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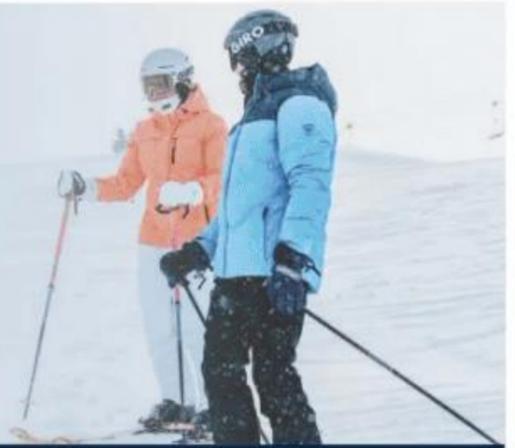


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Cecilia Nimijejan, 23, left, her dog Kaya and Sarah Stuart, 53, share a story as they smoke meth and fentanyl across the street from the supervised drug consumption site in the Sheldon Chumir Centre in central Calgary earlier this fall. City council has refused to get involved in any provincial decision to close the site or keep it open, despite pressure from both sides of the issue. **JIM WELLS**

UCP to introduce ban on gender surgery for minors

CINDY TRAN

EDMONTON The Alberta government announced legislation Thursday following through on its promise to ban gender-affirming surgery for those 17 and under and hormone therapy for minors 15 and under, and to require parental consent to change names or pronouns in schools.

Premier Danielle Smith said the province has tabled two bills — Bill 26: the Health Statutes Amendment Act 2024 and Bill 27: the Education Amendment Act 2024 — policies that would act as a “guardrail” and “protect the future choices of minors who identify as transgender or who are experiencing gender dysphoria.”

PROHIBITING SURGERIES

The proposed Bill 26 would prohibit health-care professionals

from performing any gender-affirming surgery on minors 17 and under.

There are currently 10 gender-affirming surgeries listed under the legislation, including breast augmentation, chest masculinization, hysterectomy, metoidioplasty, oophorectomy, orchiectomy, penectomy, phalloplasty, vaginectomy, and vaginoplasty.

Officials said bottom surgery currently does not occur in Alberta on minors and top surgery is extremely rare. The province does not have data on how often puberty blockers are being used by minors.

When Smith was asked how many gender-affirming surgeries currently occur for minors in Alberta, she said she did not have the number. She said the amendment is necessary because the province is seeing lawsuits “all over the world” from young people who

have transitioned. When asked about Alberta specifically, she said it was happening “in the medical profession.”

“If it’s not happening at all, then there shouldn’t be any controversy around putting the guardrails around it,” Smith said.

If passed, the amendments would make changes to the Health Professionals Acts, which is under the Health Statutes Act.

PUBERTY BLOCKERS

Health-care professionals, including, but not limited to doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners and pharmacists, would be prohibited from prescribing hormone therapy drugs such as puberty blockers and hormone replacement therapies to treat gender dysphoria or incongruence for those 15 or under.

The amendment would not ban specific drugs.

SEE SURGERIES ON **A4**

City’s neutral stance on drug site draws mixed reviews

SCOTT STRASSER

Calgary city council’s refusal to take a stance on whether the province should shutter a supervised drug consumption site in the Beltline is earning both praise and scorn from area stakeholders.

While harm reduction advocates and the Beltline Business Improvement Area (BIA) were relieved by council’s decision, others who work in close proximity to the controversial facility on 4th Street and 12th Avenue S.W. equated council’s non-position to political cowardice.

After over an hour of discussion Wednesday evening, council voted 9-5 not to give the province the go-ahead to close the Beltline facility, as was first proposed in a notice of motion from Ward 13 Coun. Dan McLean.

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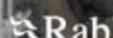


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Before making a decision not to take a stance on the future of the province's supervised drug consumption site in the Sheldon Chumir Centre, Calgary councillors heard from both supporters and opponents. JIM WELLS

Supervised drug site has supporters, detractors

FACILITY FROM A1

Those in the majority of the vote said deciding the fate of a provincial health-care facility falls outside municipal authority and that council shouldn't be politically "baited" into an issue of provincial jurisdiction.

"It is not our responsibility to weigh in on provincial matters, at all," said Mayor Jyoti Gondek.

"If we can just make this go away and very clearly send a signal that we're not going to weigh in on matters that do not belong to us, that would be the ideal situation."

The Safeworks supervised consumption site (SCS) opened at the Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre in the fall of 2017, in response to Canada's worsening opioid epidemic.

It provides a space for addicts to use their own supplied drugs under the supervision of medical professionals.

While AHS statistics reveal Safeworks' nurses have saved lives by reversing thousands of drug

overdoses in the last seven years, many area residents and business owners claim it has brought more crime and social disorder.

'FINGER-POINTING'

In September, the province's mental health and addictions minister, Dan Williams, indicated the UCP wanted to close the site, in favour of pursuing a recovery-centred model of addiction treatment that focuses on prevention, detox and rehabilitation services.

That spurred McLean to introduce his motion at city council earlier this month.

"I think we can all agree this (motion) isn't about whether you agree with safe consumption or safe supply," he said ahead of council's discussion. "This is about whether this facility is actually doing what's required, if it's safe and if it belongs in a residential and highly populated business area."

After council's vote Wednesday, Sarah Geddes, who works a block away from the centre, posted a video to social media, showing a

man smashing a car window in the parking lot of her office building and reaching for something inside.

"You just voted for more of this," she wrote on X, addressing council.

"This is what we deal with daily at our office a block away from Chumir. I'll let my all female team know their safety is less of a priority than your political gamesmanship."

Geddes told Postmedia Thursday she was disheartened by council's indecision, calling it "political finger-pointing."

"It's juvenile," she said. "A simple letter saying nothing more than, 'This doesn't appear to be working, please consider other options to get those struggling the long-term solutions they need...' is all it would have taken to get things moving in a potential right direction."

"Instead, it was decided to play politics. It's getting really difficult to watch, especially when you're dealing with the repercussions on a daily basis and no one listens to you."

But even though many residents and workers may be irked by council's vote, a University of Calgary nursing professor feels it was the best outcome — not only for the people who rely on the site, but also the city's first responders, considering a substantial percentage of their calls are related to drug poisonings.

"We know supervised consumption sites are a starting point for many people to access treatment programs," said Jennifer Jackson, whose research at the U of C specializes in addiction and harm reduction. "This is a place where they're not going to be judged and they can build relationships with staff."

"Those relationships and that feeling of safety created at the SCS is how people can then transition to additional services."

Many of Safeworks' clientele come with pre-existing trauma, according to Jackson, such as having survived a residential school or conversion therapy. As a result, she said the idea of immediately going from using drugs on the street to entering a three-month treatment program is often "unthinkable."

"But if we can start to take steps toward treatment with the SCS being the first door to go through, then people may move toward other options for themselves because they see health-care professionals do want to support them," she said.

BIA SUPPORTS SITE

The Beltline BIA, which represents the area's business community, sent a letter to council earlier this week that it "firmly supports" keeping the Safeworks site operational.

The letter, dated Monday, pointed out the site is the only one of its kind in Calgary and provides "crucial, life-saving services." It also claimed closing it would not make people who use substances suddenly stop.

"Instead, visible, unsupervised substance use in public areas is likely to increase in alleyways, on properties, and within washrooms, creating an unsafe environment that our businesses are unequipped to manage," the BIA wrote.

"This absence of trained health-care and social support would lead to more emergency situations, further traumatizing business owners, staff, and the community."

On Thursday, the BIA said that while it was relieved by the outcome of council's discussion, it would have liked to see more full support of the supervised consumption site.

— With files from Steve Jenkinson

TMX has given oilpatch an uplift as gas prices remain tepid



CHRIS VARCOE

Two magnetic forces are pushing the Canadian oil and gas sector in different directions today: depressed natural gas markets and the positive pull of the expanded Trans Mountain oil project.

The spring start-up of the long-awaited Trans Mountain expansion (TMX) is now triggering more drilling, record oil production and surging exports from Canada, while low gas prices are driving producers to complete fewer gas wells.

Canadian Natural Resources, the country's largest petroleum producer, underscored that contrast Thursday as it reported that oil output topped one million barrels per day (bpd) in the third quarter, up nine per cent from the April-to-June period.

Its oilsands mining and upgrading assets saw production hit a record 529,000 bbl per day of synthetic crude oil in August.

However, more production requires more transportation capacity, something Canada has sorely lacked for many years.

That's now in place with the Trans Mountain expansion, which ships oil from Alberta to the B.C. coast.

The Calgary-based company confirmed it will increase its shipping capacity on TMX by 75,000 bpd to reach 169,000, beginning in December.

Canadian Natural Resources president Scott Stauth said the expanded pipeline is operat-

ing well, has reduced the price differential between benchmark U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude and Western Canadian heavy oil, and is opening up export markets.

"Producers such as ourselves continue to look at the diversity (of) opportunities that exist by taking product off the West Coast and potentially to Asian markets or California markets," Stauth said in an interview.

"If we did not have TMX, we'd be in a constrained system and that would result in a lot wider differentials, lower revenues, lower royalties, lower income taxes. So TMX is a nation-building project."

The \$34-billion expansion project came in way over budget and behind schedule, but it has almost tripled the amount of western Canadian oil that can be shipped to the West Coast for export.

It's also allowed the oilsands operators to move ahead with smaller-scale expansions, despite ongoing oil price volatility. (West Texas Intermediate crude closed at US\$69.26 a barrel on Thursday.)

During a third-quarter earnings call, Cenovus Energy CEO Jon McKenzie also touted the benefits of TMX as the integrated producer moved to increase output from its oilsands operations, including its Sunrise, Foster Creek and Narrows Lake developments.

"We expect to see material growth in the oilsands business over the next two years. We expect all these projects to be highly profitable, even at bottom-of-the-cycle pricing," McKenzie told analysts.

The TMX pipeline has pro-

vided additional access to new global markets for the company's oil, which has a positive impact for the company and the entire Canadian economy, he added.

Due to weaker natural gas prices in the third quarter, Cenovus deferred completing some of its gas-weighted wells towards the end of 2024.

Cenovus brought only three new gas wells online during the quarter. The company expects that could increase to as many as 16 wells during the final three months of the year when commodity prices are expected to pick up.

Canadian Natural Resources has also scaled back its plans for natural gas wells because of low prices.

It now expects to complete 74 gas wells this year, a drop of 17 from its initial budget plans. Those wells have been deferred, but not cancelled, until prices improve, Stauth said.

Alberta natural gas prices averaged 77 cents per gigajoule during the quarter, down from \$2.26 a year earlier, according to Canadian Natural.

Gas producers have been hammered this year by warmer-than-expected winter weather last year that led to more gas being put into storage. Meanwhile, output increased as producers geared up for the LNG Canada development to begin operations sometime next year.

RBN Energy says gas production in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin hit a record level of 19.58 billion cubic feet (bcf) per day on Wednesday.

Stauth noted the outlook for gas prices next year is considerably stronger, as the LNG Canada project will export almost two

bcf per day of supercooled gas from Western Canada to international markets.

"It's great for the Western basin, in terms of pricing," he added. "For sure, it's positive relative to where pricing is today."

While oil markets have hovered near \$70 a barrel recently, Alberta gas prices remain tepid and output continues to grow, making the prospects for a quick rebound less certain, said Martin King, RBN Energy's managing director of North American energy market analysis.

It makes "perfect sense" for Canadian producers to shift spending out of gas.

"Natural gas, I think people are becoming a little bit more cautious ... this hope for price turnaround might be delayed a little bit more into 2025 than people were expecting."

But can new gas exports from LNG Canada replicate the immediate impact triggered by TMX?

Precision Drilling CEO Kevin Neveu noted during the company's third-quarter call that he was surprised by producers moving swiftly to add rigs after TMX offered additional egress out of Western Canada.

"They were comfortable there wasn't going to be a lot of swings in the price. And I think that just gave them the signal they needed to get rigs added," Neveu said in an interview.

"It also stabilized the price. And I think we could see something similar with gas. I think that when LNG Canada gets going, it opens the market for exporting gas. Hopefully, we see gas prices stabilize a little bit."

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HALLOWEEN IN CALGARY

It was a ghostly good time across Calgary Thursday, as trick-or-treaters took to city streets to collect Halloween goodies. The highlights included a stop at the Walton house in Auburn Bay, where the family is carrying on its Halloween tradition of handing out two-litre bottles of pop. After giving out about 2,000 big bottles of soda last year, the family wasn't sure how it was going to move forward this year, but Circle K, A&W, Old Dutch and Skip the Dishes stepped up to more than double the amount of treats available, says Shane Walton, A.K.A. the 2L Soda Dad.



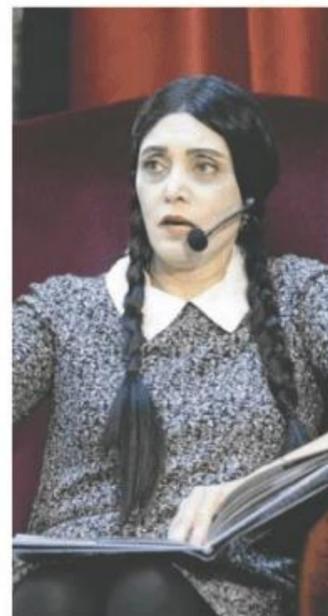
Twins Heidi and Josie join mom Desiree in front of a Día de Muertos display at Calgary's Southcentre Mall on Halloween. **BRENT CALVER**



Auburn Bay's 2L Soda Dad Shane Walton and his daughter April gave out large bottles of pop at their home. **BRENT CALVER**



Nathan, dressed as a chicken for Halloween, checks out a parking payment station in Bridgeland in Calgary on Thursday. **JIM WELLS**



Mayor Jyoti Gondek was Wednesday Addams for the Mayor's Halloween Story Time at the public Central Library. **BRENT CALVER**

Store robberies up 70%, with downtown hit hard

NOAH BRENNAN

Commercial robberies were up by 70 per cent last month compared to historical averages, with downtown liquor stores, convenience stores and cannabis shops being the most frequent targets, new Calgary Police Service stats show.

From 2019 to 2023, there was an average of 30 commercial robberies in the month of September. For September 2024, that number hit 52, according to CPS statistics.

A report presented to the police commission on Wednesday details staff were victimized in 75 per cent of these cases, and bear spray was the most common weapon used. There have been 316 reported commercial robberies so far in 2024.

An employee at a convenience store in Bridgeland on the outskirts of downtown says crime, drug use and vandalism are major issues at his place of work.

The employee, who asked that his name and the name of his employer not be published due to a corporate policy barring him from commenting on behalf of his employer, said his team typically calls police four to five times a day.

The problem is only getting worse, the employee said, forcing many businesses in the area to take measures to prevent robberies.

While the main issues he sees are theft and vandalism, the employee said previous robberies at the store have been carried out with guns, knives and pepper spray.

The convenience store no longer accepts large bills from customers, and recently installed an automatic lock on its main door controlled by the cashier.

"That's all we can do," he said of the measures.

BUSINESSES SPENDING ON REPLACING STOLEN INVENTORY, VANDALISM REPAIRS: CFIB REPORT

The monthly CPS update on crime trends follows shortly after the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) published a report showing the number of Alberta businesses that report being affected by crime and safety issues more than doubled over the past year. The data, from a survey conducted by the CFIB, show the share of Alberta small businesses affected by these issues went from 24 per cent in 2023 to

54 per cent in 2024 — an increase of 30 percentage points.

Last week, a spokesperson for the Calgary Chamber of Commerce indicated the data accurately reflect what the Calgary Chamber of Commerce has heard from its members. Ruhee Ismail-Teja, vice-president of policy and external affairs for the chamber, called for specific measures such as grants for surveillance cameras and increased lighting outside businesses.

The CFIB data and police update come as various levels of government attempt to tackle safety in downtowns in Canadian cities. Earlier this year, the City of Calgary earmarked \$1.9 million to improve

public safety in the downtown, which will give a boost to measures such as lighting, additional security staff and the presence of surveillance cameras. The Downtown Safety Leadership Table, a group assembled to advise the city on how to improve safety and perceptions of safety in downtown, provided 28 recommendations in March.

Businesses have meanwhile spent a median of \$5,750 for expenses related to replacing stolen inventory or equipment and vandalism repairs, according to the CFIB report.

There have been 316 reported commercial robberies so far in 2024.

In its report to the police commission on Wednesday, Calgary police highlighted several ongoing investigations into commercial robberies:

■ Following a series of casino robberies in Calgary in August, two men were charged with a total of eight counts of robbery with a firearm. As of Oct. 17, one of the accused has been released on bail and the second remains in custody.

■ Investigators have identified and charged three youths with the robbery of a vape store that occurred in September. During the robbery, the suspects caused significant property damage and caused minor physical injuries to a store employee who was pepper-sprayed during the incident.

■ The CPS robbery unit is also currently investigating a series of robberies targeting cannabis and liquor stores that occurred in Calgary recently, according to the report. One man is believed to be responsible for four cannabis store robberies in Calgary as well as two in Edmonton. In September, Calgary police released photos of a man believed to be responsible for several liquor and cannabis store robberies in various city communities. The seven robberies in question occurred between July 30 and Sept. 24, with six cannabis stores and one liquor store being targeted, police said at the time.

OTHER TRENDS

While commercial robberies spiked in September, vehicle-related crime dropped by 39 per cent and break-and-enter-related crimes fell by 33 per cent, compared to historical five-year averages.

Personal robberies were up by 10 per cent, with most occurring downtown or in Marlborough. Physical force, caustic spray or knives were used in 78 per cent of the incidents, according to CPS.

— With files from Matt Scace and Mackenzie Rhoad



The smashed-in storefront of the NAPA Auto Parts on the 5000 block of 72nd Ave S.E. in Calgary earlier this year. Store staff are victimized in 75 per cent of robberies, with bear spray the weapon used most often. **BRENT CALVER**

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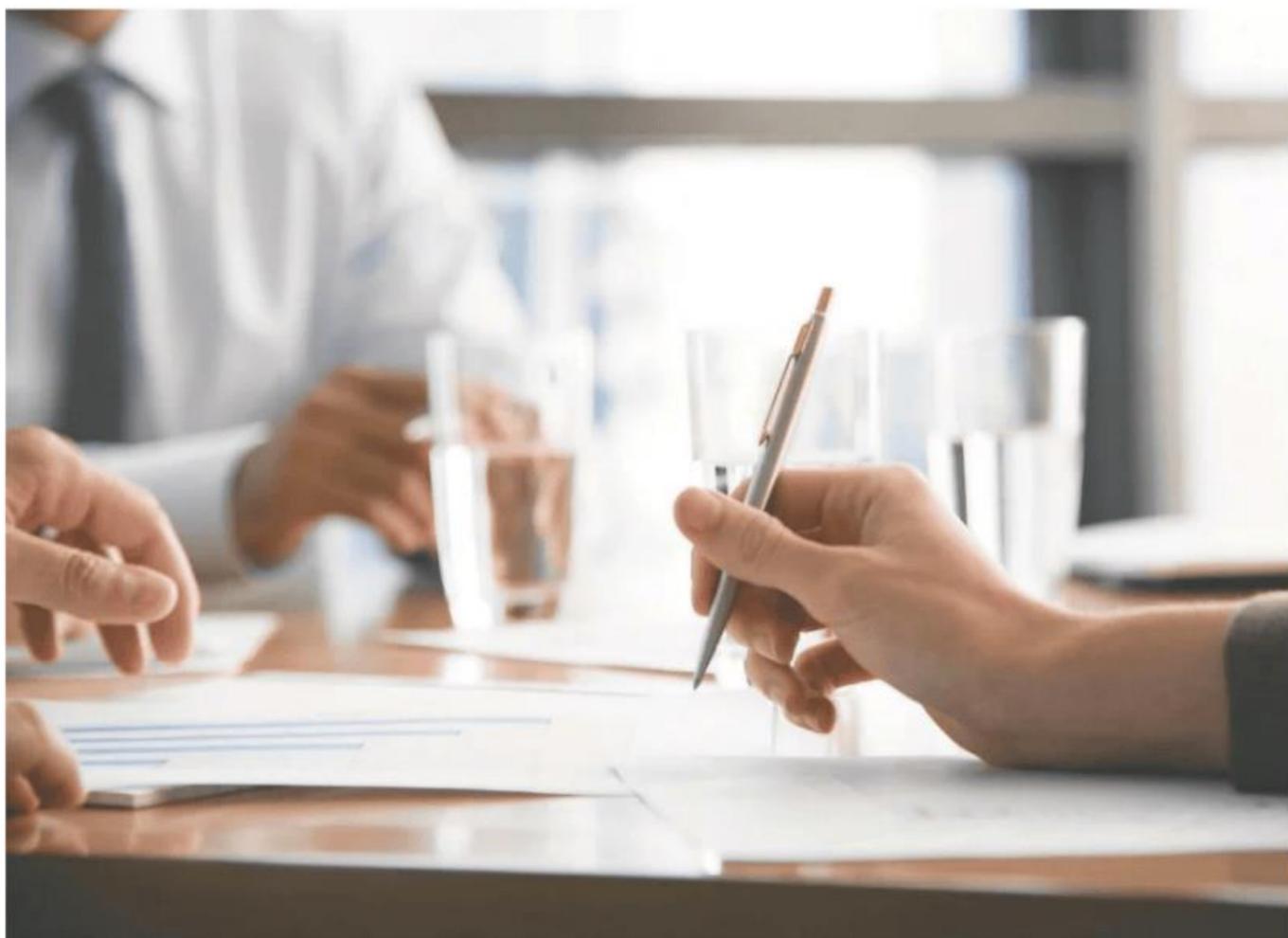


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A Canadian Securities Administrators and Alberta Securities Commission study found women hold 27 per cent of all board positions. GETTY IMAGES

Women's presence on Alberta boards growing

Chamber of commerce president pleased with progress but 'we're not there yet'

MATT SCACE

Women are having a growing presence on the boards of Alberta's publicly-traded companies, though they still make little more than a quarter of representation of companies' leadership teams.

But it marks a substantial improvement compared to a decade ago, when women held just eight per cent of board positions in Alberta.

The findings come from the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) and Alberta Securities Commission's (ASC) 10-year review of representation on the boards of publicly-traded companies, released Wednesday, which concluded this year after booting up in 2015.

"We've talked about this for as long as I can remember," said Deborah Yedlin, president and CEO of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce. "Throughout my professional life, this has been a consistent question at every organization and every industry that I've either worked at or written about. ... It's better, absolutely — but is it where it should be? We're not there yet."

According to disclosures from 115 Alberta-based companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) ending on March 31 this year, women hold 27 per

cent of board positions in Alberta — up two percentage points from 2023, and a bold jump from eight per cent in 2015, when the decade-long review began.

Among those companies, 84 per cent have one or more women on their board. In 2015, that number was 46 per cent.

Meanwhile, 68 per cent of companies reported having at least one woman in executive officer positions, a single percentage point less than last year.

However, only five per cent of companies had a woman in the CEO's chair, a number that has stayed flat during the 10-year review.

"While there's been progress around gender diversity on leadership teams and on boards, more broadly, that CEO role still remains an evasive position to be achieved by women," said Nuvyn Peters, CEO of Axis Connects, a Calgary non-profit dedicated to advancing women in the business community.

Gender parity is also slightly stronger among Alberta's largest companies, according to the review.

Among Alberta-based companies on the TSX 60 Index — a stock market index of 60 large Canadian companies on the TSX including Calgary-based Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd., Canadian Natu-

ral Resources Ltd. and other large oil-and-gas companies — 34 per cent of board positions are held by women, and 100 per cent have two or more women on their board.

Over the 10-year review the oil and gas sector, which once saw 40 per cent of companies have a woman on their board, has grown that figure to 91 per cent.

Even so, men still dominate the higher ranks of Alberta's largest companies, exhibited by executive compensation records for 2023. In a study of executive compensation undertaken by Postmedia with Global Governance Advisors earlier in 2024, a ranking of the highest-paid executives was dominated by men, with only a small handful of women included in the 100 top-paid named executive officers.

Women in management positions still make just 81 cents for every dollar a man earns in Alberta, a study from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce found earlier this year — making the province one of Canada's worst performers when it comes to wage parity. (That disparity was worse in retail, trades and transportation, among other industries.)

Ascending to the highest ranks in a company is still less appealing for women who, despite shifting norms around who stays home with children, often find managing their personal and professional lives a significant challenge, Yedlin said.

"When you look at Alberta, it's even more complicated. ... We have these male-heavy industries and

sectors that have not historically been hospitable for women," Yedlin said.

Alberta's numbers lag slightly behind women's representation on boards across Canada, at 29 per cent overall. Women held 11 per cent of board positions in the country at the beginning of the review, compared to Alberta's eight per cent.

Companies are also making efforts to fill vacancies with women: 43 per cent of vacancies in 2024 were filled by women. Five years prior, in 2019, women filled 33 per cent of vacancies.

Since 2015, TSX-listed companies in Alberta have been required by the CSA to disclose gender diversity on their boards and in executive office positions. In December 2016, the ASC adopted amendments to the rules and began requiring non-venture reporting issuers in Alberta to also disclose representation of women on their boards.

Yedlin said the growth in women's representation on Canadian and Alberta boards is largely owed to a movement toward "comply-or-explain" regulations, started in Ontario in 2014, which required companies to disclose the number of women on their boards and policies in place to increase diversity within their ranks. The ASC backed the regulations in 2016.

CSA said it expects 2024 will be the final year it conducts the review, though it said it's exploring "potential changes to diversity-related disclosure requirements." It has been seeking feedback since spring of 2023 and is working toward a harmonized national disclosure framework, it said.

"We need to know where companies stand (and) whether gender diversity policies exist within their organizations," Peters said.

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Surgery ban legislation slated for fall, prescriptions ban for winter

SURGERIES FROM AI

Exceptions to the rules apply to minors aged 16 and 17 who are currently taking formal therapy or have parental, physician and psychologist approval to treat gender dysphoria or gender incongruence.

Further amendments would enable the health minister to clarify procedures and add drugs that are in the scope of the legislation in the future.

The province said health-care professionals are regulated through self-governing regulatory colleges and it would be their job to enforce the policies for those who do not follow the rules.

The legislation on banning gender reassignment surgery on minors is slated to come into effect this fall and the legislation prohibiting prescriptions will come into force some time this winter.

The changes would not prevent youths from going to another province to access puberty blockers.

Alberta NDP Leader Naheed Nenshi, when asked about his thoughts on the consultation process, responded, "What consultation?"

"This government has a reflex ... to not be transparent," he added.

"What the premier has done is she's taken away the choice from parents, doctors and children to get what might be medical best practice for them. She is denying them treatment despite the fact that they just put a bill of rights saying people should have the right to access medical treatment."

NAME, PRONOUN CHANGES

Bill 27 proposes changes to the Education Act that would require teachers, principals and staff to get parental consent before agreeing to a student's request to change their preferred name, related to gender identity or pronouns.

Parents of students aged 15 and under will be notified and their consent is needed before allowing the use of the new preferred name or pronouns. For students aged 16 and 17, the school board will only have to notify parents.

School boards are expected to discipline teachers who do not comply and enforce the legislation.

Officials said if notifying parents would result in emotional or psychological harm to the student, the board has to ensure the student receives assistance prior to their parents being notified.

"You can't have everyone in the world know except the parents," Smith said.

"We believe that you have to have consistency, and if you are going to support the mental health of a child, they have to be supported, and that's why you cannot have parents and families out of the mix. Parents need to know what's going on with their kids."

The amendment is not retroactive and would not apply to students who are going by their new pronouns or preferred name.

EXTERNAL PRESENTERS

The amendments would empower the education minister to approve external presenters, learning and teaching resources related to gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality.

The Alberta government would work with education partners to develop an approval process for how resources are selected in relation to the topics.

Parents will be able to choose whether or not to opt their child in to sexual education classes or in lessons that deal with gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality.

School boards will be required to establish and implement policies for parents to be notified and consent, including providing at least 30 days notice prior to instruction or class content, provide parents with enough information to make a decision, and allow parents the option to opt their child in for all or part of the instruction.

If passed, the legislation is anticipated to come into effect Sept. 1, 2025.

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Dogs seized from man under court order not to keep pets after deadly canine attack

SCOTT STRASSER

The Calgary dog owner whose American Staffordshire terriers caused the death of an elderly woman in Capitol Hill two years ago will face a new charge in early December after being accused of flouting a court order prohibiting him from owning animals for 15 years.

Two more dogs were seized from the home of Denis Bagaric on Oct. 10, according to statements from the city and Calgary Police Service, in relation to a discovered breach of his court order. Bagaric was charged with one count of disobeying a court order and will face the judge on Dec. 2, the city wrote in a statement.

The dogs are currently under the care of the City of Calgary Animal Services Centre, and the city said their future will be "carefully considered as we balance the animals' well-being and the requirements

Dogs' future will be 'carefully considered as we balance the animals' well-being and the requirements of the court-ordered prohibition.'

of the court-ordered prohibition."

Bagaric's court order, issued earlier this year alongside \$18,000 in fines and surcharges, stems from June 5, 2022, when his three pit bulls fatally attacked Betty Ann (Rusty) Williams in the alleyway outside her northwest Calgary



Denis Bagaric leaves provincial court in Calgary earlier this year. He is facing charges of ignoring a court order not to have pets. POSTMEDIA FILES

home.

Williams was mauled behind the 1500 block of 21st Ave. N.W., after Bagaric's three dogs got out of his fenced and gated backyard. She later died in hospital from her injuries.

While law enforcement initially conducted a criminal investigation, Calgary police determined after consultation with two Crown prosecutors that the necessary el-

ements to lay charges for criminal negligence causing death against the owners of the dogs were not met in relation to the incident.

In February, Bagaric pleaded guilty to multiple bylaw offences and signed an order allowing for the city to euthanize his pit bull Smoki.

Bagaric didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. — With files from Kevin Martin

AROUND TOWN

CONCORDE OPENS PINEAPPLE HALL, ANOTHER PIGEONHOLE

Exciting new ventures off Stephen Avenue expand hospitality company's footprint



DAVID PARKER

Concorde Entertainment Group continues to expand its investment into Calgary's culinary scene with the opening next week of two more exciting venues.

It has been remarkably successful since the business was launched in the Calgary market with the Republik, a college bar dedicated to alternative music in 1987, and ultimately becoming one of the city's largest and most influential hospitality companies.

Over the past 37 years, Concorde has presented the city with a diversity of eating and entertaining establishments such as renovating the revolving restaurant space at the top of the Calgary Tower into Sky 360 and creating Model Milk in 2011 — a celebrated Canadian restaurant bringing together modern culinary innovation and the warmth of nostalgic comfort food. It's hard to pick out the group's most popular venue with Calgary diners, but Bridgette Bar has to be close to the top. Opened in 2016 along 10th Avenue S.W. at the corner of 7th Street, it was an instant go-to place. It's been such a success for Concorde that a second Bridgette was opened in 2023 in the Spring Creek neighbourhood of Canmore, offering

stunning mountain views as well as Concorde hospitality.

Another popular offering from Concorde? In 2012, the first National drew immediate crowds at the corner of 17th Avenue and 5th Street S.W. and 2013 was the year Pigeonhole opened a few blocks to the east. Within a couple of years, the menu had attracted so many lovers of good food it was declared Air Canada New Restaurant of the Year by the airline's enRoute magazine.

The year 2021 was celebrated with the opening of Major Tom, fine dining "40 floors above it all" in Stephen Avenue Place — intended to make you feel on top of the world.

The same location with entrance off Stephen Avenue Mall was chosen to introduce coastal Italian cuisine at Barbarella, and above it on the second floor is where the Concorde team is opening Pineapple Hall and a second Pigeonhole.

Like the majority of Concorde's interiors, these two were designed by Frank Architecture that has been responsible for more than 50 of its new and renovated projects since 2009.

Partner in-charge Kelly Morrison says the new Pigeonhole is designed with a more sophisticated/casual look, light and airy, a special nest better suited to the downtown core. Both have their own entrances from the busy Plus-15 crossroads but Pigeonhole is a separate dining experience over 2,500 square feet with a centrally exposed kitchen open to the 75 seats in the bar, lounge and dining room.

Pineapple Hall is an entirely new concept for Concorde. At the entrance is Needs Must, a welcoming café and patisserie featuring Monogram Coffee that will boast a rotating collection of daily-baked treats, grab-and-go breakfast and lunch items crafted by an in-house pastry team led by director of pastry Jordan Hartl.

Next inside the multi-concept, walk-up style Pineapple Hall is a desk where orders can be placed for a curated collection of items from Concorde Group's stalwart venues, including Lonely Mouth, Double Zero Pizza, Surf Surf and Clive Burger. All items will be served from one of two pick-up windows, allowing customers to easily sample offerings from the various venues in a single order.

"Pineapple Hall is a celebration of some of our favourite Concorde group brands, all collected in one space," says Joe Dort, director of brand and special projects. "This is intended to be a place for people to gather, whether for brunch, a quick coffee or dinner, where they can experience a mix of our concepts from around the city all at once."

Major Tom, Barbarella and now Pineapple Hall and Pigeonhole, all located in Stephen Avenue Place, are a big Concorde vote of confidence for our downtown core.

NOTES:

Buffalo Rock Mining, an Indigenous-owned business owned by Tracy and Beth Day Chief, of the Kanai Nation, has acquired Calgary-based Korite, operator of the largest commercial ammonite mine in the world and designing, manufacturing and selling fine jewelry.



Joe Dort is director of brand and special projects at Concorde Entertainment Group and Jordan Hartl is director of pastry.

The Day Chiefs bring years of expertise in the ammonite fossil industry. Buffalo Rock Mining was established in 2008 and has built a reputation for its ethically-sourced raw and prepared ammonites, sold to clients worldwide.

To further solidify its future,

Korite has appointed Amarjeet Grewal, who brings 30-plus years of leadership experience and expertise in this industry, as its new president.

David Parker appears regularly in the Herald. Read his columns online at calgaryherald.com/business. He can be reached at 403-830-4622.

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Pill Most recommended By US Sex Therapists Gets Long-Awaited Approval in Canada

Although new to Canada, the pill has been used for decades by American men struggling with exhaustion, sexual performance and declining health resulting from low testosterone.

TORONTO: One of America's most recommended non-prescription sex pills is now approved in Canada, giving men an equal opportunity to enjoy the outstanding results experienced by their US counterparts.

Sold under the brand name **TestoTitan**, the new pill was developed specifically for aging men, bolstering both physical, mental and sexual health.

When taken just once daily, research shows it can increase red blood cell count, the cells responsible for oxygenating organs such as the brain, heart, and lungs.

As oxygen levels increase, so does cellular energy, allowing these organs to function like they were years younger.

Perhaps more important, the pill supports testosterone levels, by blocking the enzyme in men which usually destroys it.

The result is higher levels of testosterone in the blood stream which leads to exciting changes in the bedroom including exceptional performance and a strong sex drive.

"It's wildly successful among Americans and we expect the same to hold true for Canadians" explains a spokesperson for the company behind the pill.

"With daily use, men can expect their sexual performance to improve as well as key to health markers such as strength, stamina, endurance, muscle, and even cholesterol and triglycerides," Dr. Wifak, the doctor behind the product adds.

An Injection-Free, Prescription-Free Alternative

Studies show that as men get older, their testosterone levels decline due to increased activity of aromatase — the nasty-little enzyme

which converts testosterone into the female hormone estrogen.

Overtime, as this enzyme runs rampant, men experience the side effects of accelerated testosterone loss (ATL) such as exhaustion, muscle loss, fat gain and one sexual failure after another.

Even worse, if testosterone levels fall too low, life-threatening conditions can arise — obesity, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, insulin resistance, high blood pressure and osteoporosis are among the most serious.

To combat these horrific side effects, many men try pills like Viagra or Cialis, but since these options do absolutely nothing for testosterone, they often fail.

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Dr. Wifak MD, states it works so well because it targets the aromatase enzyme and essentially makes it useless, preserving your testosterone and reversing any effects you may have felt from lower testosterone.

Additional ingredients in the formula help to boost red blood cell levels quickly, getting energizing-oxygen into every organ that needs it.

The Secret To Testosterone & Male Vitality

It's almost ironic that a pharmaceutical company would develop something other than a drug, but it's true.

The maker of **TestoTitan** explains they are focused on OTC and

consumer care products for those looking for non-prescription alternatives, like **TestoTitan**.

The active ingredient in the pill is a special plant-based extract called *Eurycoma longifolia*.

TestoTitan is approved by Health Canada as a Natural Health Product to be commercialized to Support and Promote Testosterone Levels in Men.

According to the most recent studies on the extract, if concentrated to the right amount, like in **TestoTitan**, it prevents the aromatase enzyme from destroying your testosterone, ultimately resulting in improvements in physical and sexual health.

A Rush of Youthful Testosterone

In a study published by the National Institutes of Health, men dosing with this extract saw a staggering 66.9% increase in free testosterone in weeks.

This additional testosterone led to an impressive 22% increase in muscle strength. And what was truly amazing was that this strength came without working out.

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- Magnesium increases free testosterone and reduces stress.

Dr. Wifak MD stated that together, these minerals promote vitality, muscle health, and reproductive wellness, so you can stay at your best!

Unexpected Bonus for Your Heart, Lungs, Joints, and Bones

The proprietary **TestoTitan** formula also brings on other outstanding health changes, especially within your cells, where everything starts.

According to its creators, its second active ingredient has been shown to increase red blood cell counts in men.

Research shows that red blood cells carry oxygen from the lungs to body tissues and carbon dioxide as a waste product, away from the tissues and back to the lungs.

The increase in red blood cells and oxygen in your muscles results in more blood flow and strength.

It's this cycle that also gives your organs the cellular energy they need to thrive and work at maximum efficiency.

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With daily use, **TestoTitan** Dr. Wifak, reports that her patients report remarkable improvements in their quality of life without of the serious side effects or interactions associated with prescription drugs.

Readers can now enjoy an entirely new level of physical and sexual health that's safer and more effective.

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This is the official release of **TestoTitan**. As such, the company is offering a special discounted supply to any reader who calls within the next 48 hours.

A special hotline number and discounted pricing has been created for all Canadian readers. Discounts will be available starting today at 6:00AM and will automatically be applied to all callers. Products ship from Canada.

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A pedestrian died after being struck by the CTrain at 36 Street N.E. and 26 Avenue N.E. on Thursday morning. The pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene. *GAVIN YOUNG*

Police identify vehicle linked to fatal shooting

Nissan Armada believed to be connected to Oct. 18 death on Homestead Drive N.E.

RICKY LEONG

Investigators have identified an SUV believed to be linked to a fatal shooting on Oct. 18, with police seeking help to track down the vehicle and its owner.

An autopsy determined John Noon Ochelo, 28, to be the victim of a homicide after he was found dead by police at a home in the 200 block of Homestead Drive N.E. around 7:20 p.m.

Since then, officers located security camera recordings of a vehicle of interest seen in the area before the shooting and later fleeing east,

the service said in a statement issued Thursday afternoon.

The vehicle is described by police as a white Nissan Armada, model year 2021 to 2024, with tinted front windows.

Anyone with information is asked to call 403-266-1234. Anonymous tips can also be submitted through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, on the organization's website, or using the P3Tips mobile app.

Ochelo, who was killed in an apparent targeted shooting, had faced drug, firearms and kidnaping charges over the past decade.

His slaying is the city's 15th homicide of the year, according to the Calgary Police Service.

The killing was also the second fatal Calgary shooting in eight days and at least the fourth incident of gun violence this month.

Michael Vesterfelt, 62, died in hospital Oct. 10 after he was shot at the Forest Lawn rooming house where he lived. Police have not announced an arrest in that case.

Three other people have been seriously injured in shootings in October.

A man and woman were wounded early Oct. 8 in a suspected targeted attack in the northeast community of Saddle Ridge.

The pair were shot after a suspect ran up and fired several shots into a truck they had just entered after leaving their home. The suspect in that case also remains at large.

A man in his 30s was transported to hospital in critical condition (later upgraded to stable) following a dispute between two groups downtown on Oct. 2. Two people fired guns during the altercation at the intersection of 5th Avenue and 4th Street S.E. before fleeing the scene.

— With files from Postmedia

Pedestrian dead, another with serious injuries in 2 collisions

SHAWN KNOX

One pedestrian has died and another has suffered serious injuries after two separate collisions on Thursday morning in Calgary.

A pedestrian was badly injured after being struck by a vehicle in East Village. Calgary police were called to the intersection of Third Street S.E. and Fifth Avenue S.E. around 7:30 a.m., where they found the pedestrian in the intersection.

According to a CPS spokesperson, the pedestrian was brought

to Foothills Medical Centre with life-threatening injuries. The driver remained on scene and the investigation is ongoing.

In a separate incident, a person was killed after being struck by the CTrain.

Officers were called to the intersection of 26th Avenue N.E. and 36th Street N.E. after reports of a collision involving a CTrain and a pedestrian. The pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene.

CPS is still investigating the cause of that collision.

Lethbridge officer charged in off-duty incident

MACKENZIE RHODE

A member of the Lethbridge Police Service has been charged in connection with an off-duty incident.

The constable was arrested by RCMP on Tuesday and charged

with criminal harassment, mischief and being unlawfully in a dwelling house, in connection with domestic-related matters.

The name of the officer will not be released to protect the identity of the victim. The constable is a 20-

year member of the service and has been suspended with pay.

This information is being released in the interest of public transparency, the police say.

No further information will be released.

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Convicted killer refuses to testify in murder trial

KEVIN MARTIN

Convicted killer Justin Urban refused to be sworn to testify Thursday in the Calgary trial of his three alleged accomplices.

Crown prosecutor Vicki Faulkner called Urban to the witness stand before a Calgary Court of King's Bench jury.

"I don't want to take an oath on the Bible or promise or anything like that," Urban told the court clerk when asked if he wanted to be sworn or affirm he would give truthful testimony.

Justice Lisa Silver pressed the witness on whether he would testify.

"I'm going to give you one more opportunity to take an oath this morning," Silver said.

"No," Urban replied.

Jurors were then asked to retire so the judge could deal with the matter.

When they returned a few minutes later Silver confirmed they wouldn't be hearing from a poten-

tially crucial witness in the case.

"You have heard that Mr. Urban has refused to testify," she said.

"You must not draw any inferences from Mr. Urban's refusal to be sworn, or to testify."

The judge also said Urban's refusal to be sworn as a witness meant jurors would get the rest of the day off.

"We will not hear from Mr. (Urban) today. ... As a result I'm going to release you for the day."

Under the Criminal Code there is a publication ban on proceedings in court where the jury is absent.

Justin Boucher, 33, Ronald Abraham, 44, and Robert Sims, 32, each face a charge of first-degree murder in the Feb. 13, 2022, killing of Calgarian Chad Kowalchuk.

Urban had faced the same charge, but earlier this year pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of second-degree murder for his role in Kowalchuk's death.

He was sentenced to an automatic life sentence without parole for a minimum 16 years.

He was arrested on April 24, 2022, which means he can't seek full parole until April 2038.

The remains of Kowalchuk, 53 were found in the master bedroom of his burned-out Douglasdale home the morning of Feb. 18, 2022, after Calgary firefighters extinguished a blaze in the residence.

Kowalchuk was discovered face down on the floor with his hands bound behind his back.

In her opening address to jurors, Faulkner said Urban, who was staying at Kowalchuk's residence at the time, planned to rob the victim of a safe he kept in his bedroom where he stashed drugs.

The plan became more sinister when unsubstantiated allegations the deceased was a pedophile were circulated and Kowalchuk was beaten to death as a result, Faulkner said.

Jurors are expected back in court on Friday.

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Two women accuse man of trying to force them into the sex trade

MACKENZIE RHODE

A Quebec man has been charged with numerous offences relating to human trafficking and firearms after allegedly using violence to force two women into the sex trade in Calgary.

On Oct. 24, 2024, Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) worked with Calgary Police Service (CPS) to arrest 22-year-old Xavier Godbout, also wanted on warrants from Quebec.

Police allege the suspect met the two women on social media and lured them to Calgary under the pretence of a job. Upon arrival to Calgary, police say Godbout allegedly attempted to force them into working in the sex trade.

One of the victims resisted, ALERT said in a news release, which resulted in her being violently assaulted, punched several times and held at gunpoint with the weapon at her head.

The two victims were able to contact police, resulting in Godbout's arrest.

"Victim safety was our utmost concern. Upon receiving informa-

tion from our colleagues in Quebec, our unit sprang into action in order to get these two women to a safe place and make an arrest," said ALERT staff sergeant Gordon MacDonald in a news release.

Godbout remains in police custody and has been charged with attempt to commit trafficking in persons, procuring, advertising of sexual services, extortion and multiple firearms offences, including aggravated assault with a firearm.

Godbout was wanted on two warrants related to assault with a weapon, which took place in April 2022, and failure to comply with a probation order, which took place in October 2022, and has a firearms prohibition.

ALERT's Human Trafficking unit believes there may be additional victims and encourages them to come forward. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact local police or CrimeStoppers (1-800-222-8477).

Survivors of human trafficking can call 211 for support. ALERT provides support for survivors through its safety network co-ordinator, introduced in 2021.

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OPINION

Province's \$7M wasted on ads could have helped pay for doctors

Our ailing health-care system is on the verge of collapsing

DR. JULIA SAWATZKY
AND HAFEEZ NATHOO

As medical trainees in Alberta, providing care to sick patients in crowded hospital hallways and delivering news about delayed tests and procedures are becoming disturbingly frequent experiences. Our ability to protect the health of Albertans is being affected by chronic underfunding of our provincial health-care system, and recent government spending decisions have made the prospect of becoming a physician in Alberta even more disheartening.

With our cash-strapped health-care system on the verge of collapse, it was galling to learn about the \$7 million the province burned on splashy ads — targeting audiences outside of Alberta — as a last-ditch effort to derail regulating oil and gas emissions. If the provincial government has an extra \$7 million to spend, instead of bus, digital and newspaper ads in British Columbia, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the province should invest in Albertans' health.

With some quick math, we estimated that \$7 million could enable Alberta to hire 87 new full-time nurses (based on an average nursing salary). Similarly, \$7 million could enable Alberta to hire 34 new primary care physicians (based on the provincial average for physicians before-tax salary). An investment like this could, in turn, help shorten emergency room wait times and provide much-needed relief to the acute-care crisis. It defies logic that the province is paying for a billboard-laden truck to endlessly circle streets in downtown Ottawa when hundreds of thousands of Alberta residents lack primary care physicians.

The province's multi-million ad buy spotlights who the Alberta government really cares about. It's not the 650,000 Albertans who lack primary care physicians. It's not the people waiting hours to see a physician in our emergency rooms. It's not burned-out health-care professionals or medical trainees, who want to work in Alberta but who are planning to leave the province in droves. And it's definitely not the majority of Albertans who support regulating oil and gas emissions.

So who does the government care enough about to spend \$7 million, you ask? It sure looks like it's the six oil and gas CEOs whose wealthy corporations form the Pathways Alliance, a lobby group working behind the scenes to attempt to delay regulating oil and gas emissions. If the government isn't going to invest that \$7 million in our health-care system, at the very least they should not direct those funds towards policy objectives that damage Albertans' health.

A strong and fair cap on oil and gas emissions would not only enable the sector to start doing its share to cut carbon pollution; it would benefit the health of people across Canada. A study released last year by the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) found that a fair oil and gas emissions cap would avoid approximately 4,860 premature deaths in Canada over a decade, with an economic benefit of CAD \$45.1 billion. This is attributed to a projected reduction in air pollution associated with the oil and gas industry — specifically nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), and ozone — which have all been linked to premature death. The health benefits of an emissions cap are likely even greater than these estimates, as the study did not include non-fatal health incidents — such as asthma, cardiac disease, dementia, and low birth weight — that are expected to decrease with less air pollution.

As we work our way through medical school and residency, we are on the front lines of patient care, where we bear witness daily to the harm being done by both an underfunded health-care system and an accelerating climate crisis. We are horrified by the province's recent spending on senseless advertising against important climate policies, and call on our elected leaders to put the money where Albertans' priorities are: high-quality, timely medical care, clean air and a healthy future for all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government has to govern for all

The revised Charter of Rights and Freedoms actually takes away more freedoms — forced drug rehabilitation and the ability of a person to be whatever gender they prefer.

It protects nothing that wasn't already protected and, in terms of vaccinations, it puts the health of the majority at risk to satisfy the few existing anti-vaxxers.

Whatever happened to the belief in the common, scientifically proven, good? I want nothing more than an inclusive government that will govern for all.

Mary King, Calgary

Hypocrisy behind decisions stunning

The mayor and some councillors do not want to weigh

in on Calgary's supervised consumption site because, in her words, "it does not belong to us." The irony is that the mayor did the complete opposite when it came to the voting rights of non-citizens, as the city does not own the legislation on who can vote. And then there was the mayor wanting to send funds to Quebec to support a legal challenge there over religious symbols. Does the city own that law?

It appears the mayor will stick her nose into issues which are not her jurisdiction when they match her ideology but when they do not match her ideology, she says it is not our jurisdiction. Just call a spade a spade and own up to the real reason.

The hypocrisy of the reasons provided for decisions never fails to amaze me.

Jason New, Priddis

Let's co-operate in order to survive

Call it what you want: Carbon tax; Trudeau tax grab; assessment; or measure — when it comes down to it, we are all dependent on the same air to breathe and the same water to drink. The planet is circling the toilet, the ship is sinking and what are we arguing about — profit. Just imagine what would happen if we all worked together to save mankind.

Big business and politicians have failed us all.

Rob Butler, Calgary

'Right' to acquire guns is wrong

Am I the only one who thinks that "the right to acquire, keep and use firearms" is ludicrous? Yes, I agree with allowing rifles for hunting,

guns for gun clubs and as sport, but do I need to explain the impending difficulties with making it a "right"? Do I have the right to own a dog? To drive a car? To enter security at the airport?

I am begging our brothers and sisters who make the laws of the land, to remove the "right to acquire, keep and use firearms" from the proposed amendments to the Alberta Bill of Rights. The "right" is absolutely wrong.

Janet Layton, Calgary

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Forget U.S. election, Canada must stand on its own

The time has come for us to go out into the world and be all that we can be



GEORGE BROOKMAN

If Halloween night didn't scare you, then you will have a second chance for a fright on Nov. 5. This United States election is not like anything we have seen before and, in many ways, you might want to compare it to Beauty and the Beast. It doesn't matter who wins, Canadians will be affected but as someone in the Maritimes told me, "At least we feel that dealing with Harris would be like dealing with a normal person."

If former president Donald Trump is the people's choice, Canada will have to prepare for an influx of immigrants, many of whom will not be entering through border crossings. Trump's threats to deport thousands will result in some making that decision on their own, and if they do not want to go back to their home countries, Canada is the obvious choice. We seem

ill-prepared to deal with this migration of people. The revised NAFTA (USMCA) will be another target in the sights of Trump and many Canadians do not realize the benefits that Canada has enjoyed under both of these agreements.

Trump accurately targets our supply management which has given our dairy industry a huge advantage over dairy products from the United States, New Zealand and Europe and has been a source of irritation to other governments for years. Our federal government has defended supply management because of the political impact of getting rid of it, but the result is higher prices for Canadian consumers while blocking a wide variety of imports.

Our investment in the military will also come under scrutiny under a Trump-led government, and since he is not a fan of NATO, our continued reliance on the United States to take care of us will result in demands that we up our game and honour our commitments.

The United States has now

grown self-sufficient when it comes to energy, at a time when Canadian policies have restricted energy growth and export and we have made doing business with us more difficult. None of this will be tempered by the fact that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Trump do not have a high regard for each other.

Unfortunately, Vice-President Harris, who polls show most Canadians would support, will also not be an advocate for Canadian business. As in the past, she will come with an America First agenda that will see many challenges placed on Canadian exports to our largest customer. Almost without question, a Harris-Walz win would result in some very hard-nosed negotiations over our softwood lumber exports. Whether it is true or not, lumber producers in the U.S. believe that our lumber exports are heavily subsidized, and they consider this to be an unfair trade practice. Canada has won this battle in the past, but we must be prepared to see this become a sore spot early in the new administration.

At the end of the day, Canada has it all. We have energy, food, fresh water, industry, health care and education.

Our people are industrious and we have a stable government. We have allowed our close relationship with the United States to make us complacent and arrogant. The time has come for us to go out into the world and be all that we can be.

New trade opportunities exist, but we cannot be telling the rest of the world how to live. Canada can thrive and prosper with reduced support from the United States, but it will take hard work and a focused attitude. The friendship and close relations we have with our American neighbours will not disappear with the change of government and our trips to the beaches and ski hills will not stop. This is the moment for us to utilize our talents and our strengths and learn to again stand on our own.

Fear can be a great motivator. It was President Roosevelt in 1933 who said, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Those words could not be more relevant to Canada than right now, and it is up to us to act with vigour and confidence no matter who is running the show south of the 49th parallel.

George Brookman is the chair and company ambassador of West Canadian Digital.

GRAMMYS FIND A NEW TV HOME

The Grammys will have a new broadcast home on ABC starting in 2027. The network and the Recording Academy announced Wednesday that they had signed a 10-year deal to broadcast the Grammys beginning in 2027, moving the show from its decades-long perch at CBS.

CBS has aired the Grammys since 1973, taking over the show from ABC after a two-year stint. The first 12 ceremonies were aired on NBC.



ABC is now set to air three major live events — the Super Bowl, Grammys and Oscars — in 2027.

The new Grammys deal also calls for the show to be streamed on Hulu and Disney+. Nominations for the 2025 Grammys will be announced next week. That show will air on CBS on Feb. 2. Trevor Noah has hosted the Grammys since 2021, but the academy hasn't named a host for 2025. *The Associated Press*



De-aging technology allows stars Tom Hanks, left, and Robin Wright to look like younger versions of themselves in the film *Here*. PHOTOS: SONY PICTURES

CHRIS KNIGHT

No matter where you go, there you are. It's a bit of circular wisdom that nicely fits the structure of *Here*, co-written and directed by Robert Zemeckis. The premise of *Here* is that someone somehow plunked a movie camera down on a patch of ground during the late Cretaceous Period in what would one day be New England, and left it running for the next three score million years or so.

Its steady gaze captures some passing dinosaurs and, soon after, the asteroid strike that led to their demise. It sees hummingbirds (40-odd million years ago), early human settlers (a few thousand years back), Ben Franklin (200 plus years) and then, around 1900, it ends up inside the living room of a house, where it witnesses several generations of homeowners and their families.

Chief among these are Al and Rose (Paul Bettany, Kelly Reilly), who buy the place for \$3,400 just after the Second World War. Their kids include Richard (Tom Hanks), who as a young man falls for Margaret (Robin Wright). They in turn will bring up their own children in the house, after being unable to afford their own. (Financial insecurity is an odd but ever-present theme.)

Now, if you're doing the math and wondering how Bettany (aged 53) and Reilly (47) can possibly be parents to Hanks (68) and in-laws to Wright (58), remember that Zemeckis is the one behind that camera. Using the latest in de-aging (and extra-aging) technology, he turns his stars into younger and older versions of themselves as required.

It's a tall order, especially since we all remember younger versions of these stars in *Splash* or *The Princess Bride*, or even *Forrest Gump* (another Zemeckis movie), where they worked together. But the results look pretty good, especially compared to some other recent attempts. (I'm looking at you, *Irishman*.) It helps that Hanks and Wright pitch their voices and carry their bodies in age-appropriate ways.

HERE YOU GO!

Movie magic allows Robert Zemeckis to tell the tale of a house through several generations of families



The home in *Here* bears witness to numerous births, deaths, weddings and even a funeral.

Zemeckis is less successful in some of the film's smaller moments. That hummingbird looked particularly fake, and there are a couple of scenes in which digital creations were used in place of stunt people or practical effects, to unfortunate ends. Also the Indigenous scenes, where the wardrobe looked a little too Hollywood for my liking.

Quibbles aside, it's a lively romp through the decades, and while an unmoving point of view might sound deadly dull, it's enlivened by a technique borrowed from the graphic novel on which the film is loosely based.

To wit: While sometimes the action cuts wholesale from one-time period to another, often it involves overlapping "windows" within the frame. So you might

find yourself mostly watching Hanks's character in 2000, while part of the screen shows the television set from the 1950s, or the radio from 20 years earlier, or someone on the phone in just about any time period from 1900 on.

The house was first occupied by a couple (Michelle Dockery, Gwilym Lee) whose lives were shaped by the invention of the

REVIEW

HERE

★★★½ out of 5

Cast: Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Paul Bettany

Director: Robert Zemeckis

Duration: 1 h 44 m

airplane and, later, the pandemic of 1918. It was also the home of Lee and Stella (David Fynn, Ophelia Lovibond), the former an inventor who created the La-Z-Boy.

And we see the family that moved in after Bettany's clan departed, which takes us right up to the latest pandemic and just beyond. (You could say that *Here* ends *Now*, with a sudden camera movement that feels almost vertiginous after being so long in one place.)

Along the way, the story sometimes feels like it's being driven more by connected themes than a traditional plot. There are numerous births, deaths, weddings and even a funeral, not to mention discussions of love, money, marriage and real estate, and moments around Thanksgiving, Christmas and birthdays.

I wanted to be a little more transported by *Here* than I ultimately was. Though satisfyingly emotional in its structure, the technical wizardry can sometimes distract one from the simpler moments of storytelling. And the score, by Zemeckis's frequent collaborator Alan Silvestri, is one of those don't-trust-the-viewer-to-know-what-to-feel compositions. A little more period music (think *Forrest Gump* again) might have served the movie better.

But there's still much to enjoy, and the film will no doubt have many pondering their own journeys through time. It's a conversation-sparker of a film. *Here?* Hear hear!

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WITH REAL PAIN COMES GAIN

Jesse Eisenberg learned to embrace the chaos that co-star Kieran Culkin brings to the set

LINDSEY BAHR

Jesse Eisenberg did not know Kieran Culkin was about to drop out of his movie.

It was just a few weeks before shooting was about to begin on *A Real Pain*, and Eisenberg and much of the crew were already in Poland preparing. The film, now in theatres, is deeply personal for Eisenberg, who at age 17 started connecting more with his own Polish heritage through his aunt.

The story, rattling in his mind for almost two decades, follows two cousins on a Holocaust tour after the death of their grandmother. It's about modern pain and historical trauma — serious themes handled with the light, humorous touch of an odd-couple road trip film. One of them, David, is a little uptight, a little neurotic. The other, Benji, is a little more chaotic. You can guess which one Culkin had agreed to play.

"I connected with the character right away," Culkin said. "I knew I wanted to do it. Like, creatively, I wanted to be a part of this thing."

But the final season of *Succession*, in which he played the youngest Roy, Roman, stretched on longer than anticipated. Suddenly the time with his family he'd been counting on was disappearing under the crush of professional obligations and he wanted out. Word of this development came directly to Fruit Tree, the production company run by Emma Stone, Dave McCary and Ali Herting, who decided to keep it to themselves for a beat.

"We totally understood but we were also panicked," said Hert-



Actor Kieran Culkin, left, teams up with actor-director Jesse Eisenberg for the touching new movie *A Real Pain*. SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES

ing. "He was meant to fly the next week and start shooting the next day. There wasn't time to recast. The only ace we had up our sleeves was the fact that Emma had this very close relationship with him."

Culkin described Stone's phone call as a "reverse psychology thing." Stone, wearing her actor, friend and producer hats, was understanding, honest and direct about the fact that his reasoning made perfect sense and also that the whole thing was going to fall apart without him. But that wasn't his problem, she said. She'd deal

with it. "She let me off the hook completely," Culkin said. "And I think it was the moment I got off the phone that I was like 'oh (expletive), I'm doing this movie.'"

It wasn't the first or the last time that the fate of *A Real Pain* would hang in the balance. It was a struggle to even secure financing, until Topic Studios came along.

"We were desperate to be part of it," said Ryan Heller, Topic's vice-president of film and acquisitions. "It had this clear arc for audiences and a huge opportunity to surprise with how deep and lay-

ered and complex and personal it was. That combination? It's a rare thing."

There were also the logistical complications of shooting in Poland, which would involve being the first production to film at the former concentration camp Majdanek, outside of Lublin, and the fact that Culkin was a bit of a live wire on set.

"Jesse and our director of photography (Michal Dymek) had been meticulously shot listing because they were also so worried about the schedule and they wanted every-

thing to be very precise," Herting said. "And Kieran didn't love it."

He also found it hard to adjust to taking directorial notes from his scene partner. The result was tension. It was friendly, but palpable.

"It kind of fit with the movie though," Herting said. "Like in the film too, they both soften and kind of started to meet in the middle. And then by the time we're deeper into the story, they've really come together and there's a sweetness and a bond. There's a lot of mutual respect."

The Associated Press



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LISTINGS UNTIL NOVEMBER 7

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10 EXTRA SHAWNESSY

Smile 2 (18A) Fri, Sun-Wed 12:25, 3:40, 6:35, 9:20; Sat 12:25, 3:40, 6:50, 9:10; Thu 12:35, 3:40, 6:35, 9:20
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (14A) Fri-Thu 8:15
The Wild Robot (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55, 3:50, 6:30; Sat 10 a.m.; Sun 10:05 a.m.
The Wild Robot 3D (PG) Fri, Sun-Thu 9:30; Sat 9:45
Venom: The Last Dance (14A) Sat 10:20 a.m.
Venom: The Last Dance (14A) (Ultra-screen) Fri, Mon-Thu 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; Sat, Sun 11:15, 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55
Venom: The Last Dance 3D (14A) Fri, Sun-Wed 12:15, 3, 6:10, 9:10; Sat 12:15, 3:30, 6:20, 9:40; Thu 12:15
Here (PG) Fri, Mon-Wed 12:45, 4, 7:10, 9:40; Sat 10:10, 12:45, 3:20, 6:10, 9:20; Sun 10:20, 12:45, 4, 7:10, 9:40; Thu 12:45, 3:10, 7:10, 9:40
Singham Again (STC) (in Hindi, subtitled) Fri, Sun-Thu 12, 3:30, 6:55, 10:10; Sat 12, 6:40, 9

We Live in Time (14A) Fri-Wed 12:35, 3:10, 6:20, 9; Thu 12:25, 3, 6:20, 9
The Polar Express 3D (G) Sat, Sun 10 a.m.
Elf (G) Sat, Sun 10:35 a.m.
Conclave (PG) Fri-Thu 1, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (PG) (in Hindi, subtitled) Fri, Mon-Thu 12, 3:20, 6:45, 10:10; Sat 12, 3:15, 9:55; Sun 12:05, 3:20, 6:45, 10:10
Hitpig! (PG) Fri, Mon-Thu 1:10, 3:30, 6; Sat, Sun 11, 1:10, 3:30, 6
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (G) Sat 4, 7; Thu 4, 6:10, 9:10

16 IMAX COUNTRY HILLS

The Polar Express 3D (G) Fri-Wed 11:30, 2, 4:30; Thu 11:30, 2
Deadpool & Wolverine (14A) Fri-Thu 8:30
Elf (G) Fri, Mon-Thu 11:25 a.m.; Sat, Sun 10:40 a.m.
Smile 2 (18A) Fri-Wed 1, 4, 7, 10; Thu 1, 4, 7, 10, 10:10
Transformers One (PG) Fri, Mon-Thu 1:50, 4:30; Sat, Sun 11:15, 1:50, 4:30
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (14A) Fri 4:10, 6:50, 9:45; Sat-Thu 4:10, 6:50, 10:25
The Wild Robot (PG) Fri 1:35, 4:05, 6:35, 6:40, 9:40; Sat 10:20, 12:40, 3:10, 6:05, 6:40, 9:25; Sun 10:20, 12:40, 3:15, 6:05, 6:40, 9:40; Mon-Wed 12:05, 3:05, 6:05, 6:40, 9:40; Thu 12:05, 3:05, 6:05, 9:05
The Wild Robot 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35, 3:25
Venom: The Last Dance (14A) Fri 12:25, 3:25, 4:50, 6:25, 7:45, 9:25; Sat 10:15, 12:55, 4:50, 7:45, 9:40; Sun 10:15, 12:50, 3:25, 4:50, 6:25, 7:45, 9:25; Mon-Wed 4:50, 7:45; Thu 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30
Venom: The Last Dance 3D (14A) Fri-Wed 11:30, 2:10, 7:30, 10:30; Thu 10:15
Venom: The Last Dance—The Imax Experience (14A) Fri-Thu 11:15, 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55
Piece by Piece (PG) Fri, Mon-Wed 1:50; Sat, Sun 12:20; Thu 11:30, 1:50
Here (PG) Fri, Mon-Thu 11:20, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30; Sat, Sun 10:30, 11:20, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30

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16 Country Hills & Imax, 388 Country Hills Blvd. N.E.
Canyon Meadows, 13226 Macleod Tr.
Cochrane Movie House, 218 5th Ave., Cochrane
Crossiron Mills, 261055 Crossiron Blvd. Rocky View
Crowfoot Crossing, 91 Crowfoot Terrace N.W.
Eau Claire Market, 200 Barclay Parade
East Hills, 205 East Hills Blvd Se
Market Mall, 3412 49th Street, NW
Plaza Theatre, 1133 Kensington Rd. N.W.
Scotiabank Theatre Chinook, 6455 Macleod Tr.
Seton And VIP, 19683 Seton Cres, S.E.
Sunridge Spectrum, 2555 32nd St. N.E.
Telus Spark Science Centre, 220 St. George's Drive N.E.
The Globe Cinema, 617 8th Ave. S.W.
Westhills, 165 Stewart Green S.W.
Cineplex Cinemas University District VIP, 3953 University Ave NW

Singham Again (STC) (in Hindi, subtitled) Fri-Wed 11:55, 3, 6:45, 9:50; Thu 11:55, 3, 6:45, 9:45
We Live in Time (14A) Fri, Mon-Thu 1:10, 4:05, 7:10, 10:10; Sat, Sun 10:25, 1:10, 4:05, 7:10, 10:10
Absolution (14A) Fri, Mon-Wed 12:50, 3:50, 6:30, 9:50; Sat, Sun 1:05, 3:50, 6:30, 9:50; Thu 12:50, 3:50, 6:30, 10

The Substance (18A) Fri-Wed 10:15
Terrifier 3 (R) Fri-Thu 7:20, 10:30
Conclave (PG) Fri, Mon-Wed 12:40, 3:40, 6:35, 9:35; Sat, Sun 10:20, 12:50, 3:40, 6:35, 9:35; Thu 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40
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Hitpig! (PG) Fri-Thu 11:15, 1:20, 3:35, 6:10
Mittran Da Challega Truck Ni (G) (in Punjabi with English subtitles) Fri-Wed 9:05
Gracie and Pedro: Pets to the Rescue! (PG) Fri, Mon-Wed 11:35 a.m.; Sat, Sun 10:15 a.m.
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (G) Sat 4, 7; Thu 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
Overlord: The Sacred Kingdom (STC) (in Japanese with English subtitles) Thu 7, 10:05

CANYON MEADOWS

Am I Racist? (PG) Fri-Thu 7:20, 9:45; Mon-Thu 1:30
The Apprentice (14A) Fri-Thu 3:55, 9:30
Bookworm (PG) Fri-Thu 3:45
Coco (G) Fri-Thu 1:10, 4:10
Despicable Me 4 (G) Fri-Thu 1:15, 3:35, 6:45, 9:15
Harold and the Purple Crayon (G) Fri-Thu 1:25
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50, 7:10
Hocus Pocus (PG) Fri-Thu Fri-Sun 1:30
It Ends with Us (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55, 6:55
Joker: Folie à Deux (14A) Fri-Thu 1, 3:40, 7, 9:20
The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20, 6:50
One Direction: This is Us (Fan Cut) (G) Fri-Thu 4:05, 9:25; Fri-Sun, Thu 7:15
The Shining (14A) Fri-Thu 9:10
The Sixth Sense (14A) Fri-Thu 4, 9:35; Mon-Wed 7:15
Speak No Evil (14A) Fri-Thu 4:15, 9:40
Twisters (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50, 7:05
White Bird (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05, 6:40

COCHRANE MOVIE HOUSE

Here (PG) Fri, Sat 1:30, 3:35, 7:10, 9:20; Sun 1:30, 3:35, 7:10; Mon, Wed, Thu 7:10; Tue 3:35 7:10
Venom: The Last Dance (14A) Fri, Sat 1, 3:10, 7, 9:10; Sun 1, 3:10, 7, Mon, Wed, Thu 7; Tue 3:10 7
We Live in Time (14A) Fri, Sat 1:20, 3:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sun 1:20, 3:30, 7:30; Mon, Wed, Thu 7:30; Tue 3:30 7:30
The Wild Robot (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10, 3:40, 6:45; Mon, Wed, Thu 6:45; Tue 3:40 6:45
Hitpig! (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35 3:20; Tue 3:20
Smile 2 (18A) Fri, Sat 7:20 9; Sun-Thu 7:20

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Here (PG) Fri 1:40, 4:10, 9:50; Fri-Sun 6:15; Sat, Sun 10:50, 1:40, 4:10, 9:50; Mon-Thu 1:10, 3:40, 6, 9:30
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (G) Thu 4, 6:35, 9:10

THE PLAZA THEATRE

My Neighbor Totoro (Dubbed) (Ghibli Fest 2024) (G) Sat 11 a.m.; Sun 2
The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG) Fri, Sat 2; Sun 11 a.m.
The Substance (18A) Mon 2; Tue 6:20; Thu 8:45
The Virgin Suicides (14A) Fri 8:50; Sun 8:15; Mon 6:20; Tue 9:05; Wed, Thu 2
We Live in Time (14A) Fri, Thu 6:30; Sun 6; Mon 8:30; Tue 2; Wed 11 a.m., 8:50

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 P.O.P: 40%
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 Wind: E, 8kmh

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 P.O.P: 30%
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 Wind: W, 10kmh

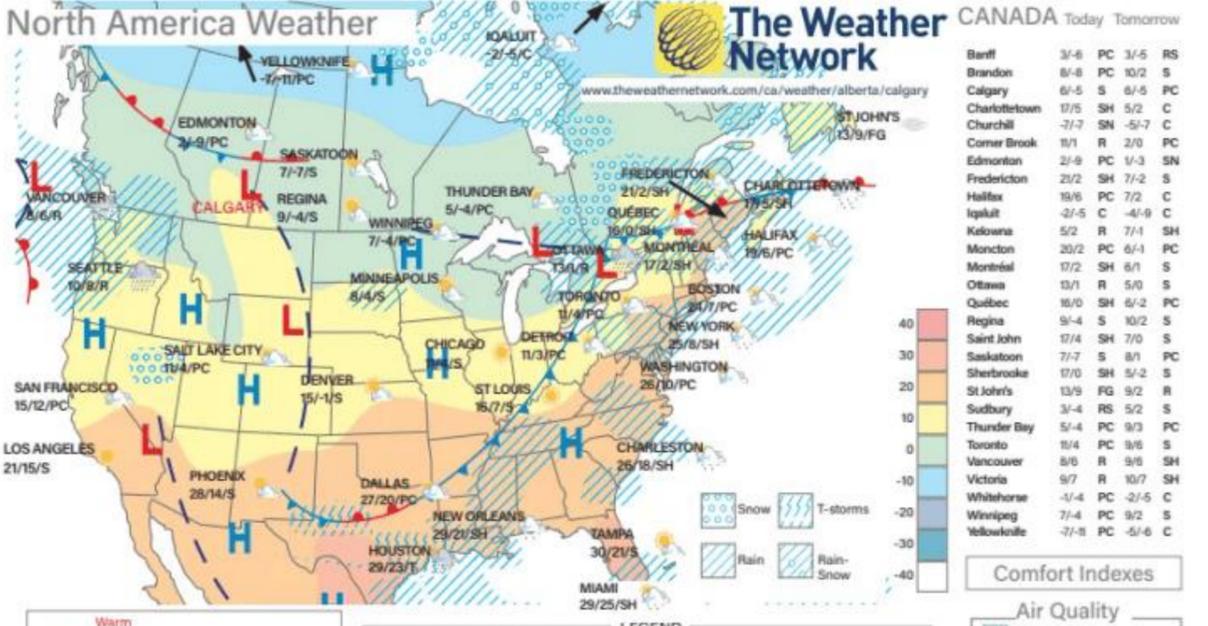
Monday **H: 5 L: -2**
 P.O.P: 30%
 Mix, sun and clouds.
 Wind: SW, 9kmh

Tuesday **H: 5 L: -5**
 P.O.P: 30%
 Cloudy, sunny breaks.
 Wind: N, 24kmh

Precipitation
 October
 Normal, Month [mm]: 18.8
 Current: 0.9
 Difference: -17.9
 Percent of Normal: 5%

Temperature Trend
 Today is about AVERAGE.
 Today's Average [°C]: 6
 Expected [at 3pm ET]: 6
 Difference: 0

Yesterday's Extreme Temperatures
 Hot spot in Canada: 24.4 °C [75.9 °F] Sainte-Clotilde, QC
 Cold spot in Canada: -25.3 °C [-13.5 °F] Eureka, NU



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Athabasca	1/-5 PC 1/-2 SN	Jasper	3/-7 PC 3/-5 PC
Barff	3/-6 PC 3/-4 RS	Lac La Biche	1/-3 PC 2/-1 PC
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Brooks	8/2 S 5/2 PC	Peace River	3/-4 C 2/-2 SN
Calgary	6/-5 S 6/5 PC	Ponoka	3/4 S 2/5 PC
Camrose	2/8 PC 2/4 SN	Provost	5/7 S 5/3 PC
Carvel	1/7 PC -1/4 SN	Red Deer	4/7 S 2/5 PC
Cold Lake	3/6 PC 3/1 PC	Rocky Ridge	6/5 S 6/5 PC
Coonstn	4/7 S 5/3 PC	Slave Lake	2/2 PC 1/2 SN
Drayton Valley	2/7 PC -1/6 SN	Stettler	3/4 S 5/6 PC
Edson	3/6 PC -1/7 C	Swan Hills	-4/6 PC -3/7 SN
Fort Chipewyan	-2/6 PC 0/4 C	Valleyview	2/4 PC 2/7 SN
Fort McMurray	1/4 PC 2/2 C	Vegreville	2/9 PC 2/3 PC
Grande Cache	2/5 PC 2/6 PC	Vermilion	2/9 PC 4/3 PC
Grande Prairie	1/4 C 1/7 SN	Weinwright	3/4 S 4/4 PC
High Level	-1/5 C -1/6 PC	Westlock	1/6 PC 0/4 SN
High Prairie	2/4 PC 1/4 SN	Wetaskiwin	2/8 PC 2/4 SN
Hinton	4/6 PC 2/7 PC	Whitecourt	2/4 PC -1/6 SN

WORLD Today Tomorrow

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Athens	22/12 S 22/12 S	Edinburgh	15/8 PC 14/10 PC
Auckland	19/12 SH 16/10 PC	Geneva	17/8 S 15/7 S
Bangkok	32/25 T 31/23 PC	Ho Chi Minh	34/25 SH 30/25 SH
Beijing	20/10 S 19/9 PC	Hong Kong	30/21 PC 28/23 PC
Beirut	26/21 S 26/18 SH	Istanbul	19/12 S 18/13 S
Belgrade	18/8 C 18/7 PC	Jerusalem	21/14 S 21/12 T
Berlin	15/6 S 10/1 PC	Kyiv	13/9 PC 9/1 S
Bogota	20/10 SH 20/10 SH	Lisbon	19/15 SH 22/13 SH
Bucharest	20/8 S 20/7 S	London	14/10 PC 15/8 PC
Buenos Aires	28/22 PC 26/16 R	Madrid	18/12 SH 19/11 S
Cairo	27/16 SH 26/16 S	Manila	31/25 SH 33/25 SH
Cape Town	24/16 PC 20/14 PC	Mexico City	24/13 SH 24/13 SH
Copenhagen	14/5 SH 8/5 PC	Milan	19/9 S 19/10 S
Dubai	35/27 S 35/27 S	Moscow	11/2 R 2/2 RS

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C	B	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
3	4	CTV News (N) Live	News (N)	CTV News Calgary at 6 (N) Live	etalk (N)	Happy (N)	Blue Bloods (N)			Shark Tank (N)		Crime Scene Kitchen (N)		CTV (N)	News (N)
3	38	OMNI News (N)	Wish	Wish	Happy Diwali	News (N)	Punjabi (N)	News (N)	News: Arabic	OMNI News (N)	Cantonese (N)	News (N)	Cantonese	News-Punjabi	Focus Punjabi
3	5	ABC 4 News Now on KXLY+ (N)	4 News Now (N)	World News (N)	4 News Now (N)	4 News Now (N)	Inside Ed. (N)	ET (N)		Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)			
3	9	CBC Rachel Khoo's Rachel Khoo's	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Coronation (N)	Coronation (N)	Market (N)	About That (N)	The Fifth Estate (N)		The National (N)		News (N)	Baroness von
3	2	Global News (N)	Global (N)	Global News Hour at 6 (N)	The Goldbergs	ET (N)	Crime Beat (N)			S.W.A.T. (N)		Fire Country (N)		Global News at 11 (N)	
3	5	CITY Kelly Clarkson Eva Longoria (N)	CityNews at 6 Calgary (N)	FamFeud (N)	Lopez vs (N)	Let's Make a (N)				Dateline NBC (N)				CityNews (N)	(35) J. Kimmel
3	3	CBC-F Premier (N)	Silence	TJ Alberta (N)	Téléjour. (N)	Au suivant (N)				Galas ComediHal 2024 (N)		Abysses (N)		Le téléjournal (N)	Sports (N)
3	3	CMT Cheers	Cheers	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Workaholics	Workaholics	Becker	Becker	Wings	Wings	The Office	The Office
3	3	CBS KREM 2 News at 4 (N)	News (N)	CBS News (N)	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)	Dateline				S.W.A.T. (N)		Fire Country (N)		Blue Bloods (N)	
3	2	CTV2 Bob Heart	News (N)	Primetime (N)	How It's Made	Big Bang	etalk (N)	Godzilla: King of the Monsters (19) Vera Farmiga, Kyle Chandler.						Primetime	(35) J. Fallon
3	3	PBS Odd Squad	Xavier Riddle	America	Test Kitchen	PBS News Hour (N)		Week (N)	Hoover (N)	Doc Martin		Great Performances (N)			Inland
3	3	NN Canada Tonight With Travis Dhanraj (N)				The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)	
3	3	NBC NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	NBC News (N)	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel (N)	Happy (N)	Lopez vs (N)	Dateline NBC			
3	3	TREE PeppaPig	PeppaPig	(15) Blaze	(40) Thomas	Rubble	(40) Binky	(05) Franklin	PeppaPig	Bubble	(45) Rivets	(30) Ready,	Various	(20) Max & Ruby	(45) Blue
3	3	HGTV Mexico Life	Mexico Life	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters		Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l
3	3	YTV (4:00) **** Stuart Little 2	Danger Force	Danger Force	**** Stuart Little 2 (02) Hugh Laurie, Geena Davis.			Make It Pop	Make It Pop	Danger Force	Danger Force	Sponge Bob	SpongeBob		
3	3	TSN Game Day (N)	NBA Basketball	Los Angeles Lakers at Toronto Raptors (N) Live		SportsCentre (N) Live		SC	SC	SC	SC	SportsCentre (N) Live			
3	3	FOX Series Pregame (N) Live	2024 World Series New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers (if necessary) (N) Live			Post Game (N)		To Be Announced	Programming to be announced.	News (N)	(35) FamFeud (N)			News (N)	(35) Christmas Waltz (20)
3	3	W The Christmas Club (19) Elizabeth Mitchell.	My Sweet Austrian Holiday (24) Brittany Bristow, Will Kemp.			A Carol for Two (24) Jordan Litz, Ginna Claire Mason. (P)		Christmas Waltz (20)							
3	3	TLC 90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé Tigerlily heads to Turkey to reunite with Adnan. (N)	90 Day (N)	1000-lb Sisters	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé
3	3	FOOD Bobby's Triple Threat	Bobby's Triple Threat	Bobby's Triple Threat (N) (SF)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Bobby's Triple Threat		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby		
3	3	A&E The First 48	The First 48 (N)	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48
3	3	SNW Series	MLB (N) Live	2024 World Series New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers (if necessary) (N) Live		Sportsnet Central (N) Live		Plays	Series	Sportsnet (N)	Sportsnet				
3	3	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront (N) Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) Live	The Source With (N) Live	CNN NewsNight (N) Live	Laura Coates Live (N) Live	Anderson Cooper 360	Erin Burnett OutFront							
3	3	SN360 This Week in WWE (N)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) Live		WWE Main Event (N)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown		NHL Hockey							
3	3	SHOW Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	**** Superman Returns (06) The Man of Steel (Brandon Routh) faces Lex Luthor. Kate Bosworth, Brandon Routh.	**** Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (19)										
3	3	SLCE Neighbor	Neighbor	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Married at First Sight Keshia Knight Pulliam hosts. (N)	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Neighbor	Neighbor	King	King	King	King	King
3	3	STZ2W (20) **** Diary of a Mad Black Woman (05) Kimberly Elise.	(20) **** 10 Things I Hate About You (99) Heath Ledger.	**** He's Just Not That Into You (09) Ben Affleck. (P)	(15) **** Scrambled (23)										
3	3	DISC Mayday	Crimes (N)	Crimes (N)	Deadly Women (N)	Body Cam (N)	Suits	Suits	Suits	Crimes	Crimes				
3	3	CTVDR Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Tracker (N)	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.
3	3	BRAVO Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef
3	3	TOON Hotel/(15) Total	Gumball	Teen (N) (SP)	Teen/(45) Teen	Teen/(15) Teen	Teen/(45) Teen	Tiny Toons Loo	Jellystone	Teen/(15) Teen	Teen/(45) Teen	**** Batman and Harley Quinn (17)		(45) Total	
3	3	FAM Shasha & Milo	Ladybug	LEGO (N)	LEGO Dream (N)	**** The Muppets Take Manhattan (84) Jim Henson.	Family Matters	The Goldbergs	Degrassi	Life Derek	**** The Muppets Take Manh...				
3	3	PCH The Conners	The Conners	Who's (N)	Who's (N)	Joan (N)	Atlanta News First at 10pm (N)	Inside Ed. (N)	GMFB: Overtime (N)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Last Man			
3	3	CTVco McKinney	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Conners	The Conners	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
3	3	TCM (4:00) **** Of Human Bondage	**** Being There (79) Shirley MacLaine, Peter Sellers.	**** The Candidate (72) Peter Boyle, Robert Redford.	**** Harlan County, U.S.A. (76)										
3	3	HIST Ancient Aliens	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	S.W.A.T.	Deadman's Curse	The UnXplained	The UnXplained (N)	The UnXplained (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)					
3	3	CTVSci The Librarians	The Librarians	The Librarians	The Librarians	The Librarians	Castle	Castle	Castle	Star Trek: Voyager					
3	3	AMC **** Beetlejuice (88) Alec Baldwin, Michael Keaton.	**** The Lost Boys (87) Corey Haim, Jason Patric.	**** Silver Bullet (85) Corey Haim, Gary Busey.	**** Thinner (96)										
3	3	DTOUR Ghost Adventures	Border	Border	Jack Osbourne's Two paranormal hotspots to uncover dark energies.	Kindred Spirits	Jack Osbourne's Two paranormal hotspots to uncover dark energies.								
3	3	YESTV The Middle	Mike & Molly	Murdoch Mysteries	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	God Friended Me	Huntley	Legacy M (N)	Life Today	Hagee	Heartland			
3	3	TLN M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Día de los Muertos	**** The Trip to Spain (17) Rob Brydon, Steve Coogan.	**** Once Upon a Time in Mexico (03) Antonio Banderas.								
3	3	MUCH Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Futurama	**** Mr. & Mrs. Smith (05) Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt.	**** Date Night (10) Steve Carell.						
3	3	MTV How It's Made	How It's Made	Ridiculous (N)	Ridiculous (N)	**** Smile (22) Jessie T. Usher, Sosie Bacon.	**** Scream (22) Courtney Cox, Neve Campbell.								
3	3	VISN Murder, She Wrote	Time/By	Hit Parade	Gaither Gospel Hour	Time to Sing	People-Sing	theZoomer (N)	**** Hyde Park on Hudson (12) Laura Linney, Bill Murray.						
3	3	TV5 Serge à Pa (N)	Chassés-cr (N)	Climat d'urgence	En marge du monde (N)	Trentenair (N)	Trentenair (N)	(30) C dans l'air (N)	(35) Afrique (N)	(45) Journal (N)	(15) La grande librairie				
3	3	APTN Chuck	Bears' Lair	Mohawks	Thunder (N)	**** Rhymes for Young Ghouls (13) Glen Gould, Devery Jacobs.	APTN News (N)	APTN	Northern Exposure	**** Rhymes for Young Ghouls					

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3	3	E! NUMB3RS	Million.	Million.	Canada's Drag Race (N)	Bob Heart	10 Things	TMZ	TMZ Live	Canada's Drag Race					
3	3	CRVM1W (4:45) **** Big George Foreman (23) Khris Davis.	**** Meg 2: The Trench (23) Jing Wu, Jason Statham.	**** Ezra (23) Bobby Cannavale. (P)	(45) **** Scrambled (23) (P)										
3	3	CRVM2W (15) **** Knights of the Zodiac (23) Famke Janssen, Mackenyu.	(10) **** The Crime Is Mine (23) Nadia Tereszkiewicz.	The Traitors NZ	**** The Crime Is Mine (23) Nadia Tereszkiewicz.										
3	3	CRVM3W (10) **** Metal Tornado (01) Greg Evigan.	(45) **** Ainbo: Spirit of the Amazon (21)	(15) **** Knights of the Zodiac (23) Famke Janssen, Mackenyu.	(30) **** The Crime Is Mine (23) Nadia Tereszkiewicz.										
3	3	HBO2 Movie	**** Siempre, Luis (20)	(10) An American Bombing: The Road to April 19th	Mare of Easttown	Real Time With Bill Maher (N)	It (N)	Lovecraft							
3	3	WSBK Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	WBZ News 8p (N)	News (N)	Patriots (N)	48 Hours	Flip Side (N)	Flip Side	Big Bang	Housewife	Housewife	Person (N)		
3	3	KTLA KTLA 5 News at 4 (N)	KTLA 5 News at 5 (N)	News at 6 (N)	KTLA News (N)	News (N)	Unscripted	Whose (N)	Whose (N)	Joan (N)	News (N)	(45) Sports (N)			
3	3	WGN WGN Evening News (N) Live	Whose (N)	Whose (N)	Joan (N)	WGN News at Nine (N) Live	News (N) Live	GN Sports (N)	Young Sheldon	Big Bang	Two Half Men	Last Man			
3	3	WPXI NY-17 Debate (N) Live	Whose (N)	Whose (N)	Joan (N)	Pix11 News at Ten (N)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Two Half Men	Big Bang	Young Sheldon				
3	3	STARZ1W (15) **** Ocean's Thirteen (07) Brad Pitt, George Clooney.	(20) **** Charlie's Angels (00) Cameron Diaz.	Three Women											
3	3	NGEO Lost Treasures of Egypt	America's Funniest	Defending Europe (N)	Animal Kingdom	America's Funniest	Defending Europe	Animal Kingdom							
3	3	H2 Secret Restoration	Alone	Alone											
3	3	MYS NCIS: Los Angeles	JAG	NCIS: New Orleans (N)	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	NCIS								

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SPANIARDS ARE SEARCHING FOR BODIES AND TRYING TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE TRAUMA AFTER MONSTROUS FLOODS CLAIMED AT LEAST 158 LIVES. 'I SAW BODIES FLOATING PAST,' ONE MAN SAID ON THURSDAY. 'PEOPLE WERE CRYING ALL OVER.' NP3



JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

The American and Bridal Veil falls are seen at Niagara Falls, where a U.S. mother reportedly climbed a safety rail and jumped with her two young children on Monday night.

TRY THIS TO GET A LEG UP ON AGING

MAYO CLINIC STUDY

Endurance while standing on one leg a new measure

CHRIS KNIGHT

The simple act of standing on one leg can reveal how well you are aging, according to a new study by researchers at the Mayo Clinic in the United States.

In fact, the study found that how long you can do it is a more accurate measure than strength or gait, since balance declines more rapidly with age than these other indicators.

The study involved 40 healthy people over the age of 50 — half of them under 65, half 65 and older — who underwent walking, balance, grip strength and knee strength tests.

For the balance tests, the participants held several poses each for up to 30 seconds at a time: bilateral stance (on both feet) with eyes open, bilateral stance with eyes closed, as well as dominant leg and non-dominant leg unilateral stance with eyes open.

The researchers found that gait walking was not significantly affected by age in the participants they studied, and knee strength and grip strength both declined over each decade of age, though by a relatively small amount.

The biggest change they observed was in the one-legged stance.

"The duration of unipedal balance showed the most significant change per decade," they wrote in their report, Age-Related Changes in Gait, Balance, and Strength Parameters: A Cross-Sectional Study. They added: "Sex differences were observed exclusively in strength parameters, with no discernible impact on the decline in balance parameters."

The researchers noted that sway when balancing on one leg was not related to age or sex, so swaying is not a good predictor of aging.

However, one-legged standing time declined at the rate of 2.2 seconds per decade in the non-dominant side and 1.7 seconds per decade in the dominant side.

See AGING on NP3

Tragedy at Niagara Falls

U.S. MOTHER 'INTENTIONALLY' JUMPED WITH HER SON AND BABY DAUGHTER, POLICE SAY

A woman who climbed a safety rail and intentionally went over Niagara Falls with her two children — a nine-year-old and a five-month-old baby — on Monday night has been identified by New York State Police.

The bodies of Chianti Means, 33, and her children, son Roman Rossman and baby girl Mecca Means, have not been located after search and rescue efforts, police said Wednesday.

"The investigation has determined that this incident was intentional in nature, though the circumstances remain under investigation," according to a police news release.

Authorities responded to the park around 9 p.m. Monday and determined the family went over the rail on Luna Island, a small island between the American Falls and Bridal Veil Falls that, along with the Horseshoe Falls, make up the popular tourist draw.

American authorities are using unmanned aircraft and underwater units in the investigation.

In a statement to the National Post, media relations officer Philip Gavin from the Niagara Regional Police Services, based in Canada, said they "do not have any physical

resources deployed at this time."

"Our Missing Persons, and Unidentified Remains Coordinator (detective) has/will be in contact with US officials," said Gavin in an email.

New York state Trooper James O'Callaghan told ABC News that there are "a lot of security measures" at Luna Falls.

"It's not something where they just stumbled in," he said.

The family has been involved in the investigation, O'Callaghan told ABC, adding that investigators hope to give them "closure."

"Based on the information we have, we do know it was an intentional act, but the reason why is tougher to answer," he said.

According to a LinkedIn page for a woman with the same name, Means lived in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area and worked as a domestic violence counsellor, The New York Post reported.

She earned a bachelor's degree in social work, graduating in 2019 from Buffalo State University. She later earned her master's of social work.

Friends reportedly wrote about Means' death online.

The posts have not been independently verified.

"I have been speechless and crying and couldn't sleep at all. My heart is broken. Mental health is no joke," wrote Kayshawna Morgane on Facebook, according to The New York Post and The Daily Mail.

Another comment from a person named Niesha Eukeya said: "You really never know what anybody is going through."

In another Facebook post that has not been independently verified, a woman with the same last name as Means, Kezia Means, wrote about her cousin: "I wish I could've done something to help you," the post said. "I wish I would've asked if you were okay, if you needed anything."

National Post

Google Maps adds AI features for recommending restaurants, parking options

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

PALO ALTO, CALIF. • Google Maps is heading down a new road, steered by artificial intelligence.

The shift announced Thursday will bring more of the revolutionary AI technology that Google already has been baking into its dominant search engine to the digital maps service that the company launched nearly 20

years ago as part of its efforts to expand into new frontiers.

Google Maps recently surpassed 2 billion monthly users worldwide for the first time, a milestone that illustrates how dependent people have become on the service's directions during their daily trips.

With the introduction of Google's AI-powered Gemini technology, the maps are now being set up to become

entertainment guides as well as navigational tools.

Starting this week in the U.S. only, users will be able to converse with Google Maps to ask for tips on things to do around specific spots in a neighbourhood or city and receive lists of restaurants, bars and other nearby attractions that include reviews that have been compiled through the years. The new features will also provide

more detailed information about parking options near a destination along with walking directions for a user to check after departing the car.

Google Maps also is trying to address complaints by introducing more detailed information that will make it easier to see which lane of the road to be situated in well ahead of having to make a turn.

The Associated Press



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One of the cars Google uses to periodically photograph the streets around the world for Street View.

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CANADA

Dental program coverage to grow

1M USERS NOW

DAVID BAXTER

OTTAWA • A million Canadians have received care under the federal dental-care plan six months after the program began, Health Minister Mark Holland said Thursday.

Starting on Friday, the program will also cover more complex procedures.

That means people who have coverage under the federal program can request pre-authorization for things like crowns and the initial placement of partial dentures, as well as what the program deems high-need or complex conditions.

Paper claims will also be accepted, something Holland said will mean that more dentists and oral care providers are eligible to work under the program.

Once these expansions are up and running, Holland said the government is on track to begin expanding who can get coverage under the program next year.

"We haven't set on the exact date, that's obviously still being figured out. We are obviously tracking very closely how pre-authorization and paper claims go. But early in 2025 is when we're looking to expand to additional cohorts," Holland said.

The program is currently available for seniors, adults on the federal disability tax credit and children under 18. Currently, 2.7 million Canadians are registered to receive care under the program.

Holland said the goal is to expand the eligibility as quickly as possible. "We are absolutely committed in 2025, as fast as possible, to expand this to all Canadians."

Eighty-nine per cent of oral health providers in the country are providing some form of care under the program, according to Holland.

While patients have been quick to enrol, getting dentists on board to provide the care has been more challenging. As of July, only roughly 11,500 dentists, hygienists and denturists had registered to provide care under the program, which represented less than 50 per cent of dental professionals in Canada.

Dentists appeared more reticent to enrol than other providers, as dental associations across the country expressed concerns about the design of the program and the administrative burden on dentists.

The program was born out of a bargain between the Liberals and the NDP to prevent an early election in exchange for progress on key priorities. The two parties' goal is to make the coverage available to any uninsured people with a household income under \$90,000, with full enrolment eligibility expected in 2025.

In August Holland said there are some parts of the country where provider participation was lagging, including in Alberta and New Brunswick. The challenge is particularly acute in rural areas.

The Canadian Press



SEAN KILPATRICK / THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP MP Leah Gazan, second from right, is joined by Special Interlocutor Kimberly Murray, right, and residential school survivors on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday, where they called on the government to recognize residential school denialism as inciting hate in the Criminal Code.

Law sought to fight residential school denialism

REPORT FINDING

ALESSIA PASSAFIUME

OTTAWA • Residential school survivors are calling on Ottawa to criminalize residential school denialism, echoing one of the findings in a report about unmarked graves and burial sites associated with the institutions.

Doug George, a survivor of the Mohawk Institute, said Canadians need to acknowledge the schools' place in history and to ensure the children who died are not silenced.

"Canadians might be, you now, maybe feeling as though it's been a bit overwhelming over the past few years," George said, referencing the announcements from First Nations about their efforts to locate their missing children.

"But you can imagine what it's like for us and our children and our communities? ... You can't hide behind these things. You've got to come to grips with it."

More than 150,000 Indigenous children were forced to attend residential schools, the last of which closed in 1996.

An estimated 6,000 children died in the schools, though experts say the actual number could be much higher.

Canada's special interlocutor on unmarked graves and missing children said despite the "well-documented reality" of those deaths, some Canadians have made a concerted effort to attack the truths of survivors, Indigenous families and communities.

Kimberly Murray, who was appointed to the role in 2022, released a two-volume

report this week after consulting experts, residential school survivors and their descendants.

Murray noted that denying residential schools enforces a false view of Canadian history and protects those responsible for the system by justifying their actions.

She wrote that many people do not outright deny that residential schools existed and operated, but they misrepresent the intent, outcome and impacts of the system.

"Denialism is not a simple misunderstanding of the facts; whether consciously or unconsciously, denialists are working toward the accomplishment of psychological, practical or political goals," she wrote.

"Indian residential school denialism must be taken seriously because it puts at risk the important work of truth and reconciliation. It should not be dismissed as a harmless fringe phenomenon."

She examined several examples of what she calls residential school denialism, including comments from a politician who said the good deeds of residential schools were being overshadowed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a book that claimed residential schools were necessary and unmarked graves associated with them were a "moral panic" based on "wild accusations," and a Catholic priest who told his congregation that Indigenous children enjoyed their time at the schools.

"This denialism, if unchecked, will become a significant barrier to reconciliation," Murray wrote.

NDP MP Leah Gazan introduced a private member's bill last month that seeks to criminalize resi-

dential school denialism. The Liberals have not said whether they will support the legislation, which has little chance of becoming law without government endorsement.

The bill proposes that anyone who, other than in private, promotes hatred against Indigenous Peoples by "condoning, denying, downplaying or justifying the Indian residential school system in Canada or by misrepresenting facts related to it" could be subject to a maximum of two years in jail.

The bill does set out some exceptions. For example, if the statements were true, if they were relevant to public interest, if they were intended to point out hatred toward Indigenous Peoples or if it was a religious opinion, the comments would not be against the law.

Canada enacted a similar law in 2022 to combat Holocaust denialism, though so far no case has been successfully prosecuted.

Murray has long called for legislation like Gazan's bill, saying in an interim report last year that denialism was increasing.

In May 2021, the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Nation announced ground-penetrating radar had uncovered what are believed to be 215 unmarked graves at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. That made international headlines and drew the ire of people who attacked the community online.

"Some came in the middle of the night, carrying shovels; they said they wanted to 'see for themselves' if children are buried there," Murray wrote in her interim report.

In her final report, Murray also suggested the government include a provision in the Online Harms Act — legislation that is still being debated in the House of Commons — to address the harms associated with residential school denialism, including missing children and unmarked burials.

Justice Minister Arif Virani said Tuesday his government needs to review the report and the "obligations" included in it, including whether they will adopt Gazan's bill.

The Canadian Press

Quebec puts freeze on immigration programs

UNTIL JUNE 30

PHILIP AUTHIER

QUEBEC • Moving to cap the number of new arrivals it controls, the Quebec government announced Thursday a temporary freeze on two popular programs immigrants use to gain access to citizenship.

Immigration Minister Jean-François Roberge announced on social media that Quebec will place a moratorium on delivering citizen selection certificates — the document required to permanently immigrate — via two economic programs it controls.

It will freeze the use of Programme regulier des travailleurs qualifiés and a second program, the Programme de l'expérience Québécoise (PEQ), which has been used by international students to fast-track their eventual citizenship.

Both are frozen until June 30, 2025, a move that in the long run sets the stage for reduction in the total number of immigrants entering Quebec. The target for regular permanent immigrants for 2024 was 50,000.

The two programs cover about half of all the permanent immigrants Quebec welcomes a year. The decision means persons already in the programs will not be able to make requests for selection certificates.

Roberge made the announcement on the same day as he released Quebec's immi-

gration forecast for 2025 in the National Assembly.

The plans says in 2025 Quebec will admit a total of between 48,500 and 51,500 permanent immigrants.

Adding in the 15,000 students in the PEQ program and the new projection for the year is about 66,500, a level Premier François Legault referred to as suicidal for the future of French in the last election campaign.

The total, which does not include temporary immigrants, would have been higher without the moratorium. Now a projected 15,000 to 19,000 students in 2025 will be cut to between 13,500 to 15,000.

Of the total, between 31,000 and 32,900 are considered economic immigrants and could be affected by the changes.

Another 10,200 to 10,600 persons will be admitted via Quebec's family reunification program, a number which has not moved in several years. The total number of refugees will be between 6,600 and 7,200 persons.

Roberge also announced that in future immigration forecasts, Quebec will start including temporary immigration in its plans, a long-standing demand of Quebec's opposition parties.

Only a year ago the previous minister of immigration, Christine Fréchette, resisted this idea because it would imply a ceiling. There are about 600,000 temporary immigrants in Quebec, double what it was two years ago.

Quebec has been pressing Ottawa for months to reduce the total. Quebec's move follows Ottawa's decision to reduce the total number of new permanent immigrants entering the country.

Three weeks ago Roberge tabled legislation designed to cap international student admissions. A hearing into that legislation, Bill 74, will kick off at the legislature next Tuesday.

Postmedia



Jean-Francois Roberge

WEATHER

HAWAII: COME FOR THE BEACHES, STAY FOR THE ... SNOW?

Snow fell on Hawaii's tallest peak this week, briefly turning the mountaintop into a winter wonderland. The summit area of Mauna Kea on the Big Island got about five centimetres of snow. Hawaii is bet-

ter known for its warm weather, beaches and rainforests. But it's not unusual for snow to fall at the higher elevations on Mauna Kea. The summit is so high — 4,207 metres above sea level — that tem-

peratures there can drop below freezing year-round. This week, an upper level disturbance brought colder temperatures as moisture came in from the east and moved over the islands Sunday through Monday, said Maureen Ballard, a senior meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Honolulu. Nobody lives on Mauna Kea's summit, which is sacred to many Native Hawaiians.

The Associated Press

Study author offers tips to improve balance

AGING

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"Hence, the duration the subjects could balance on one leg deteriorated with age."

They added: "The importance of balance, especially in unipedal stance, arises from the fact that it requires multiple sensory inputs and neuromuscular control, in addition to adequate muscle strength. This is why balance on one leg ... undergoes the fastest decline in our healthy cohort, reflecting age-related declines in muscle strength similar to prior studies, and in the rapid co-ordination and integration of data by the central nervous system. To the best of our knowledge, such a comparison is the first of its kind within the elderly population."

The importance of good balance when one ages is vital, they noted. "Balance impairments can lead to falls, both while stationary and while moving," they wrote. "Elderly individuals are at an increased risk of bone fractures with serious consequences due to osteoporosis, making falls a severe health risk."

They also noted the intricate interplay of bodily functions at play in such a seemingly simple task: "Balance is a complex activity that integrates information from vision, the vestibular system, and the somatosensory system to sense positions, velocities, and accelerations ... Static balance is necessary for maintaining postural control during standing and some physical activities and dynamic balance is crucial to control the body's centre of mass during mobility."

According to Canada's National Initiative for Care of the Elderly, falls are the leading cause of injury-related hospitalizations and injury deaths among Canadians aged 65 or older.

The group notes that falls cause an estimated 80 per cent of seniors' injury-related hospitalizations, 90 per cent of hip fractures, and \$2 billion a year in direct health-care costs, with more than a third of seniors admitted to long-term care following hospitalization for a fall.

In 2021, BBC journalist Michael Mosley devoted an episode of his podcast Just One Thing to the topic of the health benefits of standing on one leg.

Speaking to the website SciTechDaily, Kenton Kaufman, PhD, senior author of the study and director of the Motion Analysis Laboratory at the Mayo Clinic, said people can take steps to train their balance. For example, by standing on one leg, you can train yourself to co-ordinate your muscle and vestibular responses to maintain correct balance. If you can stand on one leg for 30 seconds, you are doing well.

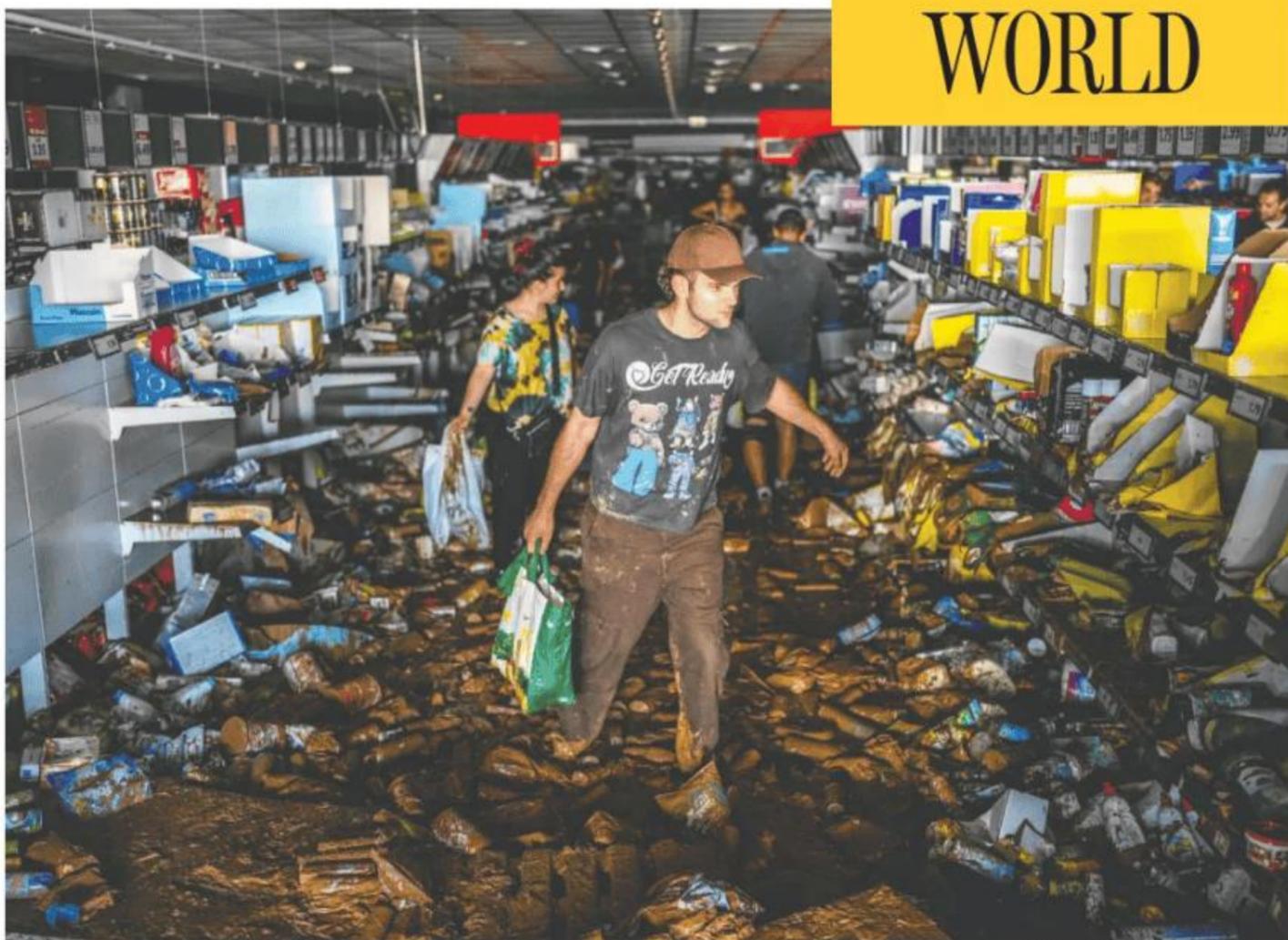
"If you don't use it, you lose it. If you use it, you maintain it," Kaufman said.

National Post



GETTY IMAGES

Good balance is key to avoiding treacherous falls.



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People make their way through a mud-filled supermarket that was swamped by disastrous floods in Valencia, Spain, on Thursday.

Grim searches underway in flooded Spain

AT LEAST 158 DEAD

ALBERTO SAIZ, JOSEPH WILSON AND TERESA MEDRANO

BARRIO DE LA TORRE, SPAIN • Crews searched for bodies in stranded cars and sodden buildings Thursday as people tried to salvage what they could from their ruined homes following monstrous flash floods in Spain that claimed at least 158 lives, with 155 deaths confirmed in the eastern Valencia region alone.

More horrors emerged from the debris and ubiquitous layers of mud left by the walls of water that produced Spain's deadliest natural disaster in living memory. The damage recalled the aftermath of a tsunami, with survivors left to pick up the pieces as they mourn their loved ones.

Cars were piled on one another like fallen dominoes, uprooted trees, downed power lines and household items all mired in mud that covered streets in dozens of communities in Valencia, a region south of Barcelona on the Mediterranean coast.

An unknown number of people are still missing and more victims could be found.

"Unfortunately, there are dead people inside some vehicles," Spain's Transport Minister Oscar Puente said early Thursday before the death toll spiked from 95 dead late Wednesday night.

Rushing water turned narrow streets into death traps and spawned rivers that tore through homes and businesses, sweeping away cars, people and everything else in its path. The floods demolished bridges and left roads unrecognizable.

Luis Sanchez, a welder, was one of the lucky ones when the storm turned the V-31 highway south of Valencia city into a floating grave-

yard strewn with hundreds of vehicles. He said he saved several people.

"I saw bodies floating past. I called out, but nothing," Sanchez said. "The firefighters took the elderly first, when they could get in. I am from nearby so I tried to help and rescue people. People were crying all over, they were trapped."

Regional authorities said late Wednesday it seemed no one was left stranded on rooftops or in cars in need of rescue after helicopters saved some 70 people. The ground crews, however, were far from done.

"Our priority is to find the victims and the missing so we can help end the suffering of their families," Spanish Prime Minister

"I SAW BODIES FLOATING PAST. I CALLED OUT, BUT NOTHING ..."

Pedro Sanchez said after meeting with regional officials and emergency services in Valencia on Thursday, the first of three official days of mourning.

The greatest pain was concentrated in Paiporta, a community of 25,000 next to Valencia city where Mayor Maribel Albalat said Thursday that no fewer than 62 people had perished.

"(Paiporta) never has floods, we never have this kind of problem. And we found a lot of elderly people in the town centre," Albalat told national broadcaster RTVE. "There were also a lot of people who came to get their cars out of their

garages ... it was a real trap."

While the most suffering was inflicted on municipalities near the city of Valencia, the storms unleashed their fury over huge swaths of the south and eastern coast of the Iberian Peninsula. Two fatalities were confirmed in the neighbouring Castilla La Mancha region and one in southern Andalusia.

Heavy rains continued Thursday farther north as the Spanish weather agency issued alerts for several counties in Castellon, in the eastern Valencia region, and for Tarragona in Catalonia, as well as southwest Cadiz.

The region remained partly isolated with several roads cut off and train lines interrupted, including the high-speed service to Madrid. Officials said that damaged line won't be repaired for two to three weeks.

A man wept as he showed a reporter from national broadcaster RTVE the shell of what was once the ground floor of his home in Catarroja, south of Valencia. It looked as though a bomb had detonated inside, obliterating furniture and belongings, and stripping the paint off some walls.

The chaos also prompted some to smash and grab goods. The National Police made 39 arrests on Wednesday for looting stores in areas affected by the storms. The Civil Guard deployed officers to stop the looting of homes, cars and shopping malls.

The violent weather event surprised regional government officials. Spain's national weather service said it rained more in eight hours in the Valencian town of Chiva than it had in the preceding 20 months, calling the deluge "extraordinary."

Yet the relative calm of the day after also gave time to reflect and question the official response. The Valencian regional government is being criticized for not sending out flood warnings to people's mobile phones until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, when the flooding had already started in some parts and well after the national weather agency had issued a red alert for heavy rains.

Valencia regional President Carlos Mazón defended his administration's management of the crisis, saying "all our supervisors followed the standard protocol."

The Associated Press

N. Korea missile test signals growing ability to reach U.S.

86-MINUTE FLIGHT

HYUNG-JIN KIM, KIM TONG-HYUNG AND MARI YAMAGUCHI

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA • North Korea test-fired an intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time in almost a year Thursday, demonstrating a potential advancement in its ability to launch long-range nuclear attacks on the mainland U.S.

The launch was likely meant to grab American attention days ahead of the U.S. election and respond to condemnation over the North's reported troop dispatch to Russia to support its war against Ukraine. Some experts speculated Russia might have provided technological assistance to North Korea over the launch.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un observed the launch, calling it "an appropriate military action" to show North Korea's resolve to respond to its enemies' moves that have threatened the North's safety, according to the North's state media.

Kim said the enemies' "various adventuristic military manoeuvres" highlighted the importance of North Korea's nuclear capability. He reaffirmed that North Korea will never abandon its policy of bolstering its nuclear forces.

North Korea has steadfastly argued that advancing its nuclear capabilities is its only option to cope with the expansion of U.S.-South Korean military training, though Washington and Seoul have repeatedly said

they have no intention of attacking North Korea. Experts say North Korea uses its rivals' drills as a pretext to enlarge its nuclear arsenal to wrest concessions when diplomacy resumes.

The North Korean statement came hours after its neighbours said they had detected the North's first ICBM test since December 2023 and condemned it as a provocation that undermines international peace.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said North Korea could have tested a new, solid-fuelled long-range ballistic missile on a steep angle, an attempt to avoid neighbouring countries.

Japanese Defence Minister Gen Nakatani told reporters the missile's flight duration of 86 minutes and its maximum altitude of more than 7,000 kilometres exceeded corresponding data from previous North Korean missile tests.

Having a missile fly higher and for a longer duration than before means its engine thrust has improved. Given that previous ICBM tests by North Korea have already proved they can theoretically reach the U.S. mainland, the latest launch was likely related to an effort to examine whether a missile can carry a bigger warhead, experts say.

Jung Chang Wook, head of the Korea Defence Study Forum think-tank in Seoul, said that it's fair to say the missile in Thursday's launch could carry North Korea's biggest and most destructive warhead.

The Associated Press



LEE JIN-MAN / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korea's ballistic missile launch is seen during a news program at Seoul Railway Station on Thursday.

CAMBRIDGE

MAN CHARGED AFTER TRUCKLOAD OF WALNUTS STOLEN

Police say a man has been charged with possession of stolen property after thousands of dollars' worth of walnuts were taken from a business in Cambridge, Ont., recovered by police and then stolen again weeks later. Waterloo Regional Police say a transport truck and trailer containing walnuts were stolen on Nov. 5, 2023 from the yard of a business. They say Halton Regional Police found the trailer and



walnuts in Milton, Ont., on Dec. 13 and returned the stolen goods to the business. Police say the same trailer was targeted again shortly after, when someone stole \$26,000 worth of walnuts. Investigators say part of that load, valued at \$11,000, was recovered in February with help from Hamilton police. A man, 68, from Kitchener, Ont., was charged with possession of stolen property. *Associated Press*

Sick days skyrocket for public servants

BACK TO OFFICE

CATHERINE MORRISON

OTTAWA • The number of sick days federal public servants took during the month of September skyrocketed as they were urged to make their way back to the office at least three days a week.

According to data, government employees took a total of 2,191 sick days between Sept. 1 and 30. That's up significantly from previous years. During the same period in 2023, employees took 1,708.9 sick days. In 2022, they took 1,477.9 sick days and in 2021, they had 1,075.4 sick days. In 2020, during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, employees' sick days totalled a mere 827.6 days.

Between Sept. 9 and Oct. 8 of this year — the first month the new remote-work rules were in effect — the Treasury Board said employees took 1,436.9 sick days.

The new rules require roughly 280,000 public servants employed under the Treasury Board to work in office a minimum of three days a week. For executives, the expectation is that they are in the office four days a week.

The increased office presence may be contributing to public servants taking more sick days, doctors say.

"There is no question that this is a much higher magnitude than has actually ever been around," said Dr. Alykhan Abdulla, a Manitoba physician. "Even during the time when people were coming back from COVID there was a lot of issues with mental health, but these numbers are much greater."

Abdulla, who has been a family doctor for 30 years, said the number of sick note requests he has received has increased steadily. In the first and second weeks of September, he said he received two to three sick note requests a week and now he's getting between four and six. With six other doctors in his office, he estimated the team was getting about 30 requests a week.

Half of those requests, Abdulla said, are coming from public servants. In some cases, Abdulla said public servants will look for notes allowing them to work from home for days or months, depending on the issues they're facing.

Abdulla said he expects the number of requests will continue to rise and that they're affecting the practices of many family doctors.

"It's probably the story that we talk about the most — the administrative burden, the burnout and the fact that people are asking for notes more than ever," he said.

At the Treasury Board, it's at the discretion of managers to ask for sick notes, although they're typically not required for short-term leave.

Ada Bayli, a board spokesperson, said employees are "asked not to come to the office if they are presenting symptoms of common infectious illnesses like influenza, COVID-19, or viral gastroenteritis" and that managers can allow employees with symptoms to work remotely on days scheduled to be on site if they are well enough and operations permit it.

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Crisis pregnancy centres could lose their charitable tax status if they don't abide by new counselling disclosure rules, Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland says.

ABORTION BILL DIVIDES THE LEFT

NDP want tax status pulled from crisis pregnancy centres

STEPHANIE TAYLOR

OTTAWA • Federal New Democrats are criticizing the Liberals' plan to allow charities that offer pregnancy counselling to keep their tax status if they advertise that their services exclude abortion — a move that differs from what Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had promised during the last federal election.

In 2021, Trudeau ran on a platform that included a promise to "no longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations" that offer what it called "dishonest counselling to women" about their options when it comes to pregnancy.

It specifically named what are known as crisis pregnancy centres, which operators say support vulnerable women, including by providing information about alternatives to abortion such as adoption, but that critics warn pose a risk because they are run by charities that oppose the procedure and use deceptive tactics.

More than three years after first promising to take action, the Liberals unveiled a plan this week to legislate changes to the Income Tax Act to make it a rule that charities providing this type of counselling must disclose to the public that they do not provide abortion services or birth control, nor make referrals.

Failing to do so could mean losing their charitable tax status, Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland and Women and Gender Equality Minister Marci Ien warned.

Joyce Arthur, executive director of the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, which had been pushing the government to take action, said they were informed last week that some changes would be coming to the government's initial promise.

"It is a bit different. They've adjusted it to be a bit of a softer approach," she says.

Arthur, who supports the legislation, said she believes the government amended it to reduce the risk of ending up in court for potentially violating anyone's Charter rights.

"We don't want this struck down ... so I think it is a good balance that they struck."

Ien's office did not directly respond to questions about the change. Instead, a spokesperson said the plan ensures women are provided with "accurate and truthful information" when seeking health care services, which fulfills its campaign commitment.

"We cannot let tax-assisted organizations put up barriers to information and access to care," Sarah Thomas said in a statement.

Meghan Doherty, a director at Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights, another organization that has called on officials to take action, chalked the change up to the government weighing the reality of having to enforce such a measure.

"It can be challenging to figure out

how to do this in a practical way," she said. "This is actually a good solution and a first step in addressing the harms that misinformation and discrediting people from accessing care that they are perfectly entitled to access."

She said her organization has heard a range of concerns about these centres, from women feeling pressured to carry a pregnancy to term, to having their access to an abortion delayed because of receiving incorrect information.

New Democrats are already looking at ways to try to change the bill, which has yet to be debated in the House of Commons.

"Under the Liberals' plan, these anti-choice centres will still receive charitable status as long as they disclose that they don't provide abortions," Winnipeg MP Leah Gazan, the party's critic for women and gender equality, said in a statement.

"This won't stop them from spreading misinformation and lies about abortion to pregnant people which puts their health and well-being further at risk. This must be stopped and not bolstered by the government."

Laura Lewis, a medical doctor and executive director of Pregnancy Care Canada, a Christian charity with 80 affiliated pregnancy counselling centres operating across Canada, said that after the last election they sent letters asking the government what it meant by cracking down on what it called "dishonest counselling."

"What does dishonest counselling look like, what is dishonest information and who determines that?" Lewis asked. "I think at this point dishonesty is an opinion that's different from their opinion. 'This is about what does it look like to live in a diverse nation with different world views.'"

She believes the change in approach is the result of a Liberal platform that was "very vague" and had "too many holes."

Lewis added the organization has asked to meet to discuss its proposal. She also expressed an openness to ensuring they operate transparently, which she defended as centres already do.

She said she believes the Liberals are advancing the legislation to drive a wedge with the Conservatives ahead of a federal election that must happen within the next year.

A spokesman for Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre accused Trudeau of being "desperate" to draw attention away from two dozen of his MPs calling for him to resign, noting Poilievre has committed not to legislate against abortion should Conservatives form the next government.

Sebastian Skamski did not provide the Conservatives' position on the bill when asked about it by the National Post. Instead, he said Conservatives will study it when it comes up in Parliament.

Poilievre has previously said that Conservatives oppose the Liberals' plan to strip crisis pregnancy centres of their charitable tax status, with several of his MPs, including former leadership rival and Ontario MP Leslyn Lewis, having promised in the past to fight against the move.

National Post

UN special rapporteur to speak at event with terrorist group leader

MONTREAL

ARI DAVID BLAFF

Francesca Albanese, the embattled United Nations special rapporteur overseeing the Palestinian territories, is set to headline a Montreal event featuring Samidoun terror group leader Charlotte Kates.

The inaugural "co-ordinating Council 4 Palestine" conference will be held on Friday and Saturday. Kates is scheduled to speak on a panel about "Criminalizing Dissent" on the first day, while Albanese will give the concluding keynote address the following day.

The special rapporteur, who has been accused of antisemitism over her comments about Israel, has also accepted an invitation to speak at the University of Toronto about international law and genocide next week.

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), an influential Canadian Jewish organization, condemned Albanese for her willingness to participate in an event with Kates, saying it should trigger her eviction from the UN role.

"Francesca Albanese's choice to appear alongside Charlotte Kates, a leader of the terrorist group Samidoun, is an appalling demonstration of Albanese's alignment with those who celebrate violence against Israelis and stoke hatred against Jews," Richard Marcceau, the vice-president of external affairs and general counsel of CIJA told the National Post. "Albanese's willingness to associate with someone of this record only reinforces the urgent need for her removal from her UN position, as her actions degrade both the values of the United Nations and Canada's commitment to combating antisemitism."

Samidoun was labelled a terrorist entity by Canadian and U.S. authorities in October, given its close ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), another designated terrorist group.

Kates, who founded Samidoun, recently led demonstrators in Vancouver in chanting, "Long Live Oct. 7." She was arrested in the spring after she called the Hamas atrocities "heroic and brave," but she has not been charged. At a rally celebrating the one-year anniversary of the attacks, Samidoun members chanted, "Death to Canada!"

Kates's husband, Khaled Barakat, is a PFLP official.

Liberal MP Anthony Housefather, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's special adviser on antisemitism, previously criticized the UN for failing to discipline Albanese following her earlier controversial remarks about

Israel, and said he was not surprised to hear the special rapporteur would be participating in an event featuring Kates.

"I think that it is unsurprising, based on Ms. Albanese's history of antisemitism, that she would choose to be associated with a woman who was arrested for hate speech and leads an organization that has been designated by Canada as a terrorist group. I certainly hope that any venue that has scheduled Ms. Albanese as a speaker will reconsider based on this," Housefather told the Post.

Albanese's visit to Canada has prompted calls to bar her from the country over remarks that have been denounced as antisemitic.

In mid-October, Albanese compared Israel to the Third Reich, arguing that the Jewish state was on a genocidal mission to create a "pure race." This summer, Albanese compared Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Adolf Hitler and condemned the deaths of Hamas and Hezbollah leaders as "acts of aggression" equivalent to an illegal "murder."

When Yahya Sinwar, widely seen as the architect of the Oct. 7 attack, was killed in October, she called his death "quite inhumane." Albanese has made several inflammatory remarks about Jews and Israel, many of which predate her appointment in May 2022.

Her latest comments drew the condemnation of Jewish leaders, including Canada's special envoy combating antisemitism, Deborah Lyons.

"It is unacceptable for any official — independent or not — to engage in Holocaust distortion," Lyons wrote on X, referring to a core component of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of antisemitism, which was adopted by the Canadian government in 2019.

Albanese responded to the controversy last Friday in a statement posted to X. She said she was "deeply disappointed" that international leaders "have been misled by spurious, recycled allegations against me," adding that criticism of "Israel's actions and policies does not render one antisemitic."

On Monday, CIJA called on the Canadian government to boycott Albanese's trip and bar her from the country.

Albanese's official title is "special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967," a position that has been criticized for anti-Israel bias. Special rapporteurs are appointed by the Human Rights Council of the UN as independent experts working with the international organization.

National Post



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UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese has been criticized by pro-Israel advocacy groups.

MONTREAL

PM CALLS FOR RETURN OF KIDNAPPED UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is calling on countries around the world to do everything possible to repatriate Ukrainian children taken by Russia. Trudeau addressed delegations from more than 70 countries at a conference in Montreal Thursday, as they prepare a joint declaration for the return of Ukrainian children, civilians and prisoners of war. He said Ukrainians are looking to the international community to do everything it can to protect their country's people and its identity, after the Russian invasion that began in February 2022. His speech followed video testimony from a Ukrainian teenager who recounted his kidnapping and the obligations imposed by his Russian guards. The Ukrainian government estimates that 19,500 Ukrainian children have been deported to Russia. *The Canadian Press*



GERMANY

ALL 3 IRANIAN CONSULATES SHUT DOWN

BERLIN Germany ordered the closure of all three Iranian Consulates in the country on Thursday in response to the execution of Iranian German prisoner Jamshid Sharmahd, who lived in the United States and was kidnapped in Dubai in 2020 by Iranian security forces. Sharmahd, 69, was put to death in Iran on Monday on terrorism charges, the Iranian judiciary said. That followed a 2023 trial that Germany, the U.S. and international rights groups dismissed as a sham. The decision to close the Iranian Consulates in Frankfurt, Hamburg and Munich, announced by Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, leaves the Islamic Republic with only its Berlin embassy. The German Foreign Ministry had already summoned Iran's chargé d'affaires on Tuesday to protest against Sharmahd's execution. *The Associated Press*

U. K.

PROTESTS OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINICS NOW BANNED

LONDON A British ban on protesting outside abortion clinics went into effect Thursday, though it left a question mark over whether anti-abortion demonstrators who pray silently will be breaking the law. The law, which applies to England and Wales, bars protests within 150 metres of clinics. Scotland and Northern Ireland recently enacted similar bans. The new rules make it an offence to obstruct someone using abortion services, "intentionally or recklessly" influence their decision, or cause "harassment, alarm or distress." Offenders face a fine, with no upper limit. In March 2023, lawmakers rejected a change to the legislation proposed by some conservative legislators that would have explicitly allowed silent prayer within the buffer zones. *The Associated Press*

ENGLAND

U.K. APOLOGIZES FOR CHILD'S DEATH FROM POLLUTION

LONDON The British government has apologized for the death of a nine-year-old girl who is believed to be the first person in the U.K. to have air pollution listed on her death certificate, after a decade-long battle that highlighted the risks vehicle emissions pose to children in low-income communities. The apology was part of a settlement announced Thursday in a lawsuit filed by the mother of Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah, who developed severe asthma just before her seventh birthday and suffered severe seizures before she died on Feb. 15, 2013. "Although this isn't going to bring Ella back, we finally accept this is acknowledgment of what happened to her," Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah, Ella's mother, said after meeting with government officials. *The Associated Press*

Traces of ancient Mayan city found

MEXICO

STEPHEN SMITH

NEW ORLEANS • Archeologists using laser-sensing technology have detected what may be an ancient Mayan city cloaked by jungle in southern Mexico, authorities said Wednesday.

The lost city, dubbed Valeriana by researchers after the name of a nearby lagoon, may have been as densely settled as the better-known pre-Hispanic metropolis of Calakmul, in the south part of the Yucatan peninsula.

What the study, published this week in the journal *Antiquity*, suggests is that much of the seemingly empty, jungle-clad space between known Maya sites may once have been very heavily populated.

"Previous research has shown that a large part of the present-day state of Campeche is a landscape that was transformed by its ancient inhabitants," said Adriana Velazquez Morlet of Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History, a co-author of the report. "Now, this study shows that a little-known region was a urbanized landscape."

Mexico's National Institute said about 6,479 structures have been detected in LiDAR images covering an area of about 122 square kilometres. The technique maps landscapes using thousands of lasers pulses sent from a plane, which can detect variations in topography that were not evident to the naked eye.

Those images revealed structures that include what appear to be temple platforms, ceremonial ball courts, housing platforms, agricultural terraces and even what appears to be a dam. The Institute said the structures may date to between 250 and 900 A.D., but the settlement could have been started 100 years earlier.

A consortium of researchers made the discovery by using software to re-examine a 2013 LiDAR survey originally carried out to measure deforestation. While re-examining the data, Luke Auld-Thomas, then a graduate student at Tulane University, noticed strange formations in the survey of the jungle.

Auld-Thomas's adviser, Tulane professor Marcello Canuto, said the extensive data they've collected will "allow us to tell better stories of the ancient Mayan people," marrying what scientists already know — political and religious histories — with new details about how ancient civilizations were run.

"We have always been able to talk about the ancient Maya especially in the lowland regions because of their hieroglyphic texts, because they left us such interesting record," he said. "What we are now able to do is match that information with their settlement and the population and what they were fighting over, what they were trading."

Susan D. Gillespie, an anthropology professor at the University of Florida who was not connected to the study, said that while LiDAR is a valuable tool, some of the features would have to be confirmed by researchers on the ground. *The Associated Press*



STEPHEN MACGILLIVRAY / THE CANADIAN PRESS

The debate over gender identity policy in New Brunswick schools — the issue behind this protest and counterprotest in Fredericton last year — has taken a fresh turn with the Liberals' victory in last week's provincial election.

COMMENT

War over transitioning kids rages on in New Brunswick

Amendments to Policy 713 face legal challenge



CHRIS SELLEY

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) was among the parties pleased with the result of last week's election in New Brunswick, which dispatched Blaine Higgs' Progressive Conservative government in favour of Susan Holt's Liberals. The CCLA had launched a legal challenge against the former government's amendments to Policy 713, which says what schools should do when a child wishes to be referred by another name or different pronouns.

Holt promises to roll back Higgs' amendments to Policy 713, which made it more complicated for children to choose their own names and pronouns at school without parental involvement. But Holt's majority win doesn't spell total victory for those who believe children should be able to do that.

"Liberal government's proposed revisions to Policy 713 prioritize cisgender comfort over transgender rights,"

a headline at the "social justice" site NB Media Co-op blared this week.

The CCLA, and the opposition Green party, which won two seats and 14 per cent of the vote province-wide in the election, want to go back to the original Policy 713, which the Higgs government enacted in 2020. "(A student's) preferred first name and pronoun(s) will be used consistently in ways that the student has requested," it stipulated. That is, without necessarily informing parents.

Holt's Liberals instead plan to adopt recommendations issued by Kelly Lamrock, New Brunswick's child and youth advocate, in August of last year.

The major difference in Lamrock's recommendations for Policy 713 concerns children under 16.

The current version, implemented by the outgoing Higgs government, requires parental consent for "formal use" of a new name or pronouns. But "if it is not possible to obtain consent (from the student) to talk to the parent" — and especially if it's determined it might "cause harm to them (physically or mentally) to talk with their parents" — the policy says "the student will be encouraged to communicate with ... appropriate professionals to develop a plan."

"The use of preferred first name for transgender or nonbinary students under the age of 16 may be used without parental consent if the student is communicating with appropriate professionals in the development

of a plan to speak to their parents," the existing policy reads.

In other words, there's a specific circumstance under which schools may use a child's preferred name and pronouns without parental consent — and it's a very reasonable one, in my view. "Don't tell the parents" or "keep calling kids names they don't like" are very short-term solutions for very long-term problems. What are the chances parents wouldn't find out at some point anyway through the grapevine?

Lamrock, by contrast, proposes Grade 6 as the threshold at which students be "presumed to have capacity to determine their own terms of ... address," unless "the principal has concerns regarding the child's capacity" — "capacity" being defined as "the ability ... to understand the nature and impact of a decision."

If concerns exist over capacity, or if the child is younger than Grade 6, Lamrock suggests "the principal (should) develop a plan for the child in consultation with school personnel ... school counsellors, social workers, doctors and psychologists."

If Lamrock's proposed policy doesn't sound completely different to you than the existing one, that's because it really isn't. Neither is perfect, but both are pretty reasonable. Certainly none of the distinctions justify the wildly overheated culture-war rhetoric that has dominated this mostly unnecessary debate. If we can't trust teachers, principals

and counsellors to deal with situations like these using their best judgment without having a bloodless multi-page policy to follow, then we probably can't trust them to follow the policy either.

It looks good on Higgs, frankly, that he clearly saw some populist gain to be had here off the backs of children in distress, and the school officials trying to help them, and it blew up in his face even within his own caucus, with plenty of blowback from the public and several MLAs.

Hopefully Holt can make a more articulate case for her preferred policy than Higgs did. I like that hers puts more discretion in school officials' hands — not because I trust school officials implicitly, but because I trust them far more than politicians on the make. But I also like that it at least implicitly acknowledges parents should be involved unless there's an extremely compelling reason for them not to be.

A tiny number of Canadians believe children should be able to "socially transition" at school under a policy of unconditional acceptance and no parental notification — just 14 per cent countrywide, according to an Angus Reid Institute poll published in August last year.

Governments shouldn't write policy according to opinion polls, of course, but sometimes, when 86 per cent of the population is against you, it's you that's in the wrong and the majority that's in the right. *National Post*

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Obituaries



CLOHERTY, Scott John Thomas
Sep 1, 1991 - Oct 26, 2024

Scott John Thomas Cloherly was born on September 1, 1991, in Salmon Arm, BC. He passed away peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by family and friends on Saturday, October 26, 2024, in Calgary, AB.

Scott loved spending time in nature, whether it was fishing, camping, or keeping his aim sharp shooting clays. He enjoyed the simple things in life, like spending time by the Bow River with his dog, Rocco, or just watching the birds and squirrels in the backyard. Scott was a natural at almost everything. He could learn a new skill and apply it flawlessly.

He leaves behind his mother, sister, three brothers, along with his sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, three nieces, and many close friends.

Scott was the most selfless man. Everyone who knew him knew how thoughtful, caring, and loving he was. He always wanted the very best for everyone and put everyone before himself. His family meant the world to him, and he loved everyone so deeply.

In the words of Scott, "Be kind". Scott was so loved by so many people and will forever be missed.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Scott's family at www.MHFH.com.

In living memory of Scott Cloherly, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes.



DOMBROSKI, Alice Florence
Aug 14, 1933 - Oct 20, 2024

Alice Florence Dombroski, a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, godmother, a woman of faith and a friend to many of all ages, blessedly passed away like a dream in the night, early Sunday morning on Oct 20th, 2024, in Calgary, Alberta, at the age of 91. Born in Leduc AB August 14, 1933, Alice's full life was reflected in the engaging experiences she lived in all those many years. Alice will be deeply missed by her 5 children Gregory (Kathy) Roberta, Douglas (Cindy), Claudette (Robert) and Suzanne (Ken), 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren and lovingly remembered by all whose lives she touched. A Celebration of Alice's Life will be held at St. Bonaventure Church (1600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB) on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 11:00 am with a reception to follow. Alice loved flowers, so don't be shy, buy them for a loved one. The family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Society and Hospices everywhere. Photos, memories, and condolences may be shared with Alice's family through www.evanjstrong.com



THORSON, Ian Gerard (Gus)
August 8, 1959 - October 26, 2024

Gerry passed on Saturday, October 26 at his home in Calgary. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends from around the world. Gerry's Celebration of Life will be held at Winsport Arena on Saturday, November 2 at 2:00pm. Online condolences may be left at the Choice Memorial Cremation & Funeral Services website. Donations may be made in Gerry's name to the Society for Autism Support and Services (Calgary Region) or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

Obituaries



HUDDLESTON, Beatrice "Peggy"
August 5, 1929 - October 27, 2024

Beatrice "Peggy" Huddleston (née Fournier), 95, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 27, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of adventure, humour, and fierce independence. Born into a large French-Canadian family in northern Ontario, Peggy was the 4th youngest of 12 children. Peggy grew up in a house her dad built on a large self-sustaining farm where she developed a love for nature and lifelong appreciation for family. At 18 Peggy was accepted to St. Michael's School of Nursing and graduated with her RN in 1952. After working a few years in Toronto, Peggy made adventurous decisions that took her across the country, never shying away from the unknown. She worked at the Calgary General Hospital as an OR nurse before meeting her husband and leaving work to raise her family. She returned to nursing, working in Addictions and Mental Health at both AADAC in Calgary and Syncrude in Fort McMurray. Picking up and moving to new horizons several times, Peggy embraced life, trusting her instincts and her ability to handle whatever came her way. In the last 10 years of her life, Peggy faced the challenges of dementia. Even as her memory faded, her humour and grit remained, making her loved ones laugh even during the toughest times. Her family were always by her side, and her presence will be sorely missed by those who knew her best. Peggy is survived by her five children, Alex, Ross (Sandy), Mary (Mike), Paul (Amy), and Ruth, her seven grandchildren Dylan (Andrea), Dillon, Jens (Zoe), Scott (Amanda), Alexandria, Mackenzie (Ciara), Nicole and two great-grandchildren Nolan and Theodore, as well as her siblings, Trudy Fournier and Arthur Fournier and her many nieces and nephews. She was a woman who lived on her own terms, with a sharp mind and a heart full of love for those closest to her. Our family are extremely grateful and have tremendous respect for the caregivers at AgeCare SkyPoint and Brentwood Care center. They exceeded our expectations in their professionalism and dedication to dementia care provided to our mom and support to our family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alzheimer's Society of Canada at their website <https://alzheimer.ca/en> in honor of Peggy's resilience with which she faced dementia. A celebration of Peggy's life will be held at a later date. It will be a time to share stories, laughter, and to honour a woman who lived a life that was uniquely her own. Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to the family via the website www.fostersgardenchapel.ca.

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ECKSTEIN, Donald William
Oct 23, 1935 - Oct 23, 2024

Donald Eckstein of Calgary, AB, passed away on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at the age of 89 years. Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Donald's family at www.MHFH.com.

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"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage."



JEFFERY, Dixie Florence
Feb 16, 1939 - Oct 29, 2024

Dixie Jeffery (nee Middleton), beloved wife of Douglas "Skip" Jeffery, of Calgary, AB, passed away on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at the age of 85 years.

Dixie's life was focused on family. Her parents, Jack and Helen Middleton, fulfilled a dream by building a cabin in Harvie Heights, AB, which family and friends have continued to enjoy for over sixty years. Dixie is survived by her dear devoted husband Douglas (Skip) who stayed by her side for the years of struggle with dementia; as well as her four children, John (Elaine), Sandra (Wally), Deanne (Campbell), and Tammy (Neil); seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Donna, as well as numerous other relatives. Dixie was predeceased by her parents, Jack and Helen, parents-in-law, Rose and Doug, brother-in-law Walter, and best friend Edleen.

Funeral Services will be held at McInnis & Holloway (Chapel of the Bells, 2720 Centre Street N, Calgary, AB) on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Hospitality Centre at the Funeral Home. Family and friends who are unable to attend in person are invited to join Mrs. Jeffery's service streamed live on the day of the service at www.MHFH.com.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to The Royal Canadian Legion - Poppy Fund, www.legion.ca/remembrance/donate-to-the-poppy-fund.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Dixie's family at www.MHFH.com.

In living memory of Dixie Jeffery, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on January 30, 2024, a Civil Claim was filed against IAN DURAN LOYIE and LEEANN DEANNA MONKMAN by XIANG KUN LOU, in action number 2490100432, Alberta Court of Justice, 601 5th Street SW, Calgary, AB T2P 5P7. If you see this notice, please contact SKYLINE LEGAL GROUP LLP located at Suite 601, 1701 Centre Street NW, Calgary AB T2E 7Y2 via email at ghuang@skylinelegal.ca or mweng@skylinelegal.ca. You may also receive a copy of the filed Civil Claim at the Alberta Court of Justice located at 601 5th Street SW, Calgary, AB T2P 5P7. Thank you.

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Estate of Donald Frank Sanders who died on October 2, 2024
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Estate of Ronald Allen Unger who died on July 16, 2024
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For each thorn, there's a rosebud..
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For each parting – sweet memories when sorrow is done.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



QUEBEC

JUDGE GRANTS BAIL TO WOMAN ACCUSED OF SCALDING CHILD

A judge has granted bail to a Quebec woman charged with aggravated assault after she allegedly scalded a 10-year-old Black boy with hot water. Stephanie Borel, 46, was released under a number of conditions that include living with her son, and staying away from the home and school of the young victim and from a witness, whose identities are protected by a publication ban. On Oct. 2, police on Montreal's South Shore arrested Borel but released her and ordered her to appear in court at a later date. The boy sustained second-degree burns

to his face and upper body, and his parents and other community members called out what they said was the woman's lenient treatment by the justice system. Following the outcry, she was arrested on Oct. 11 and had been detained until Thursday's bail hearing. She told the court that since her detention, her landlord cancelled her lease and she lost her job as an orderly. Quebec court Judge Serge Delisle ordered her release after hearing from the defence and the Crown. Her case will return before a judge in January. *The Canadian Press*

SINDY HOOPER 1963-2024

Memorial run a tribute to Ottawa triathlete

When he considered what his late wife would have wanted for her memorial service, Jon Hooper didn't have to struggle for an answer.

"Sindy wasn't particularly religious and didn't want to have a funeral and didn't want to have a formal celebration of life," said Hooper. "But I know that what Sindy always wanted is for people to get together and go for a walk or go for a run."

Mourners will gather on Saturday, Nov. 9, near the Hoopers' Ottawa home to run or walk up to five kilometres around the Kanata Beaver Pond.

What's being called "Sindy's Run" will also be an event to raise money for pancreatic cancer research at The Ottawa Hospital.

Sindy Hooper, 61, a former hospital administrator and triathlete, died from pancreatic cancer on Sept. 13, more than 11 years after being diagnosed.

She raised more than \$500,000 for pancreatic cancer research while living with the disease, which kills more than 6,000 Canadians a year.

About three-quarters of those diagnosed with pancreatic cancer die within the



Friends and fellow athletes will take part in a memorial run Nov. 9 for accomplished Ottawa triathlete Sindy Hooper, shown with her husband Jon and dog Lexey in 2023. Sindy died from pancreatic cancer on Sept. 13.

first years. In Canada, only about 10 per cent of patients survive five years.

Sindy Hooper defied those odds in spectacular fashion. Five weeks after undergoing

Whipple surgery — a 10-hour operation to remove part of her pancreas, small intestine and gall bladder — she restarted training for an Ironman competition. Her son,

Chris, convinced her it was better to feel lousy on a bike than to feel lousy on a couch.

Hooper found that running, swimming and biking made her feel like an athlete

again, not a cancer patient, while also squelching some of the fear associated with cancer.

In August 2013, still undergoing chemotherapy,

she flew to Whistler and completed the Ironman Canada race in a little more than 16 hours. She also raised \$50,000 for cancer research.

For most of the next decade, Hooper lived in six-month intervals, from CT scan to CT scan. Each time the test confirmed her cancer had not returned, she planned another round of training and travel.

Hooper completed two Ironman races and 15 triathlons, including world championships in Mexico and Switzerland. She ran the Ottawa and Boston marathons. She travelled with Jon to France, Spain, South Africa and California.

In August 2021, a CT scan revealed a tumour in her lung. She underwent surgery and more chemotherapy, but the following September learned the cancer had spread again. She had chemotherapy every two weeks to keep it in check.

In August, Hooper was told her cancer had spread again. She developed pneumonia and declined rapidly.

"When I look back, it's amazing how tough she was: human but tough," Hooper said. "She certainly had bad days, bad weeks, but she would eventually find a way to get a positive out of every situation."

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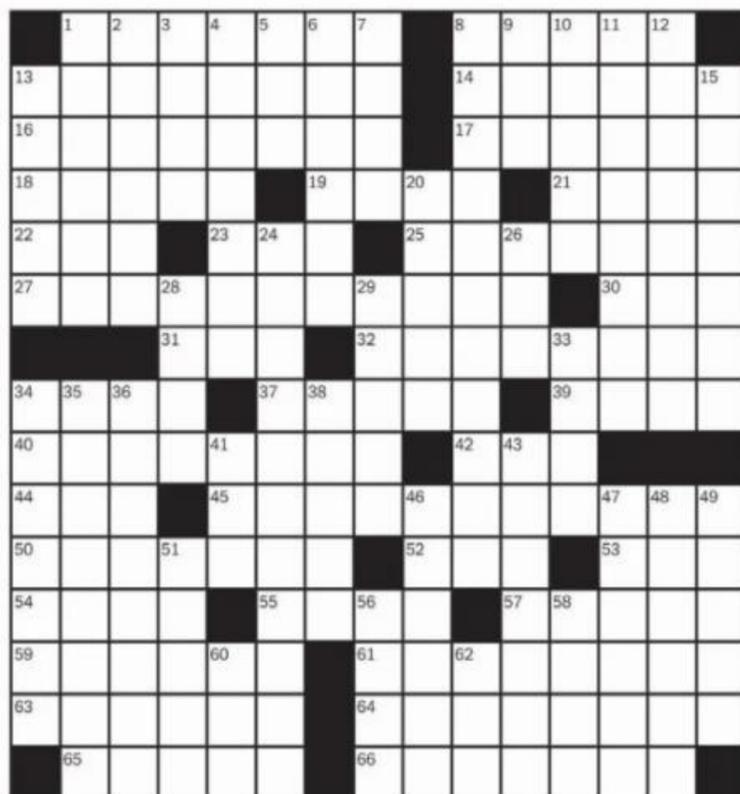
- 1 Tough loss for a poker player
- 8 Far from flavorless
- 13 Root words?
- 14 Well-insulated homes
- 16 Purely hypothetical, perhaps
- 17 Pack the car
- 18 It'll rock your world
- 19 Objective
- 21 Surrealist with a museum in Barcelona
- 22 What comes between dusk and dawn?
- 23 Grp. that cares about care
- 25 Carefully analyze
- 27 Going through the motions

- 30 Org. whose website has a "Register Your Drone" page
- 31 Vets-to-be
- 32 Triumphs for one's country, maybe
- 34 Grinding place to work
- 37 Chipotle competitor
- 39 Lines of text that are less useful on paper
- 40 "Care to join?"
- 42 Peaked
- 44 Logic gate that flips its input
- 45 Opportunities to soak up adulation
- 50 Like some tuition
- 52 2013 film in which Scarlett Johansson is heard but never seen
- 53 SoCal sluggers, on scoreboards

- 54 One of 27,520 for Disney World
- 55 Snow globes, e.g.
- 57 Ones putting the finishing touches on 61-Across
- 59 Composer for whom Poland's largest airport is named
- 61 Baker's dozen, perhaps
- 63 Greek moon goddess
- 64 Common business in Wisconsin
- 65 Side in a game of Battleship
- 66 Good standing in the Navy?

DOWN

- 1 Specification for a cut
- 2 Feared fifth-century leader
- 3 Middle's middle
- 4 Rice variety
- 5 One administering compressions, for short
- 6 Lovers' divide, maybe
- 7 Memo pad header
- 8 Real moneybags
- 9 ___ death, concept associated with LSD trips
- 10 Lambastes
- 11 Simply delectable
- 12 "I could go either way on that"
- 13 Zeal



PUZZLE BY JAKE BUNCH

- 15 Common expenses for political campaigns
- 20 Extemporize
- 24 Debugging software?
- 26 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.: Abbr.
- 28 Reprehensible
- 29 "Nope, uh-uh, not me!"
- 33 Port caller
- 34 Nuts
- 35 Title for Bobby Flay on reality TV
- 36 "Time to blow this popsicle stand!"
- 38 Who's cutting onions?
- 41 Fertility doctor's focus
- 43 Expressed in an imaginative and beautiful way
- 46 "A likely story ..."
- 47 Source of a draft
- 48 Tools used on potatoes
- 49 Having a mouth, say
- 51 Prairie home
- 56 Keeps informed, in a way
- 58 Showed
- 60 Like 59-Across's fourth and final scherzo
- 62 ___ protein, substitute used in Beyond Meat products

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The condo market has been deteriorating for months, writes Robert McLister. JASON PAYNE/ PNG

COMMENT

CONDO OWNERS' PAIN COULD BECOME CONDO BUYERS' GAIN



ROBERT McLISTER
McLister on Mortgages

Buy low, sell high, they say. Well, it looks like condo sellers in most towns (looking at you, Toronto) are about to give buyers a wind-fall chance at low prices.

The psychology in some of Canada's biggest condo markets, particularly those with large immigrant populations, has been deteriorating for months, but the meltdown is worsening. It may not be a Chernobyl — because prices will someday recover — but it's definitely feeling Three Mile Island-esque.

The reason is simple: the fundamentals are about as pretty as my Amazon stock during the dot-com bust, particularly in metro Toronto, which is dealing with:
 ■ A record number of condo listings (up 38 per cent year-over-year)
 ■ "Two years of record condo completions ahead, through

2026," according to housing analyst and Edge Analytics president Ben Rabidoux

■ Plummeting third-quarter condo sales (especially for new condos, which are at their lowest since 1995 according to Urbanation

■ A 46.6 per cent surge in condos listed for rent in Q3, according to the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB)

■ Unsold new condo inventory that's 56 per cent above the latest 10-year average, per Urbanation

■ Surging days on market (up 43 per cent year-over-year

■ Diving rents as those who can't sell try to generate cash flow

■ "Deeply cash flow negative" rents for investors at 80 per cent loan-to-value — and that's despite falling mortgage rates, says Rabidoux

■ More aggressive price discounting from developers who held back units ("Many were hoping they could sell them at inflated prices once the condo corporation was registered," says mortgage broker Ross Taylor of Concierge Mortgage Group.

■ Supply from the small percentage of panicked sellers who can no longer qualify for a mortgage

on the condo they overpaid on a few years ago, often because it won't appraise for the purchase price

You get the picture.

Pro tip: "RBC is often the lender of choice for new construction projects," Taylor says. "RBC locks in the value at the purchase price no matter what the eventual truth is. This is a big boon to buyers whose homes are now valued less than the purchase price."

In the GTA, TRREB says third-quarter condo resales dropped 4.4 per cent while listings jumped 10.6 per cent. But that's before the government's bombshell announcement slashing Canada's population for the next two years. Talk about kicking the legs out from under a market. Condos in places like metro Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal are heavily tenanted by temporary residents and immigrants.

By the way, Canada's annual population has never fallen in records going back to Confederation in 1867. Why the feds had to play economic Russian roulette and make population growth negative (-0.2 per cent a year for two years) is beyond logic.

Rebalancing housing demand to supply is one thing; levelling an immigrant-dependent economy in the process is another.

And God forbid that the Bank of Canada chooses not to drop rates the 100 basis points the bond market's projecting. If they don't, the condo demand picture could get even uglier.

As if bad fundamentals and sentiment weren't enough, landlords now face the cruel irony of homes becoming more affordable. That's assuming you judge by the ratio of mortgage debt to income. So renters are eyeing their overpriced sky-closets and thinking, "Maybe it's time to buy a place where I can actually stretch both arms at once."

Speaking of which, bachelor units face the greatest price risk of all. They had a stunning 77.6 per cent surge in rental listings in Q3, says TRREB. For condos with no bedrooms, average rents are dropping 8.8 per cent on an annual basis.

For "dog crate condos," prices could go "pretty damn low, maybe lower than we could guess," said mortgage expert Ron Butler on X this week. "This isn't just a 'wait until prices get down and buy' thing... This may be an 'I don't want to buy a dog crate condo at all' thing."

By the way, there's a reason why some mortgage lenders won't lend on tiny bachelor units unless they're default insured. Or they impose a 400 to 500 square foot minimum, for example.

But every asset has a clearing price, and there will be better days ahead. For one thing, immigration will ramp up again in 2027, the feds promise. For another, "there could be a massive shortage of supply coming in 2028 due to underbuilding today," Rabidoux notes, and condo developers will only be further discouraged from starting new projects in this horrid market.

Vulture investors will go bargain shopping

If you're a brave, patient soul looking to do some bottom fishing on condos but you're unsure how to snag a mortgage, here's an idea of what you'd need to bring to the lender's table.

Assuming you want the best terms on a \$600,000 Toronto rental condo with 20 per cent down and a 30-year amortization, rental expert Dalia Barsoum from Streetwise Mortgages suggests you have:

- A 680-plus credit score
- A ratio of monthly obligations to gross monthly income of 45 per cent or less
- Roughly \$145,000 of income, presuming your own housing costs are \$2,500 a month

This assumes a \$500 monthly condo fee, a 0.75 per cent property tax rate and no other debts.



And if you need an alternative lender because your credit score looks like a golf score, or your debt ratio is too high, expect to pay at least 100 to 150 basis points more on the mortgage rate. And tack on a one to two per cent lender fee, Barsoum says.

And for these less qualified borrowers, she recommends a one or two-year fixed term to allow a refinance into better terms when one's income, credit or debt ratios improve.

For borrowers with rental portfolios — those who want to add another unit — they are different animals. Lenders have restrictions on how many properties you can own and what percentage of rental income they'll allow on your mortgage application. As a result, Barsoum says she is constantly having to get creative these days, "structuring rental properties in a strategic fashion to ensure that we can 'squeeze' the best terms and cost of money for clients as they acquire more rentals."

Even if you have Warren Buffett's credit score and can easily get financed, timing is everything. "I'd sit on the sideline and see what plays out for the next year," Rabidoux says about condo bottom picking.

Plus, not all immigrant-heavy condo markets are imploding like Toronto's, he says. "On a risk scale of one to 10, Toronto is a nine, Vancouver is a six or seven and Montreal is a two."

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Stalling economy set to miss BoC forecast

JORDAN GOWLING

Growth in the Canadian economy remained unchanged in August, putting gross domestic product on track to grow at an annualized rate of just one per cent in the third quarter, Statistics Canada said on Thursday, paving the way for another cut by the Bank of Canada in December.

The third-quarter reading includes an early estimate for growth increasing by 0.3 per cent in September.

The Bank of Canada revised its forecast for third quarter GDP down to 1.5 per cent in its monetary policy report earlier this month, but growth is still on track to fall below that.

Bank of Canada governor Tiff Macklem said policy-makers would like to see economic growth strengthen after delivering a 50-basis-point cut to its policy rate last week, bringing the overnight

rate down to 3.75 per cent.

Douglas Porter, chief economist at the Bank of Montreal, said the latest GDP growth numbers will favour another cut to interest rates by the central bank, but more data is needed to determine whether it will be a 50- or 25-basis-point cut.

"While far from conclusive, chalk this one up on the dovish side of the ledger," he said in a note. "However, the Bank of Canada will see another GDP result (the full Q3 report) before next deciding on rates, along with two jobs reports and another CPI, so this less-than-scary reading hardly settles the debate over the next move."

The goods-producing sector contracted by 0.4 per cent in August, reaching its lowest level since December 2021. Manufacturing led the monthly decline, contracting by 1.2 per cent. Extended maintenance shutdowns in the auto industry in Ontario contributed to the decline, with auto and

parts manufacturing decreasing by 1.9 per cent. Other industries that reported declines include utilities (1.9 per cent) and wholesale trade (0.6 per cent).

Transportation and warehousing also declined by 0.3 per cent, driven by the work stoppages at Canadian National Railway Co. and Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd. The brief shutdown of the two railways affected the transportation of major commodities such as meat, medicine and hazardous chemical materials.

Marc Ercolao, an economist at Toronto-Dominion Bank, said the GDP growth readings won't raise any "alarm bells," but do emphasize the Bank of Canada's concerns about a weakening economy.

"That said, we think the cumulative 125 basis points of cuts delivered to date will do its part in reigniting economic activity into the end of the year," he said in a note. *Financial Post*

IN THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF ALBERTA JUDICIAL CENTRE OF CALGARY NOTICE TO:

DIONNE KRIS BRITAIN
 Assignment of Judgment
 The Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act
 Form VIII
 Court Action No. 2001-16196

THIS INDENTURE
BETWEEN: CHRYSTAL MARIE DAWSON, CRYSTAL MICHELLE MERKEL, and TAYZER DAWSON-MERKEL
 of the Cities of Calgary, Cochrane, and Lethbridge in the Province of Alberta (hereinafter called the Assignors)
OF THE FIRST PART
 -and-
 The Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Accident
 Claims Act (hereinafter called the Assignee)
 c/o Motor Vehicle Accident Recoveries
 P.O. Box 11421
 Edmonton, AB T5J 3K6
OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS by a Judgment dated the 22nd day of July 2024, in an action in the Court of King's Bench of Alberta, Judicial Centre of Calgary, in which the Assignors were the Plaintiffs and Dionne Kris Britain was the Defendant, it was adjudged that the Assignors recover against the Defendant the sum of \$67,000.00 and costs agreed or taxed, and WHEREAS the Assignee is required to pay the Assignors the sum of \$67,000.00 on the Judgment together with the agreed/taxed costs in the sum of \$5,654.82 AND WHEREAS the total amount payable to the Assignors from the Assignee is \$72,654.82.

NOW THEREFORE THIS INDENTURE
 Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one dollar (1.00) and other valuable consideration now paid by the Assignee to the Assignor the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors do hereby grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the Assignee, their successors and assigns all the Judgment and taxed costs against the Defendant together with the interest thereon and all benefits to be derived therefrom, either at law or in equity, or otherwise:

The Assignors further covenant with the Assignee that the Judgment against the Defendant is in full force and effect; The Assignors further covenant that they have not transferred or assigned the Judgment and now have the right to assign the Judgment, and that they, the assignors and all persons claiming under their will execute such further documents for the Assignee, their successors and assigns as may be required to give full force and effect to this Assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the ASSIGNORS have hereto set their hand and seal this 10th day of September 2024, the 19th day of September, 2024, respectively.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
 BY THE ASSIGNOR
 "CHRYSTAL MARIE DAWSON, CRYSTAL MICHELLE MERKEL, and TAYZER DAWSON-MERKEL"
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THE MARKETS ON 10.31.24

S&P/TSX ↓ 24,156.87 -350.92 -1.43%	TSX VENTURE ↓ 60143 -11.97 -1.95%	DOW JONES ↓ 41,763.46 -378.08 -0.90%	NASDAQ ↓ 18,095.15 -512.78 -2.76%
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NORTH AMERICAN INDEXES

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE

Index	Close	Net ch	% ch
Capped Energy	271.63	-3.42	-1.2
Capped Materials	413.25	-10.34	-2.4
Global Mining	127.63	-2.89	-2.2
Global Gold	380.63	-11.02	-2.8
Capped Industrials	454.79	-5.43	-1.2
Capped Consumer Disc	295.42	-3.53	-1.2
Capped Consumer Stap	1,008.91	-18.18	-1.8
Capped Health Care	28.39	+0.74	+2.7
Capped Financials	455.04	-6.56	-1.4
Capped Info Tech	239.88	-7.02	-2.8
Capped Telecom	160.50	-0.82	-0.5
Capped Utilities	309.13	-0.48	-0.2
Capped Real Estate	333.59	-5.72	-1.7
S&P/TSX 60 Capped	24,156.87	-350.92	-1.4
Capped Composite	27,987.51	-406.56	-1.4
TSX Unweighted	423.14	-6.55	-1.5
S&P/TSX 60	1,445.19	-20.70	-1.4
S&P/TSX 60 Capped	1,598.09	-22.89	-1.4
S&P/TSX Completion	1,466.25	-22.51	-1.5
S&P/TSX SmallCap	823.56	-10.69	-1.3
Income Trust	218.71	-3.22	-1.5
Capped REIT	161.71	-2.97	-1.8

Index	Close	Net ch	% ch	Day high	Day low	52wk high	52wk low	Wk %ch	YTD %ch	52wk %ch
Composite	60143	-11.97	-2.0	613.06	598.24	627.31	506.65	+16.5		
Industrials	41,763.46	-378.08	-0.9	41,991.91	41,704.63	43,325.09	33,859.77	+26.4		
Transportation	16,252.15	-72.16	-0.4	16,453.90	16,225.98	16,671.23	14,218.17	+17.0		
Utilities	1,036.91	+7.68	+0.7	1,045.41	1,029.86	1,074.31	818.74	+25.9		
Composite	13,383.99	-78.79	-0.6	13,471.69	13,378.64	13,785.44	11,066.24	+23.8		
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE										
Composite	19,238.95	-177.32	-0.9	19,416.27	19,236.63	19,905.65	15,207.58	+29.0		
Energy	13,535.19	+41.54	+0.3	13,615.61	13,487.29	15,093.27	12,539.06	+2.0		
Financial	11,781.25	-156.51	-1.3	11,937.76	11,780.85	12,104.62	8,603.51	+41.4		
Health Care	26,201.34	-187.54	-0.7	26,388.88	26,164.25	28,535.72	22,297.16	+17.3		
NYSE MKT										
Composite	5,226.70	-30.42	-0.6	5,276.27	5,186.27	5,464.95	4,389.31	+17.5		
Major Market	3,783.95	-48.34	-1.3	3,832.29	3,781.74	3,957.32	3,076.96	+25.2		
NASDAQ STOCK MARKET										
Composite	18,095.15	-512.78	-2.8	18,427.31	18,083.95	18,785.50	13,344.73	+40.8		
Industrials	10,576.52	-168.65	-1.6	10,723.28	10,568.84	10,836.31	8,505.74	+28.9		
Insurance	15,611.94	-236.54	-1.5	15,935.62	15,598.15	16,526.45	12,116.44	+29.0		
Banks	4,320.52	-69.99	-1.6	4,398.96	4,320.50	4,457.53	3,017.29	+47.4		
Financial	11,947.50	-288.61	-2.4	12,174.29	11,945.67	12,356.04	9,623.01	+27.2		
Transportation	6,980.50	-121.20	-1.7	7,076.66	6,978.53	7,359.98	5,747.54	+24.0		
Telecomms	465.68	-0.58	-0.1	474.53	464.18	476.81	371.78	+17.8		
100 Index	19,890.42	-497.28	-2.4	20,227.19	19,880.26	20,690.97	14,965.29	+38.0		
RUSSELL 2000	2,196.65	-36.39	-1.6	2,232.16	2,196.65	2,300.00	1,684.20	+32.1		
STANDARD & POOR'S										
500 Composite	5,705.45	-108.22	-1.9	5,775.34	5,702.86	5,878.46	4,334.23	+36.0		
Industrials	1,131.09	-12.93	-1.1	1,137.89	1,127.68	1,180.88	849.13	+35.9		
Financials	773.41	-9.56	-1.2	784.46	773.30	795.04	460.41	+43.8		
Utilities	405.90	+4.19	+1.0	408.73	402.40	418.88	299.76	+34.0		
100 Stocks	2,755.99	-57.94	-2.1	2,792.50	2,754.25	2,837.33	2,044.48	+39.4		
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COMMODITIES

NYMEX GAS

↓
US\$2.71
-US14¢

GOLD

↓
US\$2,738.30
-US\$50.20

SILVER

↓
US\$32.69
-US\$1.26

CRUDE OIL PRICING

↑
WEST TEXAS INTERMEDIATE
US\$69.38
US47¢

For information purposes only, from most recent daily pricing figures available.

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FPX Growth	7,166.18	-61.58	-0.9	n.a.	n.a.	7,299.86	6,005.69	+22.5
FPX Balanced	6,113.21	-27.69	-0.5	n.a.	n.a.	6,194.17	5,265.98	+19.0
FPX Income	5,213.78	-11.29	-0.2	n.a.	n.a.	5,258.95	4,595.25	+16.0
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WORLD (MIDDAY)						
MSCI (US\$)	3706.29	-11.57	-0.3	3753.49	2797.49	n.a.
AUSTRALIA						
All Ords	8422.10	-17.40	-0.2	8624.10	7095.00	-0.4
BRAZIL						
BRSP	129713.33	-926.00	-0.7	137343.96	115052.96	-0.3
BRITAIN						
FT Ords	2764.90	-24.60	-0.9	2931.70	2576.90	-2.9
FTSE 100	8110.10	-49.53	-0.6	8445.80	7360.55	-1.9
FT 500	5256.49	-40.87	-0.8	5540.82	4875.49	-2.1
FT All Shr	4431.83	-32.36	-0.7	4596.71	3997.59	-1.9
FT Eur Top	3962.92	-48.34	-1.2	4149.65	3513.30	-2.7
CHINA						
Shenzhen	1991.76	+18.14	+0.9	2098.77	1433.10	+2.7
Shanghai	3279.82	+13.59	+0.4	3489.78	2702.19	nil
GERMANY						
DAX	19077.54	-179.80	-0.9	19657.37	15135.97	-1.9
HONG KONG						
HangSeng	20317.33	-63.31	-0.3	23099.78	14961.18	-0.8
INDIA						
Sensex	79389.06	-553.12	-0.7	85836.12	64080.90	-0.8
JAPAN						
Nikkei	39081.25	-196.14	-0.5	42224.02	31458.42	+2.5
MEXICO						
Gen IPC	50648.06	-229.18	-0.5	58658.71	49787.84	-2.4
TAIWAN						
Weighted	22820.43	-106.16	-0.5	24390.03	16396.95	-1.6

MARKET DIARIES

	Volume OOs	Prev day OOs	Adv	Adv vol OOs	Dec	Dec vol OOs	Unch	Issues traded
TSX	5413430	3510240	409	1717549	1,544	3602581	200	2,153
TSX Venture	1510517	1505881	249	358267	461	815188	353	1,063
NEO	276194	253178	447	48359	1,305	194491	342	2,094
CSE	604167	651235	106	150832	165	250626	168	439
New York	11979060	9446253	820	3276468	1,942	8623854	81	2,843
NYSE MKT	154303	127548	87	37680	195	113954	13	295
NASDAQ	14493312	12529248	1,081	3402853	3,174	11036262	155	4,410

CURRENCIES

Currency	In \$Cdn	Currency	In \$Cdn	Currency	In \$Cdn
Argentina peso	0.0014	Hong Kong dollar	0.1791	Saudi Arabia riyal	0.3708
Australia dollar	0.9144	India rupee	0.0166	Singapore dollar	1.0532
Bahamas dollar	1.3924	Japan yen	0.0091	South Africa rand	0.0789
Brazil real	0.2408	S. Korea won	0.0010	Sweden krona	0.1304
Chile peso	0.0014	Kuwait dinar	4.5404	Switzerland franc	1.6092
Chinese yuan	0.1956	Mexico peso	0.0696	Taiwan dollar	0.0436
Czech koruna	0.0597	Norway krone	0.1263	Thailand baht	0.0412
Denmark krone	0.2027	Pakistan rupee	0.0050	Ukraine hryvna	0.0338
Dominican peso	0.0231	Philippine peso	0.0239	U.A.E. dirham	0.3791
Egypt pound	0.0284	Poland zloty	0.3473	U.K. pound	1.7907
Euro	1.5123	Russia rouble	0.0143	U.S. dollar	1.3924

TSX

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The World Series trophy is headed to Los Angeles, but there's a hearty celebration going on across the Pacific Ocean in Japan, too. People milled around the edge of the Ginza shopping area in central Tokyo on Thursday as single-sheet special newspaper editions rolled off the presses, proclaiming Japanese stars Shohei Ohtani and Yoshinobu Yamamoto as world champions along with their Dodgers teammates after a stirring Game



5 victory over the New York Yankees. The headline in Japanese in the Sports Nippon newspaper, set in yellow and blue type — with red highlights — said: "No. 1 in the World. Ohtani beats the Yankees." "I want to thank my Japanese fans for coming all the way to cheer me this season," Ohtani said on Japanese television. "That cheering gave me some energy, so I'm glad I could return the gratitude by winning." *The Associated Press*

Argos, Riders lead CFL all-stars

TORONTO The Toronto Argonauts and Saskatchewan Roughriders each had nine players named to the East and West Division all-star squads.

Voting was conducted by the Football Reporters of Canada and nine CFL head coaches.

Running back Ka'Deem Carey (1,060 yards) topped the list of Argos placed on the East Division team. Also named were receiver Makai Polk, offensive linemen Ryan Hunter and Dejon Allen, defensive lineman Jake Ceresna, defensive halfback DaShaun Amos, kicker Lirim Hajrullahu, punter John Haggerty and returner Janarion Grant.

The Montreal Alouettes had six players named to the squad — offensive lineman Nick Calender, defensive lineman Isaac Adeyemi-Berglund, linebackers Tyrice Beverette and Darnell Sankey, cornerback Kabion Ento and safety Marc-Antoine Dequoy.

Quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell was among six Hamilton Tiger-Cats on the team. The others were centre David Beard, receivers Tim White, Shemar Bridges and Steven Dunbar Jr. and cornerback Jamal Peters.

The Ottawa Redblacks also had six players named. Receiver Justin Hardy (league-high 97 catches) led the way, with offensive lineman Drew Desjarlais, defensive linemen Lorenzo Mauldin IV and Michael Wakefield, linebacker Adarius Pickett and halfback Damon Webb also getting the nod.

Rolan Milligan Jr. led the way for Saskatchewan, being named to the West squad as a defensive back and special teams player. Other Riders selected were quarterback Trevor Harris, receiver Samuel Emilus, offensive lineman Logan Ferland, defensive lineman Micah Johnson, defensive back Marcus Sayles and linebackers Jameer Thurman and C.J. Reavis.

CFL rushing leader Brady Oliveira (1,353 yards) was among seven Winnipeg Blue Bombers named. The others were offensive linemen Stanley Bryant and Liam Dobson, receiver Nic Demski, defensive lineman Willie Jefferson, cornerback Tyrell Ford and halfback Deatrick Nichols.

Receiver Eugene Lewis was among seven Edmonton Elks voted in. The others were offensive linemen Mark Korte and Martez Ivory, punter Jake Julien, defensive lineman Elliott Brown, linebacker Nick Anderson and safety Loucheiz Purifoy.

Receiver Justin McInnis (CFL-high 1,469 yards) and kicker Sean Whyte were the B.C. Lions' representatives while receiver Reggie Begelton and defensive lineman Mike Rose of the Calgary Stampeders also earned spots.

The Canadian Press



The Calgary Flames latest lopsided loss was a 5-1 setback to Utah on Wednesday night. MELISSA MAJCHRZAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLAMES MUST REDISCOVER WORK ETHIC

Club has been outscored 10-1 in last two games as its losing skid climbs to four



DANNY AUSTIN

Losing a couple games in a row is not the end of the world.

What seems to be bothering the Calgary Flames, though, is the effort they've showed in their last two losses. The work ethic this group needs to show to win games just hasn't been there.

The Flames know what they need to do to be successful. They were doing it only a week ago. Their losses to the Carolina Hurricanes and Winnipeg Jets stung (they always do), but you couldn't fault the work rate. They just lost to good teams. It happens.

But in Monday night's 5-0 loss to the Vegas Golden Knights and Wednesday's 5-1 defeat to the Utah Hockey Club, the Flames never came close to playing the way they needed to if they were going to win, or even put up a fight.

"It's something that hopefully the room recognizes and understands, that the last two games the work ethic hasn't been where it needs to be," Flames head

coach Ryan Huska told reporters after the loss to Utah. "For me, that starts right at the top and works its way right down. That's a big reason why we've scored one goal in two games and we've given up 10.

"You have to work harder. Our group of forwards, they have to work much harder than they did. To me, they were easy guys to play against."

That's a problem, one that needs to get fixed fast.

Since their charity golf tournament in September when the Flames had arrived in Calgary and were ready for the start of training camp, they've talked about how they needed to be hard to play against to win games.

The Flames believed they could exceed expectations by committing to a system that saw them outwork opponents. If that sounds overly simplistic, well, they proved it could work when they burst out to a 5-0-1 record in their first six games.

There was a formula that really wasn't all that complicated. Get pucks deep, forecheck hard, create havoc in front of the net and then put relentless pressure on their opponents.

For six games, it was working. In their first two losses of the year, there was still lots to like.

Then the games against Vegas and Utah happened.

"It starts with every individual on the team to look at themselves in the mirror and realize we've all got to be better as individuals and then as a team," Flames captain Mikael Backlund told reporters in Utah, where he had just played his 1,000th NHL game. "We've got to play more for each other, like we did before this road trip.



You have to work harder. Our group of forwards, they have to work much harder than they did. To me, they were easy guys to play against.

"We were playing hard and aggressive, and that's what we've got to get back to. We got away from that and it starts next game. The first 10 minutes, every puck has got to get in and then we've got to go to work. We're a good forechecking team and we've got to learn from that."

There really would be no better time than their next game for the Flames to get back on track, and

not just because that's always true to a certain extent.

There's a big celebration planned at the Saddledome, as it will be the first opportunity at home to celebrate Backlund's 1,000th game. The Flames were disappointed to have played so poorly on his big night, but they'll get a second crack at making their captain's special evening even more memorable on Friday.

And then there's the opponent. It will be the Flames' first time facing former starting goaltender Jacob Markstrom and the New Jersey Devils since he was traded in the spring, and he happens to be coming off a 20-save shutout over the Vancouver Canucks on Wednesday night.

If that doesn't give this group the motivation it needs, who knows what will.

They know what they need to do and after the last two games, they know what happens when they do the opposite, too.

"We've got to stay committed to the hard stuff all the way through," Flames winger Ryan Lomberg told reporters in Utah. "Sometimes, I feel like we get away from it and that's when things go south for us. Nothing we can't fix, so I look forward to getting better."

"We've just got to stay committed to our game and we're going to find our way here, it's just got to be sooner rather than later." daustin@postmedia.com x.com/DannyAustin_9

B.C. flyweight Horth returns to the octagon after an 11-month layoff

NEIL DAVIDSON

Canadian flyweight Jamey-Lyn Horth has waited 11 months to return to action in the UFC after a split-decision loss to Veronica Hardy, her first setback as a pro.

At least Horth (6-1-0) won't have to wait Saturday on the UFC Fight Night show in Edmonton. The 34-year-old from Squamish, B.C., opens the Rogers Place card against Norway-based Croatian Ivana Petrovic (7-1-0).

"It definitely gave me a lot of time

to game plan and make changes and build that excitement factor for (Saturday)," Horth said of the time between fights. "So I'm pretty excited to get back in there and showcase what I've been working on and remind everybody that I'm still here."

Horth's long layoff was, in part, because of a shoulder injury suffered "sometime just before and during" the Dec. 3 loss to Hardy in Austin, Tex.

Horth said she got back to her hotel that night and could not lift

her arm up to take her sports bra off. After an MRI to determine the damage, she was off three to four months.

Horth had to overcome obstacles in both of her previous UFC outings. She moved up a weight class in her April 2023 debut against American bantamweight (All Hail) Hailey Cowan, who added to the degree of difficulty by missing weight at 137.5 pounds. Despite that, Horth won a unanimous decision.

Hardy, whose husband is former

UFC welterweight contender Dan (The Outlaw) Hardy, presented a different challenge, given the two were friends having trained together in 2019 in Vancouver.

"Looking back, having some sort of pre-existing friendship definitely can have an effect on how things start," Horth said. "I definitely didn't start that first round full steam ahead. And unfortunately when there's only three rounds, you can't really play catch-up after you've lost the first."

Told by her corner to "Let it all go

this round," Horth came on strong in the third, punishing Hardy with close-range elbows and knocking her down with a little more than a minute remaining. Despite that, she fell short with two judges scoring the first two rounds for Hardy and the third judge awarding rounds two and three to Horth.

Horth now sees a positive coming out of the negative.

"Looking back, I think there was a lot of good coming out of that fight."

The Canadian Press

CFL board vote doomed commissioner, sources say

DAN RALPH

TORONTO It wasn't enough to immediately end Randy Ambrosie's tenure as CFL commissioner, but the writing was on the wall.

Ambrosie announced Saturday he will be retiring from his post in 2025 after his successor is chosen. Ambrosie became the CFL's 14th commissioner July 5, 2017, succeeding Jeffrey Orridge.

His seven-plus year tenure is the second-longest in league history, behind the late Jake Gaudaur (1968-84).

Ambrosie's decision was surprising given that during his annual Grey Cup address last year, he was adamant he had no immediate plans to step down. It was generally understood the 61-year-old from Winnipeg — an offensive lineman with Calgary, Toronto and Edmonton from 1985 to 1993 — would remain in the job at least through the 2026 season when the league's broadcast deals expired.

But CFL sources said earlier this month the league's board of governors voted on Ambrosie's future. They said seven or more teams had to vote in favour of re-



CFL Commissioner Randy Ambrosie announced Saturday he will be retiring from his post in 2025 after his successor is chosen. His seven-plus year tenure is the second-longest in league history. *PETER J. THOMPSON*

moving Ambrosie for it to become official. That didn't happen. But the vote

was still 5-4 in favour, a clear indication Ambrosie didn't have the board's full support.

And a big reason for that, according to the sources, was that league distributions — money the league

disburses to its teams through its partnerships and sponsorships — did not reach the governors' expectations.

The sources spoke on the condition of anonymity as the league hadn't publicly revealed details of the leadership vote. Ambrosie declined to comment when asked about the vote Saturday.

With Ambrosie set to step down, the big question remains of who will succeed him. Whoever does will face reaching a new broadcast agreement, and shortly after that's done the league's collective bargaining agreement with the CFL Players' Association can be reopened.

Calgary Stampeders president Jay McNeil McNeil said the next CFL commissioner will need to know about more than just football.

"He needs to have a strong business background, because that's really what it's about as we enter into our negotiations for 2027 and as we look to grow," McNeil said. "We're not the only team that is looking to grow their ticket base. We all are. Having a strong business background will be important." *The Canadian Press*

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NOTEBOOK

Twelve arrested in L.A. after win

Rowdy crowds took to the streets of Los Angeles after the Dodgers won the World Series, setting a city bus on fire, breaking into stores and lighting fireworks.

A dozen arrests were reported by police Thursday, but officials emphasized that most fans celebrated peacefully.

Video showed revellers throwing objects at police in downtown L.A. as sirens blared and officers told them to leave the area late Wednesday after the Dodgers defeated the Yankees in Game 5 in New York.

Other video showed someone standing atop a bus waving a Dodgers banner and people running from a boarded-up Nike store with armfuls of sneakers before throwing the merchandise into cars parked outside. No injuries were reported.

Running back Brady Oliveira of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Hamilton Tiger-Cats quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell are the finalists for the CFL's outstanding player award.

Oliveira led the CFL in rushing this season with 1,353 yards while Mitchell was the league leader in passing yards (5,451) and touchdowns (32). Oliveira is also the West Division finalist for the CFL's top Canadian award, the second straight year he's been nominated for both.

Defensive lineman Isaac Adeyemi-Berlund of the Montreal Alouettes is the East Division's top Canadian nominee.

The other award finalists include defensive back Rolan Milligan Jr. of the Saskatchewan Roughriders and Montreal linebacker Tyrice Beverette (outstanding defensive player); Saskatchewan's Logan Ferland and Toronto's Ryan Hunter (outstanding lineman); B.C. Lions kicker Sean Whyte and Toronto returner Janarion Grant (special teams); and Edmonton Elks linebacker Nick Anderson and Hamilton receiver Shemar Bridgess (outstanding rookie).

The coach of the year finalists are Saskatchewan's Corey Mace and Montreal's Jason Maas.

Hana Wakimoto of Japan shot a bogey-free 9-under 63 on Thursday to lead by two shots after the first round of the LPGA's Toto Classic in Japan.

Jin Young Ko of South Korea was two off the pace after a 65 at Seta Golf Course. Brooke Henderson of Smiths Falls, Ont., is tied for 34th after opening with a 2-under 70.

Cavalry FC's Ali Musse, last year's winner, and Forge FC captain Kyle Bekker, runner-up in 2023, are among the 10 finalists for the Canadian Premier League's players' player of the year award, the lone CPL award decided by the players.

The other contenders are Forge's Beni Badibanga, Tristan Borges and Alessandro Hojabrpour, Cavalry's Daan Klomp and Tobias Warschewski, Halifax's Lorenzo Callegari, Atletico Ottawa's Ruben del Campo and York United's Brian Wright.

The winner will be announced Nov. 7. *Postmedia wire services*



Dodgers runner Kiké Hernández is safe at third as New York third baseman Jazz Chisholm Jr. reaches for a throw from shortstop Anthony Volpe during the fifth inning in Game 5 of the World Series on Wednesday at Yankee Stadium. Volpe was charged with a throwing error — one of two committed by New York in the inning — as Los Angeles went on to win the game 7-6 and the series. *SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS*

FIFTH-INNING MISTAKES PUT AN END TO YANKEES' WORLD SERIES HOPES

Bronx Bombers unravelled even with ace Cole on the mound, writes *Barry Svrluga*.

NEW YORK Get out the scalpel and the forceps. Let's dissect the inning that cost the New York Yankees — the proud, 27-time World Series champion New York Yankees — a chance to extend the 120th World Series. It already reeks of formaldehyde, though no one in the Bronx wants it preserved. Look away, Yankee fans. Except swivelling your heads Wednesday night might have taken the gaze to the infield at Yankee Stadium, where the Los Angeles Dodgers piled upon themselves.

"This is, like ... as bad as it gets," ace right-hander Gerrit Cole said, haltingly, still stunned hours later. "It's the worst feeling you can have."

The view from altitude of Game 5 was this: Cole entered the top of the fifth inning having allowed the Dodgers no hits, needing just 49 pitches to record the first 12 outs. He held a 5-0 lead. He was dominant, and the Yankees looked poised to become the first team to force a sixth game after trailing a World Series 3-0.

Instead, in the fifth, the Yankees got out a gift box, reached for some wrapping paper and found a very pretty bow.

"Wild inning," Cole said. "They made it tough on us."

Come on, Gerrit. That's only partly true. You made it tough on yourselves.

"We didn't take care of the ball well enough in that inning," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "Against a great team like that, they took advantage."

Scalpels ready? Lab coats on? Let the dissection begin.

The fifth opened with the first hit off Cole, a single to right from post-season stud Kiké Hernández. No problem. It's still 5-0. Cole still had his Grade A stuff.

The next hitter was NLCS MVP Tommy Edman, who hit a harmless, soft liner to centre, where Aaron Judge awaited.

Judge, the presumed American League MVP, had already shaken off a post-season skid with a two-run homer in the first to help the Yankees build that lead. In the fourth, when he made a beautiful running catch at the wall to take away extra bases from the indefatigable Freddie Freeman, the buoyant crowd of 49,263 chanted, "MVP! MVP!"

And then Judge inexplicably dropped Edman's ball.

Did it knuckle? Was he blinded by the lights? "I just didn't make the play," Judge said.

So with runners at first and second, here came Dodgers catcher Will Smith. He bounced a ball to shortstop Anthony Volpe, the local kid who was the grand slam-hitting Game 4 hero, made an aggressive play to try to get Hernández with a force at third.

The ball skipped — "a little bit of a short hop," Boone said — and third baseman Jazz Chisholm Jr. couldn't pick it. Safe all around. Another error. Bases loaded.

To his enormous credit, Cole stood tall, blowing away Gavin Lux with a 99-m.p.h. fastball for the first out, then getting superstar Shohei Ohtani — clearly compromised by his Game 2 shoulder injury — to swing through a knuckle-curve for the second out.

Somehow, the Yankees still led 5-0. Except a baseball truism hung over the entire affair.

"You can't give a good team like that extra outs," Judge said. And yet here was the play to get out of it: Cole with a slider to Mookie Betts, a right-handed hitter, who squibbed it toward first. By the quality and execution of the pitch, Cole deserved to be out of a wacky inning unscathed. Instead, the fissures in the foundation became wide-open crevasses.

"Those balls off righties ... are the hardest balls for us" said Anthony Rizzo, New York's first baseman. There is spin involved. It is unpredictable.

Cole thought he might have Betts' ball anyway.

"I took a direct angle to it to cut it off, because I just didn't know how hard he hit it," Cole said.

Yet by that point, the Yankees were rattled.

No one was there. Cole pointed for Rizzo to run to first. Except Cole wasn't covering first. He looked, frankly, like he was head-

ed to the dugout. He had done the hard part. He just didn't do the easy part.

"I was not in position to cover first," Cole said. "Neither of us were, based on the spin of the baseball and him having to secure it. Just a bad read off the bat."

Hernández scored the first Dodgers' run. The bases were still loaded. And Freeman — a terror all series, the indisputable MVP — came to the plate.

"You could just feel the excitement," Freeman said.

Down in the count 1-2, Freeman fouled off a nasty change-up to stay alive. A lesser hitter would have flailed and the Yankees would have led 5-1. Instead, Freeman lived for the next pitch, a fastball. He sent it to centre, where it found the grass. Edman and Smith rounded third. Both had reached on errors. Both scored. "When you're given extra outs and you capitalize in that kind of game," Freeman said, "that's huge."

Cleanup hitter Teoscar Hernández followed with a towering two-out, two-run double to centre that tied the game at 5-5. The Yankees could — and did, afterward — argue that the fifth inning didn't kill them, because they responded by taking a 6-5 lead in the sixth.

Don't listen. Game 5 was granted, in the top of the fifth, to the Dodgers, who are too talented and too smart to look at the receipt and return the gift.

The Washington Post

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	6	2	0	.750	230	146
Miami	2	5	0	.286	97	157
N.Y. Jets	2	6	0	.250	150	170
New England	2	6	0	.250	124	197
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	6	2	0	.750	188	179
Indianapolis	4	4	0	.500	175	172
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	172	224
Tennessee	1	6	0	.143	120	196

NORTH DIVISION

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	187	119
Baltimore	5	3	0	.625	242	209
Cincinnati	3	5	0	.375	195	203
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250	138	186
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	7	0	0	1.000	173	123
Denver	5	3	0	.625	173	120
L.A. Chargers	4	3	0	.571	132	91
Las Vegas	2	6	0	.250	144	210

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	6	2	0	.750	236	167
Philadelphia	5	2	0	.714	171	132
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	150	198
N.Y. Giants	2	6	0	.250	117	175
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	5	3	0	.625	194	195
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500	235	213
New Orleans	2	6	0	.250	185	206
Carolina	1	7	0	.125	124	271

NORTH DIVISION

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	6	1	0	.857	234	134
Green Bay	6	2	0	.750	216	170
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	188	137
Chicago	4	3	0	.571	163	119
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	4	4	0	.500	178	205
San Francisco	4	4	0	.500	210	182
Seattle	4	4	0	.500	190	195
L.A. Rams	3	4	0	.429	144	174

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	GP	W	L	OL	P
Florida	11	7	3	1	15
Tampa Bay	10	7	3	0	14
Toronto	11	6	4	1	13
Ottawa	9	5	4	0	10
Buffalo	10	4	5	1	9
Detroit	10	4	5	1	9
Montreal	11	4	6	1	9
Boston	11	4	6	1	9

Metropolitan	GP	W	L	OL	P
New Jersey	13	7	4	2	16
Washington	9	7	2	0	14
Carolina	9	7	2	0	14
N.Y. Rangers	9	6	2	1	13
Columbus	9	5	3	1	11
Philadelphia	11	4	6	1	9
Pittsburgh	12	4	7	1	9
N.Y. Islanders	10	3	5	2	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central	GP	W	L	OL	P
Winnipeg	10	9	1	0	18
Dallas	9	7	2	0	14
Minnesota	9	6	1	2	14
Utah	11	5	4	2	12
Colorado	11	5	6	0	10
St. Louis	11	5	6	0	10
Nashville	9	3	5	1	7
Chicago	10	3	6	1	7

Pacific	GP	W	L	OL	P
Vegas	11	7	3	1	15
Los Angeles	11	6	3	2	14
Vancouver	9	4	2	3	11
Calgary	10	5	4	1	11
Seattle	11	5	5	1	11
Anaheim	10	4	4	2	10
Edmonton	10	4	5	1	9
San Jose	11	2	7	2	6

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Top 8	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	5	0	1.000	—
Boston	4	1	.800	1
Chicago	3	2	.600	2
Orlando	3	2	.600	2
New York	2	2	.500	2.5
Miami	2	2	.500	2.5
Charlotte	2	2	.500	2.5
Washington	2	2	.500	2.5

Bottom 7	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	2	3	.400	3
Brooklyn	2	3	.400	3
Indiana	2	3	.400	3
Milwaukee	1	3	.250	3.5
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	3.5
Toronto	1	4	.200	4
Detroit	1	4	.200	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Top 8	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	4	0	1.000	—
Golden State	4	1	.800	.5
Phoenix	3	1	.750	1
Dallas	3	1	.750	1
L.A. Lakers	3	2	.600	1.5
L.A. Clippers	2	2	.500	2
Minnesota	2	2	.500	2
Sacramento	2	2	.500	2

Bottom 7	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	2	2	.500	2
Houston	2	2	.500	2
Portland	2	3	.400	2.5
New Orleans	2	3	.400	2.5
Memphis	2	3	.400	2.5
San Antonio	1	3	.250	3
Utah	0	4	.000	4

SCHUMACHER CAR ON THE BLOCK

The car Michael Schumacher drove in his final Formula One season with Ferrari is about to be auctioned off. Schumacher drove the 2006 Ferrari 248 F1 to five Grand Prix victories and eight podiums before ending the season with his first round of retirement. Schumacher briefly returned to F1 with Mercedes from 2010 to 2012, when he retired a second time. Ferrari sold the 2006 Ferrari 248 F1 in 2007 to a private collector, who has owned it since. Sale of this piece of Formula One history has been entrusted to Ontario-headquartered RM Sotheby's for a sealed bid auction, which will be held in November. *Driving.ca*



Michael Schumacher's 2006 Ferrari 248 F1. RM SOTHEBY'S



The Calgary Sports Car Club presents Ice Dice events on Lake McGregor, east of High River. Here, a Subaru WRX slides around the frozen track. PHOTOS: SHAWN BISHOP

CALGARY SPORTS CAR CLUB MARKS 70 YEARS

City's department of heritage planning added clubhouse to its inventory in April



GREG WILLIAMS

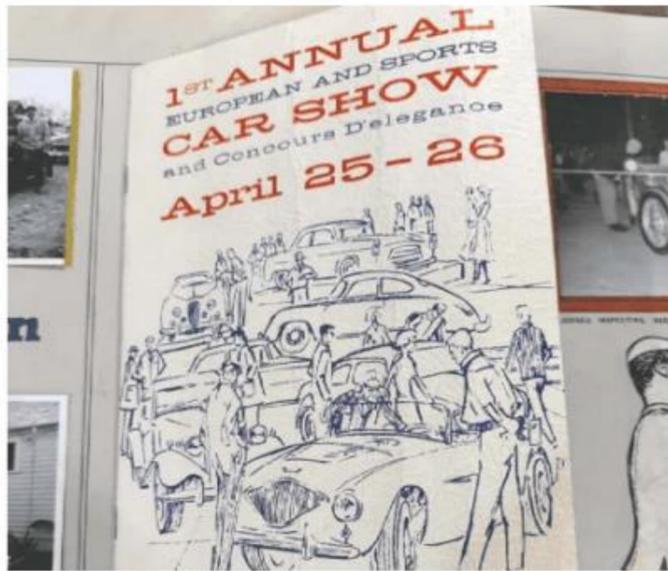
With 70 years in the rear-view mirror, the Calgary Sports Car Club (CSCC) continues to adapt and remain relevant for the local automotive enthusiast scene. That's thanks in part to the CSCC's president, Jamie Gray, who slid into the driver's seat in April.

"My personal focus is on growing the club, especially post-COVID and amidst various oil and gas crises, and emphasizing inclusion of young people and women, who are in the minority at around 13 per cent," Gray said. "To that end, I am involved in an organization called Women in Motorsports, which promotes the sport to women and girls."

According to an early CSCC scrapbook, the club held three meetings in 1953 but didn't formally find traction until March of 1954. That's when, during a meeting in the showroom of Jaguar, MG and Morris dealer Cooke

Motors, discussions were held about the vehicles that would be eligible to participate in CSCC events. These competitive events included wheel-to-wheel road races on airport tracks together with gymkhanas and hill climbs. The cars included most foreign brands, such as those sold by Cooke Motors, as well as Austin-Healey, Auto Union, DKW, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Triumph and Volkswagen. Also discussed at an early meeting was the building of a clubhouse. Supplies were purchased and a sturdy wooden structure was built on a small corner of a farmer's field north and west of Calgary, near what is now Dalhousie.

In April 1958 the club hosted the first European and Sports Car Show at the Jubilee Auditorium. During the show's second year in 1959 attendance broke the auditorium's record with 12,430 visitors paying admission to see the new sports cars. In the late 1950s the CSCC clubhouse burned to the ground and a new structure was built. But by the mid-1970s, the land on which it sat was required for city expansion. Calgary offered the club a land swap and the building was moved to where it is still located,



The Calgary Sports Car Club collection includes this guide to the inaugural European and Sports Car Show in 1958 at the Jubilee Auditorium.

near the airport at the corner of 80 Ave. and Métis Trail Northeast.

Gray found herself becoming loosely involved with the club in 2003 when she purchased a membership for her husband, David.

"He's the car guy," Gray said. "I'm car-adjacent, as regards racing. I'm more into an appreciation of automotive design and engineering, as I'm a sculptor in real life."

In October 2021, Gray says she and David attended a month-

ly CSCC board meeting at the clubhouse, "for the purpose of learning how we could volunteer administratively." She became club secretary, and about a year into the role says she "got annoyed enough about a pile of books and documents in the corner of the main floor of the clubhouse that I wanted to clear it up." The books and documents were the club's archival scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, Broken Spoke newsletters and other ephemera.

"They were disintegrating," she continues, "And I took the next year to clean, sort, catalogue, and archive all the documents I could find, both in that corner and stored away in boxes here and there."

Gray scanned the information and sent the digital files to the Canadian Motorsport Historical Society (motorsporthistory.ca) where she says they sit on their website, accessible to anyone with internet connectivity.

Gray then became vice-president and helped improve clubhouse maintenance and upkeep. The tongue and groove milled cedar log structure with clear span arched cedar trusses was more than 60 years old, and Gray thought the architecture was interesting.

Because of this, she applied to Calgary's Department of Heritage Planning to see if the clubhouse could be added to the city's inventory of heritage buildings. Thanks to her diligence, the structure was listed in April.

The CSCC holds meetings on the first Thursday of every month, and visitors are welcome to attend. Learn more at www.cscs.ab.ca.

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Crosstrek hybrid has 1,000 km range

JIL MCINTOSH

Subaru in late October debuted its next-generation hybrid system, which will first appear on a Crosstrek for the Japanese market. The automaker presumably has plans to roll it out onto global vehicles.

The system includes a newly developed 2.5L horizontally opposed engine and transaxle. Subaru said the engine's compact size allows for a large high-voltage battery and large-capacity fuel tank that

would achieve more than 1,000 kilometres of range on a single tank of fuel.

The series-parallel hybrid system uses either the gasoline engine or the hybrid system's electric motor to power the wheels, depending on driving conditions. The new engine, developed for the hybrid system, includes high thermal efficiency for reduced fuel consumption and an integrated power control unit on top of it manages the electric power from the battery,

which is located under the cargo floor.

The new hybrid system also includes Subaru's signature all-wheel-drive, with a mechanical coupling rather than a rear electric motor as many hybrids use.

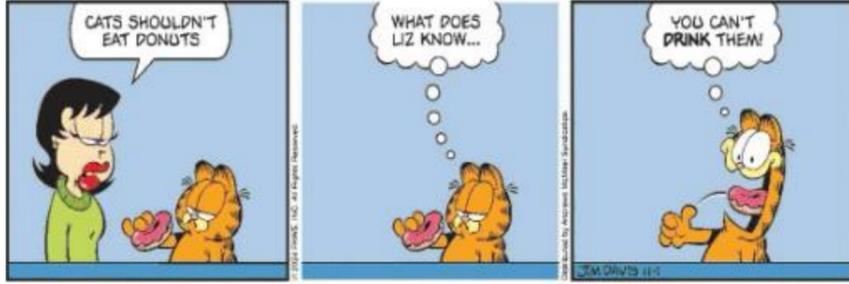
The new Crosstrek hybrid goes on sale in Japan in December 2025. There's no word on if or when the new hybrid system will be coming to Subaru vehicles in North America.

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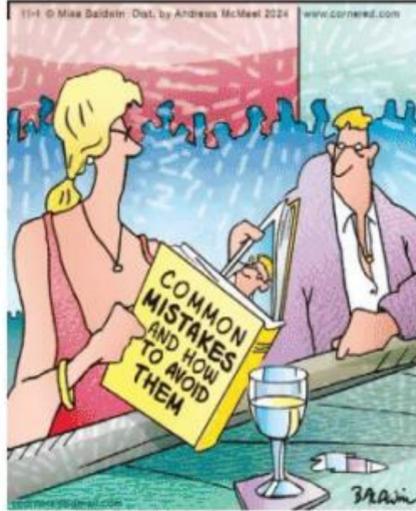


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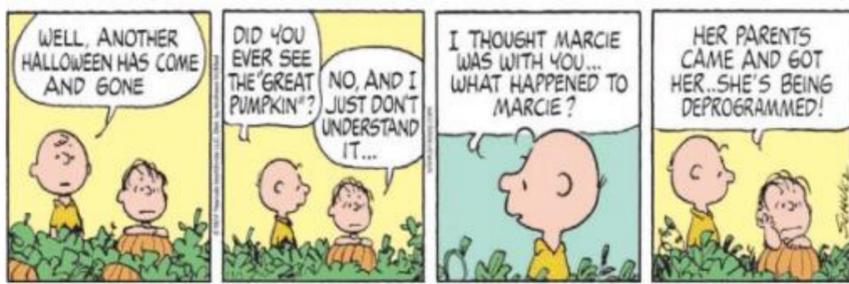
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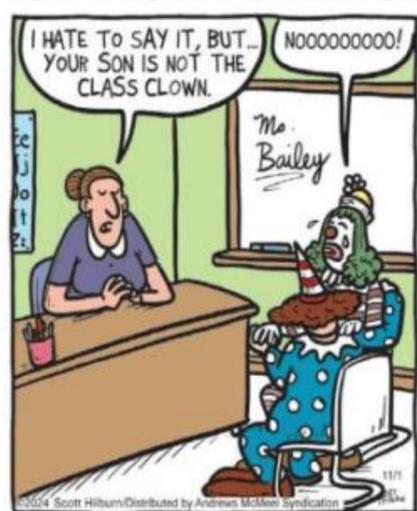
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