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THE POWER IS THE PEOPLE

"I WRITE ONLY BECAUSE
THERE IS A VOICE WITHIN
ME THAT WILL NOT BE
STILLED"-Sylvia Plath

A WORD AFTER A WORD AFTER A
WORD IS POWER.

-Margaret Atwood

"We dare not
forget that we are
the heirs of the
first revolution"-
John F. Kennedy

"DESCRIPTION BEGINS IN THE
WRITER'S IMAGINATION BUT
SHOULD FINISH IN THE
READER'S"

-Stephen King.

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PINK SHIRT DAY

BY: PAUL DELOS REYES

On Wednesday, February 25, a multitude of activities were held for Pink Shirt Day, the day which advocates for collective efforts towards anti-bullying and inclusivity. Groups like the Student Council, Interact, Equity Committee, and Mr. Taylor's Social Justice class all contributed to Pink Shirt Day related efforts.

Hugh Boyd's Student Council managed to raise over three hundred dollars from their annual Pie-in-the-face event, which was held in the lounge. Executives from each grade asked for donations from students of the same grade during class time; the incentive was obviously being the opportunity to see a classmate get pied in the face. All funds went towards the CKNW Kids' Fund, which aims to foster healthy self-esteem in children all over BC. Interact also held a fundraiser by selling Krispy Kreme donuts; the resulting funds went towards the Canadian Mental Health Association.

The day before Pink Shirt Day, the Equity Committee held a presentation about the importance of empathy in digital spaces. All students in grades 8 and 9 attended. Additionally, the Read a Secret, Leave a Secret booth allowed students to connect with each other by sharing their experiences with kindness, or the lack thereof. Both of these were mentioned in the Richmond News.

The initiative to tackle bullying continues at Hugh Boyd, even after Pink Shirt Day.



Cartel Violence in Puerto Vallarta

BY: VALENTINA YEP

Mexico's most wanted cartel boss, Nemesio "El Mencho" Oseguera Cervantes was killed in a high stakes operation, which has now sparked off a spiral of chaotic violence. Oseguera, who was the head of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel which had gained rapid influence in recent years and had become one of the main traffickers of methamphetamine and fentanyl into the US.

The attack had come at a sensitive time for Mexico, which exerts increasing pressure onto President Claudia Sheinbaum to clamp down on drug trafficking. The violence also ensued months before Guadalajara was made to host matches for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The attack was led by Mexican forces, who were hunting down the cartel boss for years, who had led them to investigate where his whereabouts would be, eventually leading them to find his hideout. They found the hideout through a 'trusted man' of one of Oseguera's lovers. Soon after discovering the hideout, Mexican special forces had swooped in and planned and launched a raid.



Following Oseguera's death, there was a state of panic and chaos throughout Mexico as cartel forces carried out brutality in a retaliating manner. Gangs had set off blockades in the roads and set buses, other vehicles, and businesses on fire. There has also been a reported amount of gunfire violence throughout Mexican states. Most of the roadblocks that had occurred were from the damaged vehicle blocking off the roads.

Airports were affected too as airlines suspended their flights into the region. It has been reported that amidst the clashes, there have been at least a dozen people who have died. The cartel violence has affected residents and tourists alike, as Puerto Vallarta is a tourist destination. Across Mexican states, they have both been issued to stay inside as police try to quell the violence, with shops and universities alike being shut down from it. They've all been rattled as they first-hand witness vehicles being torched and hijacked.



WOMEN'S & MEN'S OLYMPIC HOCKEY 2026

BY: MACY KERR

The 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milano Cortina, Italy were unforgettable, especially for Canadian hockey fans. For two weeks in February, the world's best players from around the globe battled on the ice, bringing together speed, skill, and national pride. From dramatic overtime showdowns to heroic individual efforts, Canadian hockey once again captivated a nation watching from coast to coast.

In men's hockey, Team Canada entered the tournament with high hopes. With the return of NHL players to the Olympics for the first time since 2014, the roster was packed with star power and elite talent. Players like Connor McDavid, Cale Makar, and Mitch Marner showcased why Canada is considered one of the sport's leading nations. Throughout the preliminary rounds, Canada played with intensity, defeating teams like France and Switzerland to advance confidently toward the medal rounds.

The knockout stages brought the excitement Canadians expected. Canada edged past Czechia in a thrilling quarterfinal match, with Mitch Marner scoring the sudden-death overtime winner to send his team to the semifinals. In another exhilarating game, Canada completed a comeback against Finland, with Nathan MacKinnon scoring late to seal a 3-2 victory and punch the team's ticket to the gold-medal game.



But in the final, Canada faced its long-time rival, the United States. The gold-medal game was a tense, defensive battle between two of hockey's elite programs. Tied 1-1 after regulation, the contest headed into overtime. In a heart-stopping moment, U.S. forward Jack Hughes scored the winning goal 1:41 into the extra frame, leaving Canada with the silver medal. Though Canadians felt the sting of such a close loss, there was pride in the team's resilience throughout the tournament and the silver medal they brought home.

On the women's side, the competition was equally intense. Team Canada, as always, was among the favorites to reach the medal round. Canada played with energy and precision throughout the tournament, dispatching teams like Germany in dominant fashion and showcasing offensive firepower from stars like Marie-Philip Poulin, Sarah Fillier, and Daryl Watts.

Once again, the gold medal game saw Canada meet the United States, its fiercest rival in international women's hockey. The match was a dramatic showcase of skill and strategy. Canada scored first, but the U.S. answered late in regulation, forcing overtime. In the extra period, American defender Megan Keller scored the golden goal to secure a 2-1 victory, leaving Canada with another hard-earned silver medal. While coming so close to gold on both the men's and women's sides was bittersweet, Canadians take pride in how their teams represented our spirit. The passion, commitment, and heart shown on ice reminded a proud hockey nation why the Olympics are such a special stage, where memories that will last a lifetime are made.

