

# The CHS Sasquatch

YOUR KEY TO THE CAMBRIDGE UNDERGROUND

Special Class of 1999 Twentieth Reunion Year Digital Edition!

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"Seniors Look Ahead" features possibly containing your name are on pg. 32 (33) of 2~5 and pg. 58-59 of Volume 3. Go reminisce already!

## Recommended Generational Reading (not affiliated w/ The CHS Sasquatch):

<https://waitbutwhy.com/2020/01/its-2020-and-youre-in-the-future.html>

<https://www.businessinsider.com/xennials-born-between-millennials-and-gen-x-2017-11>

<https://timeline.com/xennials-generation-4d5aa8cf9a24>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xennials>



Local News Highlights, pg. 37:  
Cambridge Clinic Announces Plans to Move to Deerfield, Will Keep Its Name

Area Seniors Demand 50 New Lawn-Related Ordinances

## EXCLUSIVE: What have Class of '99 alumni done since their last reunion in 2009?



- Gotten Married 62%
- Gotten Divorced 33%
- Embraced Polyamorous, Swinging Lifestyle and Would Love to Tell You All about It 5%
- Gained Weight 85%
- Lost Weight 10%
- Smashed Scale in Rage 5%
- Made babies 40%
- Written CHS Sasquatch <1%

## Pictured Below: Sole Survivors of 2019 Cambridge Tornado



CAMBRIDGE, WI - In one of the least reported news events across the nation this year, the village of Cambridge, WI, was struck by a devastating, unseasonable tornado in the early fall of 2019, resulting in the deaths of over 99 percent of the population of just over 1,000 and destroying nearly all local buildings. The sole survivors were all gathered together for a class reunion in the local winery, quite literally the only building spared total destruction in the small town, considered a suburb of Madison.

Few attendees expected the choice to go to their 20th high school reunion to be a matter of life and death. Local farm owner Luke

Febock shared his harrowing story, "I was just expecting to share some brewskis and good times with some old buds. But when I returned, my barn had collapsed. I couldn't find Ole and Sven anywhere!"

The two organizers of the event, class of '99 alumna Christina Lien and Nicki Johnson, did take some solace in the tragedy, knowing that they had saved the lives of everyone in attendance. And for those who failed to RSVP, or worse, who RSVP-ed but then flaked on attending, Johnson commented, "They got what they deserved—a horrible, screaming death."

In a bizarre twist, all CHS class of 1999 alumni not in or anywhere near Cambridge, WI, are also presumed to be deceased. A great deal of foul play is suspected. Keep your CHS Sasquatch subscription refreshed for updates throughout 2020 on this developing mystery.

## 234,000 Non-Attendees of 2019 CHS Reunion Purged from Roster

CAMBRIDGE, WI - Full-time, paid class reunion planners Christina Lien and Nicki Johnson announced Thursday that all CHS graduates not in attendance at September's reunion, regardless of the year of their graduating class, would be purged from official records, effective immediately. Approximately 234,000 names are currently contained within said records, and the measure is said to be in part due to non-attendees failures to respond to an email sent to everyone's America Online email addresses. "What can we do about a non-response and non-attendance other than assume that the party in question has moved?" Lien asked Sasquatch reporters at a press conference, Thursday afternoon. "This isn't alumni suppression; it's just how politics works."

CHS graduates Matt and Scott Swanson, not in attendance, replied to the statement, "Where are our thousands of dollars in alumni dues going if not to resolve problems like this?!"

Information obtained by Sasquatch investigative reporters reveals that CHS graduates whose names have been wrongly removed from the roster may apply to be reinstated by submitting newly printed proof of address in person at Cambridge High School, in addition to full fingerprints and blood samples. Critics worry this decision may affect turnout for the 2025 reunion, however, these critics are assumed to be Democrats, low-income citizens, and people of color and can thereby be largely ignored. At the time of printing this edition, Hillary Clinton declined to enter the state to file or campaign on anyone's behalf.

## Vhemt Info Table Gets Mixed Reception

CAMBRIDGE, WI - Representatives for the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement ([www.vhemt.org](http://www.vhemt.org)) applied for and were granted an information table at CHS Class of '99's 20th reunion to advocate the end of procreation and the human species.

Occasionally leaving the confines of their table, said representatives were seen cornering reunion attendees and demanding an answer to the question of whether they had children. If answered in the affirmative, many attendees report receiving glares, snorts of disapproval, and half-hour lectures on the imperative to end the human species for the good of the planet, voluntarily, before resource wars turn us into dystopian survivalists who will make Mad Max films look like reality TV.

CHS graduate and father of two, Bradley Danto, called the info table, "Kind of a buzz kill," asking, "Who invited them to the reunion?"



## Scott Walker Proposes Division of CHS into Red, Blue Jays



CAMBRIDGE, WI - Former governor Scott Walker, awash in free time since his 2018 electoral defeat to Democrat Tony Evers, hasn't let his lack of office stem his predilection for making bold policy proposals in the state. This past week, from the center of the state, if not the universe, Walker announced a new initiative to divide the avian sports mascot of Cambridge High

School approximately in half to better represent the polarized politics of this crucial, "battleground" state.

"President Trump has done his part to divide us into tribal political sects at the national level," Walker commented, "but I think it's time we acknowledged who the original divider was, yours truly." Anticipating criticism, he declared that this division of the student body by color would be no different from the era when the building housed both the local high school and middle school in the 1990s.

It was only a matter of time before the issue burst into full gubernatorial conflict. Current governor Tony Evers sought a middle ground between longstanding precedent at the Eastern Suburban Conference school, "We're a swing state, no doubt about it. I want to acknowledge that I hear both sides of our former governor's call for a name change, so I'd like to propose a compromise: How about the CHS Purple Jays?" In response, Republicans on the all-powerful village board immediately sought to strip the governor of his legal authority to intervene in vital local affairs such as sports mascots.

But the mascot change, Walker insists, is only the beginning of his innovative ideas for the rural school district. Any day now, he plans an unveiling ceremony at West Side Park to declare Cambridge "Open for Business."

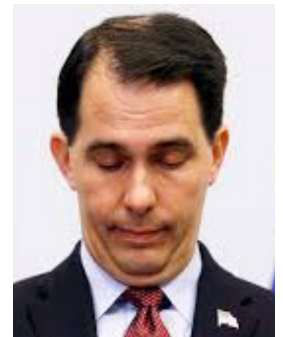
The creekside park, long a gathering place for locals to have a picnic and home of the village ice skating rink in winter, will host a groundbreaking ceremony for a combined Foxconn factory and basalt mine to be burrowed into the park's enclosing hillside. Local environmentalists and Pottery Festival denizens expressed concerns about the impact of a new mine in the middle of town, but Walker acolytes assured them that their annual "festival of fire" could be held indoors at any of the local buildings.

Citing other visions for the future of the state and the nation, the kind that made him a frontrunner for the presidential nomination in 2016 for the party of big ideas exemplifying the state motto, "Forward," Walker

also outlined a number of curricular changes for CHS. "We're going to start by phasing out college preparatory courses," an idea which may be connected to his own dropping out from the state's Marquette University, Walker continued, "And we're going to replace those with shop classes on the technology of the future: the internal combustion engine." New, required courses would offer vocational training in changing oil and topping up fluids, and for advanced students in the district's gifted and talented program, "I believe that every WI high school graduate should be fully licensed to convert an automotive engine and exhaust system to 'roll coal' like my former constituents in Janesville."

From the decks of their gold-plated yachts, CHS alumni who went on to earn college degrees uniformly decried Walker's directed initiatives as incontrolbulous. At least one coastal elite in the nouveau riche asked us, "But what of the poor?!"

In the ex-governor's plan, students unable to afford car ownership or the approximately \$200-5000 it costs to make one's vehicle emit clouds of dark smoke from pipes on either side of the rear windshield, will be offered work vouchers to earn money for these fees by washing dishes in lieu of extracurricular activities. Walker concluded, "I'm not satisfied with neighbors being turned against each other. I promise not to rest until students sitting in desks adjacent to one another have to declare their political allegiances before deciding to exchange greetings or thoughts of any kind."



ABOVE: Former WI governor, Scott Walker

## Kroghville to Play Kingmaker in Local “Game of Thrones” between Cambridge, London, Rockdale, Oakland.

Christiana Township: “This Is Holy War!”

CAMBRIDGE, WI - Bloody carnage continues in rural South-Central Wisconsin as a new chapter of intrigue has unfolded in the inter-county Easter Suburban Conference struggle. In the center of the storm as always, is the sprawling metropolis of Cambridge.

Residents of London, Rockdale, and the all-important Lake Ripley powerhouse of Oakland have the Umbrella Village surrounded and are laying siege to it in hopes that autumn’s corn harvest will be exhausted, in hopes to avoid further bloodshed. Besieged Cambridgers, however, have reportedly devised a plan to tunnel underground, beyond the enemy lines, into nearby Kroghville, on the edge of the school district. Village leaders are heard referring to this secret strategy as “The London Underground.” For now, they hope supplies will hold out until mid-May, when the ground unfreezes and will allow villagers to enact this master plan.

## Hwy 12 & 18 to Institute Tolls

CAMBRIDGE, WI - In order to continue ongoing upgrades to the popular Madison route, which have included widening to two lanes in both directions and smoothing out curves that once made this one of Wisconsin’s deadliest highways, Dane County officials on Tuesday announced plans to increase revenue in the form of toll booths placed at the intersection of Hwy 12 & 18, on the northwest edge of Cambridge.

Locals expressed discontent and wishes that the tolls might be enforced selectively on tourists from Illinois. “They make us pay to use their roads whether or not we’re going to Chicago,” longtime residents who preferred to remain anonymous reported. “It would only be fair if we use our maintenance fund to extract some kind of revenge.” Those interested in bypassing the tolls may continue to use I-94 and other alternative routes to further marginalize Cambridge and reduce traffic.

## Climate Change Hitting Home

CAMBRIDGE, WI, - With CHS Class of 1999 graduates nearing middle age, the political center of gravity of planet earth appears to be shifting, dimming hopes to tackle climate change and the threat it poses to all human civilization. Dragging on a cigarette, one male alumnus asked, “I figure my life’s about halfway gone; why should we bother changing our lives at all for some future generation I won’t live to see?” Climatologists at the UN confirmed that melting polar ice caps pose little threat to rural, southern WI, other than an influx of more Flatlanders and possibly larger insects. The local resident continued, “As long as Lake Ripleys isn’t going to overflow its banks, what do I care?”

Local scientist Chris Kreul concurred on matters of rising temperatures in both summer and winter. Based on models and experiments conducted in his own home laboratory, had but one projection to share. “Whoa!” he said.

Main Street Economy Thriving with Bigger “For Rent” Signs Than Ever  
See “ECONOMY,” pg. 37



ABOVE: The nexus of power in the United States of America, if not the world.

## Decision 2020: Opiods or Methamphetamines?

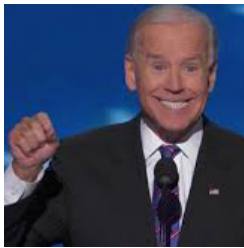
See "SWEET, SWEET DRUGS," pg. 37

\*Other Democratic candidates have failed to meet the threshold in Sasquatch polls to be included here. We apologize if our stringent standards have excluded your preferred candidate.

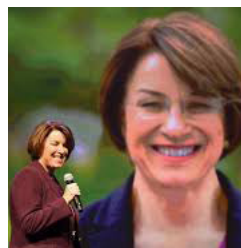
### The CHS Sasquatch Guide to Democratic Primary Candidates\*

With the DNC Convention to be held in Milwaukee from July 13th-16th, 2020, Democratic presidential candidates recognize the importance of WI in their hopes to retake the White House. They are lining up to make individualized pitches to graduates of Cambridge High School, but what sets each candidate apart from the others? What, exactly does each propose within his or her broad, policy platform?

Use this handy CHS Sasquatch guide to the 2020 primaries to cast your vote and make all political decisions until the next reunion!



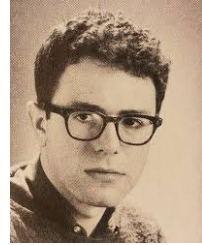
Joe Biden - Wants to make the Pottery Festival illegal but also bring back IL tourism via Amtrak. Promises former president Obama will speak at CHS 2020 graduation and a factory in Cambridge to manufacture cutting-edge, portable record players.



Amy Klobuchar - Refuses to pander to the members of this class, whose imperfect reunion attendance suggests an unwillingness to party like it's 1999 and effectively killed Prince. She does, however, promise a Target in Cambridge by 2050. Former MN residents attending CHS get a free campaign mug.



Michael Bloomberg - As the Sasquatch editor declined to shake his hand or have a picture taken with the billionaire former NYC mayor at Gracie Mansion while serving in the inaugural NYC Civic Corps (Americorps VISTA) program in 2009-10, Bloomberg has refused our requests for an interview. Perhaps another media source may deign to cover his likely woefully underfunded campaign.



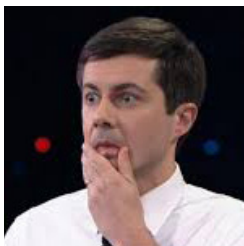
Bernie Sanders - Redistribute weight, hair (only on tops of heads), and children evenly among CHS graduates. But how? He's glad you asked. All parents with four or more kids will be interviewed and asked which they'd like to keep and which they would like to give away. Summer residents with houses on Lake Ripley will have their properties commandeered to shelter homeless residents of Milwaukee and Madison during winters. Strong supporter of tolls on Hwy 12 & 18.



Corey Booker - Reaches out to the handful of non-Caucasian CHS students and the exponentially larger demographic of rural, white students who wear baggy clothing and listen to gangsta rap. As president, he promises to legalize all drugs, accelerate the ruralizing trends of their production and consumption, and live a portion of the year not in the White House but in the "bad side" of Cambridge, wherever that may be. He openly prefers that all democratic candidates be elected together, forming a 20+ person presidential conglomerate of cooperation to ensure victory over the incumbent.



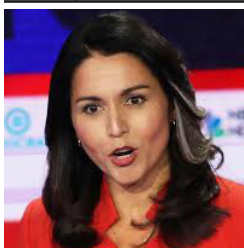
Tom Steyer - To increase name recognition and show he's a serious candidate, Steyer plans to spend \$500,000 of his own money to get on the village board. Or the U.S. presidential ballot. We forget.



Pete Buttigieg - He's a year younger than us, and he's running for president?! Clearly we've all failed at life. All discriminatory language and persecution directed at LGBTQ students at CHS in the past will be forgiven in exchange for an agreement that all current and future LGBTQ students remain closeted until graduation, attend prom only with opposite sex partners. Mayor Pete also promises to "finish the job" and honor the legacy of a prominent local doctor to make everyone in Cambridge gay. On day one as president, he will turn the Cambridge Winery into a wine cave exclusively for other billionaires like himself.



Elizabeth Warren - She has a plan for your midlife crisis and proposes a new summit on climate change to be held in London, WI. Her two-cent wealth tax will raise enough to make London Bridges Preschool a cutting edge institution again, on the condition that attendance is mandatory for all children under five. Initial estimates suggest her Medicare for All plan will eliminate premiums and copays but increase wait times at Cambridge Clinic and Fort Atkinson Hospital by 900% or more. She promises that those who have taken a selfie with her can skip the lines.



Tulsi Gabbard - Maverick candidate is reaching out to CHS veterans who'd like to be redeployed in more foreign wars, the more endless the better. She expresses a strong wish that she could have started the war in Afghanistan pre-emptively to increase class of '99 enlistment and prevent 9/11.



Andrew Yang - Former tech executive still seeking crucial Wicke endorsement to solidify his worthiness of being a top-tier candidate. His central Universal Basic Income proposal would assuage the editor's guilt (debt?) for having received free lunch in the cafeteria. Former CHS teachers Nelson and Rapp support his slogan to Make America Think Harder. Currently polling in the single digits among Cambridge robots and will have to raise that significantly to have a shot at the nomination.



## Trump Holds Rally at Cambridge Country Club for Major Announcement: Building Wall on Dane/Jefferson County Border

CAMBRIDGE, WI - While his central campaign promise has met with seemingly endless obstacles, barriers, and attempts at obstruction by those he calls “Do Nothing Democrats,” the recently impeached president is on the verge of finally delivering a big, beautiful wall through the east side of Cambridge. The wall, which will require either bisecting or fully demolishing several homes spanning the hitherto ill-demarcated country border between Jefferson and Dane, has been the subject of intense controversy since its inception.

At the Cambridge Country Club, his 2020 campaign headquarters, President Trump held a rally on Sunday to announce plans for the wall and several other top priorities. “Cambridge,” Trump spoke from behind the podium, “for too long our neighbors have been laughing at us. It’s time we end the laughter before Spanish classes at CHS become a required course by building a huge, ineffective wall that nobody asked for through the center of your village.” The largely supportive crowd erupted in applause, though perhaps as much in appreciation as confusion. “Together, we’re going to make Piggly Wiggly Lon’s again.” And from the stage, dozens of brown baseball caps, embroidered with the MPWLA slogan and made in a factory in Henan, China, were showered on the crowd below, like a manure spreader in the sky.

Benefits of the wall, with a construction budget exponentially larger than either county it will separate, are hypothesized to include increased border security, mainly through preventing the enrollment in CHS by immigrant students who did not attend the Cambridge school system from Mrs. Nikolay’s kindergarten class all the way through twelfth grade. “Just think of how much more bigly teacher attention to students native to Cambridge could have been,” Trump envisioned, “if it hadn’t been diluted and diverted among the Dantos, the Hughsons, the Myers, the Lees, and so many other bad hombres.”

Whether the partial county wall will accomplish its intended goal, and at an efficient price, remains to be seen, but Trump campaign representatives are sanguine about its prospects and very loud reception among locals.

With help from Trump’s local campaign strategist, Steve Schimelpfenig, and foreign policy advisor Darrell Morris, analysts at the CHS Sasquatch have discerned a consistent tone and focus of this and other Trump rallies throughout the country. “With his new, hyper-local focus,” the strategist explained, “President Trump is proving that no issue is too petty, no proposal too grounded in transactional amorality to be solved by putting up a big wall. Actions like these show his immense erectile function as the leader of our country. What could be more presidential?”

Supporters at the Cambridge rally greeted the announcement with a new, interrogative chant, “Build the wall?! Build the wall?! What wall are we talking about, exactly?!”

Sasquatch reporters informed the chanters of the wall’s intended location, and the crowds began to disperse, before the President rallied everyone back to the front of the stage. Pointing in our reporter’s direction, Trump yelled, “I see we have an enemy of the people in our midst!” The crowd boomed loudly. “That’s right. A member of the Cambridge Underground, non-mainstream media. Get him out of here!” Our correspondent was escorted off the premises by country club security, and is only able to cobble together the remainder of this article from accounts of rally attendees willing to speak to him next to the golf course’s curbside dumpster.

Attendees shared several other proposals, including renaming the village’s central attraction “Mar a Lake Ripley,” turning the park into an exclusive resort staffed by undocumented immigrants, and replacing the historical marker about the Evinrude outboard motor with a series of Trump self-portraits, to be placed along the park’s fully rebuilt perimeter fence. The Village Motel is in contract talks to be replaced by a massive, two-story Trump Tower, and in close connection to other openly retrograde proposals, Trump has reportedly cut a deal to bring back Village Video next door, but on the sole condition that VHS technology returns with it.

The CHS Sasquatch is conducting an ongoing investigation of whether dairy and soy subsidies intended for local farmers may have been rerouted to Trump’s campaign headquarters, as well as other scandals which may well have resulted in other presidents’ removal from office. Early results of internal negotiations suggest that a fine of two million dollars will be levied on said farmers for their malfeasance, to be collected by and paid to Trump himself on behalf of his sons’ charitable trust. Trump associates are currently engaged in a lawsuit against the CHS Sasquatch for burying news of his campaign this deeply in the highly regarded and widely read publication.

As of press date, Trump’s reelection campaign still faces two Republican primary challengers, former IL congressman Joe Walsh and former MA governor Bill Weld. Both sought to avoid endorsement from occasional Trump critics and competitors in the state, ex-House Speaker Paul Ryan and ex-WI governor Scott Walker, fearing that association with either former Republican Party rising star “ideas man” would only reduce their already low profiles and tar their reputations with crippling labels as elite intellectuals.

DARE Program Architects Give Selves Well-Deserved Pats on the Back: “Our Efforts Have Ensured That Drug Abuse Became a Thing of the Past”: SEE DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION, pg. 37.

## People's Republic of China Urges Female CHS Graduates to “Cast Off the Yoke of Oppression,” Return to Maiden Names

Beijing, China - PRC Spokeswoman for Oppressive Affairs, Lian Hong, called for advances in U.S. women's rights on Thursday, singling out several CHS graduates for specific attention. “So called ‘Laurel Leyba’ and ‘Jessica Schaefer,’ we know who you really are, and we in China are asking you to cast off your yokes of oppression. Reclaim your maiden names before it is too late!”

The custom of taking on one's husband's last name, common throughout Western countries, was also declared to be very inconvenient for cyberstalkers from high school. “Under our system and culture of ‘Socialism with Chinese Characteristics,’” Ms. Lian noted, “wives are their husbands' coequals in every way, unlike you Americans, who insist upon oppressing your women by changing their names when they marry.”

A CHS Sasquatch reporter asked whether hyphenated names or matrilineal surname adoption was an option for children in China, whether Mandarin had a title equivalent to Ms., and was promptly sent to a gulag in Xinjiang.



ABOVE: Two CHS Class of 1999 alumna have drawn international condemnation for human rights abuses. If not for very just U.S. protections against extradition, they would face trial at the ICJ. Henry Kissinger and George W. Bush expressed strong support for them to remain undisturbed at home in the Midwest.

## Trump Seeks Upgrade of Trade War to Actual War

Washington, D.C. - Eager to move on from a planned signing of a “stage one” agreement to end the current trade conflict with China, President Trump has big plans for 2020 to distract from his recent impeachment. His signature initiative, according to White House sources who intend to join the long list of resignations but prefer to remain anonymous until such time, is to provide the nation with an actual war to get his money's worth from multiple years of military spending increases.

One source speculated, “Since it would be easiest, President Trump would prefer to upgrade the trade war with China, but he's uneasy about standing up for democracy in Hong Kong or Taiwan or for Muslims' human rights in Xinjiang. So he's open to other arenas. The Middle East is always an option, and Iran has looked promising for a long time.”

One self-described “China hawk” in the administration disagreed, “If [director of White House National Trade Council] Peter Navarro gets his trade war revoked by a bunch of bankrupt dairy farmers from WI, he'll be out for blood. What's he going to do? Try to play up a new space race to Mars? There's simply no profits to be made in peaceful exploration. It has to be an interstellar war, and it has to be with China. I'm sure Trump is looking for the first target for our new space force, regardless of what new trade agreement he signs.” The official, Gregory Brothers-produced information video for the new branch of the U.S. military is available on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_AUXpnB065o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_AUXpnB065o)



Former National Security Director, John Bolton's moustache, confirmed the rumours but also disputed the target of the much anticipated military conflict, “President Trump's favorite war documentaries are ‘Canadian Bacon’ and ‘South Park: Bigger, Longer, and Uncut,’ so he's very much open to third war with Canada, provided that he gets to brand it ‘Trump's WWII’. Now if you'll excuse me, I've got to enact a personal bombing campaign in North Korea to avoid testifying in the Senate on Trump's unfitness for office.”

The editor's favorite films of the 2010s (drawing heavily from the AV Club's list and probably too full of documentaries, I also didn't realize I liked violent/scary movies so much.)

1. The Florida Project (2017)
2. Dogtooth (2010)
3. The Miscreants of Taliwood (2009...Cheating, I know)
4. The Lobster (2015)
5. Get Out (2017)
6. Green Room (2016)
7. Upgrade (2018)
8. The Act of Killing (2012) & The Look of Silence (2015)
9. It Follows (2014)
10. Eat That Question: Frank Zappa in His Own Words (2016)

Other Contenders: Zero Dark Thirty (2012); Beasts of the Southern Wild (2012); Computer Chess (2013); Whiplash (2014) & La La Land (2016); Under the Skin (2014);

All-Time Favorite eMusic Downloads from the 2010s (No longer on the site and still available) Soundtrack to my 30s.

'Tis the season for nostalgic, decade retrospectives. In an industry that can only be tumultuous, I will give eMu some credit assuming it still exists in Jan. 2020 and so find it worthwhile to remember the good times and make lemonade from the low-hanging fruit that remains. I'd love to know what you've loved from 2010-2018 that came from bygone days of vitality. Don't bother searching eMu for the following—it's just nice to reminisce and remind oneself that they've had lean times before and rebounded.

1. "Dracula" - Nurses (2011). <https://nurses.bandcamp.com/album/dracula>
2. "Rhine Gold" - Choir of Young Believers (2012). <https://choirofyoungbelievers.bandcamp.com/releases>
3. "Relatives" - Mad Gregs (2012). <https://fakefour.bandcamp.com/album/relatives>
4. "Stubborn Persistent Illusions" - Do Make Say Think (2017). <https://domakesaythink.bandcamp.com/album/stubborn-persistent-illusions>
5. "Mines" - Menomena (2010). <https://www.barsuk.com/shop/bark101>
6. "Carry On" - We Are Enfant Terrible (2013). <https://pilrecords.bandcamp.com/album/carry-on-we-are-enfant-terrible>
7. "Hollowed" - iTAL tEK (2016). <https://italtek.bandcamp.com/album/hollowed>
8. "The Pool" - Jazzanova (2018). <https://jazzanova.bandcamp.com/album/the-pool>
9. "Bedrooms of the Nation" - Shimmering Stars (2014). <https://shimmeringstars.bandcamp.com/album/bedrooms-of-the-nation>
10. "First" - yMusic (2017). <https://ymusicensemble.bandcamp.com/album/first-2>

Contenders no longer available but bought on eMu: "It's All in Your Head" - Negativland (2014). "Floating" - Sleep Party People (2014). "Memories Are Now" - Jesca Hoop (2017). "Do Easy" - Tasseomancy (2016). "151a" - Kishi Bashi (2013). "Bleeds" - Roots Manuva (2015). "Magnetoception" - Joshua Abrams (2015). "Elaenia" - Floating Points (2015). "Chiaroscuro" - I Break Horses (2014). "ambit" - The Cellar and Point (2014). "Perfect Hair" - Busdriver (2014). "4" - Boozoo Bajou (2014). "Morning Phase" - Beck (2014). "Prophet" - Ramona Falls (2013). "Dal-

mak" - Esmerine (2013). "S/t" - Zammuto (2012). "The Akashic Record" - Radioinactive (2012). "Information Retrieved" - Pinback (2012). "Wonky" - Orbital (2012). "SyMeta" - Byetone (2011). "Mellem Dine Laeber" - Boom Clap Bachelors (2011). "Mshini Wam" - Speok Mathambo (2010). "Total Life Forever" - Foals (2010). "Measure" - Field Music (2010). "Say Goodbye to Useless" - Deru (2010).

All Jaga Jazzist, Buffalo Daughter, Errors, GoGo Penguin, Mammal Hands, Beach House, St. Vincent, Hot Chip, The Herbaliser, Grizzly Bear, Arcade Fire, Secret Chiefs 3, Junior Boys, Fleet Foxes, Hauschka, The Bad Plus, Black Moth Super Rainbow, Mew, Animal Collective, TV on the Radio, Rob Crow, Timber Timbre, Meat Beat Manifesto, Ebo Taylor albums.

2010-18 Favorites still on eMusic

1. "S/t" - Ko Shin Moon (2017). <https://akuphone.bandcamp.com/album/ko-shin-moon-2>
2. "MOZAIKA" - ONUKA (2018).
3. "Parergon" - Will Dutta with Plaid (2012). <https://willdutta.bandcamp.com/album/parergon>
4. "S/t" - NZCA/LINES (2012). <https://nzcalines.bandcamp.com/album/infinite-summer>
5. "Elemental Themes" - Chrome Canyon (2012). <https://stonestrow.bandcamp.com/album/elemental-themes>
6. "Ibn El Leil" - Mashrou Leila (2017).
7. "Be Glad" - Tom Terrien (2016). <https://tomterrien.bandcamp.com/album/be-glad>
8. "Heart Failure" - Mydewem (2015). <https://skyapnea.bandcamp.com/album/heart-failure>
9. "Mobius Omega" - Spice (2018).
10. "The Melody of Dust" - Hot Sugar (2017).

Contenders still available and on other lists: Field Music, The Dodos, Skeletons, Red Snapper albums. "Disruption" - Jetsam (2014). "S/t" - Gallo Lobo (2018). "Bow Wave" - Andi Otto (2018). "One Line" - Tokyo Chuo-Line (2017). "Skeewiff In Wonderland" - Skeewiff (2017). "Caballeros del Albedrío" - Austin TV (2017). "Twin Earth" - Aphir (2017). "S/t" - THE WAIiT (2016). "Nonagram" - Soweto Kinch (2016). "Sisters" - Odd Nosdam (2016). "Samorost 3 Soundtrack" - FLOEX (2016). "5 Journeys" - Sumrrá (2015). "Milk" - PeroPero (2015). "The Way I Began" - Desert Sound Colony (2014). "Ocho Chino" - Mauricio Barraza Quinteto (2013). "Välkommen in till Hallen" - Hallen (2013). "The Tel Aviv Session" - The Toure-Raichel Collective (2012). "Mono y Toro EP" - Son of Run (2012). "The House That Jack Built" - Jesca Hoop (2012). "Plastic Orchestra" - Global Goon (2012). "S/t" - Atropolis (2011). "The Snake" - Brogan Bentley (2014). I'll hand it to streaming platforms that they probably would make lists like these more comprehensive. Having any breadth while on a budget is tough.

2010s Favorites from sources other than eMusic (whether or not they ever were available)

1. "The Way Out" - The Books (2010) <https://books.bandcamp.com/album/the-way-out>. & "Anchor" - Zammuto (2014) <https://zammuto.bandcamp.com/album/anchor>.
2. "Istiklaliya" (2013) <https://infine-rec.bandcamp.com/album/istiklaliya> & "Turbulences" (2016) - Aufgang
3. "Meditation of Ecstatic Energy" - Dustin Wong (2013) <https://dustin-wong.bandcamp.com/album/mediation-of-ecstatic-energy>.



## Music & Film (Lists of favorites from the 2010s) [Continued]

4. "Hidden" - These New Puritans (2010).
5. "Little Me Will Start a Storm" - Loch Lomond (2011) <https://tenderlovingempire.bandcamp.com/album/little-me-will-start-a-storm>.
6. "Painted Ruins" - Grizzly Bear (2017)
7. "Avante" - Siba (2012) <https://s-i-b-a.bandcamp.com/album/avante>.
8. "Part II: The New December" - Fol Chen (2010) <https://fol-chen.bandcamp.com/album/part-ii-the-new-december>.
9. "S/t" - John Wizards (2013) <https://johnwizards.bandcamp.com/album/john-wizards>.
10. "S/t" - 万能青年旅店 Omnipotent Youth Society (2010).

Contenders: "Crack-Up" - Fleet Foxes (2017) (deserves to be on the list, but I'm not introducing them to anyone). "Lasso Yo" - Canon Blue (2017). "Blast Off Through the Wicker" - Art Feynman (2017). "醜奴兒" - 草東沒有派對 No Party for Cao Dong (2016). "Love Letter for Fire" - Sam Beam & Jesca Hoop (2016). "Aussegras" - Fei Scho (2016). "Imager" - Barbarossa (2015). "春来了" - 南无乐队 Nanwu (2015). "LP4" - Ratatat (2015). "Elixir" - Ola Fresca (2015). "Flying Fantasy" - Alexander Turnquist (2014). "一枝独秀" - 二手玫瑰 Second-Hand Roses (2013). "Ultramarine" - Young Galaxy (2013). "S/t" - Grounders (2015). "Suchness" - We Are Loud Whispers (2013). "Incitare" - VOLTO! (2013). "Proa" - Tremor (2013). "S/t" - Junip (2013). "Glow" - Jackson And His Computer Band (2013). "Transitions" - Atropolis (2013). "就是这个調調" - 戏班 Xi Ban (2012). "My Head Is a Ghost" - Of Monsters and Men (2012). "A Church That Fits Our Needs" - Lost in the Trees (2012). "En Yay Sah" - Janka Nabay & the Bubu Gang (2012). "Traps" - Jaill (2012). "Love This Giant" - David Byrne & St. Vincent (2012). "S/t" - Vicious Vicious (2011). "Boa Party de Mim Vai Embora" - Vanguard (2011). "101" - Keren Ann (2011). "Hearts" - I Break Horses (2011). "S/t" - Glorie (2011). "追梦痴子心" - Gala (2011). "Flora" - Fredrik (2011). "Aabenbaringen Over Aaskammen" - Casiokids (2011). "Place" - Build (2011). "Twist Again" - Bodies of Water (2011). "Garden of Fainting Stars" - The Book of Knots (2011). "S/t" - Antonionian (2011). "Tomorrow Becomes You" - Slow Six (2010). "Holy Broken" - Sin Ropas (2010). "Port Entropy" - Shugo Tokumaru (2010). "If a Band Plays in the Woods" - Philistines Jr. (2010). "High Violet" - The National (2010). "Dreams Suspend Night" - Head Like a Kite (2010). "A journey to freedom" - DE DE MOUSE (2010). "Swim" - Caribou (2010). "Acronyms" - Bee Vs. Moth (2010). "S/t" - Anna Calvi (2010). "Pink Graffiti" - Secret Cities (2010).

If I may have permission to speak in flowery prose again, The Phantom Planet episode on MST3K makes my points of comparison of what we get when we only fix our attention on "the good and the beautiful." <https://np.youtube.com/watch?v=Yn6BhvrHa-kA> (see especially 1:53)

Favorites of 2019 still on the site (excluding jazz)

I'll remember 2019 as the year of the mass exodus from eMusic for greener pastures that weren't caving into a giant sinkhole. It would be laughable to say these were the ten best albums of the year and a stretch to say that any one of them would be on a best of 2019 list unrestricted by source. At least a few that would also shore up credibility are no longer available but at least were at some point. On the positive side, I've been downloading more

to explore for lists in the second half of this year than based purely on what I'd like, so I'm sure there's a lot on Polyvinyl and other surviving stalwarts I'd like better than 5-10. Those caveats aside, I really do like all of these below and recommend them to anyone hanging on.

In actual order of preference this time:

1. "Erotic Reruns" - Yeasayer. Finally caught them live in LA this year. I don't really care how well this compares to their previous albums.
2. "La Plaga" - Mireia Vilar.
3. "Estrellas de Madera" - Arias.
4. "Опыт очарования" - Акулины Слезы.
5. "Roll With The Punches" - Yu Su.
6. "Adoro" - Sof Tot / Uji
7. "HiiDE" - BABii.
8. "Citadel" - ghostmolly.
9. "Fear in a Handful of Dust" - Amon Tobin. He's still experimenting prolifically, and I've yet to check out the newer album "Long Stories" but will have to get to it soon.
10. "Maybe" - Blossom.

Honorable Mention: "Meadow Lane Park" - Le SuperHomard. "Kurrayami" - Machinegewehr.

Would be on the list but just haven't afforded yet: Psapp, Toro y Moi,

Favorites in 2019 jazz still on the site (to wrap my head around how much more I liked jazz recently suggested but only available elsewhere. Some would crack my overall eMusic top 10.)

1. "Oofth" - Massimiliano Milesi.
2. "Unbalanced: Concerto for Ensemble" - Moises P. Sanchez.
3. "Beneath the Waves" - Seacircle.
4. "Asanisimasa" - Silberman Quartet.
5. "Hill Spell" - Northing.
6. "Breath" - Arek Czernysz Trio.
7. "Encelado" - LUZ.
8. "Komposition VII" - Max Agnas Trio (the only one here not on a previous list...mellow piano/drums/bass combo from Sweden <https://maxagnas.bandcamp.com/releases>)
9. "S/t" - Viiste.
10. "S/t" - No Gravity.

Self-Promotional Corner: Sasquatch Editor DJ Poseur is working on a podcast entitled "Out of Obscurity" about music you've probably never heard of. Look for it in early 2020.

I've spent entirely too much time and money in 2019 on eMusic and making lists of my favorite albums on the site. So far I've covered (approximately chronologically) experimental electronic music, world folk, female vocalists, synth-pop, cheap jazz, downtempo/chillout electronica, IDM, hip-hop for people who (think they) don't like hip-hop, techno & house EDM, progressive rock, and general rock. Find the lists and more rambling about the music industry on the official eMusic subReddit: <https://www.reddit.com/r/eMusicofficial/>

In all seriousness, does anyone have a spare copy of the 1998-1999 CHS yearbook they'd like to sell the editor? Contact via FB if so. Thanks!

# Your 2020 horoscope for the year, the decade, the life!

By: Nailuj Relyt, unlicensed astrologer.

**Aries** - (March 21 to April 20) Don't bother with expensive, scary lasik eye surgery when everyone will be gifted perfect vision this year. Instead, splurge on that reconstructive plastic surgery you've been putting off, as everyone will be able to see your every physical flaw.

**Taurus** - (April 21 to May 20, 21\*) Finding the coping mechanisms you've used to get this far insufficient, there's never been a better time to "embrace the chaos" and audition to be Spinal Tap's next drummer.

**Gemini** - (May 21, 22\* to June 21) There are many significant differences between being an online influencer and a manipulative, abusive pick-up artist, but 2020 will continue to make it easier for you to convince yourself and others that you are the former rather than the latter.

**Cancer** - (June 22 to July 22) This could be the year the cause of the looming dread you've felt for so long finally arrives in a visible, physical form that can be described explicitly. In 2020, go retro and always have a notebook handy.

**Leo** - (July 23 to August 22, 23\*) We all feel the disappointment that meditative trends encouraging us to "be present in the moment" are on the rise, but virtual reality is still a long way from "Ready Player One" levels where we'd expect it to be in 2020. Take your experiences to the next level this year by seeing just how much of it you can spend watching other people play video games on Youtube and in e-sports arenas around the world.

**Virgo** - (August 23, 24\* to September 22, 23\*) If the next CHS Class of 1999 reunion falls within your zodiac sign range, you can be guaranteed true love, fame, and fortune. If not, you really don't want to know what will happen to you. Better get on that planning committee now before another Virgo beats you to it.

**Libra** - (September 23, 24\* to October 22, 23\*) Still looking for that special someone? Just remember that we all become more special as our looks betray us, and no one ever found that someone by reading satirical astrology.

**Scorpio** - (October 23, 24\* to November 22) Rather than junk food, drugs and alcohol, let's make this the year we drown our sorrow and self-loathing in something healthy, like vegetables and exercise. The stars believe we can. If you believe in astrology, you can believe in yourself, too!

**Sagittarius** - (November 23 to December 21, 23\*) Quoting astrology.com: "At the center of change brought by 2020 will be the cycles of Jupiter, Saturn, and Pluto." It is your destiny to spread this message far and wide, and make Pluto a planet again. The cosmos are fully behind you, especially dwarf planets, and they're a group you really want on your side.

**Capricorn** - (December 22, 24 to January 20) Winning handily the pageant to be the youngest Gen X-ers and oldest Millennials, some would like to be the "Xennial," "Oregon Trail Mini-Generation" forever, to feel special, but these people should probably just grow up and have a career by now. But Spiritualify.com says "Capricorns are advised to take a break from their work and enjoy life." So we shall.

**Aquarius** - (January 21 to February 19) Big birthday coming up for you! Or if you're reading this after the fact, clearly your head is too far up in the stars to function at the basic level needed to comprehend the CHS Sasquatch. Go back to school!

**Pisces** - (February 20 to March 20) Positive vibes flow freely all around you. What a mess! Now who's going to clean all that up? Put your full faith in technology, get that cyborg implant you've been dreaming of, but maybe avoid volunteering to be the guinea pig for early prototypes to be sure it won't consume your soul and precipitate the robot apocalypse.

