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Police and SIU investigators on the scene after two South Simcoe constables were shot and killed while responding to a domestic disturbance call in Innisfil, Ont., on Oct. 11, 2022.

## TWO MORE OFFICERS MURDERED

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News Reporters

INNISFIL, Ont. — The bodies of two South Simcoe constables killed by a gunman during a domestic disturbance call were returned to Barrie. Now begins the planning for the police funerals for Morgan Russell, 54, and Devon Northrup, 33.

“There will be a full police funeral for our officers together.

Details are still being finalized,” a statement by South Simcoe police said.

The officers never pulled out their service pistols while at the Oct. 11 call on Somers Boulevard, in the 25th Side Road and 9th Line area, when they were shot. A third officer on the scene apparently returned fire.

The suspect, Christopher Joseph Doncaster, 22, was pronounced dead at the scene after an exchange

of gunfire with officers inside the home. An autopsy is expected to be completed today, the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) said.

South Simcoe Acting Police Chief John Van Dyke choked back tears during a media conference Oct. 12 as he identified Russell and Northrup as the officers who died in the line of duty.

“Words cannot describe our grief,” he said. “The South Simcoe Police Service is devastated to

announce the death of two of our officers.”

Russell and Northrup responded to a domestic disturbance involving a man with some military training who lived on the residential street just before 8 p.m.

Police said Northrup died at the scene and Russell was airlifted to St. Michael’s Hospital in Toronto, where he later died.

Russell was a 33-year veteran of the force, a crisis negotiator and

was assigned to uniform patrol. Northrup was a six-year member of the force and part of the mental health crisis outreach and support team, as well as the Emergency Response Unit.

SIU spokesperson Kristy Denette confirmed that both officers did not have their weapons drawn at the time they were fatally shot.

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SIU spokesperson Kristy Denette speaking to the media in Innisfil, Ont., on Oct. 12 following the death of Constable Devon Northrup and Constable Morgan Russell. The officers died in a shootout with a lone gunman inside a home. The gunman was also killed in the Oct. 11 incident.

## Officers killed after domestic disturbance call

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She said a third officer was present at the home where they exchanged gunfire with the man.

"This is personal for me. I went to police college with Morgan 33 years ago," Van Dyke said through tears.

"This is a heartbreaking time for our police service, the families impacted, our emergency services personnel and our communities," he said. "Our immediate focus is

to support our members and their grieving families."

The SIU, which investigates all interactions involving police involving deaths or serious injuries to a member of the public, has taken over the investigation into his death.

"The focus of the investigation is the (third) officer's discharge of firearms," Denette said.

She said it was unclear whether the suspect took his own life.

Denette said "I'm uncomfortable confirming what the type is" but believed it was a rifle.

Doncaster posted a photograph of himself in a Canadian Armed Forces uniform on social media and the Department of National Defence (DND) confirmed "having someone by the name of Christopher Joseph Doncaster, who was a CAF member from May to December 2020.

"He was a Private with no deployment history and who did not complete basic training," the DND said in an email message to questions from Et Cetera.

Innisfil Mayor Lynn Dollin fought back tears as she described the fallen officers and their impact on the community.

"Our hearts are broken for the families and for our police colleagues," she said.

Dollin said she knew the two officers and described them as wonderful folks.

"They're not just police officers,



SOUTH SIMCOE POLICE SERVICE

South Simcoe Constables Devon Northrup (left) and Morgan Russell (right) both died during a shootout with a lone gunman on Oct. 11.

they're friends," Dollin said.

She said the community had not experienced a similar loss since 2002 when Constable Alan Kuzmich, 41, died in the line of duty.

"This is not something that we are accustomed to here," she said. "It is a safe place."

A witness, who asked not to be identified, told Humber Et Cetera she knew the suspect's family for a long time and had lived on the street since she was four.

The suspect and his family were "so kind and calm" and "joking around" during the last interaction she had with them, she said.

She compared the sound of the gunshots she heard to fireworks and said they were "really loud and really fast."

"I feel sick that it happened somewhere I feel comfortable," she said.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford went to the Innisfil police detachment to offer his support to the service and the town. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tweeted his condolences to the family, the service and the community.

Four officers have now been killed in the past four weeks in southern Ontario. Toronto Constable Andrew Hong, 48, was shot dead while on a lunch break on Sept. 12 and York Region Constable Travis Gillespie, 38, died while on his way to work Sept. 14 when his vehicle was struck by an impaired driver.

The SIU investigation, with six investigators and three forensic investigators, is expected to last for 120 days and anyone with information is asked to contact them at 1-800-787-8529.



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# New Pearson airport permit system frustration for reporters

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Dave Bradley, the morning anchor for 640 Toronto radio, was shocked to hear about a new policy at Toronto Pearson Airport forcing journalists to get a permit a day before covering a story on-site.

He reached out to the communications section with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority to ask what was going on.

Bradley said he was told that as long as journalists email or call in advance, there's a very good chance their permit will be accepted.

"I'm not going to say it's a 100 per cent chance, but they're willing to work with you," he said. "I do trust her because I've worked with her in the past and the feeling that I got is that they're not looking at restricting access, just looking at keeping track of who's there.

"And again, not in any way controlling the narrative," he said.

Bradley said he thinks for the most part the media should be able to cover stories without restrictions. He said in the past Pearson has been pretty good with reporters.

"When that issue does arise, that they're saying no to a story or no



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Toronto Pearson Airport where reporters now need to file for a permit 24 hours in advance to work on-site.

to a reporter, I think that in itself becomes its own story that they're now denying," Bradley said. "But by just suggesting that it could potentially happen when it's likely not going to happen, I think is a little bit of a stretch."

Toronto Pearson International Airport announced the new rules on Oct. 3, which include approving

or denying a permit request in addition to the 24-hour notice, which could create deadline challenges for reporters.

Siobhan Morris, a Queen's Park reporter with CTV News Toronto, said it's frustrating that journalists need to fill out a form in a place where "news may be developing quickly with little notice," and

worried about how Pearson could approve or deny stories.

"I understand the desire of the GTAA to try and diffuse damaging or unflattering stories about Pearson or air travel in general," Morris said. "But despite the ingenuity of reporters and their newsrooms, I worry about what stories the public may not get if the GTAA

decides they're not in the public interest."

Rachel Bertone, Senior Communications Advisor and Media Relations for the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, said in a statement to Humber News that safety is at the core of their decision.

"Media are still welcomed at the airport and the policy is just about knowing who is in the building at what time for safety issues and to ensure that our passenger services representatives are informed," Bertone said. "It's not about restricting access and we're happy to work with the media on urgent requests to come to the airport."

Morris remains skeptical of the new system and said journalists are already being observed by security within the airport, and believes the move to a permit system was the wrong call in regards to such a fast-paced profession such as journalism.

"Again, I understand the GTAA's desire to exercise some level of control but I think moving to a permit system is a mistake, and I don't understand how this move will keep journalists any safer in an environment that is already watched by both people and cameras," Morris said.

## Guardian app provides escape from unwanted encounters

**Angelina Kochatovska**  
News Reporter

Humber's Guardian app launched the Social Escape feature this fall to help students in potentially awkward, uncomfortable and even dangerous social situations.

Rob Kilfoyle, director of the Safety and Emergency Management Department at Humber Col-

lege, said they launched the Social Escape feature thinking it would be useful for students.

"The app's developers showed the new feature to us in sort of a pilot form and we immediately thought it was great and definitely something we should have," Kilfoyle said.

Denise Brown, a student in the spa management program, told Humber Et Cetera that she found

herself in a strange situation, one in which the Social Escape feature would have proved useful.

"I was in the parking garage a few days ago and a guy came to me asking about my car," Brown said. "The situation was really weird and I didn't know how to walk away from him. So, I guess, the new feature would help me in that case."

Kilfoyle said the reason the app was launched isn't only because it provides safety benefits, but also to help students who may struggle with face-to-face conversations in the post-pandemic world.

"When it comes to social events, things don't go as well as you like and you look for a reason to get away," Kilfoyle said.

Miles Tulloch, a student in the computer engineering technology program, said there's reasoning for some people to get out of these kinds of situations.

"Some people with anxiety need to have a reason to step back from some situations," Tulloch said.

To use the Social Escape feature, students provide their phone num-

bers and select a time they would like to receive a call. The assigned number can be saved in the app in advance to allow students to save and rename it before seeing the incoming call.

"You can assign it [phone number] to whoever you want, then it allows you to pick it up, and you can hear (someone) speaking on the other end too while you're excusing yourself from the awkward situation," Kilfoyle said.

"For example, if something happens to you and your phone is on the bar or on the desk, the phone rings and it shows 'mom' or 'doctor,' whatever," he said.

Kilfoyle said the app's users can access and use the feature anywhere in the world as long as they have cell service on their phones.

Brown told Et Cetera this feature would make it easier for her to get out of complicated situations and something she could use in the future.

"It's easier for me to receive a call from the feature rather than thinking about other options," Brown said.



ANGELINA KOCHATOVSKA

Denise Brown, a student in the Spa Management program.



ANGELINA KOCHATOVSKA

Miles Tulloch, a student in the Computer Engineering Technology program at Humber.



ANGELINA KOCHATOVSKA

Updated Humber Guardian app with new features including the Social Escape feature, which allows users to get out of dangerous situations.

# Labour rights are a struggle for ‘people’s rights’

Nathan Abraha

Op-Ed Editor

Pedro Huilca, an influential Peruvian trade union leader, was leaving for work in 1992 when he was brutally gunned down outside his home. His daughter Flor was with him at the time.

As a university student, Flor was stuck deciding whether to pursue law or journalism. The slaying put her on her father’s path and chose journalism.

“My motivation was the people, my father was a union leader so I was indirectly influenced by him,” Flor told Humber Et Cetera in an interview from Lima. “My father taught me to fight for society’s struggles, so I did.”

Huilca was born into poverty, given up to adoption and exploited as a child worker. He became involved in labour rights at 19, eventually becoming general secretary of the General Confederation of Workers of Peru (CGT), the country’s largest labour organization.

“He experienced injustice at a young age, from early on he had to fight for even basic rights so he understood the only way to make a difference was to unionize, to fight together,” Flor said.

As general secretary, he secured the ability of workers to unionize at a federal level, get vacation time, the ability to retire at 60 years old and the ability to negotiate collective agreements.

“It started as a labour movement but the key was this progress (that) led directly to becoming a political movement furthering democracy,” Flor said. “When you fight for labour rights you’re inevitably fighting for people’s rights.”

A statue of Huilca stands at Plaza Víctor Raúl Haya de la Torre de Lima in Peru, to honour his past accomplishments and the labour’s future aspirations.

“Although his life was cut short, the statue is a symbol that rather than vanity, I feel it’s a reminder for others to carry on the torch — to continue the struggle,” Flor said.

Johee Lee, sociology professor at Ewha Womans University in South Korea, was an elementary student in the 1970s when women factory workers fought for their rights.

“I didn’t know any better, I just heard they were a group of stupid workers misled by outside forces,”



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Bust of Pedro Huilca, Peruvian trade union leader stands in Plaza Víctor Raúl Haya de la Torre de Lima, Peru



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Korean female workers as young as 15 were exploited by employers with dangerous working conditions, inhumane working hours, and no guarantee of wages. Here a group workers are photographed in late 1960s.

Lee said. “They were called ‘comies’ influenced by North Korea.”

It was a propaganda smear. They were seeking humane treatment at their workplace, she said.

“Everyone knew women were sacrificing themselves to boost the economy,” Lee said. “But there was a lack of recognition, people didn’t see their contributions to the economy.”

The then export-oriented nature of South Korea’s economy made it easy for poor conditions

and exploitation to be rampant. In 1970, 57.5 per cent of female workers were in labour intensive work with no guarantee of wages or employment.

“Under Chung Hee Park’s dictatorship of the 70s we had industrial unions, but these were pro-company unions, they worked for the company,” Lee said. “The leaders of these unions were co-opted by the companies. So the women workers stood up against this.”

At the time, the rate of women in grassroots unions was higher than their male counterparts. Union leaders for large companies such as Wonpang Textile, Namhwa Electric and Soyo Trading were women, signalling a shift in the idea of independent women workers.

They withstood police crackdowns, experiencing horrors such as sexual assault and brutal beatings. Women participating in

labour rights were considered dangerous.

“It was really a significant time. It showed us what a democratic union should be and why we needed democracy in society,” Lee said. “They are heroes in Korean history.”

Mark Leier, a history professor at Simon Fraser University, was a working class kid from Ladner, B.C., who traced his fascination with the Wobblies to a time when he asked the proprietor at a Vancouver bookstore about a folk song.

“I said look, Joan Baez sings a song about Joe Hill. Right? Clearly, he’s some kind of left organizer guy. She pointed at a book and told me I have to read it,” Leier said.

Hill was a labour rights activist, a member of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) and was executed by the U.S. The book, *Rebel Voices*, is a collection of IWW poetry, stories, songs and editorials.

“I just became completely thrilled and enraptured by it all,” Leier said.

The IWW, known as the Wobblies, an international union founded in 1905, was critical of capitalism, state socialism, and conservative trade unions. By 1935, they had 12 branches with 4,200 members across Canada.

“I’ve been working in enough places to know that most trade unions at the time were interested in looking after members in the union and getting their officers re-elected. Unions became bureaucratic,” he said.

The IWW saw trade unions as part of the problem dividing workers, looking after only skilled workers who were overwhelmingly male and white.

“I think the IWW’s radical analysis, not being afraid to take militant action, and insisting on democratic unionism to prevent the rise of bureaucracy, that over time would become more conservative is really crucial,” Leier said.

“Their newspapers were banned in Canada, hundreds of Wobblies were arrested, and sentenced to long prison terms,” Leier said. “Lots of them were even deported.”

He sees the modern Amazon, Starbucks and other places organizing and being successful, as having adopted The Wobblies’ fight, whether they know it or not.

# Finch West LRT promises 38-minute ride from the subway

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Construction of the Finch West LRT is expected to be finished in 2023, four years after the first shovel broke ground.

Metrolinx, the crown agency of the provincial government of Ontario overseeing public transit in the GTA, told Humber's Et Cetera in an email that the new system will fundamentally transform commuting in the area.

"From students to seniors and everyone in between, the Finch West LRT will fuel the transformation of the community with fast, reliable transit from Humber College to Finch West station," the statement said.

The LRT will feature 18 stops spread over 11 kilometres of track. Metrolinx said it will provide links to transit in York and Peel regions, as well as Line One of the TTC subway. Metrolinx said not only will this new LRT connect north-west Toronto to other major transit systems, it will also give the area a long-needed economic boost.

The LRT will begin at Finch West subway station and end at Humber College. It will also replace the 36 Finch West bus, one of the GTA's busiest bus routes. Trains are



JOSHUA DRAKES

Construction continues to complete Finch LRT station for Humber College, seen here on Oct. 14, by next year. Metrolinx and Humber College's administration are touting the line will overhaul transit to campus.

expected to carry 46,000 passengers per day and an annual ridership estimate of 12 million by 2031.

Ian Crookshank, the Dean of Students at Humber College, expressed the positive changes the LRT will bring.

"We're excited we're on the west terminus of Finch West because of what that will bring," Crookshank said.

He said that an LRT service

would be a better option for students coming from that direction than riding a bus that stops at every intersection. He also said the route being connected to the TTC subway would be very beneficial to Humber College.

Crookshank further said the LRT is better from an environmental standpoint, featuring electrified transit rather than fossil fuels.

He also said that graduated stu-

dents will continue to benefit.

"One impact is that the folks who come here to study may not see the benefit of the construction that's undertaken," Crookshank said.

"The benefit to you as an alumni is that the institution continues to be held in high regard. Your degree or diploma continues to be held in value even if you weren't here to benefit from the LRT."

Lovish Mahajan, a business

accounting student at Humber College, said there were multiple challenges in riding the bus.

"I often have to wait for a very long time at the bus stop," Mahajan said. "In poor weather conditions, this is even worse because the shelters are full and you're outside in the rain."

"The buses are also very crowded which means I often don't get a seat and stand for the whole ride," he said.

During peak hours in the morning and late afternoon, there are frequent delays due to traffic, which adds more pressure to transit lines and commuters.

Yasir Aman, an international student at Humber, has faced these delays during the commute to and from campus.

"Sometimes, the buses are not on time," Aman said. "And if you miss a bus, it can take half an hour for the next one."

In contrast, the LRT will offer trains at five-to-seven minute intervals during peak hours, seven-to 10 minutes during off hours, and will be less affected by traffic.

Aman said buses are very time-consuming and are often late due to construction and traffic.

Metrolinx said in its project overview that the expected length of time to ride the entire line is 38 minutes.

## Students frustrated amid annual parking misery at North campus

**Nicole Hoben**  
News Reporter

Most students are happy to be back to normal academic life but many are not as happy about the daily game of finding a place to park.

First-year paralegal student Amanda Sequeira has often struggled to find a spot.

Sequeira told Et Cetera that because of the limited parking, she's late to class "about five days in the week," because she spends her time driving around the lot looking for a spot.

She isn't alone in the endeavour as one-quarter of the approximately 70,000 full and part-time students are single-vehicle drivers, according to the Humber College Transportation Demand Management Plan.

This has been an ongoing issue for decades at Humber and doesn't appear to be getting better any time soon. The headline in a 1978 issue

of Coven, the former Humber student newspaper at Humber, proclaimed "Winning parking war college officials claim."

Parking continues as an issue on campus and has been a story since 2014 in the Et Cetera newspaper.

While the parking garage

offers more parking for drivers, exiting the garage at the end of the day can take up to 30 minutes or longer.

First-year student Daniel Badanjek, from the Sports Management program, has to choose the parking garage, which opened in 2019, due to parking lots being

full and mired with traffic.

"I have to resort to the parking garage, which isn't ideal because of how far it is from the buildings I have to go to," he said.

"It gets the job done, it's just not as good," Badanjek said.

Another issue is parking passes. While students purchase pass

being sold at roughly \$600, many find it to be cost-prohibitive. The parking pass-only spots also filled up very quickly this year, which left many students searching for parking almost every day.

Parking Manager James Irvine told Et Cetera they encourage the use of transit due to the high population of students enrolled at Humber.

"With over 20,000 students enrolled, we encourage transit use, and if a student decides to drive, there will always be parking space limitations as there are at many other colleges and universities," Irvine said.

Lot 5 was closed because of LRT construction, but Irvine said it's expected to reopen Sept. 1, 2023.

"At North campus, we expect to get back most of what was formerly known as Lot 5 on Sept. 1, 2023, which has been/is being utilized as the main materials lay down area for the Finch West LRT construction," Irvine said.



JOSHUA DRAKES

Parking at Humber College's North Campus has been frustrating for students for decades. Despite building a new parking garage, parking hasn't improved. Pictured here is Lot 1, a permit only parking lot at Humber.

## EDITORIAL: Lifting 20-hour work week for int'l students is not enough

The federal government recently announced it will lift the 20-hour off-campus work cap on international students. Yet it's only a temporary pilot program that is in place until December 2023.

This is a step in the right direction, but this move should be made permanent to be able to better support international students as they face unaffordable housing, rising cost of living and galactic tuition fees.

International students pay on average \$14,306 in tuition fees compared to an average domestic fee of \$3,228, Ontario's auditor general reported last year. Also, 68 per cent of college tuition fee revenue, of \$1.7 billion, in the province now comes from international students.

Canada's inflation rate has been rapidly increasing, hitting a 39-year high in July, with the rate only slightly decreasing to a seven per cent rate in August. These high rates have taken a toll on all residents, both permanent and temporary.

The latest U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for September was released on Oct. 13 and according to those numbers, prices rose 8.2 per cent over the prior

year and 0.4 per cent over the previous month. The core consumer price index, which excludes things like food and energy, rose by more than 6.5 per cent, the highest number since 1982.

A recent survey from Dalhousie University found that 23.6 per cent of Canadians have been cutting back on the food they've purchased. Among those Canadians, 8.2 per cent said they had changed their diets in order to save money on food and 7.1 per cent said that they've skipped meals due to the rising cost of groceries.

The lifting of the 20-hour work week for international students will allow them to be better able to afford groceries among rising costs at grocery stores.

Students often pay a higher rent than the average renter in Canada, according to a recent study by Unité de travail pour l'implantation de logement étudiant (UTILE), a Quebec non-profit organization focused on affordable housing for students.

The study found students often pay up to 225 per cent higher than the average Canadian renter, largely due to post-secondary insti-

tutions being located in high-population areas often surrounded by unaffordable neighbourhoods.

Unaffordable housing rates are highest within these population-dense areas, with the number of renters in these areas spending more than 30 per cent of their income on rent in 2021 was above the national average.

Alongside high living costs and an unaffordable renters market, pressure on international students' wallets are also largely caused due

to expensive fees put in place by their schools.

According to Statistics Canada, in 2022-2023, international undergraduate students will pay 429 per cent more than Canadian students, with international graduate students paying 184 per cent more than Canadian students. These inflated expenses are exclusive to international students, and Canada should do more to be aware and accommodating of these fees.

All of these high expenses

require deep pockets or huge debt for international students, and the 20-hour work week will not be able to support them.

While Canada's motivation for removing the cap on the work week was due to labour shortages, making this move temporary isn't enough for international students.

The cap of 20-hours for international students wasn't viable for Canada's current living and educational costs, and it's time to stop pretending like it was.



UNSPLASH - SAM BAYLE

Et Cetera believes that Canada's decision to remove the 20-hour work week cap should be made permanent.

## OPINION: No place for politicians with controversial pasts



Andrew Raghunandan  
Life Editor

Politicians in Canada who have a lengthy history of controversies and scandals continue to hold power.

Yes, in 2022.

They still hold leadership positions, seats on councils and parliamentary titles. It's appalling to know they haven't been removed from their jobs. I agree the only choice we have to voice our concerns is to vote, but is there no other way?

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was called out in 2019 for

wearing blackface makeup in 2001 while attending a school function when he was still a drama teacher.

Many Black and racialized Canadians took serious offence by his actions, claiming it was racist. South Asian Canadians were offended by the fact he was wearing a turban along with his painted face.

Federal NDP leader Jagmeet Singh commented in 2019 saying it was "more proof that the Liberal leader isn't the person he claims to be in public."

Singh said he couldn't fully explain how much it hurt to see images like that.

It wasn't the only major controversy for the Prime Minister. In 2020, it was alleged the WE Charity had been granted millions of dollars by its government to administer the Canada Student Service Grant program (CSSG).

The prime minister had approved the proposal because he believed they were the only charity capable enough to manage the program, which sparked enormous

criticism from his political opponents. They called on him to take a leave of absence from his role as prime minister until the investigation was completed.

He did not step away.

Weeks of testimony took place in front of the Clerk of the Privy Council to share their knowledge of the deal, including Trudeau and some of his cabinet ministers.

According to the Trudeau III Report, submitted by the Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner, Trudeau did not violate the Conflict of Interest Act and was cleared of any wrongdoing in 2021.

Despite the accusations, it was also revealed he was never paid by the charity, which was founded by Craig and Michael Kielburger, and never had a close friendship with them. He was invited to speak at their events numerous times, however.

But the report showed that members of the prime minister's family, including his brother and mother, were paid substantially to

attend and speak at WE events.

Going back to 2020, investigations also found that then Federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau had concerning involvements with the charity.

Morneau, who is one of the prime minister's closest friends, was found guilty of violating the act. He didn't recuse himself from talks to award the charity the contract while his daughter was employed by the charity and he had a close friendship with Craig Kielburger.

He then resigned his position and his seat in parliament. Despite Trudeau's close links to those accused, he managed to escape the fire.

While Trudeau was not complicit in the WE Charity scandal, controversies like the Aga Khan Island trip saga and the SNC-Lavalin affair found Trudeau violated a few sections of the Conflict of Interest Act. He was the first prime minister to do so since the legislation was passed in 2006.

It's disappointing to learn that

Trudeau was never challenged for a leadership review by his party and was still clear to run for re-election in 2021.

He isn't the only politician to breach conflict of interest rules. Former Conservative Public Works Minister Diane Finley, who was cited for breaching the rules in 2015, comes to mind. Unfortunately, it won't come as a surprise if other politicians violate the rules in the future.

Why are politicians who have violated the rules still in politics and holding leadership positions when it's clear that he's shown poor leadership? These kinds of politicians should be removed sooner rather than citizens having to wait for the next election.

So why can't politicians in Canada be punished?

They're our leaders and are supposed to be setting examples for us to how we ought to live our life. But if they're continuing to cause controversy after controversy, then they don't have a place in politics and should be barred from ever returning.

## OPINION: Kanye West's latest tweet reignites conversation about antisemitism



**Jesse Glazer**  
Editor-in-Chief

Antisemitism is one of the oldest forms of hatred that there is. It can be traced back to the 12th century during the First Crusade. During that time, Jews were forced to convert to Christianity or die.

Many Jews chose to die rather than abandon their faith.

The Jewish people would live on, centuries passed and they continued to fight, survive, and thrive. Amid that prosperity, Jews were often accused of horrific and terrible things, including the origin of blood libel.

Jews were blamed for being vampiric monsters who feast on the blood of children — sounds eerily familiar to a current conspiracy theory — and other sorts of atrocities. Of course, these accusations are

unfounded, false, and dangerous.

And yet, centuries later, Jews continue to face the same kind of antisemitism as they faced then. Some are better at hiding their overt hate for my people, others aren't quite as much.

Kanye West, a notorious rapper and fashion designer, recently went on another of his tantrums. But that tantrum had reckless and potentially dangerous consequences. West decided to take to social media and claim, "I'm a bit sleepy tonight but when I wake up I'm going death con 3 on JEWISH PEOPLE," the tweet said.

"The funny thing is I actually can't be Anti Semitic because Black people are actually Jew also," his tweet also said. "You guys have toyed with me and tried to black ball anyone whoever opposes your agenda."

Let's get one thing out of the way. This tweet is antisemitic. There's no skipping around that. It is. That is a fact.

West's tweet spews some of the most ancient forms of hate towards Jewish people. One in which Jewish people control everything, media, politics, businesses and finances. All blatantly hateful forms of rhetoric that do nothing except dehumanize and inspire more hate directed at Jews.

West's latest gaffe came at an

inauspicious time. The Jewish community is in the midst of one of our holiest months of the year. A

Jews are feeling more vulnerable than ever.

Jamie Lee Curtis, a famous



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File photo of artist Kanye West looking on in the Oval Office of the White House during a meeting with President Donald Trump. West made controversial antisemitic comments on Twitter and FOX News.

little over two weeks ago, Jews celebrated Rosh Hashanah — the start of the Jewish New Year — and just last week celebrated the holiest day of the year in our religion.

Yom Kippur — the Jewish day of atonement — had just passed and

actress and staunch advocate for marginalized communities — her father is of Hungarian Jewish descent — took to Twitter upon hearing the news.

"The holiest day in Judaism was last week. Words matter. A threat

to Jewish people ended once in a genocide. Your words hurt and incite violence. You are a father. Please stop."

She's right. Words matter. The last threat to the Jewish people was the Holocaust and it started with words. Words that rolled into something more malicious, more evil.

And it resulted in the systematic murder of six million Jews.

I'm sick and tired of the Jewish community being called out for merely existing and being accused of baseless and senseless nonsense. The unfortunate reality is people believe nonsense. They believe in conspiracy theories that have absolutely no merit whatsoever.

The Anti-Defamation League is an international Jewish non-governmental organization based in the United States specializing in civil rights law. Since West's latest outbursts, they have labelled his disturbing behaviour and messages over the past week as "deeply troubling, dangerous, and antisemitic, period."

Jewish people have often been supporters of causes all around the world. Jews stand against hatred and bigotry in all forms and yet when Jews are in need of support, the world remains silent.

Jews need allies, Jews need support. Your silence is loud and we hear you.

## TALES FROM HUMBER: Chronic disease sufferers need patience, compassion



**Chelsea Dowie**  
News Reporter

Going back to school at 29 was never part of my long term plan.

I spent many years working with young children. I loved my job, I even had the opportunity to work in Tanzania, but life had other plans.

For as long as I can remember, I have lived my life with chronic

pain. I was born with a rare neuromuscular disease, which became apparent when I was five years old, and my wrists were weak.

I spent my life in elementary school using a wrist brace whenever I had to write with a pencil. At nine, the disease progressed and I was diagnosed with scoliosis, and then finally at 29, I lost almost all of my mobility in my right shoulder.

The shoulder issue basically happened overnight.

At the time I was working with toddlers, and I suddenly found myself unable to meet the physical demands of the job. I could no longer lift my right arm past my ear, holding anything heavier than a two-litre soda was impossible.

Acknowledging my physical limitations was emotionally very challenging, but I tried to make the best of it. I went into journalism

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because I love to write, and hear other people's stories. However, going back to school after making a comfortable living for so many years felt like a punch in the gut.

It's been a couple of years now since I lost mobility in my shoulder, and luckily I'm in a much better place. I get steroid injections every four months directly into my shoulder, which will temporarily give me pain relief, and a bit more mobility.

I have an incredible physiotherapist who gives me acupuncture for temporary relief. I'm also closely monitored by an orthopaedic surgeon and a neuromuscular specialist.

Trying to balance school on top of so many medical appointments and severe chronic pain can at times be challenging.

Some days I wake up in so much pain that I can't even make it to class.

Falling behind, and the anxiety of not being able to catch up, has not been easy to deal with. It makes me worried about what the future may look like once I am working in my chosen field.

It's a given that for me there will

be days when I won't be able to get out of bed, and because my neuromuscular condition is progressive, I'm not sure how it will manifest in the coming years.

I can't change my situation, it's unlikely there will be a cure for my condition within my lifetime but acknowledging that I am doing the best I can do has been helpful. I really value the mindfulness techniques I learned through my pain clinic last year.

In the future I hope to see more advocacy for people with chronic illnesses.

We can work, and we can be successful, we just need the people who hire us to give us a chance.

So many people with chronic pain need all of their energy to even get out of bed some days.

All I can hope for is that my professors and employers can understand that and show us a little bit more patience and compassion.

# Indigenous-owned Birch Bark Coffee comes to campuses

**Barbara Patrocino**  
Senior Reporter

Humber College students can now combine their passion for coffee with the chance to support a good cause.

Grown and produced by Indigenous farmers, Birch Bark Coffee focuses on providing clean drinking water to Indigenous communities in Canada and is available at all Humber College cafeterias on the North and Lake-shore campuses.

Their goal is to send a percentage of every coffee bean purchased towards providing Belkraft water purification units to Indigenous communities that are needed to improve their water quality.

In Canada, boil water advisories are issued when there are problems with the water treatment system, which may cause the presence of viruses, bacteria, or parasites. Residents of these areas are advised to boil their water for a full minute before using it.

For Resident District Manager



BARBARA PATROCINIO

Aline Galindo, a first-year law clerk student, pouring some Birch Bark Coffee before her class starts.

Gobi Perumal, Humber's initiative is essential.

"It gives students the chance to help many communities with a simple gesture in their daily lives. It is local, it is a product with certified high quality, and it is an Indigenous business done by and for Indige-

nous communities," Perumal said.

"I'm glad to hear that the coffee was implemented successfully at Humber campuses," he said. "The feedback I'm hearing from students is pretty good so far because this is also important.

"We need to sell the coffee, and

for that, it has to be good, or people wouldn't buy it," Perumal said.

"Also, it's interesting that each flavour has a small text with information about an Indigenous community. It is more than just coffee."

Aline Galindo, first-year law clerk student at Humber College, said the

initiative is a great opportunity.

"I drink coffee every day, and now that I know about this initiative, I'm choosing Birch Bark Coffee. It is good, and I feel that I'm helping Indigenous communities," she said.

Humber has committed to serving Birch Bark Coffee at every event, meeting, and conference hosted by the college.

Anmole Singh, head of Operations and General Manager at Humber North campus, said this initiative brings a creative way to help Indigenous communities.

"I believe clean water is one of the most basic rights, so we were happy to bring this coffee to Humber," he said.

Chris D'Souza, a fourth-year nursing student at Humber, said finding out about Humber's Birch Bark Coffee initiative was a pleasant surprise.

"I wasn't aware I could help so much simply by buying coffee, I didn't know about this project, but yes, I'm definitely glad to help," he said.

# Disagreements rage over violence connected to video games

**Shayonna Cole**  
News Reporter

Some parents are concerned that video games can cause violent behaviour in their children and worry the violence in these video games is setting a bad example.

"They want to put themselves in the game that they play, when they play shooting games, it gives them the intention to go out and shoot," said Monica Sheriffe, a mother and grandmother from the Jane Street and Finch Avenue community.

Sheriffe is worried her grandchild will mimic in real life what he views in these video games.

"I remember one time my oldest son said something to my grandson that hurt his feelings, and my grandson told him, 'I'm going to shoot you,'" she said. "It was from the video game he was playing because when he remembers how he kills in the game, he wants to do it for real."

Video games have been around for decades, providing entertainment to people of all age groups. They became popular in the 1970s and 1980s when gaming consoles and arcade games were introduced.

The arcade video game industry generated \$5 billion in 1981 and is

worth US\$195.65 billion globally in 2021, according to Grand View Research.

Attention to gaming is constant, arguing whether the violence presented in video games has also risen over the years to draw in an even larger crowd, and if it affects gamers.

Leann Davis, a second-year student in the Computer Engineering Technology program, said she was introduced to video games at a young age.

"I've played video games ever since I was little," Davis said. "My dad came home with 'Need for Speed' for my brother and he let me play. I have loved them ever since.

"I do somewhat believe that maybe it can cause aggression, but in turn has to do more with the person than the game," she said.

According to the American Psychological Association, studies have shown that there are many benefits to playing video games — including violent shooter games.

"A 2013 meta-analysis found that playing shooter video games improved a player's capacity to think about objects in three dimensions just as well as academic courses designed to enhance these same skills," an article from the

American Psychological Association said.

The National Library of Medicine has published studies on whether video games have any impact on the brain. Studies have shown several benefits for human health.

"Recently, numerous video gaming studies (have) shown beneficial effects on cognition and the brain," the article said.

Rohan Brown, a 35-year-old parent from the Black Creek community, said he believes that video

games do not lead to violence, and he encourages his son to play.

"Video games are the one thing that keeps my children inside and away from harm," Brown said. "I'd rather them be inside on their consoles where I can keep an eye on them."

He frequently buys games for his oldest son and said he hasn't seen a change in his behaviour since he started playing games.

"I've seen my son play the most violent games and he wouldn't hurt

a fly," Brown said. "You should see how he reacts when I kill a spider, the kid is sensitive."

He told Humber Et Cetera his son used to be shy before video games helped him out of his awkward stage and helped him to bond with a classmate on the first day of classes.

"My son is 15 and he never brought a friend home before. He came home from school one day with another boy and told me they were heading to his room to play Call of Duty," Brown said.



UNSPASH - SAM PAK

A person holds an Xbox controller as they play a shooting game at a desk setup.



# OPINION: Blue Jays' uneven play poses off-season questions



**Jacob Tye**  
Sports Editor

The crowd fell silent as I sat in my seat in the nosebleeds of the Rogers Centre, completely stunned at what had just happened.

Blue Jays stars Bo Bichette and George Springer brutally collided and the baseball bounced off the turf. Game two of the MLB American League Wild Card series was tied at 9-9.

An hour earlier, when the Jays lead the Mariners 8-1 in the bottom of the fifth, my friends and I talked about who would be

named the starting pitcher for the deciding third game of the series. It was a game we would never see.

The hope for a deep playoff run that ended with the greatest post-season comeback from a visiting team in 146 years of MLB's existence is a tough pill to swallow.

Pitching was a well-known problem as they headed into the postseason. Despite deadline acquisitions from the Miami Marlins in Zach Pop and Anthony Bass, Toronto still ranks second worst in team pitching, according to MLB's postseason rankings.

For a team who sat at about the league average in pitching all season long, it's usually not enough to get you over the hump against stronger competition in a field of 12.

The Mariners made an aggressive mid-season trade for Cincinnati Reds superstar pitcher Luis Castillo, which proved to pay dividends as he pitched seven innings, striking out five in a dominant 4-0 win over the Blue Jays in game one.

Kevin Gausman started opposite former Blue Jay and Cy Young award winner — Robbie Ray in

game two, pitching a near-perfect game before being pulled after five and two third innings in controversial fashion by Interim Manager John Schneider.

Following the pull, the Jays gave up five runs leading to the top of the eighth, where the eventual centre field collision between Bichette and Springer would occur. The catch would have sent Toronto into the bottom of the eighth with a 9-6 lead, but all three runs scored and the game was tied.

The momentum proved to be too much as Seattle broke the tie in the top of the ninth to take the win 10-9.

Following the game, people mostly criticized first-year manager Schneider's controversial decisions with his pitching changes.

The Blue Jays should look to make some serious changes to the pitching staff in the offseason if they want to be serious championship contenders.

They're going into the off-season needing to deal with the rotation pitchers, after pitcher Ross Stripling is expected to explore his options in free agency, and a



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Toronto Blue Jays shortstop Bo Bichette and Toronto Blue Jays centre fielder George Springer collide while trying to catch a shallow fly ball.

serious overhaul in the bullpen that has been labelled the Blue Jays "blowpen" as they continue to blow games with poor performances.

Some of the names that caught my attention were San Diego Padres pitcher Sean Manaea and New York Mets pitcher Carlos Carrasco, who are both free agents coming off of good seasons.

A trade involving one of the Jays

depth pieces like catcher Danny Jansen or former high-end prospect Cavan Biggio should also be looked at for pitching talent to create a greater balance on the team.

Toronto having the second-best batting lineup in the league will continue to mean nothing if they can't stay in games with their mediocre rotation and poor bullpen.

# Global hockey community has 'a lot of growing to do'

**Andre Leal**  
News Reporter

Meeting retired hockey star P.K. Subban changed Elijah Roberts.

The Toronto Metropolitan University defenceman said Subban is the reason there are more Black NHL players.

"You probably couldn't even

count how many players are playing hockey, Black hockey players, because of P.K. Subban," Roberts said.

Before he met Subban, he played with the Toronto Marlboros, where a couple of kids told him to play basketball and called him the "n-word."

Since meeting Subban, Roberts has played a game motivated

by Subban's advice as well as the feeling that he is motivating other kids to get into hockey.

He said Subban gave him some simple but poignant advice. The star player told Roberts not to let anyone tell him he couldn't do anything and if he believed he could do something, do it.

Cole Purboo, a player at the University of Toronto, has roots in Jamaica and Antigua. Purboo said the sport could grow in places where hockey isn't historically a part of their history, but it has been progressing very slowly.

Ice hockey is a growing sport. The International Ice Hockey Federation said there were 209,966 females registered as hockey players in 2020, but about 82 per cent are in the U.S. and Canada.

The IIHF survey of players shows registered players countries not considered traditional hockey nations, including Algeria, Brazil, Hong Kong, Jamaica, and United Arab Emirates.

"Like a lot of organizations, there's a lot of growing to do and I think hockey is one of them that has progressed slower," Purboo said.

The Oakville native also said that exposure is a key part of growing anything.

"I think that the main thing is putting the sport in front of eyes," he said.

The sport is almost hidden from different continents around the world as there's a lack of exposure. According to Statista, in Canada and the U.S., there are nearly 10,000 hockey rinks, but in countries such as Italy, there are only 53.

The NHL doesn't keep records of the different races and ethnicities in the league.

However, according to a poll by the employment site Zippia, 78 per cent of the NHL is made up of white athletes. The remaining number is made up of players from different ethnicities.

In 2018, Tim Hortons invited a hockey team from Kenya to play in Canada with superstars, including Sidney Crosby and Nathan MacKinnon.

This was the first time the players from Kenya had ever worn full equipment and also the first time they were able to play a game against an opponent.

Thanks to this experience, Tim Hortons now helps fund Kenya's youth hockey program, and currently, there's a roller hockey league where teams compete regularly.

This is proof the sport can grow across the world with the right exposure and inclusion. It's only a matter of granting these nations the opportunity to play.

The Hockey Diversity Alliance (HDA) was created with a clear mandate to diversify the game, founded by players such as Akim Aliu, Nazem Kadri and Scarborough native, Wayne Simmonds.

The HDA is an establishment meant to inspire a new, diverse generation of hockey players and fans. Although many wished that something like this would come sooner.

Roberts said that it's "the first big step in making a change."

Roberts said there's really no excuse for the way some people behave, especially since everyone can see what you say and do on social media.

Players like Purboo and Roberts want to be a part of the solution and inspire young kids and grow the sport in different communities.



ANDRE LEAL

Elijah Roberts standing atop the bleachers at Mattamy Athletic Centre. Roberts is a defenceman for the Toronto Metropolitan University Bold.

# Hawks ride 15-game win streak into post-season



HUMBER ATHLETICS

Rookie outfielder Justin Groves swings for a hit. He also walked and drove in a run in both games of the doubleheader sweep versus Centennial Colts.

**Jacob Tye**  
Sports Editor

Hawks rookie outfielder Justin Groves thinks the pitching staff played a huge part in the team's

success, but the team's batting hasn't received the recognition it should.

"I think that our offense has gone and flown a bit under the radar because of how our pitching staff has performed," Groves said.

"We have a lineup that has been at the top of the league all year long and I think that success is from our amazing coaching staff and our team leaders that remind us to stay loose and just have fun out there and doing that has created a lot of success for a

lot of our hitters," he said.

The Hawks baseball team finished their season Thursday night with their 15th straight win in a doubleheader sweep over the Centennial Colts. The wins brought the Hawks' record to an emphatic 17-1 as they marched towards the postseason and — hopefully — redemption by getting gold.

Groves gave props to the Colts after a great season finishing 11-5 placing fourth overall in the

well," Groves said.

"We have a very close group of guys that have a common goal of winning a championship at the end of the year and we all push each other to get better every day," he said.

The team has put the bat to the ball scoring an average of 8.3 runs per game in their last 10 games, making it easier for pitchers like Dalton Brownlee to get out and do their job.

"As a pitcher, it helps take a lot of stress off myself or whoever is pitching and allows us to go out there with a little more confidence and just attack hitters and do what we do best," he said.

The second-year pitcher out of Innisfil explained how different this team is from last year, with their lineup being more contact-based rather than power-based.

"Last year we had a huge power hitting lineup, where most guys had multiple home runs," Brownlee said.

"This year we are more hitting to get on base and let the next guy move you around station to station. Always finding a way to put the ball in play has worked and been effective this season," he said.

Head coach Troy Black loves postseason baseball but wants his team to remain focused and block out the noise that comes with the playoffs.

"At the end of the day we try and stay focused on things one game and one pitch at a time," he said.

"We focus on what we can con-

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**Justin Groves**  
Rookie Outfielder

OCAA standings.

"Centennial has had a great year for sure. They have come out and surprised a lot of teams and they deserve respect for that," he said.

The Peterborough native has thoroughly enjoyed his time at Humber to date and felt welcomed when he first arrived.

"I loved my rookie season here. The guys have all welcomed me in with open arms and the coaches as

trol and not on the circus around us that comes during tournament time," Black said.

Groves said the team is thinking about redemption and winning a championship and that teams should beware of the booming impact this Humber team is about to make.

"Going into the playoffs, I think we have a strong team that's going to make some noise," he said.



HUMBER ATHLETICS

Hawks designated hitter and pitcher Aiden Murphy pitches three innings, striking out four in a doubleheader.

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Hawks pitcher Dalton Brownlee pitches four innings, striking out three in the season finale doubleheader sweep versus Centennial. The Hawks are seeded first in the OCAA standings.

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