

The Tradition Times

Coronavirus

Jacob Brown

The Coronavirus was discovered in Wuhan, China, which is thought to be the center of the Coronavirus outbreak. Lots of people were infected by this deadly virus and it's slowly starting to spread to other countries outside of China. Americans have been evacuated out of China, but have been quarantined in military bases so the virus doesn't spread through the U.S.

There have been up to 60,000 Coronavirus cases in China alone and more than 1,100 deaths. Australia has confirmed 15 cases of the Coronavirus and all were in Wuhan, China. The United States has 14 confirmed cases, but no deaths. France has 11 confirmed cases and has identified a "super spreader" in that region. A British businessman who caught the virus in Singapore traveled to France, Switzerland, and England and has infected at least 11 different people. CNBC stated earlier this week.

The U.S ended a federal quarantine on Tuesday after 200 Americans were placed in a military base in Southern California for two weeks. Nobody in the group tested positive for the Coronavirus. People have been harassing military personnel at the base due to the possibility of the quarantined people to have the virus. Riverside County Health Officer Dr. Cameron Kaiser has asked the people in the area to stop harassing the military personnel states CBS news.

The World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus name to COVID-19. There has still been no cure found for the Coronavirus, but scientists are still trying hard to find a cure. Some scientists have stated that a cure for the Coronavirus will come near the end of this year, but they don't know for sure quite yet.

Trump Gives Third State of the Union Address

Jaden Lee

President Donald Trump, in his third State of the Union Address, spoke of a "great American comeback" in his third State of the Union address. The speech came a day before the Senate was to cast its final votes in the impeachment trial that would decide whether to remove Trump from office or not. Trump started the speech off strong stating that "Jobs are booming, incomes are soaring, poverty is plummeting, crime is falling, confidence is surging, and our country is thriving and highly respected again." The overall message seemed to be that we are moving forward at a great pace and will not take a step back. We are stronger than before and still growing and not close to done and we have done so much in just three short years.

President Trump says he has created over seven million new jobs and the unemployment rate is the lowest it has been in over half a century. Even the unemployment rate

for every other race is the lowest it has been in history and poverty has gone down. "Real median household income is now at the highest level ever recorded."



Trump giving the State of the union speech, Photo courtesy of USA today

President Trump says that 12,000 new factories across America and Companies are coming back to us. "Six days ago, I replaced NAFTA and signed the brand-new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement into law. The U.S.M.C.A. will create nearly 100,000 new high-paying

American auto jobs, and massively boost exports for our farmers, ranchers, and factory workers." **See State of the Union Page 2**

Presidential Elections

2020

Jaden Lee

The presidential candidates still in the running for 2020 include Republicans such as President Donald Trump, Bill Weld, and Joe Walsh. Democrats running are Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, Pete Buttigieg, Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar, Deval Patrick, Joe Biden, John Delaney, Michael Bennet, Michael Bloomberg, Tom Steyer, and Tulsi Gabbard. President Donald Trump has 39 pledged delegates. Bernie Sanders and Pete Buttigieg have 11 pledged delegates.

Bernie Sanders is running for the Democratic presidential nomination for the second time and brings up the same points he has before. According to PolitiFact Sanders says he has a lot of plans for workers such as increasing the minimum wage and making sure women are paid equal. He says that no one will have to pay more than \$200 for prescription drugs under his policies. Medicare for All single-payer plan, which he says will cover eyeglasses, hearing aids, and home health care. Bernie will plan on legalizing marijuana in all states. He backs ending the cash bail system as well as "the so-called war on drugs."

Mayor of South Bend, In. Pete Buttigieg claimed victory in Iowa before the results came in as he took a victory lap around the Iowa caucuses. After a delay, the results came in and Pete was on top, but it was not long before Bernie overcame him. Buttigieg is the first openly gay presidential candidate, which helped him get some votes. Pete is not a fan of Trump and is ready for him to be gone and take over. He talks about fixing the White House and unifying America. He believes he can help solve problems like the economy, schools, climate, and that he will be a president that can deal with problems. **See elections page 2**

Op/Ed

100th Day of School

Ana Manning

On Friday, Jan. 31, Principal Baker and Greg Wolff grilled a wonderful lunch to celebrate 100 days of school. January 31 was also the end of the longest month of the year, and it just so happened to be Superintendent Patrick's birthday!! After eating lunch, the whole student body sang "Happy Birthday" to Mr. Patrick, and they thanked Mr. Baker and Mr. Wolff for the amazing food and the slightly extended lunch hour.

7th Grade V-Day Fundraiser

Ana Manning

The seventh graders sold Valentine's Day treats for 50 cents each. Treats were purchased as a small gesture to show those they love appreciation! The best part was, they were only 50 cents! Happy Valentine's Day!!

OP: Valentine's day

Ana Manning

Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate with the one, or ones you love. On every February 14, people all around the world buy chocolates, cards, teddy bears, flowers, candy, and jewelry to show that special someone they care.

More than 36 million boxes of heart shaped chocolates will be sold on Valentine's Day. For those who don't have that special person, they can be their own valentine. According to 1800flowers.com, 18 percent of women send themselves flowers. So on this day of love and laughter take the time to show those you love that you care, by a simple card that says "I love you" or a candy heart that states "Be Mine".

Show those who mean the world to you that they are unforgettable on this day full of magic.

Elections

Jaden Lee

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The 2020 Donald Trump presidential campaign is an ongoing re-election campaign by President of the United States, Donald Trump, who took office January 20, 2017. President Trump promises tax cuts for working Americans. He wants to bring troops home, in Afghanistan he wants to bring all US troops home dropping 14,000 troops in Afghanistan to 7,000. President Trump has been trying to improve trade deals and withdrawn from the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP). He later said he would consider re-joining the TPP if he got a better deal. The US and China had a

trading battle - with both sides imposing tariffs on a billion of dollars' worth of goods. They end up agreeing to a 90-day truce in December, although President Trump has threatened to impose more tariffs if necessary. President Trump has also been working on repealing and replacing Obamacare.

Mr. Trump is in the lead for Republicans and Bernie Sanders for Democrats. President Trump is running for a second term and Sanders is running for the second time. They are both well experienced and know what they are doing. They both have loyal voters as President Trump has many that stand by him and voted for him the first time. Sanders has loyal voters from the first time he ran for president. Sanders has competition from Buttigieg and Trump does not have much competition from the other Republicans.

State of the Union

Jaden Lee

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President Trump wishes to fix the schooling program so every kid can reach the American Dream. In order to help address this issue, he has started a new program in 18 states that is so popular that there are thousands of kids on the waiting list.

"We are coordinating with the Chinese government and working closely together on the Coronavirus outbreak in China. My administration will take all necessary steps to safeguard our citizens from this threat." He wants to improve care for cancer, Alzheimer's, kidney disease and eradicate the AIDs epidemic.

President Trump talked about how illegal crossings went down 75% and many illegal aliens have been arrested. ICE officers state that 120,000 criminal aliens charged with nearly 10,000 burglaries, 5,000 sexual assaults, 45,000 violent assaults, and 2,000 murders. Border patrol has seized more than 200,000 pounds of poisonous narcotics, arrested more than 3,000 human smugglers, and rescued more than 2,000 migrants.

Mr. Trump ended his speech circling back to where he started bringing back the strong optimistic attitude saying,

"America is the place where anything can happen. America is the place where anyone can rise. And here, on this land, on this soil, on this continent, the most incredible dreams come true. This nation is our canvas, and this country is our masterpiece. We look at tomorrow and see unlimited frontiers just waiting to be explored. Our brightest discoveries are not yet known. Our most thrilling stories are not yet told. Our grandest journeys are not yet made. The American Age, the American Epic, the American adventure has only just begun. Our spirit is still young, the sun is still rising, God's grace is still shining, and, my fellow Americans, the best is yet to come."

Sports

Remembering Kobe Bryant

Tobias Thompson

Kobe Bryant was born on August 23, 1978 in Philadelphia, Pa. He came into the NBA right out of high school and played 20 seasons of professional basketball. He wore the numbers 8 and 24, and was nicknamed the Black Mamba on the court. He led the Lakers to five championship rings.

Kobe was one of the greatest basketball players to step onto a basketball court. In Kobe's last game of his career, he had a 60 point game. He inspired many kids and people to pursue their dreams as he did.

One of his greatest quotes was "I'll do whatever it takes to win games, whether it's sitting on a bench waving a towel, handing my teammate a cup of water, or hitting a game winning shot. Don't give up on your dreams just because it seems like you can't do it. Work hard and keep working hard at the certain thing you want to pursue."

Unfortunately, Kobe Bryant passed away at the age of 41 in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California. Gianna Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter, died in the helicopter along with seven other people. After the incident, the NBA made sure to honor Kobe Bryant by getting a backcourt violation and a 24 second violation at the beginning of the games. The Lakers retired the jersey number 24 and held a memorial in the Lakers' stadium.

Everyone will remember the Black Mamba forever. R.I.P Kobe Bryant.



Kobe Bryant memorial courtesy of Insider.com

Super bowl LIV

Tobias Thompson

Super Bowl LIV was on February 2, 2020, where the San Francisco 49er's and the Kansas City Chiefs faced off. The Super Bowl was held at Hard Rock Stadium, in Miami Gardens, Florida. The 49ers had the best defense and the Chiefs had the best offense. Everyone was calling it "Garoppolo vs. Mahomes" after the two starting quarterbacks for the two teams. Patrick Mahomes and Jimmy Garoppolo were the two top quarterbacks in the league who faced off in this Super Bowl.

At the end of the first half, it was a tied game (10-10). Both teams were not getting into their usual rhythm for scoring big in the games like these. In the second half, things started to heat up and the 49er's came out firing in the third quarter while the Chiefs were still struggling to put some points onto the board. By the 4th quarter, the 49er's held a 10 point lead (20-10).

With the fourth quarter quickly coming to a close, the Chiefs had to have some miracles happen in order to win. Then a spark came to the Chiefs and they scored 21 points in under three minutes! This put them in the lead (31-20) for a final score. Patrick Mahomes ended up winning the Super Bowl MVP. Few could deny that it was a very good Super Bowl to watch.



Hard rock stadium photo courtesy of USA Today

This Month in Music History

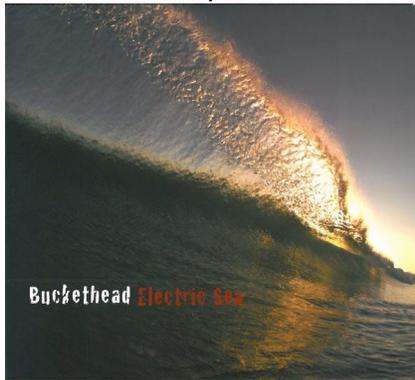
Hannah Reeve

On February 21, 2012, Buckethead released his thirty-fifth studio album titled *Electric Sea*. The album working as a sequel to his 2002 release titled *Electric Tears*.

Buckethead is normally known for his fast paced guitar shredding, but in *Electric Sea*, he slows down for an almost sad tone in the included tracks. In the title track, Buckethead weaves slow melodies together to form remembrance of a time since passed.

Electric Sea is believed to have been written for Buckethead's parents who have since passed. The album also alludes to Buckethead's past. The song "Beyond the Knowing" is a reworking of Buckethead's older unreleased song "What Kind of Nation". The earliest known performance of the song was in late 2001 on stage with Guns N' Roses.

Electric Sea, like all of Buckethead's albums, features no vocals from Buckethead himself. The lack of vocals is made up for by the soothing guitar riffs which bring back memories long forgotten. Overall, the album was made with the intent to show how far Buckethead has come and reminisce about people who have gotten him where he is today.



The album cover for Buckethead's *Electric Sea*

The Sidney Theater is now playing:

Sonic: The Hedgehog- 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Birds of Prey - 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Horror Movie History

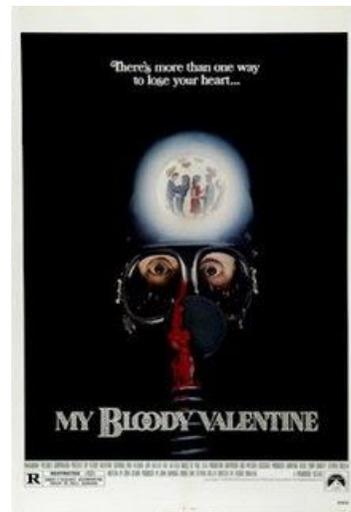
Hannah Reeve

My Bloody Valentine is a Canadian horror film released on February 11, 1981. The film was conceived and produced entirely in the course of a year by John Beaird and George Mihalka with a budget of just under \$2 million. Despite mixed reviews by critics when it was released and grossing \$5.7 million, it has gained a large cult following in the years after its release.

My Bloody Valentine faced great censorship upon its release by the Motion Picture Association of America, who said they would not allow such a movie to be released in the U.S. To comply with their complaints, a total of nine minutes were cut out of the film. To promote a remake of the film that came out later that year, an uncut version of the movie was released in 2009, with three of the nine cut minutes restored.

The movie follows a group of young adults planning a Valentine's Day dance in the small mining town of Valentine Bluffs. Despite the town's name, Valentine's Day has been banned by the mayor for the last 20 years. The ban was originally created due to an incident where the miners forgot to check the methane gas levels causing an explosion that trapped the miners. One miner, Harry Warden, survived and resorted to cannibalism to survive. Once they found Harry with the corpses, he was institutionalized and eventually died there. The planners of the dance are slowly picked off by someone wearing Harry's gas mask welding a pickaxe. The movie ends after a climatic reveal of the killer and their bloody victims.

My Bloody Valentine has had a hand in plowing the way for gore in the horror industry. Without it, the horror industry would likely be censored out of existence. It plowed the way for similar movies to be released in the future without the difficulty it had endured.



The original 1981 poster for *My Bloody Valentine*