jonas Brothers are releasing their new album in the fall of 2013. Many fans are excited for their comeback, ever since their single has been released there is not one single fan that is not excited. It looks to be that 2013 is a bright year and full of new music to spread. 2013 will be just the year of a new start for the Jonas Brothers.



THEY'RE BACK! The Jonas Brothers are finally reunited!

Television Troubles

TV series are taking midbreaks for too often.

BY SOO-KIM YDONG ENTERTAINMENT CONTRIBUTOR

imply nothing is more disappointing to sit down on the couch, equipped with snacks and remotes, and find that the program you wanted to watch is replaced by another of less interest or worse - the dreaded rerun. Even though, week after week we return like loyal dogs hearing the call of their owner, or junkies looking to satisfy our torturous addiction.

Earlier in the history of television shows could be seen in full length, commercial free, every week. Yet in modern times, we're lucky to get our favourite new episodes three weeks per month, and that's with ten minutes of commercials during every half-

hour segment.

Obviously, this is unfair to the viewer. Unless the television industry can procure a valid reason to vacation several times per year, these gaps in scheduling ought to be filled.

For example, the hit comedy series The Office has only aired 4 shows in the past 11 weeks. Unsurprisingly, ratings continue to stay high, as viewers endlessly come back for more. Corporations seem to be taking advantage of loyal viewers, and I for one will not allow this to continue.

Kilometres away, in New York and Los Angeles, network CEOs earn millions, despite their production being half of what it should be.

Expectations of viewers should always be met, if not exceeded. Revenge is in order. Stand in solidarity, and protest the greed of networks.



A MAN WHO TRULY LOVED FILM Roger Ebert will always be remembered for his outlook on all sorts of films.

A tribute to a great man

Farewell to Roger Ebert, a man who truly loved film.

BY RYAN KHURANA for watching movies.

It was seen in his show and in his writing. Good films lit up his life, making him unbelievably happy; bad ones were taken as movies, and no passion in my life personal attacks against him, and offended him greatly. Whether he liked the film or not, it was a pleasure to learn his opinion. Be it a film like Tree of Life which he called "a film of vast ambition and deep humility" or Elijah Wood's North which according to him is "one of the worst movies ever made". Ebert's love of film was unmatched, and he had an unparalleled passion. If this passion that he had was present in all of our lives, if we could love anything as much as he loved movies, I'm sure the world would be a much different and better place for it. Ebert exemplified the power of passion and love, of truly caring about one's craft. He showed us that if you love what you do you will find success, but if you do it for any other reason you will have a much harder time.

one of the most beautiful animated films ever made and a film that has stuck with me to this day. Since then, I was inspired to love can equal the one I have for film. But my passion is simply a drop of water in the ocean of passion that Roger had for the topic. I first watched Ebert and Roeper, the show he co-hosted, when I was 5 years old. They were reviewing Fellowship of the Ring and even as a 5 year old, I could see the love he had for film. He saw movies as more than just entertainment but as art in its purest form. I had watched his show every week from then until cancer forced him away.



n April 4th, 2013, at the age of only 70, Roger Ebert passed away. Ebert was a film critic, and perhaps the most well-known film critic in history. He was the first critic to win a Pulitzer Prize, and his trademark thumbs up/down approach was one of the most trusted in the industry.

For more than 46 years, readers and viewers of his television show turned to him as their guide to film. Ebert loved film; you could see it in how he wrote, you could see it in how angry he got when his co-hosts would disagree with him, and you could see it in how he debated back with them. Whether you agreed with his opinion or not, it was just so entertaining and thought provoking to hear because these weren't the comments of a man doing his job for the fame or the money; this was a man who truly loved what he was doing and had a passion

I remember my first experience watching a movie back in 1998 when I saw the Iron Giant,

I continued to read his reviews on his website up until the day he died, but still every week I log on, hoping to see something new, disappointed that there won't be.

Roger Ebert was one of the most important influences in my life and I could only one day hope to have as much passion for my craft as he did for his. He may be gone, but he will never be forgotten.

Before you graduate, be kid for a few hours

Remembering the joys of childhood in these films.

BY RACHEL LEVITT ENTERTAINMENT CONTRIBUTOR

o matter how old you get, you should never lose that childish aspect of yourself. When you are young, you don't care what anyone else thinks. You know who you are and find other people with the same goals instead of conforming. You don't doubt your feelings. Everything feels so much bigger and so much smaller than it actually is. These five films that you are about to read about, are vital for anyone who has lost themselves in the tidal wave that is teenage-hood. 1. Little Manhattan



A side splitting comedy and a sweet romance, Little Manhattan is the junior version of When

narrated by eleven-year-old Gabe and chronicles the time span of his first love. The trouble is that he cannot for the life of him figure out how the female mind works. As he embarks on all the classic stages of a first romance, he discovers that sometimes life and love don't always turn out as planned. This is a coming of age film that will take you back to the days of that silly crush that seemed like everything. 2. The Goonies

Harry met Sally. This quirky film is



A fun and spunky eighties classic, The Goonies will remind you of that adventure you always sought. A group of friends set out on a journey to find the ancient pirate, One-eyed Willie's treasure, after finding a hidden map. However, they are going to have to compete with a trio of escaped criminals who are after the same thing. The humour never gets old older audiences. The rambunctious antics of the gang as they solve Willie's puzzles and avoid booby traps, remains to be an exciting tale for all audiences. Don't go through life without seeing The Goonies at least once! 3. Stand by Me



Based on a short story by Stephen King, this film has become a classic that has stuck with movie watchers for years. The film centres around four misfit friends who set out to find a missing body. As they set out on this adventure, both the characters and the viewer learn about one another and themselves. It is a touching film about the fantastic bond of friendship that seems impossible to find as you grow up. It is like a quote from the film states: "I never had friends later on like the ones I had when I was twelve. Jesus, does anvone?'

as there are many jokes aimed for **4. Moonrise Kingdom**



A Wes Anderson film that utilities all the elements of his past films from colour scheme to humour that made The Royal Tannenbaums and The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou such a success. Moonrise Kingdom tells the story of two pen pals who decide to run away into the wilderness together. The duo must avoid parents and scouts in order to salvage their love. If you are a fan of witty, artsy and slightly hipster films, then this is right up your alley. 5. Tomboy

A film that explores the topic



of a ten-year-old transgendered child, who sees a chance to identify himself as male despite being born into a female body when he moves to a new town. He makes plenty of friends and develops a small romance with a girl named Lisa. Although it begins happy, the film takes a darker turn when others find out about Mickäel's identity.

The movie is carefully paced and strategically crafted in an expert fashion that is rich with symbolism and characters that leap off the screen. It is a mature film for people who are interested in serious subject matter that makes you think.

Childhood is perceived as innocence and ignorance, however that is not necessarily so. As these films exhibit, kids are capable of so much more than we think. They see the world with morals that lessen as we grow older. They stand by their friends and beliefs solidly and experience things that shape them as they age. They imagine and explore freely without fear of ridicule. If that is innocent and ignorant, then I never plan on growing up. Do you?

Terry's new goal is Hollywood

With upcoming buzz in Hollywood over the announcement of Terry Fox: The Feature Film, Canadians are wondering; will justice be brought to Terry's legacy?

BY LAUREN MALYK ENTERTAINMENT CONTRIBUTOR

ith the recent passing of Fox's anniversary run across Canada, it comes as a surprise to many Canadians that a Kickstarter campaign promoting and planning a film to retrace the steps of his legacy has been launched. The film is scheduled to be released in 2014, with all of the proceeds being directed to The Terry Fox Foundation to assist with cancer research. Fox, a true Canadian hero due to his fight against cancer and his run across Canada, is truly dear to Canadians hearts. Even the Fox family isn't putting up a fight with the production of the new film to honour Terry's life.

There has been one pervious movie made about the famous Fox, called "The Terry Fox Story (Heart of a Champion)". In a review from Rottentomatoes.com, the movie only scored a mediocre 67% from the audiences who saw the movie.

Kelly Slattery is the woman who's brave enough to take on Fox's life legacy. The Torontonian of the hour is currently working as a producer for Therapy Content Slattery herself has been touched by Terry's legacy as her

producer. If you haven't heard of the company then don't fret, as the company is known mainly for documentaries and seems to be catching the eyes of some Sundance Film Festival critics.

In an interview with the *Sun*, Slattery was caught saying, "It's a Canadian story. And I think when it's a Canadian story, we tend to not share our heroes and our triumphs." She continued in the interview by stating "That's part of the fabric of Canada, to be humble about what we've done. I appreciate that, but I also think we should share this story. I think it's really inspiring, and I think it can show the world what a real hero is. I think it's time we do that."

father, who was an executive for Adidas, received a letter from Fox. Since this act, the family has been obsessed with bringing more fame to Terry's name. Kelly Slatterly, the woman behind to the drive to bring Terry back to life even commented by saying, "To my family, he represented a selflessness that is rarely seen in the world today."

Even Fox's brother, Darrell Fox commented on the film, "We are excited by the opportunities offered in a theatre release to share Terry's vision and values with a global audience". He even commented on Kelly's hard work so far, "We are very thankful for Kelly's intentions of generating revenue for cancer research, which go hand and hand with Terry's Marathon of Hope intentions of reducing the suffering caused by cancer."

Something noteworthy to remember is that the movie is still in its initial process, so no names for possible actors have been announced. We'll just have to wait and see which actor will get the role of a lifetime, playing the inspiring and iconic Terry Fox.

What the upcoming film aims to do is to inspire youth to take up Terry's battle which was to assist with cancer research and to inspire youth to start their own cross -country marathons. Terry's brother chose to speak out on the movie saying, "We are excited by the opportunities offered in a theatre release to share Terry's vision and values with a global audience."



REMEMBERING TERRY FOX Millions around the world honour his achievements with the Terry Fox run already, should a movie be the next step?

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2001: a truly mind blowing experience

12 Years Later: A Look Back at 2001.

BY RYAN KHURANA

first saw Stanley Kubrick's magnum opus 2001: A Space Odyssey when I was 7 years old and over the last 10 years, have seen it 8 more times- twice in theatres. I own a DVD and a Blu Ray copy of the film, and I have read numerous essays on the film's themes. I can say with utter conviction that this is the greatest film I have ever seen. Consistently ranking in the top 10 on Sights & Sounds poll of best films ever made as chosen by critics and directors, here is my review of 2001: A Space Odyssey.

A 1968 Science Fiction epic that defined the standards that the gente would hold even till today. The film does not follow a conventional plot structure, eschewing a beginning middle and end, dialogue and character development in favour of a truly visceral experience. The film is slow and methodical, it uses visual poetry and c c classical music to develop its themes. It is a film guided by grand concepts and conceits, which is so meticulously crafted. Its art direction and style is exquisite and unparalleled.

2001 is divided into four parts, each masterpieces individually, but the sum of which is far greater than any individual moment. It starts with a sequence tracing the dawn of man, which is one of the most original and breathtaking moments ever commals, the sequence takes us into another world, and is a truly striking beginning. Fast-forward thousands of years to 2001 where a group of scientists are sent on a voyage to the moon. This is where the bulk of the film's visual poetry occurs and features the most memorable usage of Strauss' "Blue Danube" which accompanies shots of satellites orbiting the Earth. As well, this launched many conspiracy theories concerning the realistic depiction of the moon and space travel a whole year before the Apollo 11 landing.

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After that we are taken into the most famous segments of the film, to which most sci-fi movies today owe something. We join David Bowman and Frank Poole, as well as high tech super computer HAL 9000 on spaceship Discovery One as they voyage to Jupiter. HAL believes that the crew poses a threat to the mission and what follows are some of the most frightening and memorable moments of cinema. Finally, the film journeys into the beyond into a lucid and incomprehensible final sequence that is often debated and consistently viewed with mesmerizing awe.

The film works by using its ambiguity to stir up thought. The film lacks much dialogue, and when it does have some the lines are quick and concise. It cares not to spell out its ideas for you, but to have you question and ponder on its themes. It is very precise, and Kubrick's trademark attention to



2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY

HELLO DAVE Kubrick's masterpiece still sets an unnaturally high bar for Sci-Fi movies.

detail flows of the screen, making this a revolutionary film for its time. Many of the special effects would still hold up by today's standards. The character of HAL, the film's menacing villain, I assure would still send chills down viewers' spines with his dead and monotone voice.

Critics of the film are quick to point out its slow and languid pacing, but that is very deliberate. The film does not reward the attention deficit, but those who allow its beauty and thematic glory to take them on an unforgettable ride. Exploring themes such as the evolution on of man, the effects of technology, nuclear war, religion, man's quest for purpose and the meaning of life and the universe, the film is dense with thought provoking ideas to which many essays are still written today. The film has had such a profound effect on society that even the Catholic Church placed it on its list of religiously significant films, the Arts and Faith commission consistently puts it in its top 5, and it was selected for preservation by the Library of Congress for being "historically, culturally and/or aesthetically significant".

An unparalleled masterpiece and certainly one that will not soon be forgotten, 2001: A Space Odyssey was both the birth and death of modern sci-fi. It was a film so good that nothing that followed could compare.

Even Ridley Scott, director of another fantastic sci-fi classic *Blade Runner* said of 2001 "After 2001: A Space Odyssey, Science Fiction is dead" a sentiment I agree wholeheartedly with. 2001 opened the pod bay doors to a higher echelon of sci-fi, a standard very few films that followed could approach.







OUR FEARLESS PROTAGONIST Bastion follows one boy's quest to rebuild the world.

Bastion: a look back

A s k Vlad

The Eye of the Tiger is back again, with our last edition of our famous advice column for the school year. Vlad Boshoer is here to answer your final questions. If you have any questions that you would like answered, check out our Facebook page or send us a message at eyeofthetigerchiefs@gmail.com. Unfortunately, they will be answered next year If you are interested in this position for next year, please contact us at eyeofthetigerchiefs@gmail.com. See you again next year!



BY VLAD BOSHOER

Q: Bruce, why do we fall? Cheers, superhero-in-training

A: "So we can teach ourselves to get up right after it happens" - Joker

Q: Did Spider-Man 3 give you gastrointestinal distress? Sincerely, stop-spidey-stop

A: It's honestly not that terrible of a movie. Yeah, the jazz bar scene made me cringe when I rewatched it and there's way more silliness than all the other Spider-Man movies combined. What I hated the most was how they ruined Venom, my favourite Spider-Man villain. Oh, that was horrible. James Franco saying "when I kissed her, it was like I always kissed her. *licks lips* mmmm... strawberries." On second thought ... yeah, it's pretty bad.

Q: Why are people so foolish will become: Why are people so foolish? Thanks, i-am-smarter

A: Are they literally sheeple? Do you feel disconnected from your

Man" and replace every single "yes" in the movie with a "YOLO" (We get "YOLO Man"). The movie remains the same and retains its positive message. Therefore, YOLO is good.

Q: Are you secretly a ninja? Cheers, not-a-ninja-unless-youare-too

A: Remove your left hand from your face before it leaves an imprint.

Q: Do you think age = wisdom? Sincerely, not-old-or-wise

A: Generally. People younger than twenty three think that they're smarter than everyone else because they follow a few pages on Facebook, but in truth, they're mostly absolute sheeple. Old people are world-weary and cranky and just don't care. However if you try to argue with an old person on a subject that you're both interested in, like math or literature, they will always win.

Q: Why are people so against things that aren't normal? Sincerely, not-a-hipster-i-swear

A review of one of the most talked about games

BY JOEY KLEIN ENTERTAINMENT CONTRIBUTOR

B astion (2011) was one of the best video games I've played in recent memory. It received a lot of praise from critics and consumers alike. It received many awards, including a spot in *The Escapist's: Zero Punctuation*'s Top 5 Games of the Year. The game was praised for its interesting storyline, beautiful graphics, challenging gameplay, and audio track so good that fans asked for a digital release.

So what was it that actually made Bastion unique? Well firstly, the game is hard to put in a genre. Many people put it in the ActionAdventure category - along with everything else hard to classify but if it had to have its own genre, it would probably be a 2.5D hack'n'slash-beat-em-upsteampunk-adventure.

The game had a unique hand drawn look to it, with sections of the game world popping up as you walked around adding another unique touch to the game. The narrator's memorable voice guides you through the levels, and reveals certain things about the characters and the world that help to bring the game to life.

The game's combat was done very well as it was easy to learn yet difficult to master. There were plenty of weapons to use, and lots of upgrades for personal customization, and "secret skills" which were handy in a pinch. There were enough weapons and upgrades for said weapons to fit each playstyle, and there were also "Proving Grounds." Places where you could test your skill with each weapon and earn prizes for your proficiency

The story follows "The Kid," a young man who wakes up to find that the world has been destroyed and who must help bring the Bastion, the only hospitable place left in the world, to its full power. You must journey to destroyed areas of the world and collect "cores" which you use to upgrade the bastion to earn facilities that you use to upgrade weapons, buy items etc.

Overall, Bastion is an excellent game that is a definite must play. Bastion is available on the XBOX Live Arcade Marketplace and the digital distribution software "Steam" for \$15. generation? Think you should've been born in 1925? Is everything Illuminati? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, congratulations; you've been friendzoned by at least three girls in your life.

Q: WHY DO I FALL IN LOVE AGAIN AND AGAIN AND IT JUST DOESN'T WORK OUT? THANKS, AT-THE-TOP-OF-MY-LUNGS

A: PROBABLY BECAUSE YOU YELL THIS INFORMATION AT THEM AND THEY GET WHIP-LASH AND SCATTER LIKE ANTS UNDER A BLOWDRYER.

Q: What do you think of the words 'swaggie' and 'YOLO'? Sincerely, #swagster

A: "Swaggie" is new to me. "YOLO" is a reasonable philosophy for outgoing individuals; for example, take the movie "Yes A: Why, are you a fellow PeNgU1N oF d00m? If anything, people not being normal has become the new normal. If you have a quirky obsession with morbid subjects, 'hardcore' music like Avenged Sevenfold and Black Veil Brides, and are at least a 6/10, then you're riding the gravy train of one of the biggest high school cliques. Yeah, I get it, teenage phases and everything, but for the love of Andy Biersack please don't assume you are an"underground" individual. Remember, the more you cry the word "h8ers!!" the more the rest of us 'other' people shake our heads.

Q: How do I become like you? Cheers, I-heart-this-column

A: That's a very good question. The answer is you can't. There is only one Vlad. Only one perfect being. Apart from Ryan Gosling. Later, honey!

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