

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
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*Sometimes you get the presents, sometimes you get the coal.*

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## Tragedy In Ottawa

By Ryan Meaney

On October 20, 2014, Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent was deliberately struck and killed by a car in Montréal as part of a suspected terrorist plot. Just two days later, shots rang out on Ottawa's Parliament Hill. Corporal Nathan Cirillo was shot dead as he stood guard at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.



Corporal Nathan Cirillo (left) and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent (right) [www.cnews.canoe.ca](http://www.cnews.canoe.ca)

Zehaf-Bibeau shot Corporal Cirillo in the back as he guarded the National War Memorial. Bibeau then proceeded to enter the Parliament Building, home of Canadian federal politics. Zehaf-Bibeau was shot dead by Sergeant-at-Arms, Kevin Vickers, before causing any further harm. It has been confirmed that the shooter, Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, had converted to Islam and had been looking to travel to Syria to join terrorist groups such as ISIL. We can only keep the deceased and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

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**By Eric Steele**

**What is the most densely populated country in the world?**

**What city is located across from the pyramids of Giza?**

# Paul Davis

by Ben Stanley



Paul Davis, Premier of NL

Paul Davis was elected the 12th premier of Newfoundland and Labrador on September 26th, 2014. He was born in the town of Conception Bay South and joined the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) after graduating from college. Mr. Davis stayed with the RNC for 25 years until he retired in 2010. He worked on the Conception Bay South Town Council and was elected as a member of the House of Assembly in 2010.

Since then, he has been the minister of multiple departments in the government. When the former premier, Kathy Dunderdale, resigned in 2013, the PC party needed a new leader.

As the PC party is the governing party, their leader becomes the premier. Mr. Davis ran and was elected as the leader of the party, becoming the newest premier of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Picture from [www.assembly.nl.ca](http://www.assembly.nl.ca)

## The Bio-bus

by Dominic Wellsman

The Bio-Bus is a bus powered by gas which is made from sewage and food waste. On Thursday, November 20, the 40 seat Bio-Bus, aka The Number Two, began its journey from Bath, England to Bristol Airport, England.

The gas is produced via anaerobic digestion at a sewage treatment centre in Bristol. This method uses microbes to break down organic waste such as feces and food scraps and turns it into methane carbon dioxide instead of oxygen. The methane (natural gases) made by this method is called bio-methane.

This bus shows us how our waste can be turned into a valuable resource. In fact, this bus can travel up to 300km (186 miles) on a single tank! So remember your waste will soon not go to waste.



<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/weird-news/tickets-number-two-countrys-first-4657648>

# NFL or CFL?

By Alex Curtis



The NFL (National Football League) is a league comprised of 32 American teams, each competing to participate in the Super Bowl. The CFL (Canadian Football League), the less popular seven-team Canadian league, is still often overshadowed by the NFL. These two leagues are very similar but have some different rules and strategies.



The first different rule is that there are only three downs in the CFL and four in the NFL. A down is a play starting from the line of scrimmage that ends when an opposing player brings the ball carrier's knee to the ground. Ten yards is needed for a new set of downs. This means that you have fewer plays in the CFL to achieve a first down or a touchdown. The end result is there is more throwing of the ball in the CFL than in the NFL because throwing is more effective way to earn first downs and yardage.

Most CFL superstars end up trying out for the NFL at some point in their career and more than 85% are cut. The obvious question is, why are most CFL players not as good as their NFL counterparts? The reason may be that the systems in the CFL are different than the ones in the NFL. For example, while it is a penalty to begin running before the plays starts in the NFL, in the CFL they can have a bit of a boost by running early in order to help them gain some more yards.

All in all, the CFL just doesn't take as much skill as the NFL but still is a great league for all Canadian football fans.

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/1/12/National\\_Football\\_League\\_2008.svg/125px-National\\_Football\\_League\\_2008.svg.png](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/1/12/National_Football_League_2008.svg/125px-National_Football_League_2008.svg.png)



**By Eric Steele**

**What is the capital of Nepal?**

**What is the least densely populated capital city in Europe?**

**What is the smallest country in the world?**

## Knitting club



By Jenna Blackmore

The Knitting Club is a new addition to the variety of activities at Macdonald Drive Junior High. This club guides both teachers and students through the knitting process and engages them in fun and creative projects. Participants have already learned how to cast on, knit, and purl, and some are even working on patterns.

The Knitting Club is a wonderful addition to our school environment, as learning to knit is enjoyable, productive, and very useful. This club takes place in the Art Room (room 227), on Tuesdays at 11:50 AM.

## Christmas List Streeter

By Angus Best

GG asked our very own students what they would like for Christmas this year.

Luke Gosse wants a potato.

Gavin Afonso wants a GoPro 4.

Aaron Martyn wants a cell phone.

Peter Magee wants a pony or a car.

Adam Seviour wants a mountain bike.

Tsuyoshi Stanley wants a cruise ship.

Sam Frew wants "That thingy" or Call Of Duty Advanced Warfare.

Mark Johnson wants Little Big Planet 3.

Alex Lee wants an Xbox One.

Colin McCormick wants a PS4.

Henry Fitzgerald wants an Xbox One as well.

Kaitlyn Gidge wants a jacket.

Leah Peckham wants skates.

Eric Steele wants a flugelhorn.

Ciarn Waterhouse wants world peace and unlimited Pizza.

And finally, Ben Stanley wants a potato.



**By Sam Frew**

**Who wrote the Harry Potter books?**

**Where does the American president live?**

**What's the hardest rock?**

**What's the name of the famous big clock in London?**



# Mythology

By Julia Anne Blackmore

Anubis, also called Anpu or Yinepu, is the Egyptian god of Death and Mummification. Before Osiris took over, he was the god of Death. His head is depicted as that of a jackal and is black to represent rebirth, like the dirt in the Nile Valley. His body is that of a man. Anubis is also thought to be an actual jackal, as jackals often roamed graveyards. His cult centers were Heliopolis and Cynopolis.

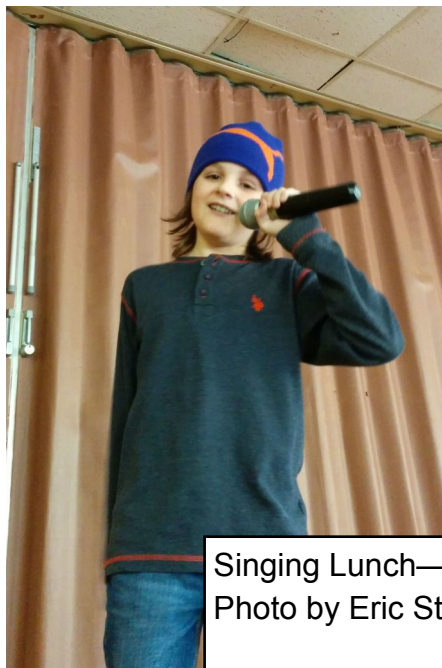
Anubis was the child of Nephthys, Goddess of Lamentation, and her brother Osiris, God of the Afterlife. Nephthys had a husband, however, who was also one of her brothers. Set, the God of Disorder, Deserts, Chaos, and Foreigners, wanted to murder his wife's child. Nephthys had to abandon Anubis. He was apparently adopted by Osiris's wife and her sister, Isis.

Years later, Anubis was placed in charge of seeing if souls were worthy of the underworld. He used the Scales of Justice to do so. There, he would weigh the hearts of those wishing to pass against the weight of one of Ma'at's feathers, which looked like the feather of an ostrich. Ma'at's feather represented truth. Those who were allowed to pass would be granted eternal afterlife.

There are other variations of the jackal-headed god's story, although some are better known than others.



Photo credit: [http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/06/Anubis\\_attending\\_the\\_mummy\\_of\\_Sennedjem.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/06/Anubis_attending_the_mummy_of_Sennedjem.jpg)



Singing Lunch—Christian Davis.  
Photo by Eric Steele



# Xbox One or PlayStation 4: Which is the King of Next Generation Gaming Consoles?

by Henry Fitzgerald

Microsoft's Xbox One and Sony's PlayStation 4 are the two dominating consoles on the market right now. But which one is better?

One of the differences that sets these consoles apart are the controllers. While the PlayStation 4's controller has a small screen, the Xbox One does not. For this reason, many people say that the PlayStation 4 is more advanced than the Xbox One.

In terms of design, the Xbox One weighs about 3.18 kilograms while the PlayStation 4 only weighs about 2.8 kilograms. The main reason for the Xbox One's size compared to that of Playstation 4 is that the Xbox One has a larger cooling system which keeps the console from overheating, a significant problem with the Xbox 360. The PlayStation 4 is more practical to have in a small space for gaming but the Xbox One is more reliable, so it will need less maintenance. This makes the decision even harder when deciding which console to buy.

Two of the most important options to look for when deciding which console to buy are the launch titles and exclusive games for each system. Some of the biggest launch titles for the Xbox One are: Dead Rising 3, Forza Motorsport 5, Halo 5 and Titanfall. Some of the biggest launch titles for the PlayStation 4 are: Killzone Shadowfall, Infamous Second Son and Final Fantasy 14. At the moment, a lot of the Xbox One's launch titles are more successful than the PlayStation 4's launch titles such as Titanfall versus Killzone Shadowfall. The popularity of the launch titles may change over time as there is a lot to expect from each console.

Something big that sets these two consoles apart quite a lot is how the Xbox One acts through Kinect. Xbox Kinect is a type of new technology that was introduced with the Xbox 360 which allows a sensor to read your movements so that you become the controller. The Xbox One has introduced something new with the Kinect. Now, special sensors constantly track you, your voice and even what your skeleton is shaped like. Even as you walk into the room where your Xbox One is, it starts to scan you right away. The Playstation 4 does not do this so if you don't want to be scanned and constantly kept track of, then it is recommended that you either don't buy Kinect or choose the Playstation 4.

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The graphics are different between these two systems with some games and the same with others. For example, Battlefield 4 has a resolution of 900p on the PlayStation 4 but only 720p on the Xbox One. Keep in mind that this does not affect certain gameplay traits such as



<http://www.gamepur.com/files/images/2014/ps4-vs-xbox-one-resolutiongate-controversy.jpg>

physics, glitches, cheats, and so on. The overall graphics and resolution difference between these two consoles is as follows: The playstation 4 has games that run at 1080p, 900p and 720p with 30 or 60 frames per second while Xbox One games run at 900p and 720p also with 30 or 60 frames per second.

This is quite a close battle between these two consoles. These facts and comparisons are just some of the bigger differences between these consoles. The decision, ultimately, is up to you. For more information about the Xbox One and PlayStation 4, visit [www.techradar.com](http://www.techradar.com).

## Book Review: If I Stay

by Maya Loredó



<http://gayleforman.com/blog/2010/03/09/choose-your-flavor/>

A while ago, a new movie trailer was released on YouTube for a new film adaptation of the novel *If I Stay*. *Having read a couple of comments on the novel it's based on, and being a bit weary because romance isn't my genre of books, I decided to watch the trailer. I immediately loved the trailer, so as soon as I went to Chapters, I picked up the book to read it.*

*If I Stay* by Gayle Forman takes place in the early 2000s in Oregon. It tells the beautiful story of a girl named Mia who recounts her experiences with her family, boyfriend and friends, as well as her struggles with insecurities, self-doubt, and heart-break.

Mia is a 'normal' girl whose passion is listening to classical music and playing the cello. She seems like the outsider in her rock-loving family but she loves them nevertheless. She has a boyfriend, Adam, who is in a rock band called "Shooting Star" which is well known in her town. As well, Mia has a best friend, Kim, who always seems to be one step ahead of her in her thought processes.

On one snowy day, Mia and her family are in a car accident. She is sent to hospital where, as a ghost, she witnesses what happens in the world when she is in a coma. The majority of the novel is flashbacks of her life concerning what led to the accident. The conflicts that brewed at the hospital among her family and friends are also reviewed.

I was really impressed with the novel. I was skeptical at first but I really enjoyed it. The novel is written such that the reader experiences every emotion experienced by the main character, Mia. I would recommend this novel to readers 13 and up, as there is some content that I would not recommend to younger readers.

# Christmas Word Search

By Ben Stanley

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**CANDY CANE**

**ELF**

**NUTCRACKER**

**PRESENT**

**SLEIGH**

**BELLS**

**CHESTNUTS**

**JOY**

**TREE**

**REINDEER**

**SNOW**

**CANDLES**

**CHRISTMAS**

**LIGHTS**

**TURKEY**

**SANTA**

Answers to Did you know?

Bangladesh, Cairo, Kathmandu, Berlin, Vatican City.

