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# THE NORTHSTAR CHRONICLE

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## If the Moon was Gold

~Natalie Dryden



*"Spring: A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be. Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat. Where flowers bloom so does hope. Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished"*

*~ Unknown*

Imagine, if the moon was gold. Imagine if its shining luminosity was instead a pale amber.

Imagine if it lost its silver glow, its beauty and its grace. The sun's fire like colour reflects its blazing personality, but the moon's silver like draws you in to its quiet, furtive manner.

If the moon was gold, it would be just like the sun. It would have absolutely no elegance. Simply another yellow sphere in the sky.

No.

The delicate silver glow and the soft glow of the moon makes it perfect. If the moon was gold, all the wonder and beauty would be gone, like bright stars fading into the sky as the sun splashes its vexatious light onto the dark blanket of night.

No.

The moon is silver, it will always be silver, and the lovely, pearly splendor will always reflect its pleasant celestial attraction.



Flower Power  
~Michaelyn Redgewell

## **How-Not-To-Do-It with Jade Hill**

### **Step One**

Break Rubik's Cube

### **Step Two**

Leave the house, and prepare to go to Walmart.

### **Step Three**

Ponder why you actually broke your Rubik's Cube.

### **Step Four**

Crash car into the wall.

### **Step Five**

Sneak into the store, stealthily, and grab a Rubik's Cube.

### **Step Six**

Sneak out.

### **Step Seven**

Get the car out of the wall

### **Step Eight**

Start a high-speed car chase.

## **Jacobs Jokes**

1. What the best thing about Switzerland? I don't know but the flag is a big plus.
2. I invented a new word! Plagiarism.
3. Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"
4. Knock! Knock!  
Who's there?  
Control Freak.  
Con-  
Okay now you say, "Control freak who."
5. Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboard? He was just going through a stage.
6. What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backwards? A receding hare-line.
7. What did the Buddhist say to the hot dog vendor? Make me one with everything.
8. What do you call a pony with a cough? A little horse.
9. What did the pirate say when he turned 80? Aye Matey.
10. Why did the frog take the bus to work? His car got toad away.
11. I told my wife she was drawing her eyebrows to high. She looked at me surprised.

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### **Step Nine**

Crash car again.

### **Step Ten**

Get arrested

### **Step Eleven**

Go to jail, with Rubik's Cube

### **Step Twelve**

Look on the bright side of the situation. You have a Rubik's Cube!

## Letter to the Government

~Kayla Nicolls

Dear Government,

Hi, It's Kayla! This month I would like to look at the Corona-virus, no other topics. There are so many concerns with this flu strain and some questions still not yet answered. Let's get into it!

### Summer fun

It looks like we're going to have a very shut down summer. Everything is closing! I know that you have to stop the spread of the virus, but there's going to be nothing left for us to do! Is there any way that we can have fun without the concern of the virus? You could check people before they go into a trampoline park or before they go swimming at Genesis! How can we still enjoy ourselves this summer?

### Media frenzy

All because of social media, the world is going crazy! There have been new found viruses before; past pandemics. In the 1800s there was a pandemic of small pox, way more deadly than Coronavirus. People weren't stalking up on toilet paper! They weren't panicking. They were calm and when small pox came into their houses, they dealt with it the best they could. Modern technology allows us to find vaccines and cures to new diseases 500x faster than in the 1800s!

### End of the World

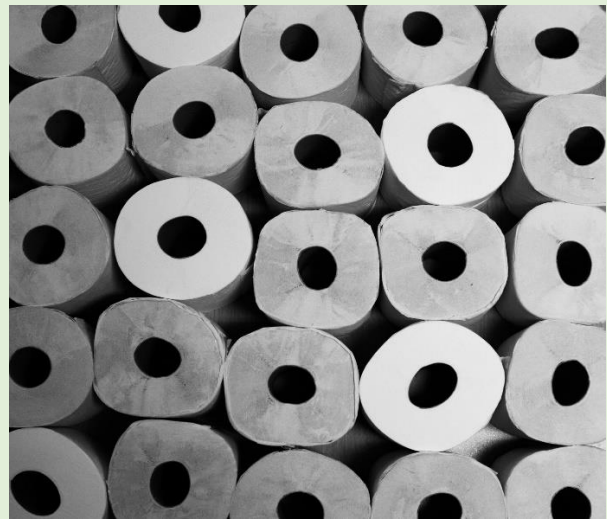
IT IS NOT THE END OF THE WORLD PEOPLE! So many people are freaking out for sure, believing that this is a sign of the end and it's not! Take a deep breath. Doctors are already finding medicines to help with this virus. We are making everything worse by buying out all the food and products in stores.

A man was sent to hospital after someone BEAT HIM for a pack of toilet paper!!! This is not what we are supposed to do to our fellow citizens.

Thank you again for listening to my concerns about everything going on! I hope you guys can find solutions to our problems!

Your anxious citizen,

Kayla Nicolls



### Sneak Peek!

Many people with family members in other countries are being affected by the virus very negatively, so, try to be gentle on the subject. You don't know who has lost a loved one to the virus or who is worried for someone affected by the virus

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## Fortress Mountain Resort

~Benjamin Widish

Here's another mountain many skiers fondly recall. Fortress Mountain had about 700 meters of vertical, 3,311 skiable acres, and five ski lifts. An exemplary base lodge met skiers at the bottom, with an iconic fireplace. Though Fortress is long closed as a ski centre, a new owner is making plans to revive the resort, and eventually re-open it.

Fortress opened as Snowcrest in 1967, founded by David Bullock, with his two brothers, Evan and Curtis. The hill had five lifts, snowmaking equipment, and a hostel in among the rafters of the iconic base lodge.

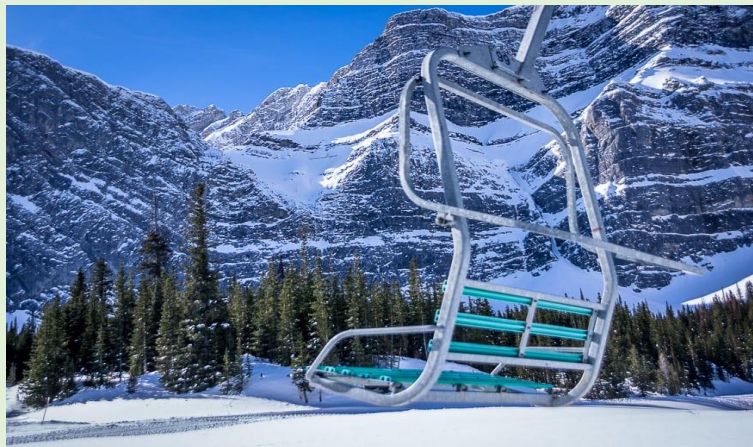
Over the years, it changed hands multiple times, ranging from Aspen Resorts, to Resorts of the Canadian Rockies. In 2004, RCR evaluated the resort, and decided that, due to poor snow conditions, poor infrastructure, and a lack of reinvestment potential, they would shutter the resort. The following September, the mountain was sold to Banff Rail Co, who planned to re-open the mountain. But it never happened. Then, in 2007, the province pulled the lease that Banff Rail Co. had on fortress, citing the dangerous bridge that Banff Rail Co. had failed to fix.



However, in 2011, a new owner is making grand plans to reopen the resort. Fortress Mountain Holdings began a snowcat operation in 2011, that somewhat re-opened the mountain. The resort also got a big boost when the film “Inception” was shot at Fortress, allowing for the unsafe bridge to be fixed. The resort hopes to have an all new base lodge, and mostly new lift fleet for the 2021 ski season.

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**Current news**  
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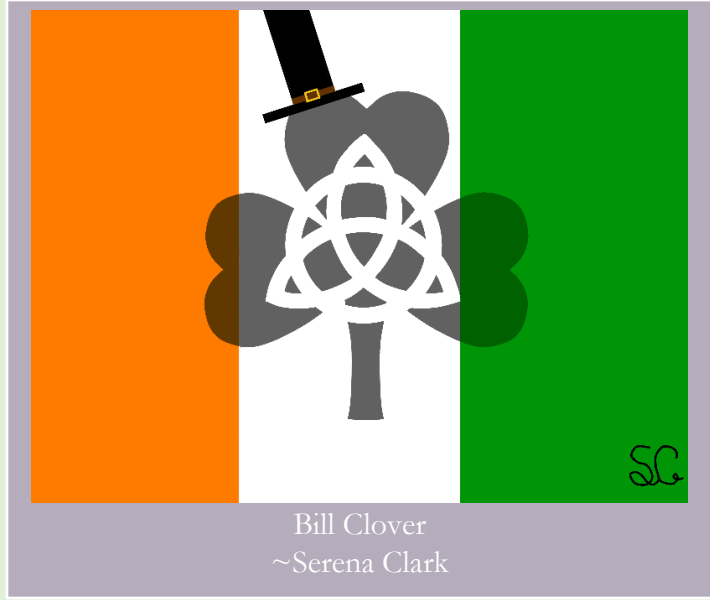
**This month's topic "Covid-19"**

What was supposed to be a single country's epidemic was just announced a worldwide pandemic, however, citizens in many countries are still acting controversial to what the government is calling "goodwill". Some are acting swiftly on the matter with self quarantine and stocking up to prepare for a highly possible official government enforced quarantine, while others are heading out on March break, causing the disease spread to increase. The reason for this controversy is because of the amount of distrust people have in their government. Stats for deaths and infection rates are not lining up with what research facilities are discovering and doctors are told not to tell the public about what they know, to reduce panic.

According to research facilities, the Coronavirus originated as a mutated version of the virus that came from bats. Many theories have rolled the internet; whether or not the virus naturally occurred to be spliced with SARS and Aids. Some believe that this virus was created as a bio-weapon, but many international research facilities have turned these theories down. They claim that an exotic animal could have encountered a bat carrying the virus, was cross contaminated into the food market and from there was naturally joined and grown into Covid-19. Research is still needing to be done before putting these theories and cases to rest and before coming to an official conclusion.

What makes Covid-19 extremely dangerous is how hard it is to identify. Mostly among young people, the virus comes off as a simple flu or cold. However, when older people, respectively 21-90, come into contact with the virus, the reactions can be very deadly.

Many people are not overly affected the first time they are sick with the virus, which lead many people to believe the virus is not serious. But after supervising patients, it is seen that when that person gets the virus a second or third time, they are extremely affected. In China, when people were exposed to the virus a second time, they have devastatingly dropped dead in the streets approximately three days after their second exposure. The virus affects each person that it meets differently; your genetics, gender, and blood type can tell you a little on how much you could be affected by the virus.



According to some research males are the most affected when in contact with the virus, blood type O is seemingly the least affected, and Chinese and Africans are seemingly the most affected by the virus. These results have yet to be tested in a few more countries and research facilities for more information to be unlocked, but its good to be discerning to what we know so far.

Something that people should know, is when the officials say that you can't create an immunity towards the virus, this doesn't mean you won't get sick. It may seem right now that Canadians are on the safer side, however, what hurts other countries should open our eyes. **Many people with family members in other countries are being affected by the virus very negatively, so, try to be gentle on the subject. You don't know who has lost a loved one to the virus or who is worried for someone affected by the virus.** Remember to take proper measures to slow the spread of the virus and avoid large gatherings.

That's all for the March edition, I am Naomi Kitchen, and this has been the Current News.



**Note from the  
“Chronicle Team”**

Hello NorthStar! I'm glad we've completed another newspaper for the month of March! Thank you to the Chronicle team for making this happen once again! I hope you enjoyed all the stories and updates everyone worked so hard to submit this month. As most of you heard, school is still on for us after the Covid-19 virus shutting down all schools. Even if we're not completely happy about this, we get an advantage for next year! If you'd like to contribute an article or have feedback, email me at [leah.brown@nsaschool.ca](mailto:leah.brown@nsaschool.ca) I hope everyone has an awesome beginning to spring!!

~On behalf of the Chronicle team; Leah Brown, Sesame Perry, Sean Umbsaar, Kate Fersovich, Naomi Kitchen, Jacob Brown, Serena Clark, Anna Gamble, Daniel Hindle, Michaelyn Redgewell, Natalie Dryden, Rachel Smith, Jade Hill, Kayla Niccolls and Benjamin Widish.



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