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EDITORIAL

Inspiration at ABE

by JORDAN BUNKE

On January 20th, 2017, Donald Trump will be sworn in as the forty-fifth President of the United States, and after the pageantry of the inauguration, the presidency will have officially changed hands. While the precise nature and demeanor of Donald Trump as President cannot be anticipated, many are concerned with behavioural traits that he has exhibited over the course of the campaign and in his highly publicized life prior to running for public office, as well as the policy that founded the platform of his campaign. However, the potential adverse effects of a Trump presidency extend past the man himself, as he has fostered dangerous rhetoric and has been partially responsible for a dangerous trend in modern politics.

The Oxford Dictionaries has declared "post-truth" to be the international word of the year in 2016, after it experienced a 2000% increase in use since 2015. A large portion of this growth is attributed to the 2016 presidential election in the US and the Brexit referendum in the UK. The word references a type of politics where politicians appeal to emotions and the direction of popular discontent, often neglecting facts, responsibility for past statements and actions and the use of repeated talking points ad nauseam. Along with Boris Johnson and several other figures in various

political positions around the world, Donald Trump is a culprit of post-truth politics, and, while not explicitly stated among his future responsibilities upholding the Office of the President of the United States, the President must set an example of acceptable behaviour. In 1974, after the Watergate scandal broke, Richard Nixon resigned from the presidency before the House of Representatives voted on his impeachment, but it was widely believed that he would in fact have been impeached had he not resigned. Contrary to the Watergate scandal, Donald Trump's deviations from the truth have not been illegal and are not subject to legal recourse and as he is now the President-elect of the United States, his behaviour is legitimized. As the head of the executive branch of the US government, Donald Trump will become a symbol for many for what constitutes acceptable behaviour that is to be emulated. Just during the past election cycle, The Rolling Stone reports that there has been, "a disturbing increase in bullying and, in particular, in bigoted harassment, especially toward vulnerable groups like immigrants, Muslims and others who've been targeted by Trump."

Perhaps Donald Trump merely employed a Machiavellian approach to his campaign and harnessed the hatred and discontent of a large portion of the voter base in order to attain the office, as his victory speech already indicated a large step down from the comparatively radical notions and claims that he made during the campaign. Alternatively,

the mud flinging that was so prevalent during the campaign could become the new normal from the White House. There have always been people that reveled in their ignorance and seized every opportunity to use terms like "social justice warrior" and "feminist" in a dismissive manner, turning them into insults, but their influence was limited by the fact that it was an unpopular opinion and considered to be bigoted and in bad taste. With Trump's presidency, however, the trend of increasing verbal harassment could continue to grow due to the belief that the litmus test for appropriate statements was the leader of the country.

Past world leaders have had significant impacts on the character and social machinations of their respective nation-states. For example, under Winston Churchill, people in the United Kingdom largely shed the view that politics were an impolite and taboo topic for conversation and interaction that was harboured from the Victorian Era, and political party membership and involvement soared in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Influential and charismatic leaders and revolutionaries have single-handedly shifted the political ideology of entire continents. Look, for example, at Ché Guevara and the lasting impact that his legacy has had on South and Central America. Politicians have a great power to influence and even mold mindsets, as subconscious as it may be. Donald Trump now has an opportunity to shape a status quo of his own and it will be interesting to see what kind of world we live in four years from now.



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The Setting and Settling of Voleyball

by RILEY MARTENS

"It was a tight race for the top of our division and the team that we played in the finals played better than we've seen," Ms Fosti, the teacher sponsor for the Junior Boys Volleyball told the Advocate. It represents the effort of ABE's four teams and their dedication to the season. The Junior Boys were coached this season by a new face, Scott Peer. The Junior Boys made it through the season with 8 wins and 1 loss, and were ranked first going into the quarter finals against St Martin de Porres. Then they lost in semifinals against Centennial. "Of all the teams in the past five years, I'd say they had the most growth as a team. We're always in the mix to win, but it's hard. There

are a lot of good teams out there." The Junior Boys have had good chances at winning consistently, but competition is fierce in Division One.

"We had a great season, a good group of girls, strong athletes and a great coach." Ms Owens, the teacher sponsor for the Junior Girls Volleyball Team. The Junior Girls finished the season with 6 wins and 3 losses. They ranked overall as fifth in their division out of ten teams. In the quarterfinals they lost against Bishop Carroll in part due to a few injuries. "They played hard and came together as a team. They fought hard to the very end." By Ms Owens account the team improved vastly not only skill-wise, but in terms of the cohesiveness of the team.

"We were unsure how the students were going to do, because we lost a lot of strong students from last year. However, we were hopeful the remaining students would step up and give us a great season." Ms Fernandes explained to the Advocate, summing up her thoughts of starting the season. Ms Donegan and Ms Fernandes were the two teacher sponsors for the Senior Boys Volleyball Team. The Senior Boys came out of the season with 5 wins and 4 losses, but ranked third overall going into City's. In the quarter finals, they played St Martin de Porres; beating them out. The team went to semifinals, but lost to Western Canada, which ranked second overall. The Senior Boys went on to Provincials to get tenth in the province.

The Senior Girls Volleyball Team coached by Ms Lloyd, won 8 games and lost once. They went on to City's to beat out E.P Scarlett in the quarterfinals. Then they moved to semifinals where they played and beat Bishop Grandin. In finals they played Western Canada; winning three matches out of five.



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Ideology and Humanity

by YUSEF ZIA

On November 25th, Cuban President Fidel Castro was pronounced dead on state television. This inevitable yet shocking news sparked strong reactions from peoples around the world. It is safe to say Fidel Castro is a very significant figure in modern history, and his legacy will affect the nation of Cuba for generations to come. However, whether his impact is positive or negative is up for debate, and significant portions of populations are both celebrating and mourning the death of Castro.

Observing and criticising Castro's regime is a matter of ideology. Fidel has announced himself as a Marxist, meaning he is a proponent of a nation being run by a dictator of the people, specifically the working class. In many ways, Fidel can be considered the most successful communist dictator from the twentieth century. With universal education and healthcare, Cuban citizens have met an acceptable minimum standard of living. Presently, 99.8% of Cubans over the age of fifteen are literate, according to the CIA. Castro's Marxist philosophy has lead Cuba to become one of the most literate countries in the world, surpassing Canada and the United States.

Of course, this level of government managing means that many economic freedoms of citizens are inhibited. Everything is publicly owned, so there is no possibility for anyone to make and maintain their own business or products. Castro's government also had its fair share of dictatorial dark spots, from censorship to political prisoners. The bloodshed in the aftermath of the revolution led by Castro does not help Fidel's case as a humanitarian, regardless of the oppression of the previous regime.

Despite the complex nature of Castro's history, reactions to his death have been very black and white. These varying opinions stem from the basic question of ideological struggle today: to what extent should freedom be sacrificed for the sake of equality. Living in the West, many of us have a similar opinion on this question, and most of us believe there are fundamental rights which should never be breached. Even though this is the status quo for many North Americans, it is worth acknowledging that there are ideologies other than democracy implemented and accepted around the world.

We in the West tend to hold a strong stigma against any ideology that is

non-democratic.

We often condemn and refuse to cooperate with any government that maintains an opposing ideology. This was the entire premise of the Cold War, and why the United States held an embargo on Cuba until 2015. This tension can polarize our views on issues and people, explaining why there is such a heavy disdain for Fidel Castro. When Prime Minister Justin

Trudeau spoke on the death of the Cuban leader, his sentiment was met with fierce resistance.

Keep in mind that the two men have been long time family friends and Trudeau regularly discussed humanitarian issues with Castro. Trudeau referring to Castro's quality as a leader started an uproar, despite the complexity of Castro's rule. As I have previously discussed,

Castro's regime had its light and dark sides. On Tuesday, Trudeau announced he wouldn't attend Castro's funeral. This is likely largely due to the pressure from other Western leaders to denounce dictatorships of all sorts.

People no longer believe that there is more to a man than what he believes in, and one's ideology has now become a closeminded measure of humanity. It is human nature to believe opinions different from your own are wrong, but now it becomes a question of a person's character rather than their thought process. 2016 has been notorious for dividing opinion groups as animosity between them grows. We, as people, must realize that there are multiple perspectives around the world, and many factors that can shape people's opinions; we must respect the fact that people will have different values, and they should not be denounced on that premise alone.



A Larger Than Life Leader

by CHRIS PRATT

It was a typical Canadian thing to do. No matter who we're talking about, we always manage to show that person in a good light. However, there are some people on this planet that don't deserve to be shown as anything that they weren't.

As Fidel Castro, Cuba's past dictator of just over 45 years, passed away at the age of 90 over the weekend, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had some touching words to say for Fidel, including that "it is with deep sorrow I learned today of the death of Cuba's longest-serving president," and that "Fidel Castro was a larger than life leader who served his people."

Other politicians were not quite as touched by the Cuban leader's passing, with some, like MP Lisa Raitt, calling him, and Justin Trudeau, out for his oppressive regime. Justin did get one part of his statement right, though. No one can argue that under his long reign in power he did help to improve the education and health systems of Cuba.

However, even if the Cubans had wanted another man to take the helm, they couldn't have. Political opponents were repressed, with some even thrown into jail to suffer in abysmal conditions. Communism had a firm grasp on the country and ever since the infamous Cuban Nuclear Crisis of 1962, relations with the United States have been rocky.

Former PM Pierre Trudeau, Justin's father, managed to overlook all this, visiting the island nation in 1976. While the visit was highly controversial, it did help to normalize relations between our two nations and you could argue that it helped to take some tension out of the Cold War.

All of this raises a question, though. How should the world react to the passing of oppressive leaders? Even when they've helped to improve the lives of some in their country? The answer should be simple. If we want this entire planet to eventually be a free and democratic one, those that already have that privilege have to lead by example. Leaders that hang onto power unfairly or gain it illegitimately have to be strongly outspoken by those who have gained and retain power democratically.

If the ultimate goal is to make the world a place where everyone's voice is heard, we need to make sure that those who obtain power through squashing opponents voices are condemned for their actions.

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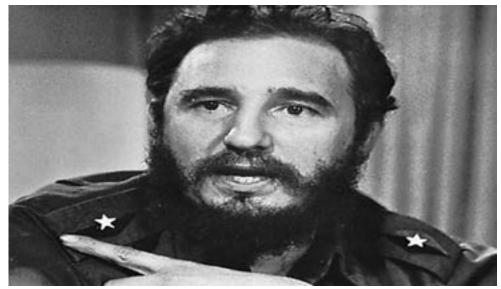
Fidel Castro: Revolutionary Hero, or Ruthless Dictator

by ADITYA KHATU

History rarely affords us the chance to judge unique individuals like Fidel Castro. Even though he led Cuba for a record-breaking 49 years, there's still a great debate about whether he was a "good" or "bad" leader. Prime Minister Trudeau was even placed under fire when he praised Castro for being a remarkable leader. How can one man be a hero to some and a villain to others? To fully understand Castro, we must analyze the environment that gave birth to him. Before Castro, Cuba was under a military dictatorship with General Fulgencio Batista at its head. Under his rule, some-

has one of the best average life expectancies. Cuba become praised for its advancements in the medical industry and boasts the world's highest number of doctors per capita. Today, Cuba's commitment to massive spending in healthcare and education has led to over 30 000 medical personnel working all over the world. On the topic of education, before the revolution a quarter of Cuba was illiterate. A few years after Castro came to power, basic illiteracy was eliminated. In terms of social progress, Cuba has made huge leaps under Fidel Castro.

However, it wasn't all good with



where around 20,000 people were killed by the state and many more were jailed. Corruption prospered and Cuba was made into a cheap source of income for American investors. The economy was crumbling and the people had no power to change their fate. During 1959, the companies from the United States owned about 40% of Cuban sugar lands, almost all cattle ranches, 90% of the mines, 80% of the utilities, almost all of the oil industry, and supplied all of Cuba's imports. It may not come as a surprise that General Batista was supported by the US government. Let's not be quick to forget that the United States government literally supported a dictatorship that was destroying Cuba. Pre-revolutionary Cuba was in a dire condition and was just as repressive if not more than Cuba under Castro.

After Fidel Castro overthrew Batista, there were improvements in some areas. Infant mortality rates dropped as well as maternal mortality rates and life expectancy grew by a large amount. In fact, Cuba Castro's regime. He was brought to power in a violent revolution and an estimated 500 Batista loyalists were executed. There were also an estimated 15 000 state killings since the revolution, with only a few being prisoners being lawfully condemned by the justice system. Human rights organizations all over the world have rated Cuba under Castro as being very low in terms of individual freedom. Many citizens of Cuba have a low standard of living, and are very restricted in their political freedom. The state controls all media sources and there is still a great deal of widespread intimidation.

In conclusion, while there were advancements made in same areas, Cuba still falls behind first-world countries in other area. Castro had to fend off America's many attempts to topple his government and this may have been a reason for his tight grip on his people. Ultimately, it's up to you to decide. To end this, I'll leave you with a simple question; Do the ends really justify the means?

THE REASONS WHY

Winter is the Absolute Worst

by KAARI HALL

It's that time of the year again, the most terrible time of the year: Winter. Winter is the season that every creature chooses to either die or sleep. But we humans just put on a scarf and some gloves and pretend our lives aren't falling apart around us. Here are five reasons why Winter is just straight up terrible:

- 1) You're cold all the time. There's no point in winter that you think "It's too warm outside." No, you're freezing the entire time. The worst part is that you bundle up in so many layers that you start to sweat while you're cold. Sweat is supposed to keep you cool, and it's such an overachiever that it even does it's job during winter.
- 2) Flu season is here, and it takes no prisoners. Not only are you cold, but you have a cold. Your nose is equal parts runny and stuffy to the point that you're confused as to what you should be complaining about. Either way, it's nearly impossible to breathe and you can't even smell all the gingerbread men.
- 3) Snow is the worst. It's just disgusting. Zero redeeming qualities, 10/10 would NOT recommend. It's cold, wet and turns into nasty slush. Some elementary

schools have even banned snow, as in no playing in it allowed at all. And considering elementary schools also have recess; they probably know what's best. Also, people are so aggressively into winter-themed sports as if it's some big deal. "Hey look at me, I can slide on water while standing on a board!" You know what that's called? Surfing. Go somewhere warm and do that instead.

- 4) Everything bad happens in winter. Ice is on the roads and causes traffic jams; you have to spend money on presents for people you only kind of like; the American elections are held. Now I'm not saying that winter is the reason that Trump won the election, but November is just cold enough for that to be too much of a coincidence.
- 5) Finally, there's no real point to this season other than Christmas, and even after that's over you're still expected to leave the house. No one cares that you're cold, sick and miserable, because they are too, and they don't want to suffer alone. It's called seasonal depression for a reason people, just stay home.

Winter is just a nasty season that lasts from November to March in Canada and just takes too long to leave. It has barely started, and honestly, I'm already over it.



Trans Day of Rememberance

by SEAN GRUHLAND

November 20th marked the Trans Day Of Remembrance; a day created to honour the lost lives of trans men and women. Some people ask "why is a day like this necessary?" To which I respond "We are murdered because of our existence. One day is permitted to be honoured."

Within 2016 so far, there have been 26 reported murders of transgender people. Almost every single victim was a black trans woman. 2016 is currently the deadliest on record for trans people, beating out 2015's 21 murders. Transphobic violence is caused by ignorance and normalizes murders, assaults, and suicides of trans individuals. Suicide rates are staggering within the trans community. A reported 41% of Caucasian trans individuals have attempted suicide, almost 9 times the American average. Race and ethnicity play a part as well, as with Latino trans people, the suicide rate is 44%, and with black trans individuals it's 45%.

The way trans individuals, specifically trans women, are treated is disgusting.

Transgender people aren't alien, especially not at ABE. Twelfth grade QSA admin, Aidan Doduck, is a graduating trans boy this year. I interviewed Doduck about the issues faced in the trans community.

- Q: What's your opinion on the violence faced by the trans community?
- A: It's terrible and it needs to stop, especially the violence against trans women.
- Q: Why do you think it's higher against trans women?
- A: Because it's acceptable for girls to be "tomboys" or just more masculine in general, but boys are shamed for being feminine.
- Q: What's your standpoint on the staggering suicide rates of trans individuals?"
- A: I think it's terrible and quite frankly it's terrifying. There needs to be more resources for trans kids by trans kids.
- Q: What do you think could be done to lower hate crimes against trans individuals, specifically at school?
- A: I think honestly just better teacher education. Asking for pronouns at the beginning of the year, clarifying which name goes on report cards, and watching language for cis sexism.

There are still issues that the trans community faces, but we can work together to make Aberhart a safe and accepting space for everyone.

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ABE Wins Debate

by ALEXIS HILL

In recent weeks our own Maggie Brewster and Charmaine Strong won the Weber Open Invitational Senior Debate Tournament. The tournament was a prepared topic (for our less debate savvy readers, this means that for two of the rounds Aberhart debated in the subjects were heavily researched beforehand). Out of all fifty-two teams, the ladies won every round of their debates. This was the first time Aberhart has won a debate tournament since Jocelyn Heaton, who graduated in 2015.

The team debated in four rounds, the second two being completely impromptu with only ten minutes to prepare. In the first two rounds (prepared) Charmaine was first speaker, in the second two rounds (impromptu) Maggie was first speaker. Round one: Charmaine spoke first on the topic of "This house will make expanding oil pipeline infrastructure an utmost priority for Canada.". In this tournament each team is required to argue both sides of the issue, so being informed and at least putting on a face of no personal bias across the two fronts is essential. Round two: subjects of the impromptu rounds included "This house would implement a ceiling for maximum work hours." and "This house will implement a minimum income in Canada." Impromptu rounds can be trickier because there are only ten minutes to prepare, and the proposition side can define the terms. For instance, "This house would implement a ceiling for maximum work hours." was redefined by the proposition team as "in China". This greatly restricts the arguments and examples available especially off the top of your head.

In brief, debate is far more than research and yelling at one and other. Debaters have to do hours of research, be confident public speakers, informed citizens of the world and be unbiased thinkers able to discern the pros and cons of all sides of an argument. The fundamentals of communication such as clarity and directness are all performed under high pressure. What Charmaine and Maggie accomplished is well worth many congratulations. They are both role models and important leaders on the debate team. Unfortunately interest in debate at Abe seems to have dwindled. If you like to argue and be expressive or passionate debate could be for you! See Ms. Pettigrew, the team administrator for more information. Give it a whirl, maybe you can be as good as Maggie and Charmaine are, or even learn something from them. They did beat

out Churchill, twice; a feat worth bragging about in itself.

Debate encompasses many things: effective communication is one, and it is a drastically important skill in any field. Maggie Brewster has aspirations to be a computer scientist in future, a job clouded in the stereotype of introversion and poor communication. On the contrary, computer science is in desperate need of communication to produce the best products, in a field where that is stereotypically lacking. Having debate under their belts will help both Maggie and Charmaine excel at anything they want to be or do in their lives. Communication unlocks the world and opens people up to each other. Winning the Weber Open Invitational Senior Debate tournament really means that Charmaine and Maggie were the best at expressing their ideas, a skill that will undoubtedly serve them well in future. Congratulations to Miss Brewster and Miss Strong. Here is to many more wins in future, whether that be in debate for Aberhart or in your own lives.

PLAYLIST

by ADITYA KHATU

*PPAP(Pen-Pineapple-Apple-Pen)-*PIKO-TARO

Poison-Martin Garrix

40 Bars- J-Bankrollz

Japanese Denim- Daniel Caesar x TRUNKS

Duetto buffo di due Gatti-Rossini

The Internationale- Billy Bragg

Let Me Explain- Bryson Tiller

Man-Skepta



by MACKENZIE CLARKE

It all began in the early 1960s, with five musicians: Robbie Robertson, Garth Hudson, Richard Manuel, Levon Helm and Rick Danko. Gradually, each aforementioned musician joined the Hawks, the backing-group for Toronto-based singer, Ronnie Hawkins. This odd collection of rockabilly players would, eventually, end up leaving Ronnie Hawkins behind. In 1965, they found temporary work with a new frontman: the renowned Bob Dylan. However, subsequent to Bob Dylan's motorcycle accident in July 1966, the group set out on their own and settled in a pink house, in New York, to play and record. They named themselves "The Band", as this was their recognized name when playing with Bob Dylan. After several years of success, internal politics, in addition to the ubiquitous drug-use of the 1970s, led to their demise.

Forty years ago, The Band staged their grandiose farewell concert, titled The Last Waltz. This elaborate affair took place on American Thanksgiving, November 25th 1976 at the Winterland Ballroom in San Francisco, California; the same venue where The Band made its debut, in 1969. The audience of 5000 was served turkey dinner at 5:00 p.m. and the legendary concert commenced at 9:00 p.m., continuing for five hours.

Initially, The Band planned to invite exclusively Ronnie Hawkins and Bob Dylan to perform with them, because of their pivotal roles in The Band's formation and growth. However, they decided to expand their roster of guests to musicians who had influenced and inspired them, as well. They were joined by a stellar succession of guest artists, each of which had a profound impact on rock history. Robbie Robertson describes the concert as a

An Eclectic Zenith

musical feat. He stated "We had to play 21 songs with other artists from various genres. We played this five-hour concert and we didn't make a mistake."

It seems suitable, that the man who originally united them would help begin their final show. Backed by The Band, Ronnie Hawkins belted an eerie version of Bo Diddley's Who Do You Love?. Maintaining the blues tone set by Hawkins, The Band performed, sequentially, with Dr.John, Bobby Charles, Paul Butterfield and Muddy Waters. Additionally, their rendition of Eric Clapton's Further On Up the Road included alternating guitar solos between Eric Clapton, who is arguably the best guitarist of all time, and The Band's own Robbie Robertson. As Clapton was taking his first solo, his guitar strap came loose and he can be heard shouting "Rob!". Robertson immediately picked up the solo, which resulted in a phenomenal, impromptu, guitar-duet.

The following portion of this spectacle was highly folk-based, including performances with Neil Young, Joni Mitchell, Neil Diamond and Van Morrison. In fact, Joni Mitchell contributed backing vocals to Neil Young's performance of *Helpless* from backstage, so her later appearance would remain impactful. She did, indeed, retain her mystique. The enigmatic lyrics of her songs enthralled the audience, particularly during "Coyote". Furthermore, The Band joined fellow Canadians, Joni Mitchell and Neil Young, in an ode to Canada, *Acadian Driftwood*.

The concert concluded with Bob Dylan, who riveted the crowd with his warbling voice, all while maintaining his signature freewheeling style. A rumoured anecdote is that Neil Diamond came offstage and said to

Bob Dylan, "Top that!", to which Bob Dylan responded, "What do you want me to do, go on stage and fall asleep?". Bob Dylan is a wordsmith both in poetry, and in reality; he continues to be an active influence in the lives of musicians today, due to this ever-resonating voice.

Interjected between phenomenal collaborations, The Band performed their classics. Backed by a large horn section, The Band played *Ophelia* and *The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down*, which accentuated the talents of drummer and vocalist, Levon Helm. However, each of the five members of the band were immensely talented, playing multiple instruments, in a myriad of styles. It is evident that a musician is skilled when he is equally capable of playing classical waltzes as he is rock music; The Band's "The Last Waltz" is the epitome of this statement.

The always-essential "grand finale" was of I Shall Be Released, which included all the night's performers (with the exception of Muddy Waters), plus Ringo Starr and Ronnie Wood. The eclectic performance was the zenith of the night and helped render The Last Waltz one of the most influential concerts ever executed. Initially, the concert was filmed in order to document the evening for posterity, but it resulted in the creation of a definitive document for a specific era in rock history. At the end of the film, the members of the band are seen plucking out the instrumental Last Waltz Suite, as the field-of-view expands, until they are dwarfed by the surrounding darkness. While there are only two surviving members of The Band in 2016, the music they have created endures, similar to the lingering notes of that final suite.



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Dear ABE

by ALEXIS HILL
Dear Abe,
How many bees are there in a day?
-Lobe

Hi Lobe,

How many bees are there in a day? is a rather vague question, and hence I will bee making some assumptions (subscript: you left me with no other option but to make so many). First, I am going to bee assuming that we are talking about the present quantity of bees (the number of bees fluctuates between winter and summer, specifically in North America), and that only living bees are applicable. Let's begin with the definition of a bee. A bee, (scientifically named "Anthophila"), is a type of flying insect closely related to wasps and ants. Bees are known for their role in pollination and (for the best known bee species, the European Honey Bee) producing honey and beeswax. The most commonly known type of bee is the Honey Bee. There are approximately twenty-thousand species of bees in the world. Needless to say I have far too little space to detail the populous of all of them, so I am also going to ambiguously and presumptuously assume that you were only asking about Honeybees.

Honey Bees live in colonies with one queen, between 20 000 to 80 000 female worker bees, and hundreds of male drones. These numbers tip towards 300 drones and 20 000 female worker bees in the winter. Currently we are fading into winter, so we will assume that an average Honey Bee colony consists of 20 301 bees (including the queen). We will not count the larvae nor the eggs. According to a very clever person on the internet who is incredibly interested in Honeybee population and the recent colony failure blip (bees are an endangered species), there are 100 million managed colonies (colonies in captivity) and 900 million wild colonies. (Math warning!) ((900million * 20 301)+(100million * 20301)) = $2.0301*10^13$ That is about 20301000000000 Honey Bees, or twenty trillion three hundred one billion Honey Bees in the world, right now, today. (Wow, second grade flashback to writing out absurd numbers, I probably did it wrong, let's bee honest).

INTERESTING BEE FACT!: The five most common species are Honey Bees, Bumble Bees, Stinger Bees, Carpenter Bees, and Africanized Honey Bees (Killer Bees). Africanized Honey Bees (a hybrid that escaped quarantine (oops) which are more aggressive than any other type of bee) reside in

North and South America, (originally created and kept in captivity solely in Brazil). They are a subspecies of Honey Bees and they are classified as an invasive spheecies. However, because they are man-made and their wild existence is a human botch job, we are not sure how many there are in the world because they continue to spread.

Finally, my answer to How many bees are there in a day? Is that there are loads. So many. Much bees. Enough bees to drown in, but don't drown in bees because then both you and lots of the bees will probably die.

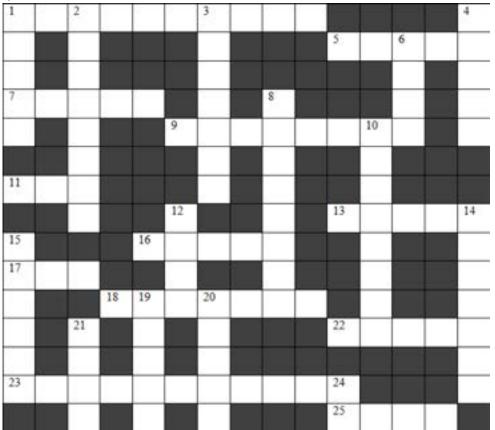
-Abe





Crossword

by JORDAN BUNKE



Across:

- 1. Demonym of the city in which the Statue of David is situated
- 5. A beast of burden common in the Arabian peninsula
- 7. J-Bankrollz exclusive watch manufacturer
- 9. No. 85
- 11. A segment of the perimeter of a circle
- 13. 14 pounds
- 16. A samurai with no master
- 17. The bane of the last Pharoah
- 18. Demonym of a country with ties to Greece and Turkey
- 22. To vocalize something audibly
- 23. The working class as collectively referred to in "The Communist Manifesto"
- 25. German car manufacturer





Down:

- 1. Geological feature prevalent in Scandinavia
- 2. Ridiculous wealth
- 3. Leon
- 4. Remember the ___
- 6. Rapper Gucci
- 8. Island in the Mediterranean that has a name reminiscent to a fish
- 10. Referring to things at sea
- 12. Often military, aimed at overthrowing the established government
- 14. Spiny anteaters
- 15. A fast pace for an equine
- 19. Prime location for salmon fishing
- 20. Left behind by urbanization
- 21. Trotsky
- 24. The replacement for the Latin "ad" in most cases



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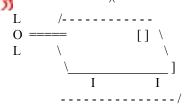
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Aries (March 21 - April 19)

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Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

(Read outloud for authentic effect) Da borscht ist bery goot. Aye supert de suprem leadr ov merica. Ee' iz BFFS vith mi etrnal prezidnt Vladdy da Sugr daddy Puddin. Lng lif de regeem an' commoonizm. Propaganduh fur da vin! Elewminaughty cunfirmd.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

BECAUSE OF RECENT EVENTS IT HAS BEEN ANOUNCED THIS YEAR'S FILMFEST THEME IS MEMES. IN HONOUR OF INTER-NET CULTURE PLEASE TROLL AS MANY BRONY SIGHTS AS POSSIBLE AND LEAVE MEMES BY YOUR FAVOURITE TEACH-ER'S DOOR. I HAVE ABSOLUTE NO INFLUENCE OR CONTROL OR AUTHORITY ON OR FOR FILM FEST, BUT BECASUE I AM TWINKLE GAZE ASTROPANTS IT MUST HAPPEN. PLEASE SEND ALL YOUR QUESTIONS AND TROLLS AND MEMES TO dearabe@columnist@com.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

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Virgo (August 23 - Sept 22)

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Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)

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Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Wake up TRIGGERED. Sleep in TRIGGERED. Eat breakfast TRIGGERED. Vegan propaganda TRIGGERED. Yell at your platypus TRIGGERED. Jay walk TRIGGERED. Procrastinate TRIGGERED. Pick your nose TRIGGERED. Finger your nose TRIGGERED. Blow your nose TRIGGERED. Go to Thirsk TRIG-GERED. Churchill TRIGGERED. Notre Dame TRIGGERED. Lick floor TRIGGERED. Lick chair TRIGGERED. Annoyed TRIG-GERED. Trump TRIGGERED. Juice! TRIGGERED. Puking TRIGGERED. Clinton TRIG-GERED. The word TRIGGERED TRIGGERED. Hayden Christensen TRIGGERED. Prequels TRIGGERED. Cringe TRIG-GERED. Read this horoscope TRIGGERED. Harambe TRIG-GERED. Are you feeling TRIG-**GERED?**



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) I didn't put in any effort.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Procrastination rules

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)

Like this, life is empty and empty promises.

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