

ESL NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

STORY 1 TERRY FOX RUN

The 36th annual Terry Fox Run took place in over 9,000 communities across the country on Sunday. The annual run celebrates the legacy of Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope while raising money for cancer research.

Terry Fox died 35 years ago on June 28, 1981. He is remembered for his bravery and his run across Canada. Terry called this run the Marathon of Hope. This marathon helped raise money for cancer research. In 1977, when he was only 18 years old, Terry lost his right leg above the knee to cancer. Terry started the Marathon of Hope when he was 22 years old. He ran with an artificial leg over 5,000 km in 143 days. Terry died at the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, B.C., about a year later, a month before his twenty-third birthday.

So far, over 650 million dollars have been donated to cancer research in Terry's name. Every year, over 5 million runners participate in 25 countries. 14 schools are named after Terry Fox and more than 1152 cancer research projects have been founded in Terry's name. His legacy has reached not only throughout Canada but also, all over the world.

STORY 2: HALT! Hundreds Gather to Demand Action from Government on Vancouver's Housing Market Crisis.

On Saturday September 17, the community action group, Housing Action for Local Taxpayers (HALT), held a rally or protest at the Vancouver Art Gallery to demand that all levels of government act now to restore affordable housing to the city. They also wanted to encourage citizens to become informed about what is going on in the city and protest the out of control real estate market.

The main speaker or emcee at the rally, Justin Fung, said "We want to see fairness. When you hear about money laundering, fraud, and tax evasion happening, that really makes it very difficult for honest, hard working citizens of this city and of the province to afford a home."

Recently, the B.C. government and City of Vancouver have attempted to stop the rapidly rising home prices: the province has put a 15% tax on foreign buyers who purchase homes in Metro Vancouver, and the city will bring in a tax on empty homes this fall. But this is not enough.

HALT also wants the government to tax people who live here but do not earn their income in BC, to stop investor immigrant programs, and to have more police investigating fraud, money laundering and tax evasion. They also want the government to have better regulation of Air BNB and short term rentals, build more rental and affordable housing and finally, stop corporate donations to political parties.

Justin Fung said at the rally that the people who are giving the money to support BC's political parties are real estate and construction companies and suggested that the BC real estate business is like a real estate "cartel"...like an illegal drug business where only a few people control the market, the prices and the supply and do not allow any "outsiders" in so that only a few share the highest profits.

While there were only a few hundred people at the rally, it was the first time for the HALT organizers and many people joined in the protest. Vancouver could be seeing a lot more protests like the HALT rally as housing affordability and availability reaches new crisis points.

STORY 3 TOP 8 JOBS OF THE FUTURE

Every year, thousands of Canadian high school students about to graduate have to make one of the most important decisions of their lives: what they want to do for work. But when it comes time for them and their parents to choose a field of study and an institution, they don't always consider if there will be a job in that field when they are finished their schooling. Unfortunately, their chosen career may not be in demand in the changing job market.

According to the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario's Canadian Postsecondary Performance: Impact 2015 report, between two per cent and 15 per cent of Canadian university graduates aged 25 to 34 are unemployed. Moreover, between eight per cent and 27 per cent aren't working in a job related to their studies three years after graduation.

The statistics varied depending on which province students lived in. For example, in Ontario only 73% of university graduates had a job related to their studies and in British Columbia, it was 82%. Alberta and Saskatchewan had 87% of its graduates working in related fields and Quebec and Newfoundland had the highest success rate for graduates with 88 and 92 % respectively working in their chosen careers.

Parents and students need to consider carefully what the job opportunities will be when they finish their schooling.

Monstor.ca has recently given a list of the top eight jobs of the future that today's students should consider based on current data. They also give the average starting, and what training is required.

Job	Starting salary	qualifications
1. Teacher	\$50 to 55 k /year	Bachelors in Education
2. Information security analyst	\$64k/year	Bachelors in computer science/ Masters
3. Market research analyst	\$ 50k /year	Bachelor's degree in market research or statistics

4. Construction Manager	\$85k / year	University degree in Civil engineering/construction management or apprenticeship
5. Lawyer	\$72k/year	Bachelors pre-law degree, law degree, passing bar exam
6. Registered nurse (RN)	\$60k/year	Bachelor's degree in Nursing
7. Software developer	\$61k/year	Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field
8. Marketing manager	\$85 k/year	Bachelors degree in marketing, public relations or related fields

The need for these jobs also depends on the province you are in. For more information you can check out the website of MONSTOR.CA

STORY 4 TEDDY MAC IS BACK

An 80-year-old British man diagnosed with dementia three years ago has been offered a record deal after online videos of him singing in the car went viral.

Ted McDermott, known as Teddy Mac, has been signed up by Decca Records after 'car karaoke' videos posted by his son Simon were watched 40 million times online.

Simon found that singing as the two drove round Blackburn, in northern England, helped his father cope with his Alzheimer's disease.

He posted videos of the drives with his father online to increase awareness for the Alzheimer's Society. The song "Quando Quando Quando" was very popular. More than \$197,000 has been raised so far.

Mr McDermott has difficulty recognizing his son but after decades working as an entertainer, he could still remember the words to a number of Frank Sinatra songs.

Jeremy Hughes, chief executive at the Alzheimer's Society, said music could have a positive impact on people with dementia and that favourite songs or pieces could also help people remember.

"This is clearly the case when Teddy sings and is transported back to his time as an entertainer," Mr Hughes said.

Teddy Mac will now have his own version of the Frank Sinatra classic "You Make Me Feel So Young", released on September 23.

Royalties, or money earned from playing the song on the radio will be split between the Alzheimer's Society and the McDermott family.

You can see Mr McDermott and his son singing in the video that made him famous at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UQ5mjFzHTA>

or google Quando Quando Quando The Songminute Man on Youtube