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City to bill province for tax collection

Mayor says local taxpayers deserve  
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SCOTT STRASSER

With some councillors suggesting it will make an important statement and others claiming it's an exercise in futility, the City of Calgary will send the Alberta government a bill for the cost of collecting the education tax requisition.

And while the dollar amount still needs to be calculated, the city assessor predicted the amount could

be roughly \$10 million.

Council approved its 2025 property tax bill on Tuesday, the last step before the city is legally allowed to collect taxes this year.

While council approved a 3.6 per cent overall property tax increase in its yearly budget deliberations in November (5.5 per cent for residential, 1.4 per cent for commercial), it had to wait until the province released its budget in

late February before approving the annual tax bylaw.

That's because the provincial budget outlines the education tax requisition — money from municipal property taxes that supports education operating funds. The requisition helps cover teacher salaries and pays for textbooks and other classroom resources.

Due largely to higher assessed property values, this year's education tax requisition is 15 per cent higher in Calgary than last year, at just over \$1 billion.

For a single-family home assessed at \$697,000, the city says the

municipal property tax increase is \$134 annually, or \$11 more per month. For the same household, the city claims the provincial property tax hike will be \$218 this year, or \$18 more monthly.

Combined, Calgary residences can expect an 8.9 per cent tax hike this year, according to the city, while commercial properties should anticipate a 2.8 per cent increase. However, individual property taxes vary depending on the property class and how much its assessed value changed relative to the average change.

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STEVEN WILHELM

FILLING A DOWNTOWN NEED

Melissa From, Calgary Food Bank president and CEO, says the organization's new downtown branch brings its services directly to one of the city's biggest "pockets of need." The food bank served 6,300 clients from the downtown area in one year. **A3**

Striking school employees, boards reach tentative deals

NOAH BRENNAN

Striking school support staff could be back on the job by Friday, after tentative agreements were reached between the Canadian Union of Public Employees and Calgary school boards.

Union groups representing workers at the Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District have now both reached deals that could bring an

end to the Calgary strikes.

The agreements are for a wage package higher than the original government mandate, according to CUPE Alberta, and for terms ending in August 2028.

An electronic ratification vote among members of CUPE 40 will begin Tuesday night, with results announced Wednesday evening. If members approve the agreement, workers will be back in schools on Friday.

CUPE 520 will hold its ratification meeting on Thursday, with CCSD workers returning to work Monday pending member agreement, CUPE Alberta said.

The Parkland School Division also reached a tentative agreement — with workers back in schools Thursday if members vote to approve.

Tuesday's deals follow successful negotiations in Edmonton and Fort McMurray.

CUPE Alberta president Rory Gill said in a statement he was happy that more school districts are following the pattern set in Fort McMurray and Edmonton.

"Education support workers have shown great courage and determination," said Gill.

"I'm so happy for them that they have won the respect they deserve."

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Postmedia Calgary photojournalist Jim Wells received a National Newspaper Award nomination on Tuesday for his photo of Bobby Boyd, who, along with neighbour James Ford, worked to free a deer that fell through the ice of the Bow River in the Inglewood area last November. *JIM WELLS*

## Postmedia Calgary receives three nods at the National Newspaper Awards

Recognition by journalism competition is ‘humbling,’ says editor-in-chief

Postmedia Calgary (Calgary Herald/Calgary Sun) has received three National Newspaper Award (NNA) nominations in one of the country’s most prestigious journalism competitions.

NNA organizers revealed the nominations Tuesday, noting they received 864 entries from 82 Canadian news organizations in the competition recognizing work done in 2024.

The first nomination received by Postmedia Calgary came in the category of Project of the Year for a months-long project called Squeezed: Navigating Calgary’s high cost of living. The project explored inflationary and affordability issues in areas ranging from housing and utilities, to groceries, family expenses and pets.

“It’s humbling to see this project be recognized by this nomination,” said Monica Zurowski, Postmedia Calgary editor-in-chief. “Initiated by digital editor Mary-Ellen Southwick, the project ultimately involved almost all members of the newsroom, which led to exceptional journalistic content, both qualitatively and quantitatively.

“The cost-of-living issues addressed in Squeezed resonated with huge numbers of readers,” Zurowski said. “We are grateful to the many Calgarians who openly shared their stories of inflationary struggles with us.”

A second NNA nomination received Tuesday — this one in the category of News Photo — highlighted an unforgettable photo taken by veteran photojournalist

Jim Wells. He was the only journalist who searched out a scene where two neighbours were trying to save a deer that fell through the ice of the Bow River in the Inglewood area last November.

“I thought I’d seen everything,” Wells recalled after the icy rescue. “But another situation presented itself when two men braved numerous dangers to rescue the young deer. ... Happily, after a couple of hours it ended successfully when the men pulled the deer out, after lassoing a rope around its horns.”

The third NNA nomination arrived in the category of Editorial Cartooning. Alberta artist Patrick LaMontagne, whose work appears regularly in the Calgary Herald, received the nomination for his extraordinary artwork that provides witty and pointed commentary.

Including the three nominations received in Calgary, Post-

media journalists netted nine NNA nominations this year at The Financial Post, Vancouver Sun/The Province, Ottawa Citizen/Sun, Halifax Chronicle Herald, Saskatoon StarPhoenix and Regina Leader-Post.

“Postmedia’s editorial mission to inspire and harness Canadian ambition is represented and matched by the work all our teams do, every day. That’s demonstrated so clearly in the work that’s been included in these nominations,” Duncan Clark, Postmedia’s chief content officer, said in a statement. “All our nominated journalists and newsrooms should take great pride in this recognition.”

Winners of the NNAs will be announced April 25 at a gala event in Montreal. This is the 76th year for the awards program, established in 1949 to encourage excellence and reward achievement in daily newspaper work in Canada.

*Postmedia News*



School support staff, including about 800 maintenance and custodial employees at the Calgary Board of Education and 350 workers with the Calgary Catholic School District, walked off the job Feb. 24. *GAVIN YOUNG FILES*

## ‘Very likely’ CBE support staff will be back to work on Friday

### CUPE DEALS FROM A1

More than 1,000 employees of Calgary schools — mostly maintenance and custodial staff — walked off the job Feb. 24.

In Calgary, the striking workers include about 800 maintenance and custodial employees at the Calgary Board of Education, represented by CUPE Local 40, and another 350 workers with the Calgary Catholic School District under CUPE Local 520.

CUPE Local 40 president Clay Gordon said the tentative agreement was reached around 8:30 p.m. Monday after a “long day” of negotiations.

“It was tough,” he said. “But we got there.”

Gordon did not provide specific details about the agreement, but

confirmed it is above provincial wage mandates that remained a sticking point during bargaining last week.

“I feel good about the deal,” Gordon said, noting he is confident it will get ratified.

The tentative agreement comes two days after deals were struck between union groups and school boards in Edmonton and Fort McMurray. Those three deals have wage agreements that are higher than the original wage mandates imposed by the Alberta government, and all for a period ending in August 2028, according to CUPE Alberta.

Gordon says deals reached in Edmonton and Fort McMurray over the weekend were “the changing of the winds” in negotiations.

He said “it’s very likely” mem-

bers will be back to work Friday.

“I think everybody is excited to get back to work — turn the page and resume what they love to do,” he said. “They’re excited to see their co-workers and see the students, and provide that safe and clean working environment.”

The Calgary strike has seen members picketing daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at locations across the city.

“I am just so proud of our members,” he said. “They showed that when we fight, we win.”

The CBE has confirmed the deal, and said CUPE Local 40 has suspended picket lines.

In an email to parents Tuesday morning, the school board advised that a team would be meeting to plan for “a smooth transition back to work.”

“While CUPE members are expected to be back at work on Friday, it will take some time to restore all normal operations,” CBE chief superintendent Joanne Pitman wrote in the email.

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## Hiring fair helps connect youth with work opportunities

### NOAH BRENNAN

The annual Calgary Youth Hiring Fair is back for its 26th year, connecting young Calgarians with employment opportunities.

Youth aged 15 to 24 are invited to the Big Four Building on March 27 from 1:30 to 6 p.m. to meet with more than 80 potential employers.

Heather Johnson, the City of Calgary’s social programs director, says the fair “plays a crucial role in helping them access opportunities that align with their talents and aspirations.”

“This event not only connects them with employers but also builds the foundation for future career growth, helping our city’s youth develop the skills they need to thrive,” Johnson said in a statement.

No pre-registration is required for the free event.

Job hunters are encouraged to come prepared with resumés and do some research ahead of time.

To prepare, young Calgarians can visit the city’s Youth Employment Centre, at 315 10th Ave. S.E., where they can access free services such as resume assistance, job search strategies and interview coaching.

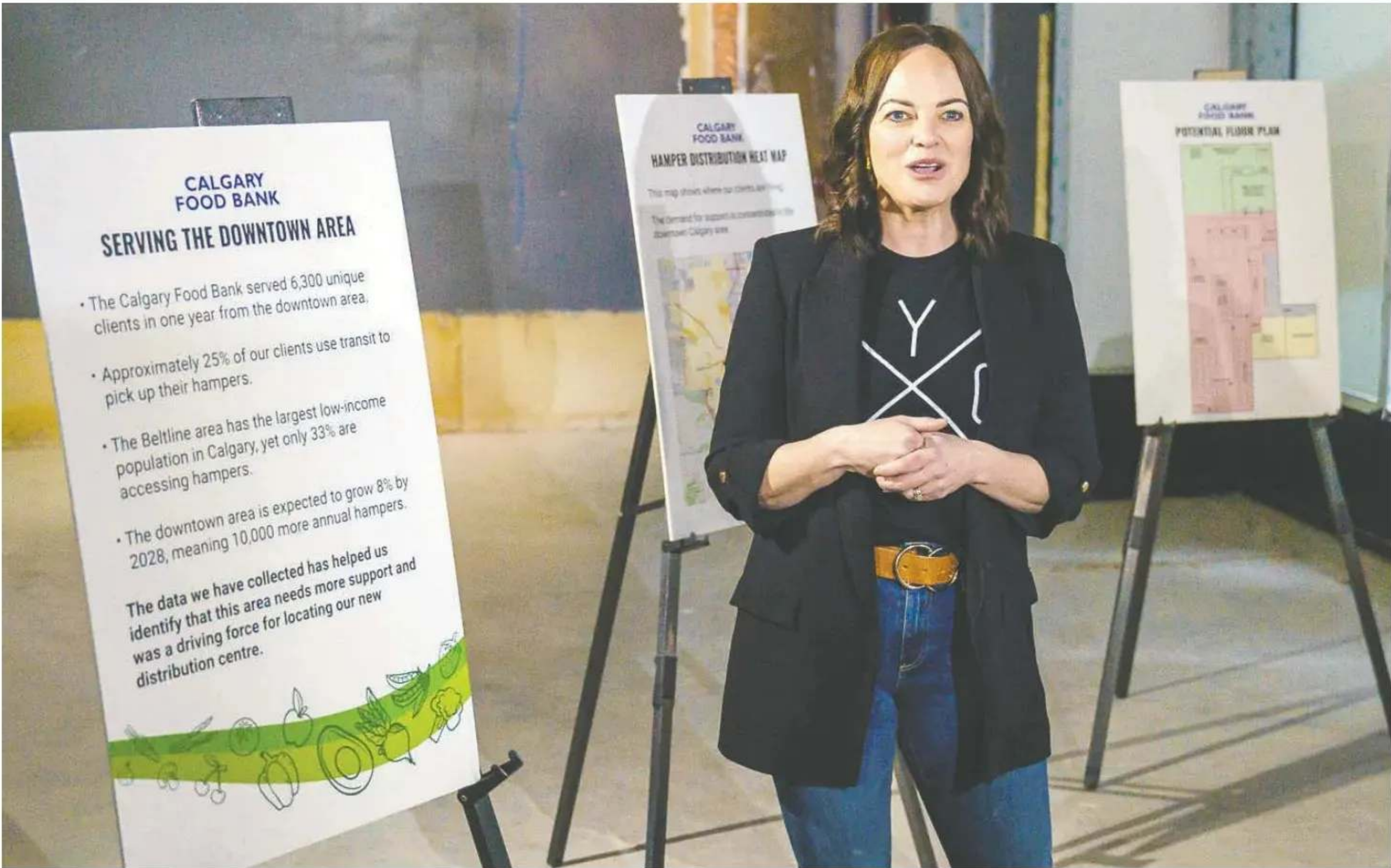
“Youth who take the time to prepare in advance will gain a competitive edge at the fair,” the centre’s team lead Tara Huxley said in a statement. “Our free services ... are designed to equip young job seekers with the tools they need to make a lasting impression.”

The centre offers year-round employment services connecting young people with employers.

Drop-in hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, with extended hours until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

For more details and a list of participating employers, visit the YEC website.





Melissa From, Calgary Food Bank CEO and president, says the organization’s new downtown branch in the Neoma Building will allow it “to help more Calgarians.” STEVEN WILHELM

# Food bank unveils newest branch in heart of downtown

Location brings organization’s services where they are needed most, CEO says

STEVEN WILHELM

The Calgary Food Bank revealed its new downtown branch on Tuesday, aiming to bring its services directly to the area of greatest need.

Located in the Neoma Building, at 706 7th Ave. S.W. just steps from the CTrain, the location will be managed by the non-profit HomeSpace, which houses clients for Inn From the Cold in the same building.

One of the biggest “pockets of need” for the food bank’s services is in the downtown and Beltline area, according to Melissa From, the organization’s president and chief executive.

The food bank served 6,300 unique clients from the downtown area in one year, and the Beltline has the largest low-income population in Calgary — but only a third of them access hampers.

“We are actually going to bring the food bank to them, and we’re going to be here in the heart of the downtown,” From told reporters.

Every day, about 25 per cent of the food bank’s clients go to the southeast Calgary location by public transit, some having multiple-hour trips.

“We’re talking hours on a bus, multiple transfers, sometimes with small children, and then on their way home with bags and bags of groceries,” said From. “It’s not dignified, it’s not kind, it’s not client-centric.”

The downtown location will be laid out much like any other grocery store.

“They’re going to check in with our client services team and they are going to shop for their food like any dignified Calgarian,” said From, adding that clients will be able to pick their own items.

The food bank hopes the space will serve up to 200 households per day by the end of June. The organization currently serves 750 households per day, a number that will grow to 800 in the coming days.

“We’re not going to slow down at our main location ... it just means

we’re going to be able to help more Calgarians,” From said, adding that the organization’s capacity will be 1,000 households once the new space is online.

## HEIGHTENED NEED FOR FOOD, HOUSING SUPPORTS

Need for the food bank has grown rapidly in recent years, having gone from serving about 400 households per day to about double that number, she added.

“The combination of population growth, economic challenges, inflation and now tariffs are all burdens that Calgarians have faced and will continue to face in the coming years,” said From.

She said the downtown location will be a “game changer” for those in the core, in the Beltline and the building it’s in.

Heather Morley, Inn From the Cold CEO, said they are “thrilled to welcome” the food bank as a partner and neighbour in the building.

The Neoma Building shelters 32 families, and 62 to 72 other families or individuals have affordable housing there.

“For them to be able to access the services of the food bank, which most of them do, again, it’s about the convenience ... it’s about the dignity,” said Morley.

“It made perfect sense to find the very right partner,” said Morley, adding that both her organization and HomeSpace are focused on individuals facing homelessness, while the food bank targets food insecurity.

“We know that food insecurity and housing instability go hand in hand,” said Morley.

When the food bank spoke about its increased demand, Morley couldn’t help but nod in agreement.

“Five years ago we served an average of about 500 families a year who were experiencing homelessness ... we more than tripled that,” she said, adding that collaborations between non-profits are “critical” as demand rises.

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# Calgary Transit to pilot two-car train service

SCOTT STRASSER

Starting Saturday, Calgary Transit will begin piloting two-car CTrain service on weekends and statutory holidays, claiming the move will cut down on energy, maintenance and operational costs, while still fulfilling passenger demand.

While LRT ridership has rebounded to pre-pandemic levels seen in 2019, the CTrain still sees fewer users on weekends. Outside of special events, an average of 84 passengers ride the train per trip on weekends, well below the 400-person capacity of two-car trains.

(The average during special weekend events is 300 passengers

per trip).

“We know how important transit service is for our customers and how critical it is to use our funds responsibly,” Aaron Coon, Calgary Transit manager, said in a news release. “This pilot allows us to match service with demand, while maintaining reliability and availability for those who depend on public transit.”

Reducing the number of train cars will reduce energy use by 33 per cent on weekends and cause less wear and tear on its fleet, Calgary Transit said, reducing maintenance needs while extending their life span.

Having fewer CTrain cars on the tracks also makes it easier for

transit peace officers to patrol, according to the release.

However, the pilot will not be in effect during high-demand events, such as large concerts and Calgary Flames home games. Instead, “floaters” trains will be deployed during these events to temporarily increase train lengths to three or four cars.

This will also be the case during the Calgary Stampede and the upcoming Rotary International Convention, which will bring thousands of delegates to the BMO Centre in June.

CTrain users are encouraged to share feedback through Calgary Transit’s customer service channels, according to the news release.

If the pilot proves successful, Calgary Transit says it may consider expanding two-car operations to non-peak hours on weekdays as well, starting this fall.

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# Demong abandons attempt to rename LRT station

SCOTT STRASSER

More than a year after he first proposed it, a Calgary city councillor has abandoned his attempt to rename the Fish Creek-Lacombe LRT station to incorporate nearby St. Mary’s University in the title.

Ward 14 Coun. Peter Demong presented a notice of motion in early 2024 to rebrand the Red Line station as Fish Creek-St. Mary’s University. He pointed out that other CTrain stations near post-secondary campuses include the name of the university in their title.

The Fish Creek-Lacombe LRT station is across Macleod Trail S.E. from the Catholic university, which is attended by more than 1,000 students — many of whom take the train to campus every day.

At the time Demong’s motion was introduced, the university’s faculty association provided a letter of support, arguing it would reflect the growth of the school, which is the only recognized university in southeast Calgary.

“This will help increase the visibility of St. Mary’s and provide another point of recognition for potential students,” wrote Dr. Carolyn Salomons, the school’s faculty association president.

But the city’s engagement process revealed a lack of general support for the idea. Public feedback revealed diverse perspectives on renaming the station, according to a city report included in Tuesday’s

council meeting agenda. It noted the current moniker has historical and geographical significance, as it reflects proximity to both Fish Creek Provincial Park and Father Lacombe’s parish, which covered the area.

A city survey revealed that out of 710 respondents, only 47 were supportive of a name change, 29 of whom explicitly favoured incorporating St. Mary’s in the title. Meanwhile, 143 respondents were not supportive of a name change.

“While the proposal to incorporate St. Mary’s University into the station name recognizes the university, any renaming should align with broader planning initiatives, such as transit-oriented development work for the station area or the future Local Area Plan for this and surrounding communities,” the report stated.

The Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC) was also against the proposal, claiming it would go against the calls to action in its White Goose Flying report from 2016.

In a November 2024 letter to the city, the CAUAC said that while it supports a new name for the station due to Father Lacombe’s role in founding the residential school system in Canada, it also opposes the inclusion of St. Mary’s for similar reasons.

St. Mary’s was the name of the residential school at Kainai from 1926 to 1988, the CAUAC letter stated.

“Though the modern St. Mary’s University is a separate institution, the St. Mary’s residential school at Cardston operated within the Catholic Diocese of Calgary,” the letter reads.

“These are not simply two unlinked entities that happen to share the same name. They are two Catholic institutions, with the same name, that operated within the same Catholic ecclesiastical district, and with oversight of the same Catholic Bishop (Paul J. O’Brien, 1968-1998).”

The city’s recommendation, which was endorsed by the executive committee in December 2024, was to maintain the station’s current name and to only consider renaming it when “opportunities arise to align with broader planning initiatives in the area.”

But before council could consider that item, Demong said that he wanted to file and abandon the proposal, citing the engagement process.

“There have been a number of missteps,” he said.

“This is not anyone’s responsibility, there’s no blaming here — it’s just a first-of-its-kind engagement that kind of went awry.”

“There were mistakes made, there were issues happening with it, and administration, myself and my constituents would like to see this entire file just disappear.”

Demong’s request to file and abandon the item was approved.

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Prime Minister Mark Carney can either unite the nation with fresh domestic policy, or weaken it with the same old favouritisms, writes Don Braid. SEAN KILPATRICK/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

## UCP dismisses ‘attempt to distract Calgarians’

TAX INVOICE FROM A1

The new numbers prompted council to discuss the optics of announcing a steeper tax hike than first promised. One councillor called approving a tax increase on the province’s behalf “egregious.”

“We get raked over the coals for months on end on a 3.5-to-five per cent property tax increase,” said Ward 14 Coun. Peter Demong. “The province, within a day, with no consultation, increases (their tax requisition) by over 17 per cent, and we don’t hear a single comment from any media, opinion piece, editorial.”

“How do I possibly circle this square with my constituents, that we as a city are doing our damndest to stay within our first appointed recommended rate and the province just comes in with whatever they want?”

Demong’s comments prompted a proposed amendment to send the province an invoice for administrative costs related to the collection of the education tax requisition — covering everything from staff time to printing costs.

Mayor Jyoti Gondek said the province is requisitioning 37 per cent of the taxes the city collects from properties this year and should, therefore, contribute 37 per cent of the cost to provide that service.

“This isn’t a political stunt,” she said. “This wasn’t just a whim. This is something that we need to take seriously. We have been asked to manage taxpayer money, and in order to do that, if we are providing services to another order of government, we should be compensated for it. “It seems logical they should have to pay for that service.”

But while the amendment passed unanimously, Ward 10 Coun. Andre Chabot called it an “exercise in futility.”

“They’ll argue that the costs of delivering services exceeds what they collect,” he said. “They’ll argue that they’re still not collecting enough.”

The city’s property tax bills will be mailed out May 12.

In response to a request for comment, a provincial government spokesperson said city council’s motion is little more than an attempt to save their re-election campaigns by blaming their “rampant overspending” on the province.

“This is an attempt to distract Calgarians from the fact that they are raising their property taxes for the fourth year in a row,” said Justin Brattinga, senior press secretary for the Alberta government’s treasury board and finance.

“If the city can’t manage collecting the taxes, we’re sure someone will step forward in October’s election that can,” Brattinga said.

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# A ‘SCREW THE WEST’ POLICY COULD FURTHER DIVIDE NATION

Concerns swirl over regional favouritism as Carney Liberals near majority territory



DON BRAID

The looming election campaign might begin to rebuild this country, or drive us further into division and stagnation.

The choice is Prime Minister Mark Carney’s. He can either strive to unite the nation with fresh domestic policy, or weaken our internal bonds with the same old regional favouritism.

Everybody should hope that Carney carries the day against U.S. President Donald Trump’s mad tariffs and threats to Canada’s independence.

But the Save Canada rhetoric is perfect cover for the Liberals to govern as they always have. And probably will, if they win the election.

Two polls now show them in near-majority territory. Leger has them up by four per cent over the Conservatives; Angus Reid says seven per cent.

The setup is familiar; big support in major, key urban centres, especially Toronto, and in every province from Ontario to the Atlantic.

In crucial Quebec, the Liberals are well ahead of Pierre Poilievre’s Conservatives and, surprisingly, the Bloc Quebecois.

This is the most remarkable short-term turnaround in modern Canadian history. The Liberals have jumped nearly 30 points since December.

But the Conservatives have nearly 60 per cent support in Alberta and 62 per cent in Saskatchewan.

It’s a dead heat at about 40 per cent in B.C. and Manitoba.

The same old east-west power split is at hand.

Dan McTeague, who was an Ontario Liberal MP for 18 years, winning six elections, sees a classic scenario for Ottawa to suck the resource provinces dry.

McTeague, an energy pricing expert, says the Liberals will inevitably turn to Alberta and the western provinces to shore up eastern spending.

No fan of today’s Liberals, he also claims that Carney’s abo-

lition of the consumer carbon tax is meaningless, because the government will legislate higher industrial pricing to fill the gap.

Former Alberta cabinet minister Ted Morton worries that the Liberals will sacrifice western oil and gas to prop up the auto and electricity sectors of Ontario and Quebec.

“Basically, that would be a return of the National Energy Program — screw the West and take the rest. If that happens, it’s really gonna hit the fan.”

Alberta Premier Danielle Smith was almost hostile to Carney after his cabinet was sworn in. She didn’t even issue rote congratulations.

“I am extremely concerned that this cabinet includes most of (the) same ministers responsible for the most damaging government policies levelled by Ottawa against Alberta in our over 100-year history,” she said on X.

“We are gravely concerned that plans to significantly increase the industrial carbon tax will be just as damaging to Alberta’s economy as the consumer carbon tax has been.”

Facing the Trump storm, Carney seems onside with expanding energy production, finding new markets and even building pipelines.

The rhetoric does not match

his long and detailed militancy on climate measures.

But circumstances now hand him a fantastic opportunity for a national reset that would help Canada’s economy and create leverage against Trump.

He can pledge to completely rebuild climate policy with far more tolerance for provincial needs.

A good start would be to ditch former climate minister Steven Guilbeault’s central control over emissions, electricity and energy projects.

Not a single province would refuse to step up with its own sane measures. Provinces could co-ordinate their policies by region, respecting the goal as well as their own needs.

Carney could also promise to reform equalization. Fiscal capacity from electricity should be in the formula. That would reduce the ridiculous imbalance that pays Quebec \$13 billion a year.

He needs to dump or seriously amend the Impact Assessment Act and rescind Bill C-59, the legislation that stops oil and gas companies from talking about their environmental achievements, on pain of huge penalties.

Canadians want resistance against Trump. They seem ready to trust that role to Carney.

But they’re also uniquely open to serious national reform that builds a more resilient nation.

Shake off the rust, Liberals. Give the real Canada a try.

Don Braid’s column appears regularly in the Herald

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Agriculture Minister RJ Sigurdson says the province must “ensure there’s regulatory clarity, flexibility and opportunity to manage organic waste, including digestate, to provide investor confidence.” *DILLON GIANCOLA FILES*

# Bill aims to clarify rules on biodigester, biogas waste

Minister seeks to amend agricultural act in bid to address regulatory uncertainty

STEPHEN TIPPER

In a move to encourage more biodigesters and biogas plants to begin operating in the province, the Alberta government intends to clarify rules around the handling of the waste those facilities produce.

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation Minister RJ Sigurdson tabled Bill 44, the Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, in the legislature Tuesday afternoon.

The act would move current rules around managing digestates — produced by anaerobic digesters when they break down organic materials such as manure — from a memorandum of understanding into the Agricultural Operation Practices Act.

The province says the act currently lacks clarity on how organic material can be managed, leading to regulatory uncertainty for agricultural operations storing and using digestate generated from manure.

In recent years, there’s been growing private sector interest in anaerobic biodigesters or biogas plants, Sigurdson said during a news conference Tuesday morning.

## MANURE FOR FERTILIZER OR ENERGY

Manure from feeding operations can be used as an input to produce biogas and fertilizer, and the biogas can be refined into renewable natural gas that can be used to pro-

duce heat and electricity. This creates another revenue stream for producers, and the nutrient-rich digestate can be used to grow crops and improve soil health, said Sigurdson.

“As the agri-processing and biogas sectors expand, and more anaerobic biodigesters come online, Alberta needs to ensure there’s regulatory clarity, flexibility and opportunity to manage organic waste, including digestate, to provide investor confidence,” he said.

“Changes will provide this emerging industry with regulatory certainty to do business and potentially create jobs in rural Alberta. And with access to abundant inputs from livestock operations, our province will be an attractive place for investment in the biogas industry.”

## DIVERTING WASTE, CREATING REVENUE

Farmers, ranchers and agri-processors produce 3.4 million tonnes of organic waste annually, mainly from livestock manure and food processing. These organic materials are either sent to landfills or waste management facilities.

“This needlessly creates waste and fills municipal landfills with organic material, but there is a better way,” said Sigurdson. “We have a huge opportunity to divert these materials to the biogas industry, which is looking for feedstock.”

Alberta Beef Producers vice-chair

Kent Holowath said Tuesday the organization “fully supports” the proposed changes, saying they will help unlock new income streams for producers while also “contributing to Alberta’s energy future.”

“With the challenges Alberta farmers face today — with drought, unpredictable markets and the constant threat of tariffs — our margins are under pressure like never before,” Holowath said.

Chad Meunier, a Barrhead-area cattle feeder and an Alberta Cattle Feeders’ Association board member, said investing in biodigesters is a “win-win” for cattle feeders and the environment, as biodigesters capture methane from manure, reducing emissions for the sector while also creating renewable energy.

“This is a positive step for our industry to be more sustainable for future generations,” he said during Tuesday’s news conference.

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# Watchdog upholds reprimand for CPS officer’s racist remarks

BILL KAUFMANN

A Calgary police officer’s complaint that an investigation into a co-worker’s racist comments was flawed and the resulting penalty too lenient has been tossed by a law enforcement watchdog.

Even though a two-person Law Enforcement Review Board (LERB) panel expressed multiple concerns over the investigation into Const. Andrew Fuhrman’s repeated use of the “N” word, it concluded any shortcomings didn’t justify overturning the decision made by Calgary Police Service to hand the officer a reprimand that remains on his record for five years.

Of particular concern, reads the LERB decision, was the move by a CPS presiding officer to change the wording on the accusation from “racist” to watered-down language.

“The board wishes to first make clear it is very troubled by the changes made to the record/statement,” reads the March 11 LERB written decision. “By varying this to read ‘some inappropriate and derogatory language,’ the final record/statement is not merely watered down; it fails to capture the essence of the appellant’s allegations.”

Even so, the board concluded that concern wasn’t enough to overturn the disciplinary decision.

“Although the board is sympathetic to the appellant’s frustration that the (language) was changed, the respondents are correct that a presenting officer has wide berth to determine how to frame and present their case,” they stated.

The matter began with accusations by Const. Gareth Clarke that Fuhrman had used the “N” word during three group conversations in early 2021, in one case referring to his Nigerian neighbours. Another time it was while discussing a nurse working with Canada Customs.

Police Chief Mark Neufeld concluded there was enough evidence for a reasonable prospect of a conviction in the case, while he consolidated those accusations into one allegation.

On Nov. 8, 2023, Fuhrman was given the five-year reprimand, a conclusion that sparked an appeal from Clarke who contended the investigation done by the CPS professional standards section should have included CCTV evidence, only called on two of eight possible witnesses and failed to address bullying.

“In (Clarke’s) initial complaint, he recalled an occasion where (Fuhrman) stated he would ‘shoot me in the back’ if he engaged in certain conduct,” states the LERB panel. “He then went on to say that ‘this statement shocked me but, honestly, I did not feel threatened. I was not intimidated.’”

But while the panel acknowledged the “seriousness” of that allegation and others, it dismissed it because the focus of the appeal was on Fuhrman’s racist comments.

And it determined the lack of CCTV evidence wasn’t serious enough to conclude the investigation was tainted or flawed.

But the LERB panel did express concerns over witnesses, that certain documents and their statements were denied to the investigation, while noting Clarke’s concerns that a group email sent to potential witnesses lacked confidentiality and might have influenced them.

The panel also noted it was unable to access the email, which it called “troubling.”

Because Neufeld deemed the main accusations regarding racist conduct were serious and enough to secure a conviction, the panel concluded those concerns raised by Clarke weren’t enough to warrant it to take action.

When the LERB’s concerns about the changed language are removed from the equation, it found the presiding officer’s rulings, based on the evidence available, were “reasonable.”

It applied that same conclusion to the penalty handed to Fuhrman, stating the officer’s positive performance record was properly included in that decision.

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OPINION

Maybe Carney should look inside himself



TASHA KHEIRIDDIN

Will ethical issues upend the Liberal election campaign? The Conservatives certainly hope so — and they’re getting a hand from an unlikely source: the Canadian media.

At a news conference in London, Globe and Mail reporter Stephanie Levitz and CBC News anchor Rosemary Barton grilled Prime Minister Mark Carney on his personal finances. “For a guy who has spent most of his life in the private sector, there’s no possible conflict of interest in your assets,” Barton insisted. “That’s very difficult to believe.”

An exasperated Carney told Barton to “look inside yourself, Rosemary” and accused her of coming from a “prior (assumption) of conflict and ill will.” He went on to add, “I have served in the private sector. I have stood up for Canada. I have left my roles in the private sector at a time of crisis for our country. I’m complying with all the rules.” This rather cringey exchange taught us two things. First, Carney needs more media training: news conferences aren’t therapy sessions, and scolding journalists is what the media slams Conservatives (and U.S. President Donald Trump) for doing. True, Carney wasn’t munching on an apple like Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre. But if the new PM isn’t careful, he will blow one of his main advantages, which is that voters consider him more “likable” than his Conservative rival, and less arrogant than his predecessor, Justin Trudeau.

Second, Carney will open the door to a deadlier comparison: unethical behaviour. Trudeau’s ethical lapses were legion: from vacationing at the Aga Khan’s Island, to pressuring then-attorney general Jody Wilson-Raybould during the SNC Lavalin Scandal, to not recusing himself from the contracting process with WE Charity during the pandemic. The disregard for ethics extended to his cabinet ministers as

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well: between 2018 and 2023, former Ethics Commissioner Mario Dion found five senior Liberals in violation of ethics laws, including Trudeau, ministers Dominic LeBlanc and Mary Ng, former minister Bill Morneau and parliamentary secretary Greg Fergus.

Knowing this, it is surprising that Carney’s team didn’t see this coming. He not only needs better answers, but better action. The rules oblige Carney to complete the compliance process within 120 days of his appointment as prime minister, but there is nothing that prevents disclosure from being done sooner, or proactively by his campaign.

As National Post reported last week, Carney is facing scrutiny for his work as Brookfield Asset Management’s head of transition investing, in which he oversaw the financing of billions of dollars in net-zero projects around the world. So far, Brookfield and Carney’s transition team have declined to clarify if he still possesses these assets in his blind trust.

But with energy policy already playing a role in the campaign, that question becomes more pertinent. Last week, Carney made a show of axing the consumer carbon tax, while yesterday Poilievre pledged to eliminate the entire law, which includes an industrial levy as well. Carney did not go that far, and there are legitimate questions as to whether he would personally benefit from net-zero policies going forward. If he lets that hang in the air, his motives will be suspect. And you can be sure the Conservatives will pursue the issue. They are desperate to change the channel from Trump, and don’t have tons to go on. Polls show that voters trust Carney more than Poilievre to deal with the U.S. president, and have the Tories falling behind the Liberals for the first time in two years. But the latter survey also found that 28 per cent of voters don’t know enough about Carney to have an opinion, compared to 12 per cent who don’t know Poilievre — leaving the Tories room to cast doubt about his character.

Carney’s greatest asset is his business experience. If the Conservatives can undermine that, his appeal dims considerably. But painting him as “Just like Justin” will only work if the comparison has a basis in fact. Carney needs to be transparent with Canadians, or risk losing control of the narrative.

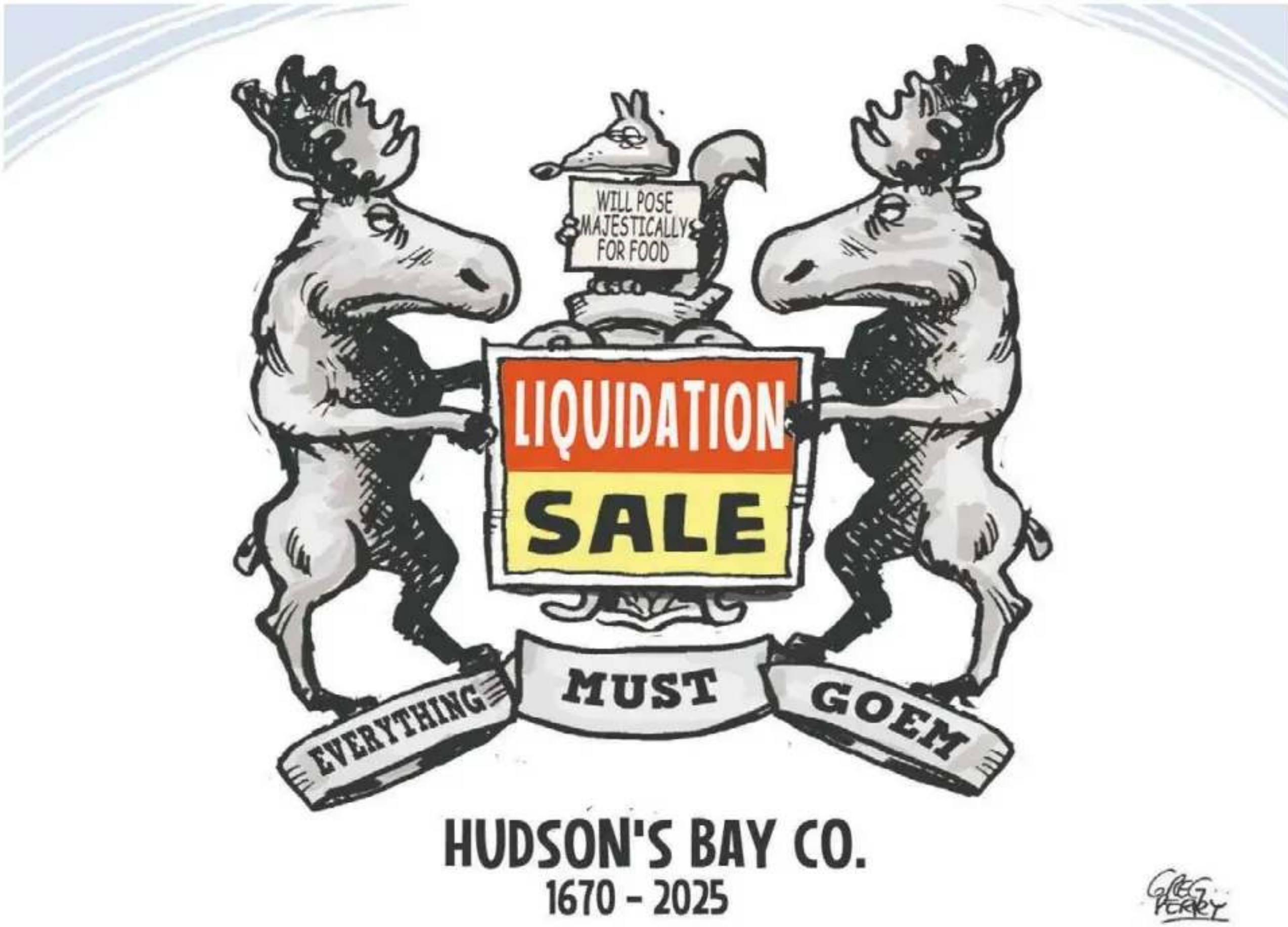
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It’s time to grow up and fire monarchy

March 15 started with Justin Trudeau resigning as prime minister. “Thank you Canada for trusting in me, for challenging me and for granting me the privilege to serve the best country and the best people on earth.”

What a load of tripe. He was a dictator.

Prime Minister Mark Carney’s cabinet of 24 ministers, down from 37 in his predecessor’s cabinet, is a good start.

Is it not time for Canada to grow up? Rid itself of the Royal Family, the spendthrift Gov. Gen. Mary Simon and the astronomical cost of maintaining the many properties associated with the monarchy across Canada.

Some have listed this opportunity (no ongoing costs plus sales of valuable real estate) in the billions of dollars.

John Bates, Calgary

Trump’s global threat is real

A rash of domestic and

international editorial cartoons and commentaries are speaking the truth about U.S. President Donald Trump that Congressional leaders and members either don’t, or won’t, acknowledge.

I can only hope that both houses of Congress begin to realize, soon enough, that their window of opportunity to prevent him and his subjugants/suplicants from gutting their Constitution with his Project 2025 — setting the stage for an imperialist, expansionist, American autocracy and signalling the beginning of the end of American democracy — is fast closing.

Everything that is happening in America now with Trump’s use of “soft” economic, non-kinetic means has happened before in Germany and Italy, where two similarly expansionist, megalomaniacal autocrats, utilizing massive “hard” kinetic means, almost succeeded in destroying democracy and assimilating all of a free and democratic Europe in the early-to-mid 20th century.

Presently, Russian President Vladimir Putin has

revived his form of “hard” kinetic Russian imperialist expansionism with his attack on Ukraine.

It is time to learn what citizens in Germany and Italy realized too late in the 1930s. Time to stop laughing about it and begin doing something about it.

Bob Mackan, Strathmore

History offers lessons about U.S.

Re: Carney Begone, Opinion, March 15

Conrad Black makes some cogent comments about Mark Carney’s suitability for prime minister. But his strident opinions are surely compromised by Black’s fealty to U.S. President Donald Trump, itself a fascinating denial of reality.

Trump is not Hitler, but even Black might see the chilling parallel between the monsters that worshipped Hitler and the forelock-tugging, heel-clicking, oleaginous opportunists that Trump has corralled for the White House.

W. Selby Martin, Bracebridge, Ont.

All energy isn’t equal in trade war

Ontario Premier Doug Ford is being hailed as a Canadian hero for threatening to cut off electricity exports to the U.S., while Alberta Premier Danielle Smith has drawn harsh criticism for opposing any disruptions to oil and gas exports.

Here are some numbers that may help explain the differences between the two approaches. Ontario’s electricity exports to the U.S. bring in about \$580 million a year, about 0.0007 per cent of Ontario’s GDP (\$888 billion).

Alberta’s oil and gas exports to the U.S. amount to about \$174 billion, about 49.5 per cent of Alberta’s GDP (\$351 billion).

These exports equate to about \$36 per Ontarian and about \$35,000 per Albertan, respectively.

The impact of shutting off electricity exports to the U.S. would be rather insignificant for Ontario, while the impact for Alberta could be catastrophic.

Michael Collins, Calgary

The Great One forgot his Canadian origins

By not wearing the right jersey, Gretzky sent message he belongs to U.S.



CATHERINE FORD

It’s not often — mostly never — that one can see the full arc of fame, fortune and celebrity from the first spark to the last sputter.

It’s a question of privilege — and heartbreak — when that happens. For me, it has now encompassed Wayne Gretzky. (There are inanimate examples such as Olympic Plaza and Eau Claire Market, both of which I watched be born and now die.)

As for Gretzky, it’s not that I am a committed hockey fan — although there was one minor league player in London when I was working for the London Free Press who, ahem, caught my eye.

This, of course, had nothing to do with hockey. We focused on another sport — pool. He was impressed

I owned my own pool cue; I was impressed by his competence. The brief relationship ended and he would go on to be a professional and has the distinction of being the second most-traded player in NHL history. He didn’t improve my appreciation of hockey, but he did improve my bank shots.

Years later, in 1973 — give or take a year — I was working at a small daily newspaper just outside Toronto when the sports editor stopped at my desk. He was wide-eyed. He had just returned from covering a minor hockey tournament.

“I’ve just seen the future of hockey,” he said. “There’s this kid from Brantford. He’s 12 and he’s the youngest on his team.” He paused to take a breath. “And he’s outskating, outplaying and outscoring everyone else. His name is Wayne Gretzky.”

The name meant nothing to me then. That wouldn’t last.

Gretzky would arrive in Edmonton at 17 years old. He would launch a dynasty that

drove those of us in Calgary nuts.

At the time, a rare few could have predicted this phenomenal player would rise to the heights of the NHL, become a celebrity, have a bronze statue erected in Edmonton and eventually fall to the fates when he cast his lot with the MAGA movement and U.S. President Donald Trump.

But we could have forgiven him for this. All of us can choose our own political leanings.

We haven’t toppled Gretzky off his throne because he supports Trump, even though he has visited the president at Mar-a-Lago or even because Trump believes Gretzky would make a great “governor” of Canada, the 51st state.

No, it was something worse; he seemingly “forgot” his original citizenship. He didn’t remember, apparently, that it was Canada and our game that gave a teenager the crown of hockey, national honours and respect. He was so much more than the face of hockey. He was one of us.

Then came the 4 Nations Face-Off final. Canada versus United States. Doesn’t get much better than this.

Onto the ice came the

honorary U.S. captain — Mike Eruzione, captain of the 1980 Olympic team. It was called the Miracle on Ice when the U.S. won gold against the Soviets.

For that game’s honours, Eruzione wore the U.S. blue jersey. Gretzky, who was Canada’s honorary captain, wore a blue suit. He stepped onto the ice from near the U.S. bench, not the Canadian one, and gave the U.S. team a thumbs-up. One sports columnist said he failed to “read the room.”

Gretzky failed to remember who we were, how all Canadians regard him as one of us, even though he left Canada in 1988 when traded to the L.A. Kings. At the time, Gretzky wept, Edmonton wept; the country sighed.

But something as silly as his clothing — failing to wear a red and white jersey — sends a message to Canadians that Gretzky is no longer one of us, that he belongs to another country.

All he had to do was wear the colours; to be grateful for the love Canada has shown him since I first heard his name more than 50 years ago. Catherine Ford is a regular columnist.



YOU

BEWARE THE OFFICE MICROWAVE

All microwaves harbour bacteria, but office microwaves could be a bigger risk to you health than ones at home. In a study published in *Frontiers in Microbiology*, researchers from University of Valencia in Spain examined 30 microwaves from residences, labs and shared spaces such as offices.

They found 101 bacterial strains. Common bacteria including *Bacillus*, *Micrococcus* and *Staphylococcus* were in all



microwaves, and certain bacteria like cyanobacteria (which can cause harmful toxins) were more widespread in shared microwaves — making cleaning important.

“At home, you and your family are already sharing many bacteria,” food scientist Bryan Quoc Le told *Food & Wine*. “You can also more easily control the cleanliness of your own home microwave compared to one at work.” *Melissa Hank*

AN INVITATION TO SHARING

Unlocking culinary similarities that transcend cultural differences

LAURA BREHAUT

Sixteen years after *Ozoz Sokoh* started writing her blog, *Kitchen Butterfly*, she’s remains intrigued by food.

“Every day, I still have lists of things I want to make, cook, eat, research. I’m grateful that I found my thing — or many things — but food is definitely at the core of it,” she says from her home in Mississauga, Ont.

Sokoh transitioned from a career as a geologist to become a food writer and educator. In her debut cookbook, *Chop Chop*, she documents the food ways of her native Nigeria, delving into the regions, the language and lexicon, the cultural and historical context. There are 100 classic recipes that highlight the similarities across regions but also the differences.

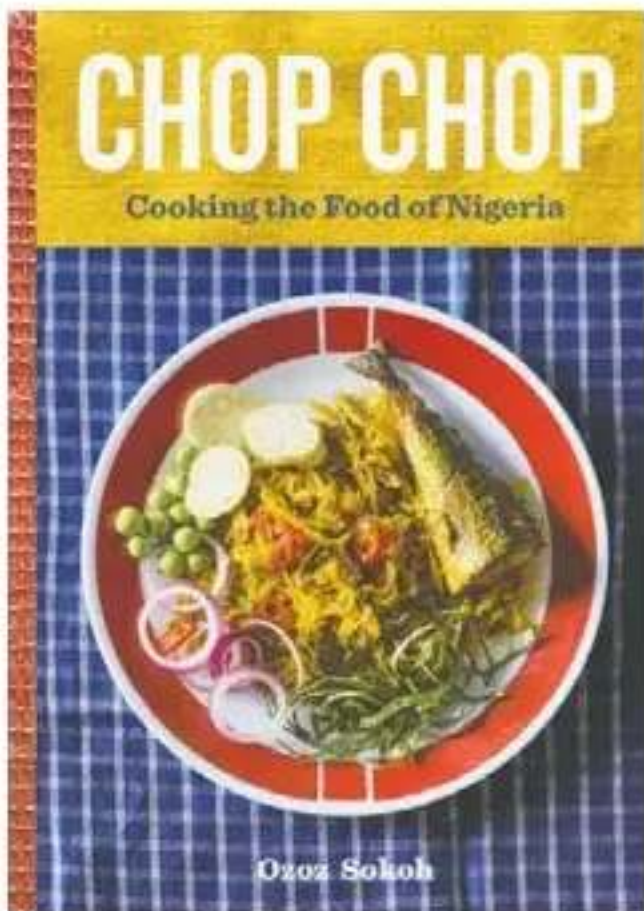
The book’s title carries multiple meanings for Sokoh, a food and tourism studies professor at Centennial College in Toronto. On one side, there’s the phrase: ‘Come chop.’

“It’s an invitation to community. It’s an invitation to sharing. It’s an invitation to abundance.”

On the other, excitement about food is a hallmark of a “chop chop,” which is what Nigerians would call a gastronomie.

“I really wanted to share this depth of love. This desire to be twinned with food. And not just the eating of it, but the community, the sharing, the history, the language and all of that.”

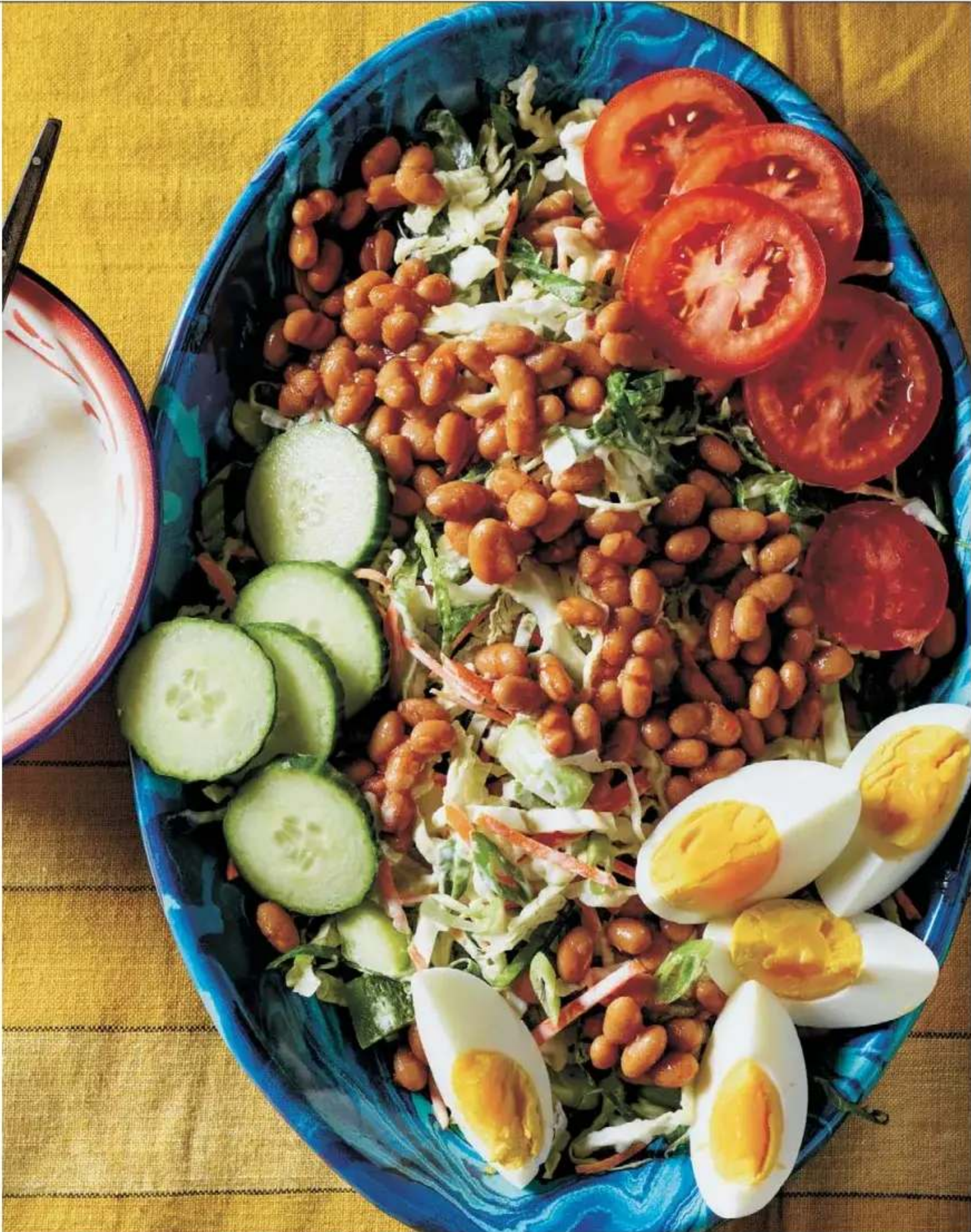
In *Chop Chop*, Sokoh makes connections, comparing



swallows (unleavened cooked doughs) to Nepali dhindo, Indian ragi mudde and Czech houskové knedlíky, and bottom pot (the layer of caramelized rice that turns jollof into party jollof) to Cambodian bay kdaing, Filipino tutong, Persian tahdig and Spanish socarrat.

“There are so many foodways connections across different cultures, whether through the Black Atlantic and enslavement,” says Sokoh, who is cataloguing 60-something elements to create an atlas. “I think that a non-Nigerian should be able to pick up *Chop Chop* and find a bit of themselves there. It’s important for me that we all know how similar we are despite our apparent differences, whether in geography, politics, origin, heritage. Those little threads have brought me comfort to this point. I hope we’re able to see that for the gift it is.”

*Recipes excerpted from Chop Chop by Ozoz Sokoh (Appetite by Random House).*



“Simply known as ‘salad,’ this colourful, coleslaw-like mix is present at almost every Nigerian event, dressed with sweet, tangy, pale yellow salad cream,” author Ozoz Sokoh writes. PHOTOS: JAMES RANSOM

NIGERIAN SALAD

Serves: 4

- 1 cup (100 g) shredded white or green cabbage
- 1 cup (100 g) shredded carrots
- 1 cup (75 g) shredded romaine or iceberg lettuce
- 1/2 cup (90 g) chopped firm Roma (plum) tomatoes (seeded, if you like), plus 1
- Firm tomato, cut into 1/4-inch-thick (6-mm) slices
- 1/2 cup (65 g) chopped peeled cucumber (seeded if you like), plus 1/2 medium
- Cucumber, cut into 1/4-inch-thick (6-mm) slices (peeled and seeded, if you like)
- 1/4 cup (30 g) diced green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup (25 g) chopped scallions
- Up to 3 tbsp (45 mL) homemade salad cream (see recipe), plus more for serving

- 1/2 cup (125 g) canned vegetarian baked beans, preferably Heinz Original brand
- 2 hard-boiled eggs, peeled and cut into wedges or slices

1. In a shallow dish or platter, combine the cabbage, carrots, lettuce, chopped tomatoes, chopped cucumber, bell pepper and scallions. Drizzle 2-3 tbsp (30-45 mL) of the salad cream over the top. With a spoon, combine gently but thoroughly.
2. Spread coated vegetables into an even layer over the dish and spoon baked beans over the top. Garnish with small piles of the tomato slices, cucumber slices and hard-boiled eggs. Cover and refrigerate about an hour.
3. Serve with extra salad cream.

**Storage:** Leftovers can be refrigerated for up to 3 days.

HOMEMADE SALAD CREAM

- Makes:** 1 cup (240 mL)
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) white wine vinegar
  - 1 tbsp (15 mL) confectioners’ sugar
  - 1 tsp (5 mL) yellow or Dijon mustard
  - 1 cup (230 g) store-bought mayonnaise
  - Fine sea salt (optional)
  - Evaporated milk (optional)

1. In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar, confectioners’ sugar and mustard until well combined. Add the mayonnaise and whisk until well blended. Add salt and/or evaporated milk, if desired. Use immediately or refrigerate in airtight container for up to 1 week.

ALEWAR MADARA (MILK CANDY)

Makes: 25-30 candies

- 3 tbsp (45 mL) unsalted butter, at room temperature, or neutral oil, plus more for greasing
- 1/4 cup (50 g) sugar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla extract (see note)
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) fine sea salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) liquid or gel food colouring (optional)
- 3 cups (375 g) full-fat powdered milk



1. Lightly grease a small rimmed baking sheet with 1 tbsp (15 mL) of the butter.
2. In a medium pot, combine the remaining 2 tbsp (30 mL) butter, the sugar, vanilla, salt, food colouring (if using) and 3/4 cup (180 mL) room-temperature water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring, until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture turns syrupy, about 7 minutes.
3. Reduce the heat to low. Evenly sprinkle 2 cups (250 g) of the powdered milk into the pot. With a wooden spoon or sturdy spatula, stir the mixture, adding the remaining powdered milk 1/4 cup (about 32 g) at a time, until it’s all incorporated and a soft dough forms, pulls away from the sides of the pan, and becomes shiny, about 8 minutes.
4. Transfer the mixture to the centre of the prepared baking sheet. With a spatula or rolling pin, evenly spread the dough to a

thickness of about 1/3 inch (8.5 mm). Let cool completely.

5. Carefully grease a large, sharp knife with butter and cut the candy into 25-30 squares, rectangles or diamonds. Alternatively, cut it into shapes using cookie cutters. Put the milk candy in an airtight container and refrigerate for an hour to set before serving.

**Storage:** Store in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks or in the freezer for up to 4 weeks.

**Note:** You can swap out the vanilla extract for strawberry, mint, toffee or other flavourings.

CHAPMAN

Serves: 4

- 4 oz (120 mL) black currant cordial or syrup, such as Ribena, plus more as needed
- About 24 oz (720 mL) orange soda, such as Fanta orange, chilled
- About 24 oz (720 mL) lemon-lime soda, such as Sprite, chilled
- Angostura bitters (see note)
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Juice of 2 limes
- 4 lemon slices, for garnish
- 4 lime slices, for garnish
- 4 thin slices skin-on cucumber, for garnish

1. Set out four beer mugs. Pour 2 tbsp (15 mL) of the black currant cordial into each glass. Add 3/4 cup (175 mL) each of the orange soda and lemon-lime soda to each glass, then sprinkle each with 3 or 4 drops of bitters.

- Stir, taste and add more cordial if you like.
2. Distribute the lemon and lime juices evenly among the glasses. Add 3 or 4 ice cubes to each glass and stir well.
  3. Top each glass with a slice of lemon, lime and cucumber. Finish with straws and serve immediately.

**Notes:** Some people consider this drink alcoholic because Angostura bitters are 44 per cent alcohol by volume. However, only a little is used, and Chapman isn’t the same without the complexity of bitters. If you would like, use non-alcoholic bitters instead, or skip if you must.

Though garnishes today mostly consist of cucumber and citrus, historically one might have encountered other fruits, like candied cherries or sliced bananas, and herbs such as mint.





Today

**H: 8** **L: -4**

P.O.P: 20%

Mainly sunny.

Wind: W, 13kmh

Tomorrow

**H: 7** **L: -3**

P.O.P: 30%

Cloudy, sunny breaks.

Wind: W, 16kmh

Friday

**H: 9** **L: 0**

P.O.P: 30%

Mix, sun and clouds.

Wind: W, 21kmh

Saturday

**H: 6** **L: -5**

P.O.P: 40%

Scattered flurries.

Wind: NW, 23kmh

Sunday

**H: 8** **L: 3**

P.O.P: 30%

Mix, sun and clouds.

Wind: SE, 12kmh

Precipitation

March

Normal, Month [mm]: 16.8

Current: 5.7

Difference: -11.1

Percent of Normal: 34%

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Today is **WARMER** than Average.

Today's Average [°C]: 5

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Difference: +3

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North America Weather

LEGEND

C-Cloudy FG-Fog FR-Freezing rain HZ-Haze PC-Partly Cloudy R-Rain RS-Rain-Snow S-Sun SN-Snow SF-Snowflurries SH-Showers T-Thunderstorms W-Windy

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Banff	3/-7	S	3/-11	C
Brandon	-1/-12	S	1/-10	PC
Calgary	8/-4	S	7/-3	PC
Charlottetown	2/-3	S	9/3	PC
Churchill	-17/-22	PC	-16/-19	PC
Corner Brook	1/-10	PC	6/0	S
Edmonton	3/-10	S	2/-5	C
Fredericton	10/-2	S	11/4	PC
Halifax	10/0	PC	6/3	PC
Iqaluit	-14/-21	C	-16/-21	S
Kelowna	6/1	SH	8/-2	PC
Moncton	4/-4	S	11/4	PC
Montréal	16/8	PC	14/-1	PC
Ottawa	13/7	PC	12/-4	R
Québec	4/1	PC	13/3	PC
Regina	0/-12	S	1/-9	PC
Saint John	8/0	S	8/4	PC
Saskatoon	1/-11	S	0/-10	PC
Sherbrooke	17/8	S	16/1	PC
St John's	6/-2	R	2/-1	PC
Sudbury	6/6	SH	6/-11	RS
Thunder Bay	4/-9	PC	2/-5	S
Toronto	13/9	PC	9/-1	SH
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Bangkok	35/26	S	35/26	PC	Ho Chi Minh	35/25	PC	34/25	PC
Beijing	20/7	S	23/10	S	Hong Kong	19/15	PC	20/16	S
Beirut	21/12	SH	14/9	SH	Istanbul	7/3	PC	8/5	SH
Belgrade	9/1	S	13/2	S	Jerusalem	16/7	S	10/4	SH
Berlin	11/0	S	15/4	S	Kyiv	6/0	RS	9/0	S
Bogota	20/10	SH	19/10	SH	Lisbon	15/12	R	16/11	SH
Bucharest	10/-2	S	13/-1	S	London	16/7	S	17/9	S
Buenos Aires	26/22	SH	28/22	S	Madrid	17/10	SH	15/9	R
Cairo	26/13	S	21/13	S	Manila	32/26	SH	32/26	PC
Cape Town	29/18	S	23/20	R	Mexico City	29/10	S	23/9	PC
Copenhagen	8/2	S	10/3	PC	Milan	12/1	S	14/4	S
Dubai	30/20	S	34/23	S	Moscow	2/-2	SN	6/0	PC

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	Today	Tomorrow		Today	Tomorrow				
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Banff	3/-7	S	3/-11	C	Lac La Biche	3/-10	S	2/-7	PC
Barrhead	6/-9	S	2/-5	C	Lethbridge	9/-1	S	9/0	PC
Bassano	9/-1	S	10/-2	PC	Lloydminster	0/-10	S	0/-9	PC
Bonnyville	2/-12	S	1/-9	PC	Medicine Hat	8/-1	S	10/-2	PC
Bragg Creek	8/-5	S	5/-5	PC	Okotoks	9/-2	S	7/-3	PC
Brooks	8/-1	S	10/-2	PC	Peace River	4/-7	S	5/-4	C
Calgary	8/-4	S	7/-3	PC	Ponoka	6/-6	S	5/-4	C
Camrose	2/-10	S	0/-6	C	Provost	2/-8	S	2/-7	PC
Carvel	5/-7	S	4/-5	C	Red Deer	6/-5	S	6/-3	PC
Cold Lake	1/-12	S	1/-10	PC	Rocky Ridge	8/-4	S	7/-3	PC
Coronation	1/-8	S	0/-7	PC	Slave Lake	5/-6	S	3/-5	C
Drayton Valley	6/-5	S	5/-5	C	Stettler	3/-7	S	2/-5	PC
Edson	8/-5	S	6/-6	C	Swan Hills	3/-7	S	2/-7	C
Fort Chipewyan	-7/-19	PC	-12/-17	S	Valleyview	4/-5	S	4/-5	C
Fort McMurray	3/-12	PC	-2/-12	PC	Vegreville	3/-9	S	1/-6	C
Grand Cache	5/-4	PC	5/-7	PC	Vermilion	3/-10	S	2/-6	C
Grande Prairie	2/-5	PC	5/-4	C	Wainwright	3/-8	S	3/-6	PC
High Level	-2/-12	PC	-4/-11	PC	Westlock	4/-9	S	2/-6	C
High Prairie	5/-7	S	5/-4	C	Wetaskiwin	3/-8	S	3/-5	C
Hinton	7/-4	S	7/-7	C	Whitecourt	7/-7	S	5/-6	C

THE SCOOP

Queen to receive Polar Music Prize

Rock band Queen will receive the 2025 Polar Music Prize, reports Billboard. The group will be honoured May 27 in Stockholm, during a ceremony attended by the Swedish Royal Family. “We are highly and deeply honoured to be given the Polar Music Prize this year,” the three surviving members of Queen — Brian May, Roger Taylor and John Deacon — said in a joint statement. American jazz musician Herbie Han-

cock and Canadian soprano and conductor Barbara Hannigan will also receive this year’s Polar Music Prize. Founded in 1989, the award recognizes significant achievements in music world-wide. Each Laureate receives one million Swedish Krona (about C\$142,000).

Youngbloods singer dies at 83

Jesse Colin Young, frontman for 1960s group The Youngbloods, has died at age 83. Young died

Sunday at his home, his wife and manager Connie Young announced, per The Hollywood Reporter. Young was a singer-songwriter and a founding member of The Youngbloods. The group is best known for covering the Chet Powers song Get Together, found on its 1967 self-titled debut album. The Youngbloods disbanded in 1972, and Young subsequently released albums as a solo artist. His songs include Four in the Morning, Sunlight and Quicksand.

Tantoo Cardinal to receive award

Actress Tantoo Cardinal will receive the Equity in Entertainment Award, presented by The Hollywood Reporter Women in Entertainment Canada and in partnership with the Indigenous Screen Office. Cardinal will be honoured at an event May 29 in Toronto. The Equity in Entertainment Award recognizes women in the Canadian entertainment industry who are working to amplify the voices

and stories of under-represented communities. Cardinal, who is of Cree and Métis heritage, has a career spanning more than five decades. Her film and TV credits include Dances with Wolves, Killers of the Flower Moon, Blackstone, Moccasin Flats and North of 60. She’s been inducted into Canada’s Walk of Fame, is a member of the Order of Canada and has received the Governor General’s Award for Artistic Achievement, among other honours. Additional award recipients will be announced this spring.

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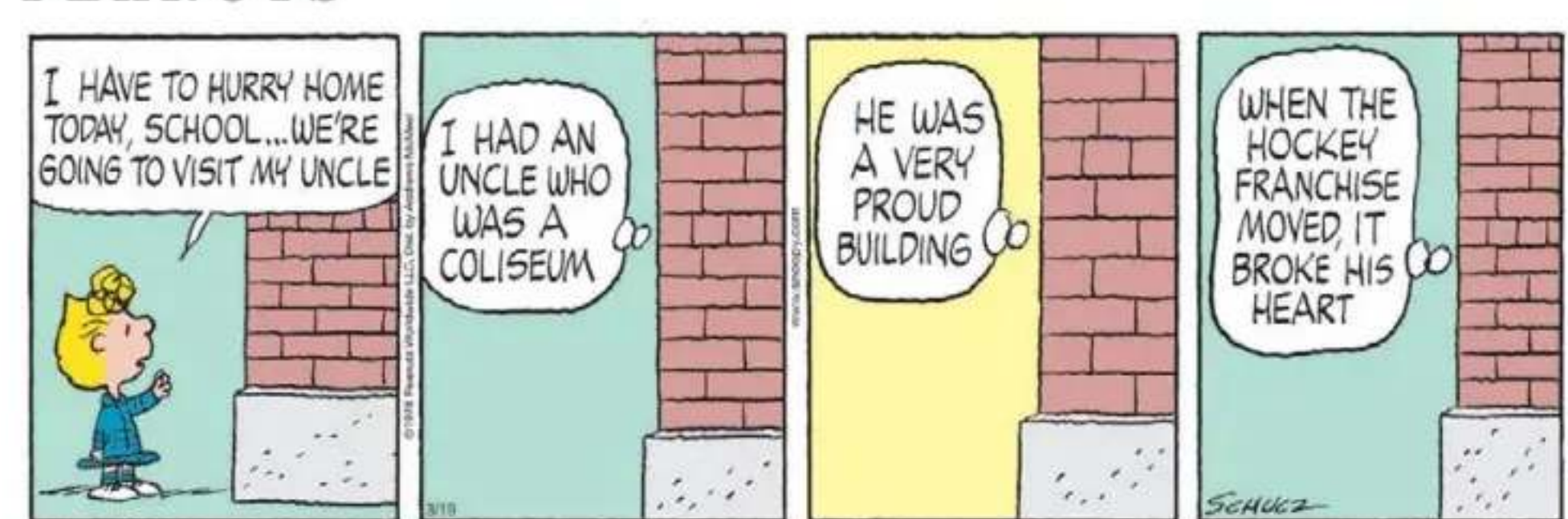
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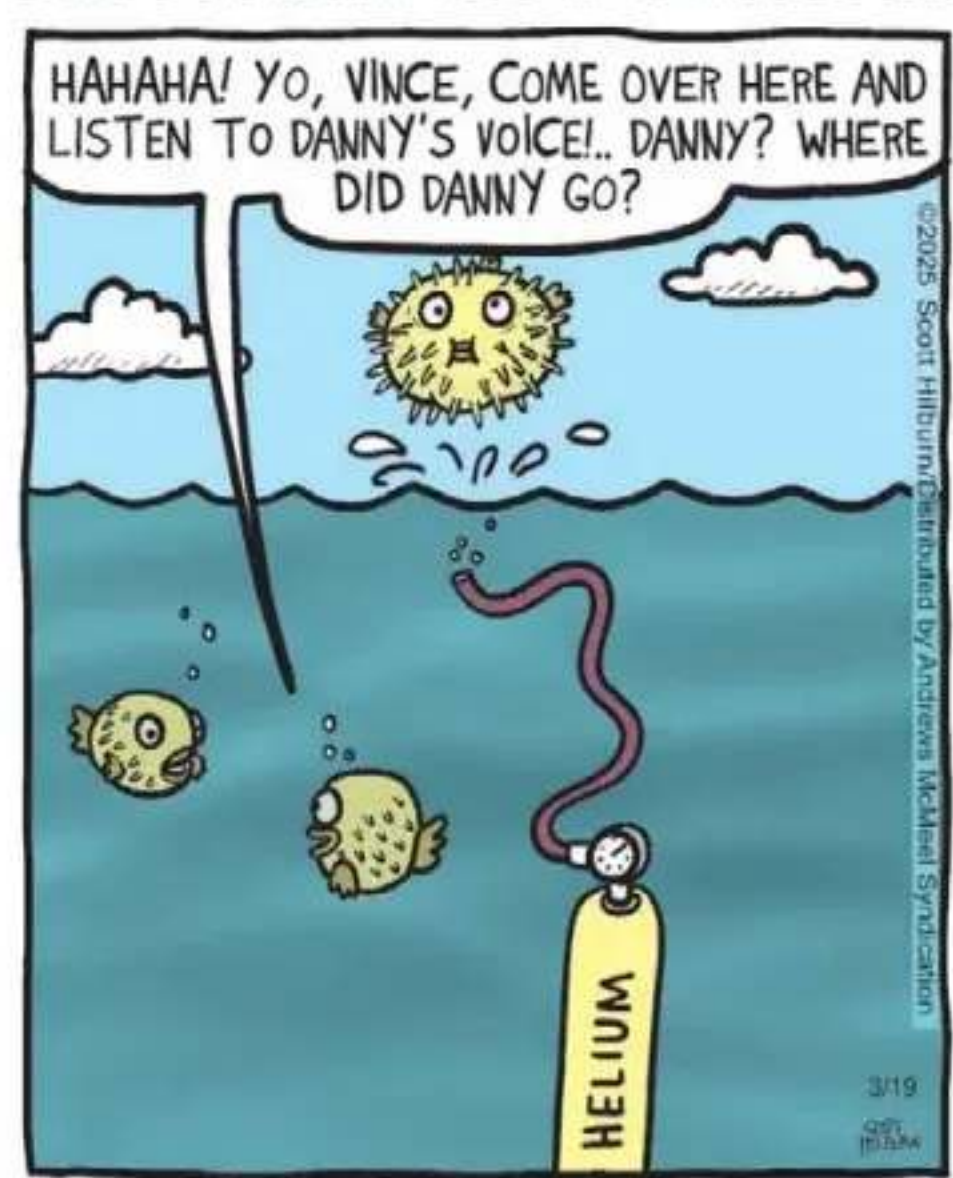
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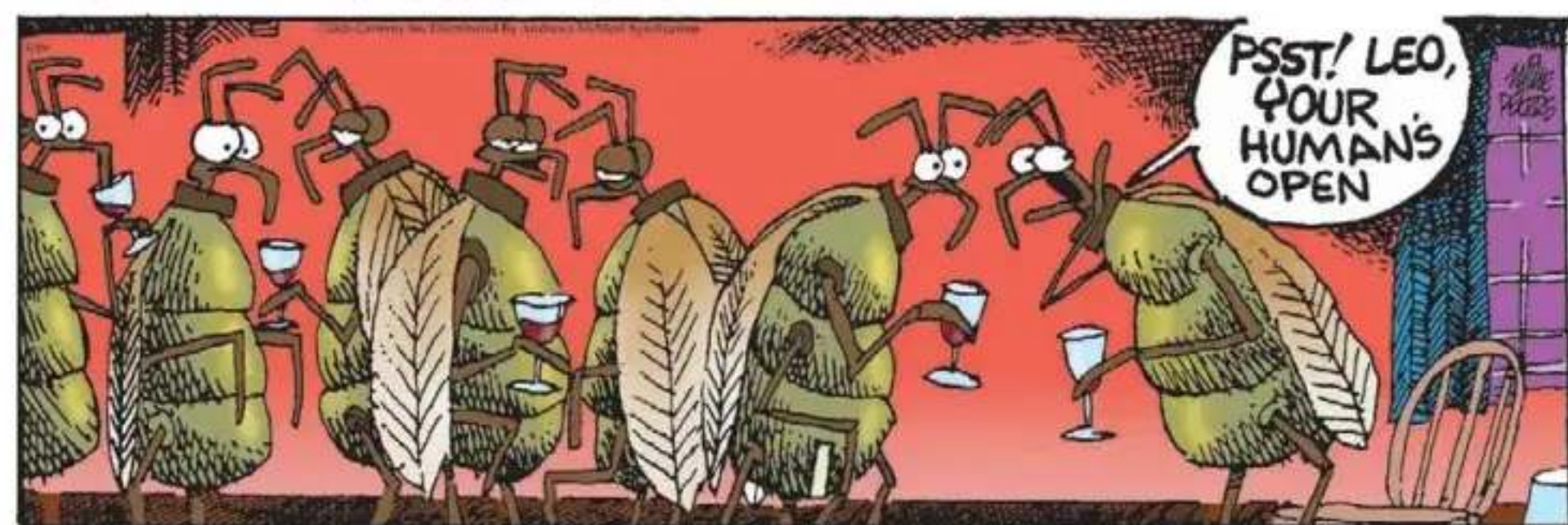
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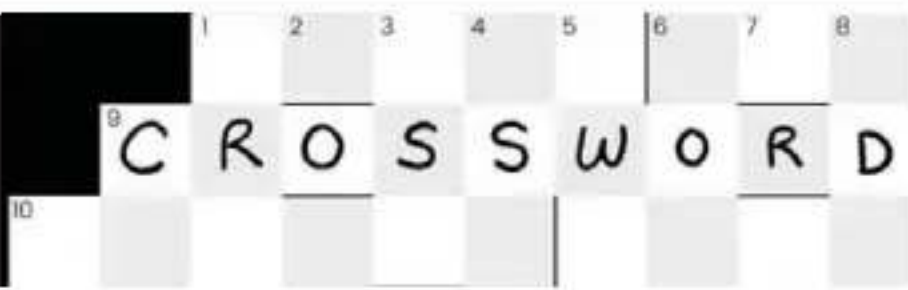


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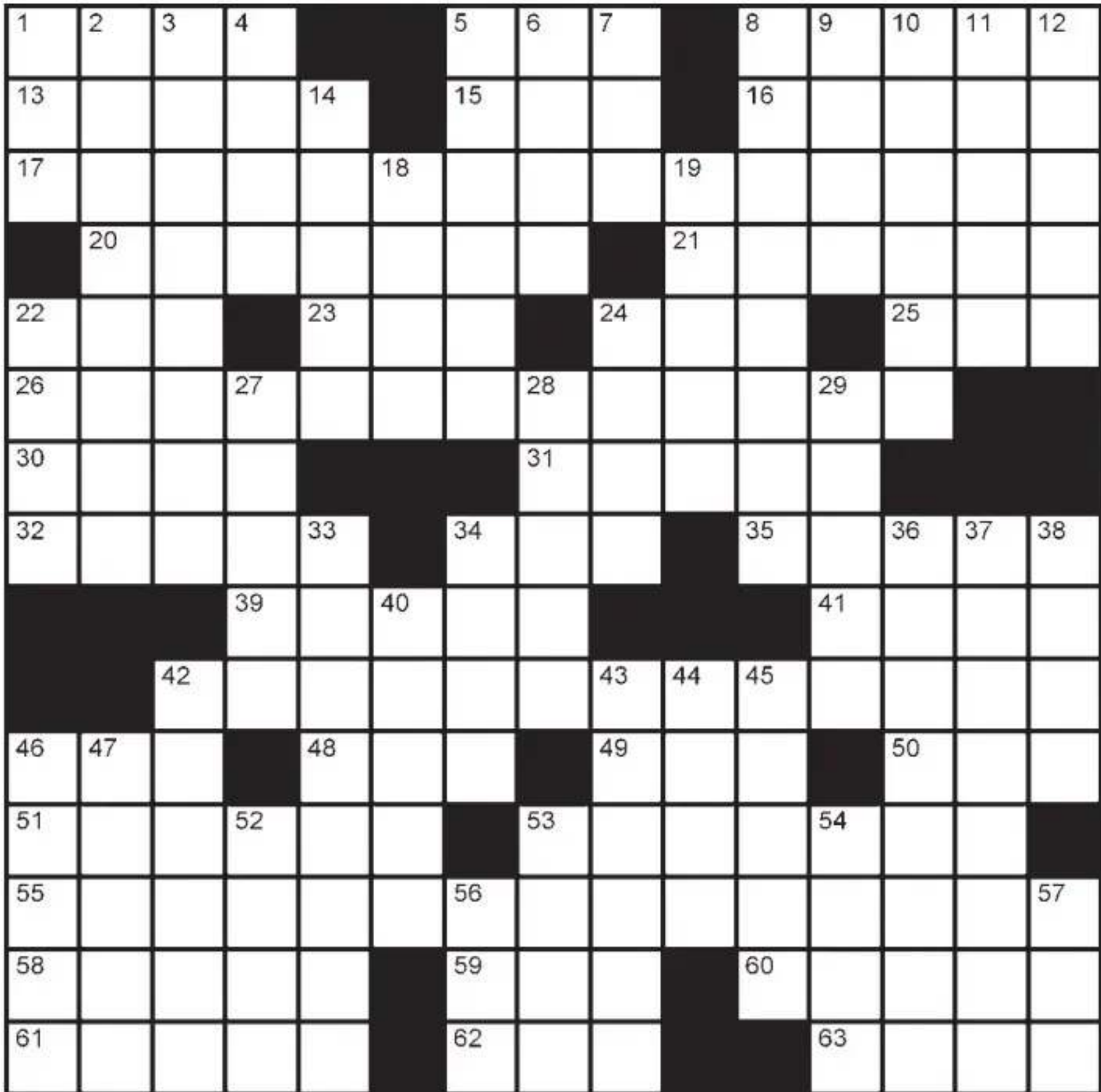


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UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD



By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

ALL KINDS OF ONIONS

Solution: 8 letters

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C O I C A O A P W R O S I R N  
I C E H T K I E E K T S K A O  
W E N O H Z L T F A R M L I Y  
D R T S Z S A N E E R G E S C  
N Y I A H W D A L A S L E E I  
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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 tiny bit (8)
- 2 gave out (11)
- 3 Ken and Barbie (4)
- 4 fire remnant (5)
- 5 feeling effects from hot sun (6)
- 6 mobile props on Old West set (11)
- 7 ball hitter or waffle matter (6)

SOLUTIONS

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Answers: 1. PARTICLE 2. DISTRIBUTED 3. TOYS 4. EMBER 5. BAKING 6. TUMBLEWEEDS 7. BATTER

Versatile Individual by Emily Biegas and Sala Wanetick, edited by Taylor Johnson

ACROSS

- 1 Task on a chore chart
- 5 Harley motorcycle, slangily
- 8 Bit of food waste
- 13 Oscar winner Tatum
- 15 \_\_\_-piece swimsuit
- 16 Largest Greek island
- 17 \*One who wears many hats, so to speak
- 20 Beer-making business
- 21 Toddler
- 22 Hon
- 23 Hosp. areas
- 24 Top 40 genre
- 25 “Te \_\_\_” (Spanish for “I love you”)
- 26 \*One who works in a courtroom
- 30 Regard as
- 31 Unexpected sports loss
- 32 Female cow part
- 34 Alias lead-in
- 35 Looks for
- 39 Painter’s primer
- 41 French friend
- 42 \*Noblewoman’s personal assistant
- 46 Not yet known, for short

- 48 Turn-\_\_\_ (attractive qualities)
- 49 Word after “coconut” or “olive”
- 50 Nutrition label stat
- 51 Passionate
- 53 Common recyclable
- 55 Folks with several professions ... and an apt description of the starred clues’ answers?
- 58 Month before febrero
- 59 Twosome
- 60 Get out of bed
- 61 Nevada senator Jacky
- 62 \_\_\_-cone
- 63 (Over here!)

DOWN

- 1 AG’s domain
- 2 Without restraint
- 3 Emitted, as pheromones
- 4 Give-and-\_\_\_
- 5 Sounding sick, maybe
- 6 Sole
- 7 Hair goop
- 8 Moral qualms
- 9 Handhold for a rock climber
- 10 Sketch again
- 11 Starting squad

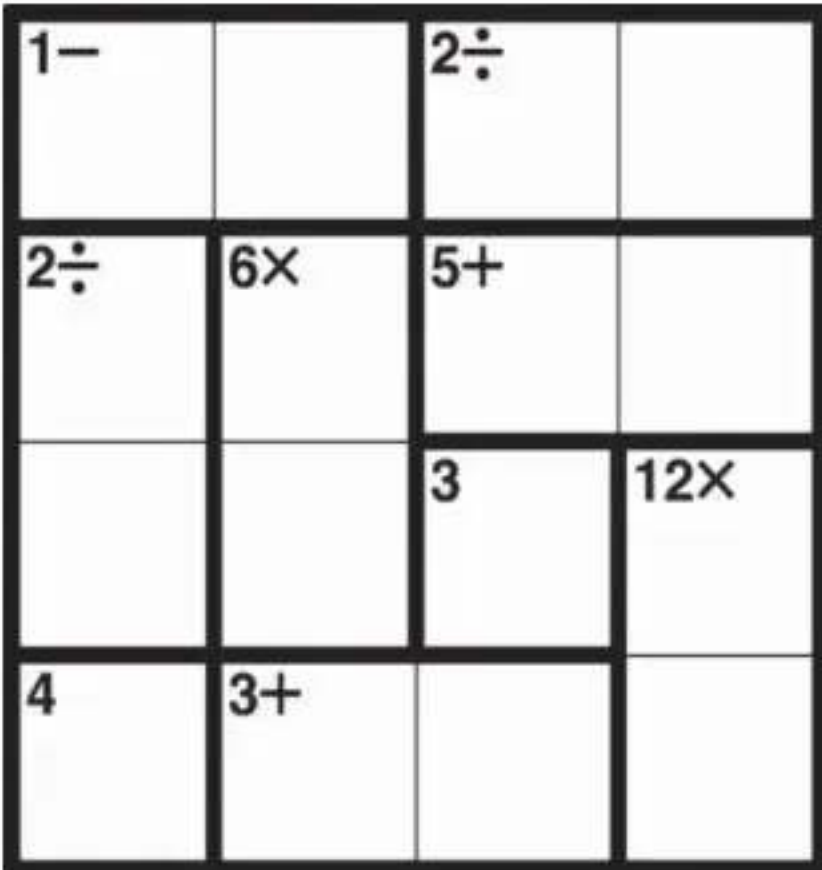
- 12 Green Genovese pasta sauce
- 14 Bring down
- 18 Plant with fronds
- 19 Easy gaits
- 22 Grammy winner Erykah
- 24 Fatherly Smurf
- 27 Last Greek letter
- 28 Canadian territory
- 29 Really bothered
- 33 Guacamole ingredient
- 34 Garage sale caveat
- 36 Abu Dhabi natives
- 37 Benevolence
- 38 Genesis console maker
- 40 Electronic instrument, briefly
- 42 Soup servers
- 43 “Yippee!”
- 44 White House staffer
- 45 “Broad City” creator and actress Glazer
- 46 Less wild
- 47 “We Don’t Talk About \_\_\_” (“Encanto” song)
- 52 To be, in French
- 53 Twirled
- 54 Koi or goldfish
- 56 NFL measurements
- 57 Theater backdrop



THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

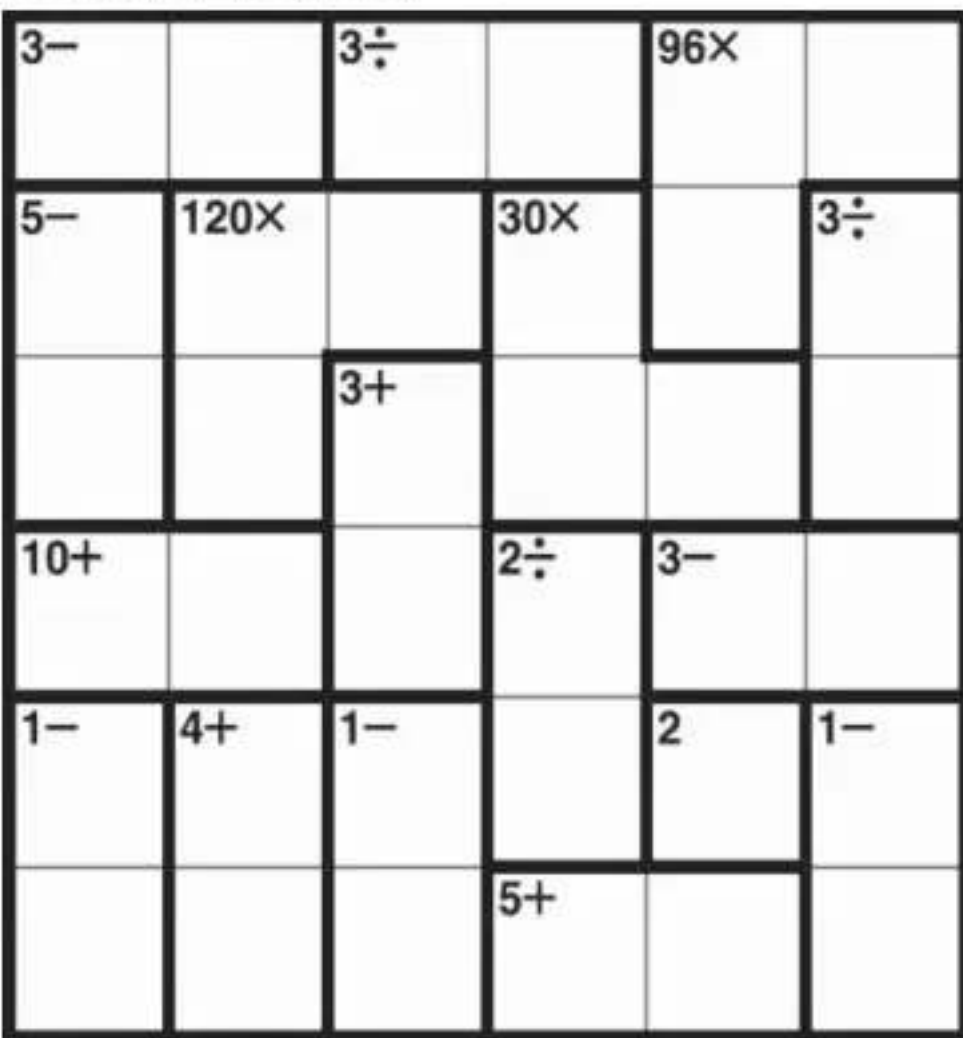
Instructions: Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

EASY



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CHALLENGING



CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“BLJRB UROPZR LJF AJX FCGN PZ HLR  
FJEGU CZU LJF AJX BHCZU, GPNR:  
FLCH PB AJXE KJBHXER PZ GPOR?”  
— NREEA FCBLPZTHJZ

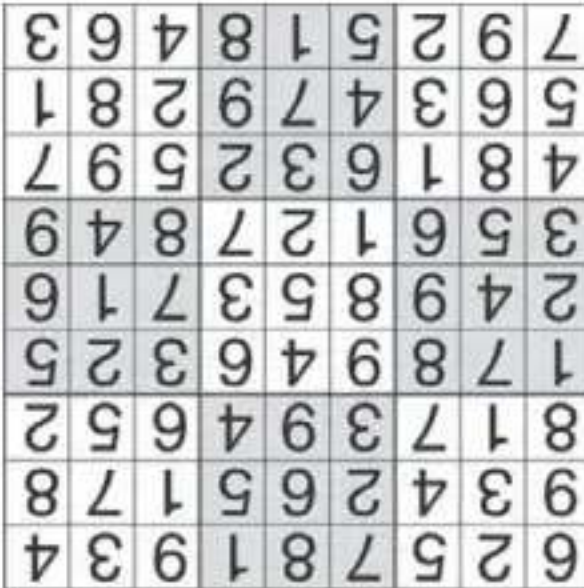
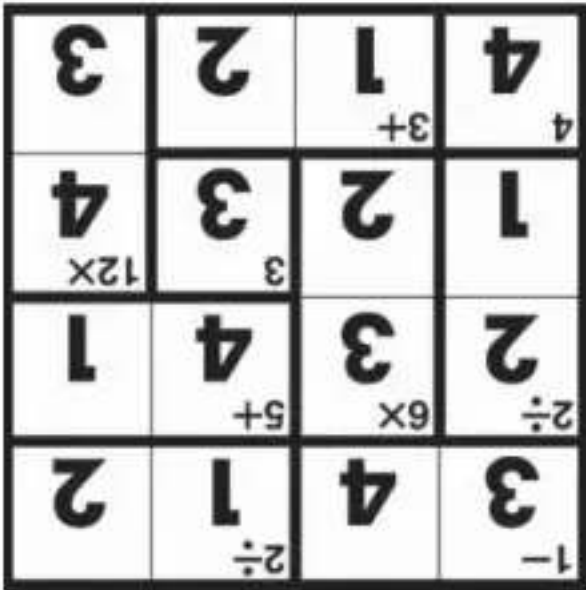
Solution: “Shoes define how you walk in the world and how you stand, like: What is your posture in life?” — Kerry Washington

TODAY’S CLUE: F Ombé F

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TODAY’S SOLUTIONS:

WONDERWORD: SHALLOTS



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BY EUGENIA LAST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Change is up to you. Participation is your path to discovery, managing your finances, health and legal matters, and implementing a balance between work and play.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Surround yourself with people who can pick up where you lack. Knowing your skills and applying your time specifically to what you are good at will show your ability to lead the way and get things done, no matter your situation. 3 stars  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Stay focused on finishing what you start. The less interference, the better; sit in an isolated corner and do your thing. Make positive changes at home that will please someone you love. 3 stars  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Live and learn. Research will help you decipher what’s best and help put you in a leadership position. Take charge, but refrain from making others feel deflated by your choices. You’ll gain ground using complimentary words to entice others to pitch in and help. 3 stars  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Apply your wisdom, experience and understanding to whatever you do, and you’ll gain respect and admiration. Don’t fear change; embrace new beginnings, and enjoy asking questions and keeping up with all the latest technology and help available. 5 stars  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Channel your mindset to learning, updating and engaging in relationships with plenty to offer. Be a good listener, figure out what’s best for you and rule out any proposal that doesn’t fit your lifestyle or direction. 2 stars  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Count your pennies and rule out purchases you cannot afford. Going into debt for the wrong reasons will lead to stress. Focus on changes at home that are cost-efficient, and

pick up knowledge and skills that can help you do for yourself instead of hiring help. 5 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** A chipper attitude will draw attention and interest regarding your achievements. Let your charm lead the way, approach anyone you feel can contribute and make your desires a reality. Now is not the time to waffle; it’s the time to engage, get things done and take a bow. 4 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Strut your stuff, put your best foot forward and make your initiative known to those you need beside you. A social or networking event will give you the platform to charm others into your sphere and recruit the best of the best to ensure you get the desired results. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Emotions will be close to the surface. Stick to the truth, say what you think and feel, and let your gestures and actions lead the way to solidarity. It’s time to be upfront: Show where your loyalty lies, and take responsibility for the opportunities you desire. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Mix business with pleasure, and you’ll gain ground. How you make others feel will determine who gives back the most. A financial gain or investment you make will put your mind at ease and give you the confidence to pursue your dreams. 4 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You know the rules and have the power to bring about change. Put a plan in place and share what you want to do with those who matter to you. An opportunity to improve your surroundings and lifestyle or physically move is within reach. 2 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take a break, release yourself from responsibilities and give yourself a chance to rejuvenate. The result will boost your energy levels, confidence and productivity, making it much easier to play catch-up and reap the rewards you deserve. 5 stars

**BIRTHDAY BABY:** You are reflective, helpful and insightful. You are cooperative and enthusiastic.



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# HAMAS LEADERS KILLED IN STRIKES

‘NO MERCY’

Surprise Israeli  
attack shatters  
ceasefire

The Israeli military conducted “extensive” strikes against Hamas targets in the Gaza Strip overnight Monday, shattering a ceasefire in place since January.

The Israel Defense Forces confirmed that Essam al-Dalis, “the Hamas prime minister and a senior government figure in the Gaza Strip” was among several senior terrorists killed in the campaign.

IDF spokesperson Col. Avichay Adraee issued an urgent warning Tuesday to residents of Gaza, urging those in specific areas to evacuate immediately as Israeli forces intensified their operations.

He called on civilians to relocate to designated shelters in western Gaza City and Khan Yunis for their safety, stressing that remaining in these areas would put their lives at risk.

More than 400 Palestinians were killed in the overnight airstrikes, The Associated Press reported, citing local Gazan health officials.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu convened a high-level security assessment on Tuesday at the Kirya military headquarters in Tel Aviv. The meeting included Defence Minister Israel Katz, IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir, and senior security officials.

“It is time for the countries of the world to take seriously our unwavering commitment to bring back all our hostages home and defeat the enemy,” said Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon. “Nothing will stop us from fighting to free our hostages, who have been held in brutal Hamas captivity for 527 days. We will show no mercy against our enemies while our hostages languish in Hamas terror tunnels.”

See GAZA on NP3



An Israeli tank manoeuvres on the border with the northern Gaza Strip, as seen from southern Israel, on Tuesday. The Israeli Defense Forces has issued an urgent warning to Gaza residents to relocate to shelters as it intensifies its operations in the region.

# Liberals surge to lead in poll

TYLER DAWSON

With an election call expected within days, a new national poll shows the Liberals leading the Conservatives by three points.

The National Post-Leger poll shows that 42 per cent of Canadians now say they plan to vote for Mark Carney’s Liberals, while 39 per cent say they intend to vote for Pierre Poilievre’s Conservatives.

It’s the first time since early 2023 that the Liberals are polling ahead of the Conservatives, a stunning recovery for the governing party.

Support for the party, in power since 2015, had plummeted over the last year. The Conservatives held a significant

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lead, suggesting an election would decimate the Liberals and result in a Poilievre-led supermajority.

However, that now looks to be in doubt. The recovery started with the re-

signation of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in early January, followed by the election of Carney as Liberal leader, and coupled with an upsurge in patriotism in the wake of annexation threats from U.S. President Donald Trump.

“It’s the cherry on the sundae that was started back in mid-January,” said Andrew Enns, executive vice-president of Leger’s central Canada operations. “It’s a remarkable comeback.”

The NDP, led by Jagmeet Singh, languishes in a distant third place, with just nine per cent of Canadians planning to vote for that party.

“That’s historically low,” said Enns. That progressive vote is probably shifting toward the Liberals, he said. “That’s a powerful electoral juggernaut they have going at the moment.”

See POLL on NP2

# Carney to boost Canada’s military footprint in the Arctic

AUSSIE PARTNERSHIP

KYLE DUGGAN

IQUALUIT • Prime Minister Mark Carney said Tuesday that Ottawa will expand the Canadian Armed Forces’ presence in the Arctic and turn to Australia’s over-the-

horizon radar tech to monitor threats from adversaries such as China and Russia.

Carney also pledged \$253 million in new funding for Indigenous reconciliation initiatives in the North.

They include \$94 million to upgrade power plants in Nunavut and \$20 million for a hydroelectricity project to help move northerners off diesel.

Carney made the announcements during a short stopover in Iqaluit on the return leg of his first official trip abroad, during which the prime minister met with French President Emmanuel Macron and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

Carney is widely expected to trigger an early election in

the coming weeks or days.

The Liberal party has enjoyed a sharp rebound in the polls in recent months, driven by U.S. President Donald Trump’s frequent threats against Canada’s economy and sovereignty and Justin Trudeau’s dramatic exit from federal politics.

Carney is just days into the job after winning the Liberal

leadership in a landslide a little more than a week ago and being sworn into office on Friday.

Carney spoke with Australia’s Prime Minister Anthony Albanese Tuesday morning about a new partnership on a long-range over-the-horizon radar system.

Senior government officials who were not author-

ized to speak publicly said ahead of Tuesday’s event that Australia’s system is sophisticated, will be ready sooner than competing options and is expected to win praise within Norad.

The U.S. military supports the decision to go with the Australian system, an unnamed government official told Bloomberg News.

The Trudeau government announced the \$6.9-billion over-the-horizon radar project about two years ago.

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# CANADA

## PM blasts Trump's '51st state' comments — 'DISRESPECTFUL'

Remarks from Canada's new prime minister about Donald Trump's "51st state" comments are gaining notice abroad, as he insists such talk has to stop before meaningful communication between the two leaders can begin.

Asked at a press conference in London on Monday if he thought Canada's allies were staying quiet on the matter to avoid retribution from America, Mark Carney was adamant that it ultimately didn't matter what others said.

"I don't think one needs to respond to every comment about another country," he said, adding: "We can stand up for ourselves. We've called out those comments. They're disrespectful, they're not helpful, and they need to stop before any conversation about our broader partnership with the United States. But we're Canada; we don't need other people to come to our aid."

On the matter of stalled talks amid an ongoing trade war between Canada and the U.S., Carney said that was also a matter of just the two countries and nothing more.

"We take our own decisions with respect to our bilateral trade relationships with the United States," he said.

"We're not trying to organize a co-ordinated retaliation. Other countries will take those decisions."

He added: "There's a series of measures that have maximum impact on the United States and minimum impact on Canada. Those measures that we take might have a different impact on the U.K. and on France, so ... we don't look for that form of co-ordinated retaliation. That's not helpful necessarily to those countries (and) it's not helpful to the overall process."

Carney said: "What we're looking for with respect to the United States is to have a more comprehensive discussion of, and negotiation of, our overall commercial and security relationship. And when the United States is ready to have that conversation we're more than ready to sit down."

Carney's remarks were widely reported in Canada, but they also gained notice among international media. Reuters carried a story on the press conference, as did Britain's Telegraph, which also included quotes from that country's prime minister.

Keir Starmer met with Carney in his Downing Street residence and told the Telegraph it was "fantastic" to have him in Britain so early in his tenure, and that the relationship between the two nations "has always been strong."

Starmer added: "Two sovereign allies with so much in common, shared history, shared values, shared King."

American media picked up on the comments as well, with a story running in the Wall Street Journal, and another in the New York Times that also talked up Carney's visit the same day to France.

National Post staff



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Prime Minister Mark Carney greets supporters Sunday at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Montreal, which was celebrating the event's 200th year.

# Carney testy when pressed on conflicts of interest

## 'Look inside yourself,' he chides reporter

CATHERINE LÉVESQUE

OTTAWA • Prime Minister Mark Carney became testy when he was pressed by reporters about his private assets and his potential conflicts of interest with a possible federal election campaign only days away.

For the second time since he was sworn in as prime minister, Carney was asked on Monday what assets were put in his blind trust and how he could serve in the role without Canadians being aware of any conflicts of interest he may have after his extensive work in the private sector.

Carney began by saying, like he did the first time, that he considers he went above and beyond in complying with federal ethics rules as soon as he became Liberal leader.

According to the Conflict of Interest Act, a public office holder has 120 days after the day they were appointed to divest their controlled assets, either by selling them in an arm's-length transaction or placing them in a blind trust. Carney chose the latter.

"I follow the rules of the ethics commissioner. I'm following them well in advance of any of the requirements, as you know," he told a reporter. "You know that these requirements come into effect in months. We're talking days after I became prime minister."

"So, I'm complying with the rules of the ethics commissioner, going through the processes and all these things that are necessary," he added.

The reporter pushed back, noting that the rules indeed say that those assets should be publicly disclosed within 120 days, and that Canadians are likely to find themselves in an election in just a few days with no clarity on Carney's potential conflicts of interest.

"What possible conflicts would you have?" shot back Carney to the reporter. "I'm complying with the rules. I'm complying with the rules in advance," he reiterated.

Another reporter interjected to say that it is "very difficult to believe" that there is no possible conflict of interest given Carney's extensive work in the private sector.

"Look inside yourself," he retorted. "You start from a prior of conflict and ill will. I have served in the private sector. I have stood up for Canada. I have left my roles in the private sector at a time of crisis for our country. I'm complying with all the rules."

"Your line of questioning is trying to invent new rules. I'm complying with rules that the Parliament has laid out ... and I will continue to comply with those rules."

The new prime minister is facing intense scrutiny, including from Bay Street, for his work as Brookfield Asset Management's head of transition investing, where he financed billions of dollars in net-zero projects around the world.

Despite repeated requests last week, Brookfield Asset Management and Carney's transition team have declined to clarify if the new prime minister still possesses any financial assets with Brookfield in the blind trust.

As the co-manager of these funds, Carney may be entitled to tens of millions in "carried interest," which are essentially bonuses once the funds come to maturity. Until recently, he has also been part of more than 20 prestigious boards on the international stage.

Bloomberg News reported on Tuesday that Carney held stock options in Brookfield that were worth \$6.8 million at the end of December, but the investment manager's annual 10-K filing offers little information about how much it paid him.

Carney held options on 409,300 shares at the end of 2024 with an average strike price of \$37.54, Brookfield said in its annual disclosure. The former central banker was chair of the firm until Jan. 16, when he resigned to run for the Liberal leadership.

Brookfield's regulatory filing says that three directors — Carney and longtime executives Sam Pollock and Cyrus Madon — received a combined amount of \$7.5 million in salaries and cash bonuses, plus a small retire-

ment savings contribution, as employees of the company. But it doesn't break out how much each man was given.

The unexercised stock options have long expiry dates, in 2033 and 2034. The filing didn't say whether Carney had to give them up when he left the firm to enter politics, and there's nothing on Canada's insider-disclosure system to indicate that he exercised any of them in the first half of January before exiting the company.

Spokespeople for Brookfield and the Prime Minister's Office didn't respond to a request for comment.

The options, if he still holds them, would be worth less today than on Dec. 31, as Brookfield's share price has fallen more than 11 per cent this year.

The Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner has already been in contact with Carney's team about his assets but cannot go into the details of what was discussed.

Spokesperson Michael Wrobel said the compliance process must be completed within 120 days of Carney's appointment as prime minister. At the end of that period, a summary of his personal and financial information will be published in the public registry, but the summary may be published sooner if the process is completed faster than that.

According to the Act, Carney should recuse himself from "any discussion, decision, debate or vote on any matter in respect of which he ... would be in a conflict of interest."

The Conservatives have been calling on Carney to sell or forfeit his assets, including the carried interest he may be entitled to, if he truly wants to avoid any conflicts of interest.

"If he has nothing to hide, then it's very easy for him to come forward today and to disclose to Canadians, to finally answer media's questions about what his financial interests are and what those conflicts of interests are, because that's what Canadians expect," said Conservative MP Michael Barrett on Sunday.

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# Support for NDP crumbling across all demographics

## POLL

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The Bloc Québécois has five per cent support.

The polling also found that Poilievre has a net unfavourable rating among Canadians: 49 per cent say they have an unfavourable view of the Conservative leader, compared to 39 per cent who view the MP for Carleton favourably. In contrast, Carney, who served as governor of the Bank of Canada during the 2008 financial crisis, has a 46 per cent favourability rating; just 28 per cent say they have an unfavourable view.

However, there's a wild card: 28 per cent say they don't know enough about Carney to have an opinion, compared to just 12 per cent who say that about Poilievre, suggesting that an effective campaign to define Carney to Canadians — either by the Conservatives or the Liberals — could start to shift Carney's ratings.

"There's a bit of cautionary information," said Enns. "I'm sure you talk to political strategists, they'll also say that there's risk there, that with that unpainted canvas, just be careful who gets hold of the paintbrush because they start filling it in the way they want to, that can become a bit of a problem."

Carney is also widely viewed as best-positioned to navigate the challenges facing Canada. Forty-five per cent say Carney is best-suited to grow Canada's economy, compared to 31 per cent for Poilievre. Forty-two per cent say Carney is the best person to manage Trump, compared to 29 per cent for Poilievre. Carney is also widely favoured over Poilievre (40 per cent versus 13 per cent) on climate change.

However, voters are slightly more skeptical of Carney, when it comes to making life more affordable. Only 37 per cent say he's best positioned compared to the 32 per cent who feel Poilievre's best-suited for that task. Poilievre also leads Carney on reducing government spending (36 per cent versus 32 per cent) and on growing the Canadian Armed Forces (33 per cent versus 26 per cent).

Atlantic Canada is the only region where the Liberals have secured a majority of decided voters: 51 per cent of Atlantic Canadians say they'll vote for Carney's team, compared to 32 per cent who say they'll vote Conservative. Ten per cent of people in the Atlantic provinces say they plan to vote NDP.

In Quebec, Poilievre's Conservatives, with 23 per cent support, are in third place, trailing the Liberals (40 per cent) and the Bloc Québécois (24 per cent). The NDP log just six per cent of decided voters in Quebec.

Enns described the Liberal growth in Quebec as "astronomical."

"I can't remember the last time they were 40 per cent in Quebec, and that's largely at the expense of the Bloc Québécois," Enns said. (The Conservatives haven't declined much in Quebec — they hover traditionally just shy of 25 per cent support.)

In seat-rich Ontario, Leger finds the Liberals have 44 per cent support, a two-point lead over the Conservatives, with the NDP landing at nine per cent support.

It's only in the Prairie Provinces where the Conservatives maintain commanding leads. In Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 52 per cent of voters say they'll cast a ballot for the Conservatives, compared to 40 per cent who say

they'll vote Liberal. The New Democrats, despite having an NDP provincial government in Manitoba, are in dire straits in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, with just five per cent support.

In Alberta, the Liberals have 31 per cent support, compared to 55 per cent support for the Conservatives and 11 per cent for the New Democrats.

In British Columbia, which recently saw a close provincial election between the New Democrats and the upstart B.C. Conservatives, the Liberals maintain a nine-point lead, with 46 per cent support, compared to 37 per cent for the Conservatives. Only 13 per cent of British Columbians intend to vote for Singh's party.

"They've (the Liberals) really chewed away at that NDP vote in British Columbia," said Enns.

The Conservatives still retain a lead among Canadian men: Forty-three per cent of men say they'll vote Conservative, compared to 40 per cent who say they'll vote Liberal. Among women, 45 per cent say they'll vote Liberal compared to 34 per cent who say they plan to vote Conservative.

For more than a year, one of the dominant storylines from Canadian polling has been the growing Conservative support among young Canadians, who've been especially affected by cost-of-living increases and diminishing hopes for home ownership. In September 2024, a Leger poll showed that among 18 to 34 year olds, 47 per cent planned to vote Conservative, compared to just 14 per cent who planned to vote Liberal.

That gap has vanished.

I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME (LIBERALS) WERE 40% IN QUEBEC.

The Liberals and Conservatives are now neck-and-neck at 38 per cent support. The only age group in which the Conservatives retain a lead is those aged 35 to 54, with 43 per cent planning to vote Conservative compared to 37 per cent who plan to vote Liberal. (In October 2024, 45 per cent planned to vote Conservative while 21 per cent planned to vote Liberal.)

Among those aged 55 and older, 49 per cent plan to vote Liberal compared to 35 per cent who plan to vote Conservative.

At least part of the story here is a collapse in support across demographics for the NDP. Back in October, 23 per cent of those aged 18 to 34 were going to vote NDP, along with 18 per cent of those aged 35 to 54 and 12 per cent of those aged 55 and older. NDP support has collapsed to 11 per cent, 10 per cent and six per cent respectively.

The polling was done between March 14 and 16, among 1,568 respondents to an online survey. The results have been weighted according to age, gender, mother tongue, region, education and presence of children in the household in order to ensure a representative sample of the Canadian population. A probability sample of this size would yield a margin of error no greater than plus or minus 2.47 per cent.

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Einav Zangauker, forefront, the mother of hostage Matan Zangauker, and supporters hang photos of hostages on the border fence with the Gaza Strip on Tuesday to protest Israel's decision to renew the military operation.

# Hostage families fear for fate of loved ones

*GAZA*  
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An Israeli official “claimed that in recent days during the ceasefire Hamas has been preparing to carry out new attacks against Israel and has taken steps to re-arm,” Axios reported. “The official said the IDF kept the operational plan top secret and within a relatively small circle in order to surprise Hamas.”

The IDF is “attacking targets of the Hamas terrorist organization throughout the Gaza Strip in order to achieve the objectives of the war as they have been deter-

mined by the political echelon including the release of all of our hostages, the living and the deceased,” a statement from Netanyahu’s office said. “Israel will, from now on, act against Hamas with increasing military strength.”

White House Press secretary Karoline Leavitt told Fox News that Jerusalem had consulted the Trump administration before launching the operation Monday night, which the Israeli military named “Strength and Sword.”

U.S. President Donald Trump “has made it clear: Hamas, the Houthis, Iran, all those who seek to terrorize not just Israel but also the

United States of America will see a price to pay. All hell will break loose,” Leavitt said.

All of “the terrorists in the Middle East” should take Trump “very seriously when he says he is not afraid to stand for law-abiding people ... and our friend and our ally Israel,” she added.

The attack during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan could signal the full resumption of the war, which began when Hamas terrorists invaded southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023 and killed 1,200 people and took 250 hostage. It also raised concerns about the fate of the remaining two dozen hostages held by Hamas who

are believed to still be alive.

The renewal of the campaign against Hamas, which receives support from Iran, came as the U.S. and Israel stepped up attacks this week across the region. The U.S. launched deadly strikes against Iran-allied rebels in Yemen, while Israel has targeted Iran-backed militants in Lebanon and Syria.

The main group representing families of the hostages accused the government of backing out of the ceasefire. “We are shocked, angry and terrified by the deliberate dismantling of the process to return our loved ones from the terrible captivity of Hamas,” the Hostages and Missing Families Forum said.

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# Putin agrees to curb attacks, but won't commit to truce

## CALL WITH TRUMP

### Agrees to begin ceasefire ‘talks,’ with conditions

GREG SULLIVAN  
AND IAIN MARLOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin committed in a phone call with U.S. President Donald Trump to limit Russian attacks on Ukrainian energy assets but declined to agree to a broader 30-day ceasefire as the U.S. had sought.

Putin and Trump agreed to “an energy and infrastructure ceasefire” and to begin negotiations on a “maritime ceasefire in the Black Sea, full ceasefire and permanent peace,” the White House said in a statement after the two spoke by phone for more than 90 minutes. The talks will begin “immediately” in the Middle East, the White House said.

The Kremlin’s account of the call said Putin imposed several conditions for a lasting ceasefire, including suspension of arms and intelligence support for Ukraine.

Ukraine must also stop mobilizing new recruits, it said.

“The key condition for preventing the escalation of the conflict and working toward its resolution through political and diplomatic means should be the complete cessation of foreign military assistance and the provision of intelligence information to Kyiv,” the Kremlin said.

The Russian demands will force a tough choice on Trump, who had called for an immediate halt to the fighting for 30 days before working out details of a longer-term agreement.

The Kremlin added that Putin told Trump Russia was ready to guarantee that Ukrainian soldiers blocked in Russia’s Kursk region will save their lives and be treated in line with international law if they surrender. It said Putin also responded constructively to Trump’s proposal to ensure safe shipping in the Black Sea, and the two leaders agreed to start talks to discuss details of the agreement.

Recent comments by Trump have prompted fears that the U.S. may be willing to sacrifice Kyiv’s interests as part of a push for a deal.

*Bloomberg, with additional reporting from The Associated Press*

TV TIMES TONIGHT - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19													MOVIES	TALK	SPORTS	KIDS		
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				The Amazing Race (N)		Big Bang	The Masked Singer (N)		Shifting (N) (SF)	etalk (N)	News-Omar (N)	News (N)	
4	38	OMNI	News (N)	City Focus (N)	City Focus (N)	News: Arabic	News (N)	Punjabi (N)	News: Arabic	OMNI News (N)		Cantonese (N)	News (N)	Cantonese	News-Punjabi	Focus Punjabi		
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)	Shifting (N) (SF)	Abbott (N)	Celebrity Jeopardy!		What Would You Do? (N)			
6	9	CBC	The Great British Baking Show		News (N)	News (N)	Coronation (N)	Feud (N)	Wild Cards (N)		Allegiance (N) (SF)		The National (N)		News (N)	Land and Sea		
7	2	Global	News (N)	Global (N)	Global News Hour at 6 (N)		The Goldbergs	ET (N)	The Floor (N)		Survivor (N)		Abbott (N)	Global News at 11 (N)				
8	5	CITY	Kelly Clarkson	Adam Scott (N)	CityNews at 6 Calgary (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Hudson & Rex		Hudson & Rex		Hudson & Rex		CityNews (N)	(35) J.Kimmel (N)		
9		CBC-F	(400) On va se (...)	Silence	TJ Alberta (N)	Téléjour.	Stat (N)	L'épicerie (N)	Les enfants de la télé (N)		Ouvrez	L'envers (N)	Le téléjournal (N)		Sports (N)	On va se le dire		
11		CMT	Cheers	Cheers	The Office		The Office	The Office	Workaholics	Workaholics	Becker	Becker	Wings	Wings	The Office	The Office		
12		CBS	KREM 2 News at 4 (N)		News (N)	CBS-News (N)	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)		Dateline		Survivor (N)		The Amazing Race (N)					
13		CTV2	Seinfeld	News (N)	Primetime (N)	How It's Made		Big Bang	etalk (N)	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	Suits	Primetime		(35) J. Fallon (N)		
14		PBS	Odd Squad	Xavier Riddle	America	Follow		PBS News Hour (N)		Nature		NOVA		Weathered-LA (N)		Animals With Cameras		
15		NN	Hanomansing Tonight (N)					The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)				
16		NBC	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	NBC News (N)		NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel (N)	Opry 100: A Live Celebration Festivities honoring 100 years of the Grand Ole Opry. (N)						
17		TREE	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	(15) Blaze	(40) Thomas	Rubble	(40) Binky	(05) Rubble	PeppaPig	Bubble	(45) Blaze	(10) Ready.	Various	(20) Max & Ruby	(45) Blue		
18		HOME	Love It or List It		Honest Renovations			Dream Home (N)		House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	Dream Home		House Hunters			
20		YTV	★★★★ The Goonies ('85) Josh Brolin, Sean Astin.					★★★★ The Goonies ('85) Josh Brolin, Sean Astin.					SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Loud House		
21		TSN	PWHL Professional Women's Hockey League New York Sirens at Toronto (N) Live					Wom. Curling Canada vs. Switzerland (N) Live					SportsCentre (N) Live	SC With Jay Onrait (N) Live	SportsCentre (N) Live			
22		FOX	Two Half Men	Last Man	Modern Family		Big Bang	Young Sheldon	Suits	The Masked Singer (N)		The Floor (N)		News (N)	(35) FamFeud			
23		W	The Good Wife		The Good Doctor		Will & Grace	Mindy	Superstore	Superstore	★★★★ Baby Mama ('08) Amy Poehler, Tina Fey.					Neighbor		
24		TLC	My DNA Mystery		600-Lb. Life Lacey wants surgery; Mercedes faces destitution.		Mercedes faces destitution.		600-Lb. Life Jeanne struggles in the aftermath of her dad's death.		600-Lb. Life Lacey wants surgery; Mercedes faces destitution.							
25		FLAV	(4:25) Sushi	Diners, Drive	Great British Menu		Dinner (N) (P)	(35) Dinner (N)	(10) Hell's Kitchen	(15) Richman	(45) Hell's Kitchen	(50) Dinner Budget Showdown	(25) Dinner					
26		A&E	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	Stadium Lockup (N) (P)		Booked: First Day In (N) (SP)	(05) PD Cam	(35) PD Cam	(05) PD Cam	(35) PD Cam	(05) Stadium Lockup				
27		SNW	NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at Toronto Maple Leafs (N) Live					Sportsnet Central (N) Live		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Chicago Cubs From Tokyo Dome in Tokyo.					Sportsnet (N)			
29		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			
30		SN360	TNA Classics				MLB in 30		NHL Hockey Seattle Kraken at Minnesota Wild (N) Live			NHL's Best	World Poker Tour		MLB in 30			
32		SHOW	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		The Lazarus Project		The Lazarus Project					
33		SLCE	Neighbor	Neighbor	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Challenge Rival (N)		Barmageddon (N)		Daily Show (N)	(45) After Midnight Danny Pudi	The Goldbergs	King	King			
34		STZ2W	Movie	(50) ★★ Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs ('09) Ray Romano.	★★★ Ice Age: Continental Drift ('12)				★★★★ Before Sunrise ('95) Ethan Hawke.		(45) ★★ Before Sunset ('04) Ethan Hawke.							
35		USA	Suits		The Traitors UK (N)			The Traitors UK (N)			Highway Thru Hell		Bones	The Traitors UK				
36		CTVDR	9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1			
37		BRAVO	Below Deck		Summer House		Summer House (N)		Watch What (N)	Summer House		Watch What	Summer House		Summer House			
38		TOON	Beyblade X	Gumball	Teen/(15) Teen	Teen/(45) Teen	Teen/(15) Teen	Teen/(45) Teen	Gumball	Looney/Looney	Teen/(15) Teen	Teen/(45) Teen	My	My	My	My		
39		FAM	Family Matters	The Goldbergs	★★★★ Spy Kids 2: The Island of			Lost Dreams ('02)		A Summer M	LanaLong	Sailor	Sailor	Sabrina, Witch	Sabrina, Witch	★★★★ Spy Kids 2: The Island of...		
40		PCH	(4:30) MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Yankees (N) Live	Good Cop/Bad Cop (N)			Wild Cards (N)		Big Bang		The Conners	The Conners	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Last Man		
41		CTVCo	Friends	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Conners	The Conners	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		
42		TCM	(4:15) ★★★★★ Keeper of the Flame	★★★★★ Double Indemnity ('44) Fred MacMurray.			★★★★★ Sorry, Wrong Number ('48)			(45) ★★ No Man of Her Own ('50) Barbara Stanwyck.			Movie					
45		HIST	The Food That Built America		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	S.W.A.T.		Ancient Aliens The Great Pyramid of Giza remains a mystery.			Pawn Stars (N)		American Pickers (N)				
46		CTVSci	Star Trek: The Next Generation		Star Trek: The Next Generation		Star Trek: The Next Generation		Star Trek: The Next Generation			Castle	Star Trek: The Next Generation					
47		AMC	(4:00) ★★ Ace Ventura: When ...	★★★ The Mummy ('99) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.			(45) ★★ The Mummy Returns ('01) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.			(45) ★★ Pixels								
49		DTOUR	Rizzoli & Isles		Major Crimes		All American		Supernatural		Supernatural		All American		Rizzoli & Isles			
51	32	YESTV	The Middle	Mike & Molly	Murdoch Mysteries		Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Bull	100	100	Life Today with Hagee	Heartland					
65		TLN	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	David	Gino's Escape	Dream of Italy	Silvia's Italian	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Homes By the Med	Dream of Italy	For the Love			
119		MUCH	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Futurama	Dark Side of the 90s		Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	The Simpsons	Futurama			
122		VISN	Murder, She Wrote		Heartbeat		Wycliffe		Unforgotten		Murdoch Mysteries		Columbo In England, Columbo probes a theater patron's murder.					
126		TV5	Le grand dossier (N)		Immigra		Dans l'oeil de la fête		Tandem (N)		(10) C dans l'air (N)	(15) Afrique (N)	(45) Journal (N)	(15) Rassemble	(45) Rassemble			
127		APTN	Back to Roots	Corner Gas	The Other Side	Ghost (N)	Secret History	Red Earth (N)	Diggstown	APTN News (N) APTN							★★★★ Salt ('10) Liev Schreiber, Angelina Jolie.	
PAY-TV• WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19													MOVIES	TALK	SPORTS	KIDS		
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54	E!	NUMB3RS		Million.	Million.	Extracted (N)		Special Forces (N)		E! News (N)	TMZ	TMZ Live	Extracted					
55	CRVM1W	(10) ★★ The Marksman ('21) Jacob Perez, Liam Neeson.				★ Unsung Hero ('24) Daisy Betts, Joel Smallbone.				Mafia: Most Wanted		The Trades	The Trades	★ The Parenting ('25)				
56	CRVM2W	Movie	(40) ★★★★★ My Penguin Friend ('24) Jean Reno.	(20) Corner Gas		(45) Corner Gas	(10) Law & Order	Anarchy		(50) Dark Side of the Ring	(40) ★★ Knights of the Zodiac ('23)							
57	CRVM3W	(4:20) ★★ Spoiler Alert ('22)	(20) ★ The Taste of Things ('23)		Benoit Magimel, Juliette Binoche.		(40) ★★★★★ My	Penguin Friend ('24) Jean Reno.		(20) Corner Gas	(45) Corner Gas	(10) Law & Order						
58	HBO2	(4:30) ★★ We Three Kings ('24)	(20) ★ Before I Change My Mind ('22)				★ Elizabeth Taylor: The Lost Tapes ('24)		(15) ★★ Unpregnant ('20) Barbie Ferreira, Haley Lu Richardson.	Veep							Veep	
59	WSBK	Big Bang	Big Bang	WBZ News 8p (N)		48 Hours	Suits	Flip Side (N)	Flip Side	Big Bang	Housewife	Housewife	Person (N)					
60	KTLA	KTLA 5 News at 4 (N)		KTLA 5 News at 5 (N)		News at 6 (N)	KTLA News (N)	News (N)	Unscripted	Wild Cards (N)		Good Cop/Bad Cop (N)		News (N)	(45) Sports (N)			
61	WGN	WGN Evening News (N) Live		Wild Cards (N)		Good Cop/Bad Cop (N)		WGN News at Nine (N) Live		News (N) Live	GN Sports (N)	Young Sheldon	Big Bang	Two Half Men	Last Man			
62	WPIX	Sports (N)	Big Bang	Wild Cards (N)		Good Cop/Bad Cop (N)		PIX11 News at Ten (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Two Half Men	Big Bang	Young Sheldon			
63	STARZ1W	(05) ★★ Mirror Mirror ('12) Lily Collins, Julia Roberts.	(55) ★★ Mona Lisa Smile ('03) Kirsten Dunst, Julia Roberts.				★★★★ Marie Antoinette ('06) Kirsten Dunst.		(05) Power Book IV: Force									
93	NGEO	OceanXplorers		OceanXplorers		Critter Fixers: Country Vets		Dr. Oakley, Yukon Vet	OceanXplorers		Critter Fixers: Country Vets		Dr. Oakley, Yukon Vet					
97	H2	Forged in Fire: Best Of		Greatest Heists		America's Book of Secrets "Special Edition: Menaces to Society"				Greatest Heists		America's Book of Secrets "Special Edition: Menaces to Society"						
99	MYS	JAG		JAG		NCIS: New Orleans		Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0		NCIS		NCIS					
101	MTIME	★★★★ Men in Black ('97) Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones.				★★★★ Bad Boys ('95) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence.				★★★★ Bad Boys II ('03) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence.								
102	ADSM	American Dad!	American Dad!	Bob's Burgers		Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Rick and Morty	Chicken	Teenage	Family Guy	Family Guy			
103	LIFE	True Crime		True Crime		NCIS: New Orleans		See No Evil (N)		Real Murders (N)		S.W.A.T.		See No Evil		Real Murders		
110	DOCU	Toxic Beauty			Stats-Life		The History of Comedy		The History of Comedy		The History of Comedy		The History of Comedy		The History of Comedy			
115	FAMJR	Care Bears	Molang/ Molang	Smurfs/ Smurfs		Lemmings	Mike/ Mike	Fabulous	CareBears	Dragons Resc	Rev & Roll	Mike/ Mike	Mike/ Mike	Arthur	Arthur	Daniel Tiger		
116	WLDB	★★★★ The Karate Kid Part II ('86) Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, Ralph Macchio.				San Diego		Afraid?	Afraid?	Goosebumps	Goosebumps	Johnny Test	Johnny Test	Summer Mem	Summer Mem			
117	ABCSF	The Fosters		8 Simple Rules		Man-Plan	Life in Pieces	Life in Pieces	Fresh-Boat	Fresh-Boat	The Fosters		The Fosters		Bless This	Bless This		
134	AP	Wicked Tuna		Outback Opal Hunters		Outback Opal Hunters		A Cut Above		A Cut Above		Wild Bear	Wild Bear	Hobo	Hobo			
28	BBCW	BBC News		HARDtalk		BBC News	Business	Newsday	Business	Newsday	Business	BBC News	Business	BBC News	Business			
139	DJV	Will & Grace		Will & Grace		Raymond	Raymond	Taxi	Taxi	Cheers	Cheers	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Mork & Mindy	Dear John	Taxi		
143	CNBC	Squawk Box Asia (N) Live				Street Signs Asia				Managing Asia		Managing Asia		Capital Connection (N) Live				
144	GOLF	GOLF Films St. Andrews				GOLF Films Jack - Prodigy		GOLF Films Jack - Prime		GOLF Films Jack - Pinnacle		Golf Central		DP World Tour Golf (N)				
161	SCH	(4:30) ★ Kill Victoria ('24)	★ Exile ('23) Adam Beach.			(45) ★ The Gateway ('21) Olivia Munn, Shea Whigham.	★ Exile ('23) Adam Beach.			(10) ★ The Gateway ('21)								



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# A final gaze into cosmos for telescope built in B.C.

EXPERIMENT THAT AIMED TO LOOK FARTHER THAN EVER DELIVERS ITS LAST DATA

JOSEPH BREAN

The Canadian-built Atacama Cosmology Telescope in the high Chilean desert mountains, which has just given up its final batch of data from looking into the heavens for the lingering glow of the Big Bang, was built in 2006 near Vancouver by a company that also makes roller-coasters.

That is no mere coincidence. Amusement park rides present similar engineering problems as big telescopes: extraordinarily precise motors that move smoothly through their motions, rigorous data collection, and lots of regulatory and managerial hoops to jump through.

So when he travelled to Port Coquitlam, B.C., to help assemble this six-metre telescope for a 2006 trial run before the container ship journey to South America, Adam Hincks, a University of Toronto cosmologist who is also a Jesuit priest, had a peek into the workshop and spied a theme park ride under construction. He doesn't remember which one, but a look through Dynamic Structures' projects (formerly AMEC) suggests it might have been something for Disney or Universal Studios.

Worlds collide like that in frontier cosmology. ACT illustrates this better than most science projects. It brought an international team together up where the air is thin on the Andean cordillera, near the Bolivian border, in a landscape of salt lakes, flamingos, geysers and abandoned sulphur mines, sparsely populated by curious creatures such as the vicuna, a type of wild camel. It's the perfect place to look so far up you look back in time.

On Tuesday, a set of papers based on the sixth and final data release from ACT is to be presented at the American Physical Society meeting in Anaheim, Calif. The papers represent the final reports from a science experiment that aimed to look farther than any telescope had before, indeed as far as physically possible.

When it took first light in 2007, ACT was observing electromagnetic waves that had literally been travelling through space since the origin of the universe, 14 billion years ago, give or take. The trajectory of each photon ACT has detected over the past two decades extends back from this telescope on the slopes of the Cerro Toco volcano all the way to the newborn universe after the Big Bang, more specifically to the first high-frequency microwaves that were emitted when the universe, at about 380,000 years old, cooled from a hot plasma into gas, on its way to becoming the cold vastness we see today, punctuated here and there with stars, black holes, dust clouds, dark matter, and a few comparatively tiny planets.

ACT's mission was to map this Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB), this glow that represents the first cooling of that primordial plasma into hot gas, when the first light that ever



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The Atacama Cosmology Telescope was built in 2006 near Vancouver by a company that also makes roller-coasters. It has been delivering data about the cosmos from its location in the Chilean desert mountains since 2007.

shined radiated through this new universe from matter that would later collapse under gravity into the first stars.

At that time, 380,000 years after the Big Bang, the matter in the universe went through this phase shift “pretty quickly,” from electrically charged plasma to electrically neutral gas, Hincks said in an interview. “It’s at that moment, during that transition, that light gets liberated ... Now you can see vast distances.”

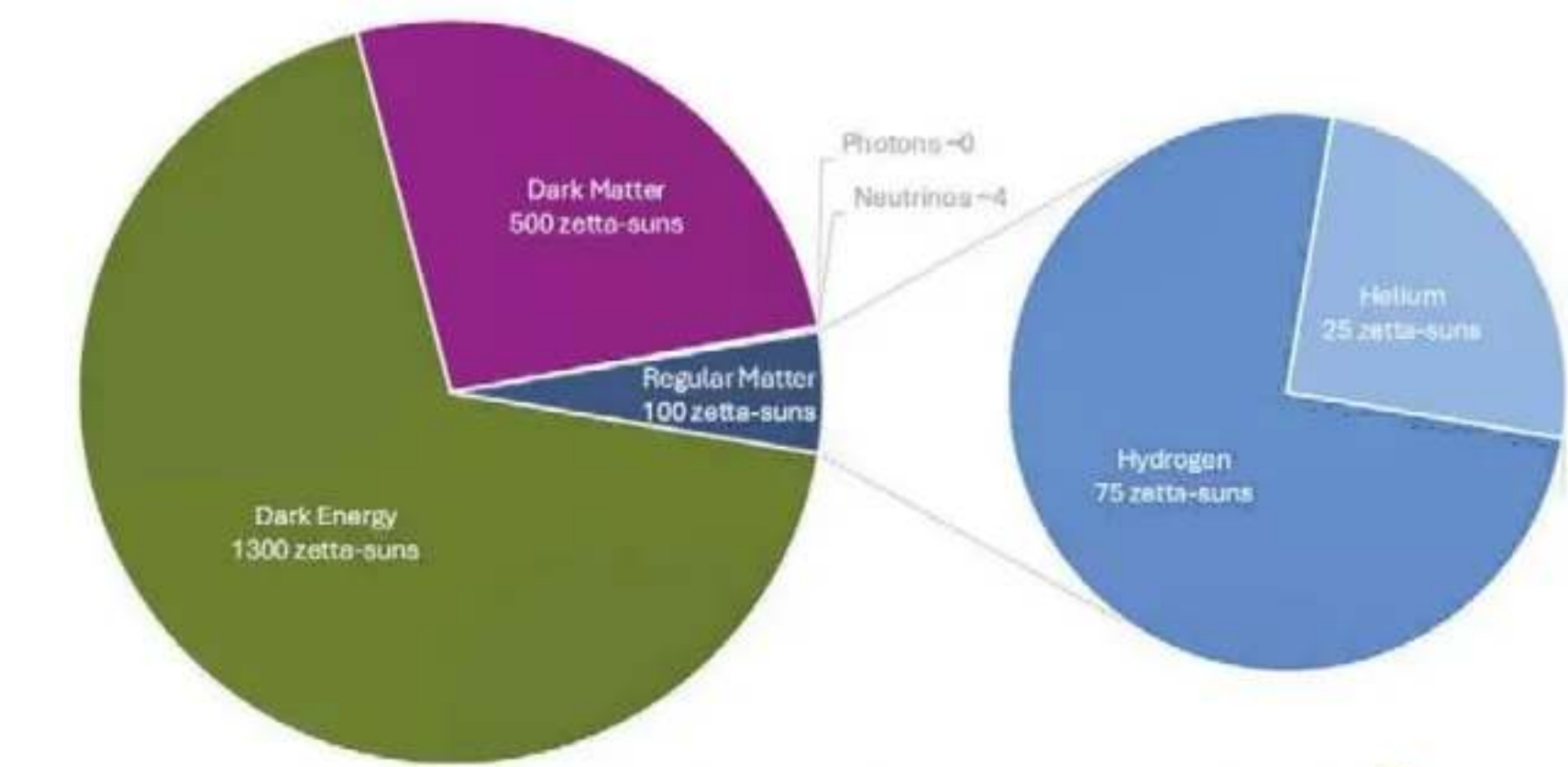
ACT succeeded in its mission to map this radiation, both its temperature and now also its polarization. Hincks calls the project a “resounding success” with more than 100 published papers.

It also allowed the collaboration to make a proxy map of dark matter across a quarter of the sky, a tricky project because dark matter is in principle invisible. It can be detected, however, by studying how the CMB has been distorted in its journey across the universe by the gravity that dark matter exerts.

The experiment also offered one side of what Hincks calls a fundamental “tension” in observational cosmology. It’s about how fast the universe is expanding, known as the Hubble constant.

One way to measure this is by looking at supernovae, star explosions, which are well understood in terms of how their light should appear, so the measure of how much that light is shifted to the red end of the spectrum is a direct measurement of how fast a supernova is receding from Earth.

Distant galaxies are not just far away. They are receding from ours and from each other, the farther away the faster, like raisins in a



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ACT COLLABORATION

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rising cake. Their light waves that reach Earth are therefore shifted to red, sort of stretched into longer wavelengths, on the same principle as the Doppler effect in sound waves, which makes a siren sound high-pitched as it approaches and lower after it passes.

Another way to measure the universe's expansion speed is by looking at ripples in the CMB. Trouble is you get different answers. Not a lot, but given how precise the measurements are, the two observed speeds are “very inconsistent,” Hincks said.

“So there’s still this tension,” Hincks said. “It could be there’s a source of error that is not understood in either or both techniques. Or it could be that there is something fundamental about the universe that we don’t understand ... We think we know how (the) universe expands and evolves, but maybe we’re a little bit wrong.”

This telescope collaboration “changed the game for small scale CMB science,” said Renée Hložek, a theoretical cosmologist and associate professor at

the University of Toronto's Dunlap Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics, who joined ACT in 2008, and has worked on its projects to clarify and confirm existing theories, in what she called friendly competition with the South Pole Telescope, in a similarly high, dry, cold place.

They did all this, Hložek said, against the steep challenge of being on the ground. The best way to observe the CMB is in space. On Earth, you have no choice but to look through the atmosphere, which is full of water vapour. This absorbs the very light they are looking for, and it also emits microwave radiation of its own that blurs and distorts the image. Some of that interference can be corrected with sophisticated analysis. Some cannot.

There are other problems. The best time to look is at night. You can detect microwaves in the daytime, but the heat of the sun tends to distort the mirrors, so the data are usable but not as good as at night.

But a ground based telescope also has advantages over space-based competi-

tors, such as the European Space Agency's Planck and NASA's WMAP.

The main advantage is the ability to constantly upgrade the kit, Hložek said. For example, the detector and camera were changed three times throughout ACT's operational life, before it was decommissioned in 2022.

To see this Cosmic Microwave Background radiation, the telescope's detectors must be cooled with liquid helium and vacuum techniques to hundreds of millikelvins, almost impossibly cold, because the radiation they are measuring is so cold to begin with. Some of the key engineering advances have been in refrigeration, Hložek said.

And the detectors themselves are revolutionary, Hložek said. They are called transition edge sensors, quantum devices that are kept close to superconducting temperatures so that when a photon from the CMB hits a detector, it causes a big change in its superconductivity. That gets recorded and stored to build up a map of that radiation across much of the sky, except for example in the part

of the sky that's obscured by the bright Milky Way, or the part on the other side of Earth that a ground-based telescope cannot see.

In the early days, data would be collected on-site in hard drives, stowed in carry-on luggage, and brought by staff directly to specially designed supercomputers in Toronto for analysis. Lately, their internet connectivity got better so the data travel separately.

“One of the things we are afforded by such exquisite data is the ability to stress-test the model,” Hložek said.

She means the theoretical model of how the universe expanded out from a single point of infinite density and temperature, and continues to expand today. This model is called Lambda-CDM, for the Greek letter lambda that represents a cosmological constant to account for the universe's expansion driven by dark energy, plus the abbreviation CDM for “cold dark matter.”

It's not the only model, but it is holding up well under ACT's observations.

A press release says the “Atacama Cosmology Telescope collaboration has put the standard model of cosmology through a rigorous new set of tests and show it to be remarkably robust. The new images of the early universe, which show both the intensity and polarization of the earliest light with unprecedented clarity, reveal the formation of ancient, consolidating clouds of hydrogen and helium that later developed into the first galaxies and stars.”

One of the new papers is on the CMB maps and how they were made. Another is on how observations relate to Lambda-CDM. Hložek contributed to a third paper on the theme “beyond the Lambda-CDM model,” and said after testing a range of other possible models, the “scary exciting thing we find” is that Lambda-CDM is actually a “good fit.”

“The data is consistent with our simple picture,” she said. The “puzzle” is why it seems so simple even as the data get ever more precise.

“It's beautiful that the universe has a consistent picture,” she said. But it's also challenging.

Hincks said he is likewise struck by this powerful evidence that the universe in its early stages was “elegantly simple.”

“And then to think out of that elegant simplicity 400,000 years after the Big Bang that we have this beautiful richness, in today's universe, that this richness emerged out of this very simple starting point that we can describe remarkably well,” he said.

He said it brought to mind Albert Einstein's saying that the fact the universe is comprehensible at all is a miracle.

Hložek sees the final data release from ACT as not quite an ending but the passing of a baton to other experiments, such as the Simons Observatory that is in place nearby and partly functioning with multiple telescopes, so more like the “dusk of one and the dawn of another.”



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DAVIES, Rita

The family of Rita Louise Davies is saddened to share that she passed peacefully on March 12, 2025, at the age of 77 years. Her deeply devoted and loving husband never left her side. Fifty-eight beautiful years were spent with her husband, Daniel Davies, who together welcomed their two children, Michael (Melissa) and Sara, and later five grandchildren; Corban, Keegan, Timothy, Lane and Jude.

Rita practiced nursing all throughout Canada as she followed Dan's military career before becoming a mother. Her children became her greatest joy, and she devoted herself to them from that point forward. Her family was the most important part of her life, and she spent countless hours supporting them. She loved her friends like family, and they were the only ones lucky enough to see her wild side. Her most treasured friendships spanned decades, and distance was never an obstacle to bring them together.

Rita also loved adventures and travelling the world, it would be easier to note the places she hadn't been than those she had enjoyed. Her favorite place was always at home. Before retiring to build their dream home, she truly enjoyed living on the farm watching the delight it brought her family and friends. No one ever left her home with an empty heart or a hungry stomach. Only ever speaking the unfiltered truth and what was on her mind is what everyone loved about her. She will be greatly missed.

Following a private graveside burial, the family invites those who knew and loved her to a come-and-go celebration of her life at Dan and Rita's residence from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2025. To leave a message of condolence you may visit:

[www.pattisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.pattisonfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are by the Pattison Funeral Home and Crematorium 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 2V6. Please call 1-866-526-2214 for further information.

FITZPATRICK, Dorothie 'Anne'

Sep 3, 1936 - Mar 13, 2025

Anne Fitzpatrick passed away on Thursday, March 13, 2025. The family is preparing the official obituary, to be posted with McInnis & Holloway soon. Subscribe to Anne's obituary page at [www.MHFH.com](http://www.MHFH.com) to receive updates when the full obituary and event information are available.

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MAIER, Edmund

January 15, 1929 - March 6, 2025

It is with deep sadness that the family of Edmund Maier announce his death on Thursday, March 6, 2025. Born and baptized in the Ukraine, he emigrated to Canada from Germany in 1950, having suffered great misfortune after the war. He married Felicitas in 1954; son, Harry was born in 1959. In 1960, he and Felicitas bought their first hotel in Manville, Alberta. They moved to Calgary in 1966 where Edmund owned and managed three hotels successively - the Royal Hotel, The Town and Country Inn, and the Crowchild Inn, where he inspired people with an amazing business sense, fairness, and dedication. Faithful Christian, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend, and neighbour. Edmund was compassionate and generous, known for his strong work ethic, good humour, outgoing character, and for lending a helping hand whenever he could. Edmund will be lovingly remembered by his son, Harry; grandsons, Kristoff, Stefan, and Lukas; sister, Elsie; brother, Hans (Barb); sister-in-law, Jessie; and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his wife, Felicitas and brother, Felix. A Visitation will be held on Friday, March 21, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Choice Memorial (105, 4715 - 13 Street NE, Calgary, AB). A Funeral Service will take place on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church (3527 Boulton Rd NW, Calgary, AB). In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Edmund's memory to the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary. The family thanks the Manor Village at Varsity staff for their amazing care. "Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing but life everlasting." To view and share photos, condolences and memories of Edmund with the family, please visit [www.choicememorial.com](http://www.choicememorial.com).

"When you speak of her, speak not with tears, for thoughts of her should not be sad. Let memories of the times you shared give you comfort, for her life was rich because of you."

-Author Unknown

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MAYER, Anton "Tony" Otto

Apr 29, 1932 - Mar 14, 2025

Anton "Tony" Otto Mayer passed away on Friday, March 14, 2025. The family is preparing the official obituary, to be posted with McInnis & Holloway soon. Subscribe to Anthony's obituary page at [www.MHFH.com](http://www.MHFH.com) to receive updates when the full obituary and event information are available.

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VINCENT, Edward Frank

Aug 7, 1937 - Mar 12, 2025

Ed peacefully passed away at the age of 87 holding hands with his loving wife of 65 years Jennie on March 12, 2025. He is survived by his wife Jennie, daughter Valerie (Mark), sons Danny (Grace) and Gary (Lisa), granddaughters Amber and Tianna (Mike), great grandson Chase, his sister Gail, as well as many nieces and nephews. He lived a full and active life and was an advocate for health and fitness. He dedicated his life to the Altadore Gymnastics Club and mentored many athletes for over 50 years. Ed was a cadet in the reserves and a life long member of the Canadian Legion. Before retiring, Ed's career spanned 35 years in telecommunications at AGT/Telus.

After their retirement, Ed and Jennie could be found dancing at the Legion. They also enjoyed many adventures including numerous cruises and holidays dancing their way around the world. Ed will be fondly remembered by those who knew him because of his positive, enthusiastic and encouraging attitude. He was loved and respected beyond measure and will be deeply missed. A service will be announced through the Eden Brook Funeral Home & Cemetery in Calgary, Alberta.



Keith Simon McCallum

January 3, 1946  
March 7, 2025

MCCALLUM, Keith  
January 3, 1946 - March 7, 2025

Keith Simon Hugh McCallum, beloved husband of Pamela McCallum, passed away at Foothills Medical Centre on Friday, March 7, 2025, at the age of 79 years.

Keith was the son of Hugh and Isabel (Gould) McCallum. He is survived by his wife Pamela, dearest brother Neil, and cousins in Ontario and the UK.

Educated in his youth in Regina, SK, London and Aylmer, ON, he graduated from the University of Toronto with a B.A. (Honours) in 1969. He completed an MA in modern European history at the University of California (Berkeley) in 1971 with a special interest in the 20th-century French writer, Simone Weil. Keith enjoyed hiking in the mountains, Vancouver's Stanley Park and seawall, reading, concerts, opera, theatre, film and art. He travelled to China six times and frequently visited London and Cambridge, UK. Throughout his life, he was deeply committed to equality and social justice. He will be sadly missed. Keith's family would like to thank the staff at Foothills, who cared for him with efficiency and kindness, especially Colleen Babie and Dr. Ryan Wong.

Funeral Services will be held at McInnis & Holloway (Crowfoot, 82 Crowfoot Circle NW, Calgary, AB), on Friday, March 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Hospitality Centre at the Funeral Home.

If friends so desire, a donation may be made to Doctors Without Borders, [www.doctorswithoutborders.ca](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.ca), or a charity of your choice.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Keith's family at [www.MHFH.com](http://www.MHFH.com).

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

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Sharing tales of those we've lost is how we keep from really losing them

- Mitch Albom

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# Carney names his trade war committee

## NEW STRUCTURE

ADAM HURAS

OTTAWA • Prime Minister Mark Carney has hand-picked his cabinet committee to lead the fight in the trade war with the United States.

He has appointed himself as chair and Dominic LeBlanc, the New Brunswick MP who is minister of international trade, as vice chair.

There are eight other ministers as members, including Foreign Minister Mélanie Joly, Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne, Defence Minister Bill Blair and Energy and Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson.

The committee is called Canada-U.S. Relations and National Security, which the Prime Minister's Office describes as the "central decision-making body for addressing the immediate economic threat from the United States."

Its mandate also includes "advancing efforts to renew and expand relationships toward lasting security and prosperity, sharing intelligence, and responding to threats and opportunities with respect to Canada's national security."

Carney has cut the number of cabinet committees to just four. That's half the number under the previous Trudeau government.

The new structure shows that LeBlanc figures prominently in what amounts to the very small inner circle of the inner circle.

"The prime minister spoke to me about two big priorities," LeBlanc said in an interview with Brunswick News.

"The most urgent, acute matter is to continue to play a leading role in the Canada-U.S. trade relationship, to continue to work with U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and the U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer.

"The medium and longer-term priority is to diversify our export relationships."

LeBlanc added: "We need to manage our way through the next few months, the reciprocal tariff decisions that the Americans are going to bring out on April 2."

Carney has also made a machinery change to give reciprocal tariff authority to LeBlanc.

That's to keep LeBlanc as Lutnick's direct interlocutor.

Previously, it was the ministers of foreign affairs and finance that held the legal authority to impose tariffs. With LeBlanc shifted out of the finance job, that authority now belongs to finance and international trade.

"There's a very sharp focus on economic decisions and particularly Canada-U.S. economic decisions," LeBlanc said of the first cabinet meeting last Friday. "The cabinet meeting was very disciplined. It starts on time, finishes on time. Mark Carney goes through the agenda in a very thorough but efficient way.

"It's extremely tightly run. The conversation, the people in the room, which I think is hugely positive that there is such a clear and sharp focus and it's on a handful of priorities. It's not on 10 different things."

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POLITICS

TRUDEAU SELFIE  
SHOWS EX-PM IN STORE  
TO BUY KITCHENWARE

Justin Trudeau posted on social media for the first time since he stepped down as prime minister, showing what he got up to on his first Monday after Mark Carney was officially sworn in as Canada's 24th prime minister Friday. Trudeau took a selfie as he went shopping at Canadian Tire. His cart was filled with kitchen utensils and appliances as he posed in the cooking section of the store. In the caption, he wrote: "Gotta love a Monday morning at Canadian Tire." The retail giant even responded in the comments, saying, "Always good to see you, sir" with an emoji of the Canadian flag. In Trudeau's previous posts on Instagram and X from four days ago — when Carney took over — he thanked Canadians. Trudeau also changed his social media bios, which now read: "Father, former prime minister of Canada." *National Post*



N.B. man  
declared dead  
in hospital error

'ALBERT IS DECEASED'

Wife couldn't get husband's meds at pharmacy

SARAH SEELEY

SAINT JOHN, N.B. • Albert Arsenault was declared dead in The Moncton Hospital's system, despite the fact that he walked out of the hospital the day he supposedly died, his wife says.

The 71-year-old retiree had undergone triple bypass surgery in September following a heart attack and was recovering well. However, on the evening of Feb. 23, he experienced chest and jaw pain, so he was taken to The Moncton Hospital out of precaution, his wife Nadine Gwinn said.

They waited in the emergency department overnight and the following day, he had bloodwork and an electrocardiogram, which came back normal, so he was sent home, she said.

Last weekend, several

weeks after the hospital visit, Gwinn was picking up her husband's prescription medication at the Costco pharmacy in Moncton when the pharmacist said they were having trouble finding him in the system and had to consult with other staff members.

"They all had this blank look on their face," said Gwinn.

The pharmacist said she was unable to give her any

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of Arsenault's medication, which included blood thinners and beta blockers.

"She said 'We can't give you nothing. Albert is deceased,'" said Gwinn.

The pharmacist told her that according to their system, Arsenault had visited The Moncton Hospital on Feb. 23 and died on Feb. 24.



Nadine Gwinn said she started to worry about what her husband Albert Arsenault's death mixup by The Moncton Hospital would mean for their CRA tax filings and pension payments.

Gwinn said she started to panic when she thought about the implications of her husband being declared dead. With their income tax already filed, she had to check to make sure there were no red flags on his Canada Revenue Agency account that might prevent them from getting their tax return, or Arsenault's pension pay-

ments.

"If they don't get this fixed then everything is going to go," she said. "Financially, we will be done."

She was relieved to learn there were no problems with CRA, but continued to make calls to ensure her husband's medicare card and driver's licence were still active.

In order to get Arsenault's

medication, Gwinn had to get her husband in Scoudouc and drive him to the pharmacy with his identification cards to prove he was still living.

She called The Moncton Hospital and was told Arsenault had been declared dead by error, and there had been no death certificate written.

Despite being able to pick

up Arsenault's medication on Tuesday, Gwinn and her husband are still frustrated with The Moncton Hospital for the mix-up.

"This can't happen," Gwinn said "You put my husband dead. He's not dead."

Horizon Health Network did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

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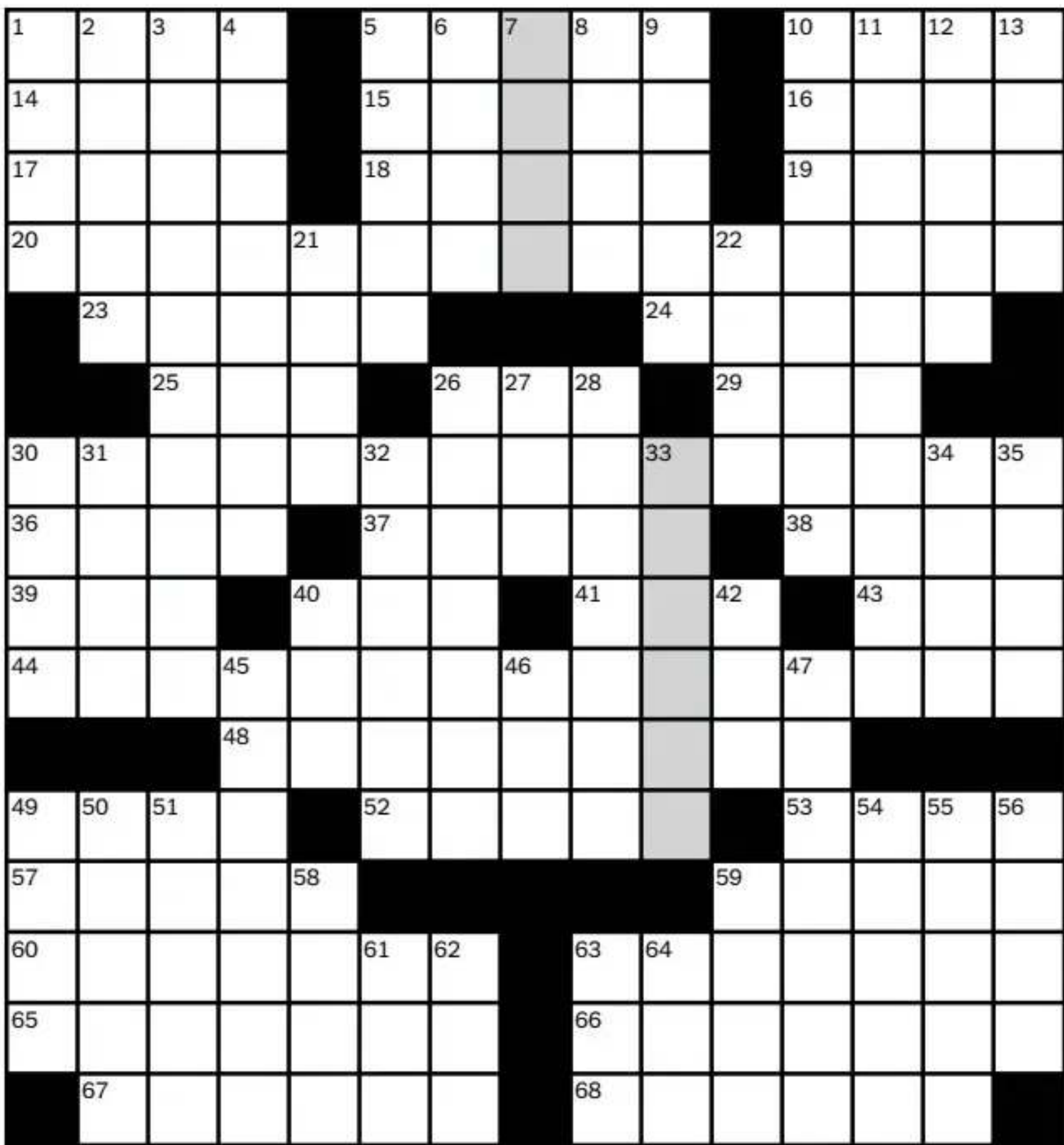
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54 Undependable sort  
55 Gives up the goods?  
56 "Above us \_\_\_ sky" ("Imagine" lyric)  
58 Pesky little brat  
59 Observed  
61 Pop music's Wham! or Erasure  
62 Email signs  
63 Inexpensive beer, informally  
64 Two-time Oscar winner Mahershala \_\_\_

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Canada can only go so far in responding to new levies imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump given the mismatch in size between the economies, Prime Minister Mark Carney said. “There is a limit to matching these tariffs dollar for dollar given the fact that our economy is a tenth the size of the United States,” Carney told reporters in London on Monday. He said Canada’s response will depend what Trump imposes on April 2. Trump



has repeatedly promised to roll out reciprocal tariffs on countries that have existing tariffs on U.S. goods, along with additional levies on sectors such as autos, pharmaceuticals and semiconductors. Carney, who replaced Justin Trudeau as prime minister on Friday, said those items were chosen because they have “maximum impact on the United States and limited — but not zero — impact in Canada.” *Bloomberg*

## Kenney, O’Leary appointed to Postmedia board of directors

SERAH LOUIS

Former Alberta premier Jason Kenney and executive Terrie O’Leary are joining the board of directors of Postmedia Network Canada Corp., the media company announced Tuesday morning.

Kenney was an influential member of Parliament from 1997 to 2016, holding numerous senior cabinet positions in prime minister Stephen Harper’s Conservative governments, before leaving federal politics and being elected the 18th premier of Alberta in 2019.

He is currently a senior adviser at the law firm Bennett Jones LLP and serves on the board of directors of ATCO Ltd.

“I’m confident in his extensive business acumen and relationships, both public and private,” said Postmedia



Jason Kenney

president and chief executive Andrew MacLeod. “He has a deep and genuine interest in seeing the (media) sector not just stabilize, but also hopefully thrive in the future.”

O’Leary has extensive experience in both the private and public sectors as well, most recently as executive vice-president of business strategy and operations at Toronto Global. She has served on the boards of the World Bank in Washington, D.C. and the Greater Toronto Airports Authority.

O’Leary also served as chief of staff from 1993 to 1998 to Liberal finance minister Paul Martin, who tamed the federal deficit, “playing a formative role,” according to MacLeod.

“I think Terrie cares deeply about the media sector and she gives us a different perspective on the board given her relationships with the Liberal side of the aisle,” MacLeod said, adding that when former board director Vince Gasparro stepped down, it was important to find another prominent Liberal voice to replace him.

In addition to MacLeod, the board includes chair Peter Sharpe, former Ontario finance minister Janet Ecker, former energy executive Wendy Henkelman and Mary Junck, chair of Lee Enterprises, Inc.

“We’re entering a period of considerable heightened turbulence,” said MacLeod. “We’re in a different era now and it’s great to have people who bring extraordinary perspectives and understand how different sectors of the economy and political machinery work.”

*Financial Post*



While the Bank of Canada remains focused on the trade uncertainty with the U.S., governor Tiff Macklem said last week policy-makers will be watching inflation expectations, as survey data suggests Canadians and businesses expect costs to go up as the result of tariffs. *PETER J. THOMPSON FILES*

## Inflation up to 2.6% as tax holiday ends, giving ‘green light’ to BoC for April pause

### Threatened U.S. tariffs could affect plans, after seven consecutive interest rate cuts

JORDAN GOWLING

Canada’s inflation rate jumped to 2.6 per cent in February from 1.9 per cent the month before as a federal tax holiday came to an end mid-month.

The removal of the goods and services tax (GST) and the harmonized sales tax (HST) break that ran from Dec. 14 to Feb. 15, put upward pressure on prices for certain consumer goods, Statistics Canada said on Tuesday. Prices for restaurant food and alcoholic beverages declined less year-over-year in February, than they did in January.

The Bank of Canada said at its last decision that it expected inflation to rise following the conclusion of the temporary tax break. Tuesdays’ reading puts the inflation rate above two per cent for the first time since October and may prompt the central bank to consider a pause at its April meeting, said economists. The bank’s policy rate is currently 2.75 per cent, after seven consecutive cuts.

“There’s plenty of noise still to come on inflation, complicating policy-makers’ job,” said Benjamin Reitzes, economist with the Bank of Montreal, in a note.

“We’ll see what early April brings on the tariff front, but if the economic outlook doesn’t deteriorate further, the Bank of Canada will be considering a pause after cutting at seven straight meetings.”

While the central bank remains focused on the trade uncertainty with the U.S., Bank of Canada governor Tiff Macklem said last week policy-makers will be watching inflation expectations, as survey data suggests Canadians and businesses expect costs to go up as the result of tariffs.

The inflation reading for February does not reflect the trade conflict with the United States, as tariffs were imposed in March.

“The Bank of Canada now has a

green light to start skipping some meetings,” said David Rosenberg, founder and president at Rosenberg Research Inc., in a note.

“Especially with the Fed on hold and the policy rate already some — 150 basis points below U.S. levels — which is not so good for the Government of Canada bond market, but should help underpin the Canadian dollar over the near-term.”

Statistics Canada officials said the consumer price index for February would have been three per cent, absent the GST/HST tax break.

On a year-over-year basis, gasoline prices increased by 5.1 per



*The three- and six-month annualized rates are all above three per cent as well, pointing to ongoing stickiness.*

cent in February, after an 8.6 per cent gain in January. On a month-over-month basis, gasoline prices rose 0.6 per cent.

Core inflation, the measures the Bank of Canada prefers to look at when making its monetary policy decisions, also rose. CPI-common rose by 2.5 per cent year-over-year in February, up from 2.2 per cent in January. CPI-median rose 2.9 per cent, up from 2.7 per cent and CPI-trim rose 2.9 per cent, up from 2.7 per cent.

“The three- and six-month annualized rates are all above three per cent as well, pointing to ongoing stickiness,” said Reitzes, in a note. “None of this is encouraging


news for policy-makers.”

Katherine Judge, economist with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, said the Bank of Canada’s decision in April will depend on what happens on the tariff front on April 2, when U.S. President Donald Trump is set to impose reciprocal duties.

“The unexpected pickup in core measures clearly isn’t good news for the Bank of Canada, and this means that the April policy decision hinges entirely on tariff news received in the interim,” she said, in a note.

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Oil and Gas			
Advantage	9.80	+0.08	
ARC Resources	26.97	+0.09	
Athabasca	5.27	+0.08	
Baytex Energy	3.03	-0.02	
Birchcliff	5.92	+0.08	
Bonterra Energy	3.49	-0.02	
Canacol Energy	4.07	+0.06	
Cardinal Energy	6.46	+0.08	
Cdn Natural	42.85	+0.26	
Cenovus	19.45	unch.	
Gibson Energy	21.71	+0.05	
Gran Tierra	7.40	+0.06	
Imperial Oil	98.84	+0.12	
Kelt Exploration	6.39	-0.06	
MEG Energy	24.60	+0.01	
NuVista Energy	12.47	-0.02	
Obsidian Energy	7.81	-0.01	
Paramount	16.77	+0.07	
Parex	13.49	+0.05	
Peyto Explor.	16.82	+0.16	
Pine Cliff Energy	0.74	-0.01	
Questerre	0.28	-0.01	
Suncor Energy	53.76	-0.02	
Surge	5.74	+0.12	
Tamarack Valley Energy	4.21	+0.02	
Touchstone Exploration	0.41	+0.02	
Tourmaline	66.12	+0.66	
Valeura Energy	7.44	-0.11	
Vermilion	11.32	+0.06	
Whitecap	9.01	+0.13	
Yangarra Resources	0.99	+0.03	
Industrials			
AltaGas	37.73	+0.39	
ATCO	48.17	+0.17	
Akita Drilling	1.79	+0.05	
Alaris Equity Partners	19.29	-0.17	
Big Rock Brewery	1.15	unch.	
Black Diamond Group	8.20	-0.02	
Boardwalk REIT	66.34	-0.17	
Calfrac Well	3.70	+0.06	
Cdn Pacific	106.31	-1.23	
Cdn Utilities	35.42	+0.07	
CES Energy Solutions	7.11	-0.09	
Comp Model	7.66	+0.01	
DIRTT Enviro	0.98	+0.03	
Enbridge	62.05	-0.09	
Enerflex	10.60	-0.06	
Ensign Energy	2.30	-0.02	
Freehold Rylties	12.69	-0.02	
Gamehost	10.12	-0.07	
Genesis Land Devel	3.14	unch.	
Gibson Energy	21.71	+0.05	
High Arctic Energy Svcs	1.06	-0.08	
Keyera	42.44	-0.03	
Mainstreet Eqty	185.82	-4.41	
Maxim Power Corp.	4.59	-0.06	
Mullen Group	12.87	-0.02	
NXT Energy Solutions	0.30	+0.03	
Olympia Financial Grp	107.99	+0.05	
Oncolytics Biotech	0.87	-0.02	
Parkland Corp.	36.32	-0.61	
Pason Systems	12.86	+0.06	
Pembina Pipeline	55.82	+0.07	
PHX Energy Services	8.80	-0.05	
PrairieSky Royalty	26.11	+0.13	
Precision Drilling	63.59	-0.92	
Pulse Seismic	2.48	+0.08	
Resverlogix Corp.	0.05	unch.	
Secure Energy	14.79	+0.11	
STEP Energy Services	4.25	-0.03	
TC Energy Corp.	68.23	+0.03	
Tidewater Midstream	0.22	-0.01	
Total Energy	9.30	-0.15	
TransAlta	13.69	-0.16	
Trican	4.47	+0.01	
Western Energy Svcs	2.19	unch.	
Willow Biosciences	0.035	unch.	

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THE MARKETS ON 03.18.25

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24,706.07  
-79.04  
-0.32%

TSX VENTURE



631.34  
+0.65  
+0.10%

DOW JONES



41,581.31  
-260.32  
-0.62%

NASDAQ



17,504.12  
-304.54  
-1.71%

NORTH AMERICAN INDEXES

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE

Index	Close	Net ch	% ch	Vol 00s	Day high	Day low	52wk high	52wk low	Wk %ch	YTD %ch	52wk %ch
Capped Energy	264.21	+1.03	+0.4	616929	264.85	262.03	307.77	240.14	+4.5	-1.1	-4.3
Capped Materials	456.53	+1.59	+0.3	552559	461.85	454.65	461.85	313.66	+6.2	+20.7	+43.1
Global Mining	131.53	+0.82	+0.6	2094820	132.53	130.54	135.36	105.87	+5.3	+14.4	+23.5
Global Gold	443.46	+3.22	+0.7	917975	450.40	442.18	450.40	268.09	+6.1	+31.6	+62.0
Capped Industrials	450.36	-2.84	-0.6	108387	452.48	447.01	482.93	436.14	+1.1	-1.8	-3.6
Capped Consumer Disc	294.54	+0.59	+0.2	69872	295.60	292.54	314.67	271.45	-1.1	-1.3	+5.5
Capped Consumer Stap	1,021.95	-6.14	-0.6	50908	1,027.84	1,008.96	1,105.02	883.09	-0.9	-3.8	+11.1
Capped Health Care	22.02	+0.09	+0.4	22898	22.34	21.93	29.53	21.15	+1.7	-14.4	-12.3
Capped Financials	463.36	-1.13	-0.2	398434	464.53	461.30	494.97	381.62	+1.9	-3.4	+17.8
Capped Info Tech	264.21	-5.05	-1.9	91700	268.34	262.60	321.28	200.56	-0.8	-6.2	+17.1
Capped Telecom	143.11	+0.49	+0.3	75113	143.83	141.73	168.78	131.09	-2.0	+4.0	-11.5
Capped Utilities	312.90	+0.51	+0.2	112235	312.90	310.40	322.91	255.61	+0.8	+2.0	+15.3
Capped Real Estate	307.18	-2.62	-0.8	66635	309.80	306.13	356.44	283.68	+0.5	-2.3	-1.1
S&P/TSX Composite	24,706.07	-79.04	-0.3	2469835	24,792.49	24,572.33	25,875.61	21,466.60	+1.9	-0.1	+13.1
Capped Composite	28,623.80	-91.57	-0.3	2469835	28,723.93	28,468.85	29,978.79	24,870.64	+1.9	-0.1	+13.1
TSX Unweighted	425.33	-0.03	nil	2469836	n.a.	n.a.	440.28	370.33	+3.2	+0.5	+15.7
S&P/TSX 60	1,482.70	-5.31	-0.4	1305940	1,488.33	1,473.38	1,561.25	1,281.68	+1.6	nil	+12.7
S&P/TSX 60 Capped	1,639.57	-5.87	-0.4	1305940	1,645.79	1,629.26	1,726.43	1,417.28	+1.6	nil	+12.7
S&P/TSX Completion	1,480.52	-2.33	-0.2	1163896	1,486.28	1,478.00	1,559.38	1,286.21	+3.1	-0.5	+15.0
S&P/TSX SmallCap	815.55	+1.29	+0.2	789859	819.45	814.08	854.58	726.71	+4.3	+0.2	+11.7
Income Trust	201.49	-1.15	-0.6	72814	202.53	200.45	233.36	184.08	+0.6	-1.8	+1.0
Capped REIT	150.82	-1.21	-0.8	61676	152.29	150.16	179.86	141.98	+0.7	+0.6	-4.0

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FINANCIAL POST								
FPX Growth	7,482.23	-24.67	-0.3	n.a.	n.a.	7,620.16	6,589.26	+12.4
FPX Balanced	6,343.16	-14.82	-0.2	n.a.	n.a.	6,434.27	5,657.77	+10.8
FPX Income	5,341.30	-8.51	-0.2	n.a.	n.a.	5,428.99	4,823.53	+9.5
TSX VENTURE EXCHANGE								
Composite	631.34	+0.65	+0.1	633.97	629.53	650.81	533.73	+14.9
DOW JONES								
Industrials	41,581.31	-260.32	-0.6	41,787.25	41,415.43	45,073.63	37,611.56	+7.2
Transportation	14,619.60	-138.25	-0.9	14,753.58	14,538.45	17,845.72	14,332.18	-5.2
Utilities	1,013.50	-3.36	-0.3	1,014.31	1,007.31	1,086.52	833.14	+18.8
Composite	12,999.20	-85.46	-0.7	13,063.91	12,946.32	14,426.78	11,973.83	+5.5
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE								
Composite	19,421.58	-73.13	-0.4	19,495.67	19,348.40	20,332.50	17,336.80	+8.6
Energy	13,824.76	+44.06	+0.3	13,870.32	13,729.59	15,093.27	12,632.55	-0.8
Financial	12,393.33	+2.70	nil	12,432.54	12,347.85	13,077.17	9,997.61	+19.1
Health Care	25,774.96	+67.45	+0.3	25,796.11	25,629.66	28,535.72	24,107.84	-1.5
NYSE MKT								
Composite	5,053.60	+14.64	+0.3	5,070.65	5,017.21	5,464.95	4,554.48	+6.1
NASDAQ STOCK MARKET								
Composite	17,504.12	-304.54	-1.7	17,682.92	17,431.67	20,204.58	15,222.78	+8.7
Industrials	10,558.95	-180.67	-1.7	10,628.12	10,502.38	12,703.16	9,135.62	+9.6
Insurance	16,127.29	-91.03	-0.6	16,306.56	16,112.14	16,871.93	13,509.27	+13.7
Banks	4,141.70	-17.65	-0.4	4,146.25	4,111.35	5,038.67	3,423.37	+17.7
Financial	12,178.54	-99.85	-0.8	12,251.60	12,115.69	13,587.89	10,389.83	+6.8
Transportation	6,210.03	-95.36	-1.5	6,286.41	6,183.56	7,812.86	6,030.57	-12.3
Telecomms	490.79	-1.01	-0.2	491.76	486.19	514.92	371.78	+23.5
100 Index	19,483.36	-328.88	-1.7	19,676.05	19,397.08	22,222.61	16,973.94	+8.3
RUSSELL 2000	2,049.94	-18.39	-0.9	2,060.97	2,043.87	2,466.49	1,931.54	+1.2
STANDARD & POOR'S								
500 Composite	5,614.66	-60.46	-1.1	5,654.53	5,597.76	6,147.43	4,953.56	+9.0
Industrials	1,113.64	-8.67	-0.8	1,119.20	1,107.23	1,219.18	1,007.89	+7.9
Financials	813.66	-1.07	-0.1	817.66	810.56	873.70	657.50	+19.6
Utilities	397.24	-2.62	-0.7	397.97	394.65	421.57	317.66	+23.7
100 Stocks	2,711.98	-33.82	-1.2	2,734.34	2,704.13	3,004.07	2,341.36	+11.2
VALUE LINE								
Arithmetic	10,584.76	-79.10	-0.7	10,663.86	10,544.13	11,856.24	9,801.85	+4.4

INTERNATIONAL INDEXES

Index	Close	Net ch	% ch	52wk high	52wk low	Wk %ch
WORLD (MIDDAY)						
MSCI (US\$)	3697.21	+31.50	+0.9	3910.71	3255.62	n.a.
AUSTRALIA						
All Ords	8089.90	+7.80	+0.1	8825.10	7817.40	-0.2
BRAZIL						
BRSP	131474.73	+640.77	+0.5	137343.96	118532.68	+6.5
BRITAIN						
FT Ords	2954.07	+9.25	+0.3	3081.80	2683.20	-1.1
FTSE 100	8705.23	+24.94	+0.3	8871.31	7737.38	+2.5
FT 500	5401.30	+1.49	nil	5540.82	5109.49	+1.8
FT All Shr	4699.07	+13.60	+0.3	4784.79	4224.36	+2.4
FT EurTop	4330.87	+20.16	+0.5	4439.06	3844.05	+3.2
CHINA						
Shenzhen	2122.66	+10.37	+0.5	2133.57	1473.73	+1.7
Shanghai	3429.76	+3.63	+0.1	3489.78	2704.09	+1.5
GERMANY						
DAX	23380.70	+226.13	+1.0	23419.48	17339.00	+4.7
HONG KONG						
HangSeng	24740.57	+595.00	+2.5	24740.57	16224.14	+4.0
INDIA						
Sensex	75301.26	+1131.31	+1.5	85836.12	72012.05	+1.6
JAPAN						
Nikkei	37845.42	+448.90	+1.2	42224.02	31458.42	+2.9
MEXICO						
Gen IPC	52703.07	+218.79	+0.4	58147.80	48887.54	+2.5
TAIWAN						
Weighted	22271.67	+153.04	+0.7	24390.03	19411.22	+0.9



PENS, PREDS TO PLAY IN SWEDEN

The Nashville Predators and Pittsburgh Penguins will play games in Sweden on Nov. 14 and 16 as part of the NHL's Global Series. The games will be played at Stockholm's newly renovated Avicii Arena. The Penguins have not played in Europe since 2008, fresh off winning the third Stanley Cup championship in franchise history. The NHL is returning to Sweden for the first time since 2023 after staging games in Finland and Czechia this season. Stock-



holm has hosted more NHL games than any other European city. "This event will be particularly special for Filip Forsberg, who adores his home country," Predators CEO Sean Henry, pictured, said in a statement. "We had such an incredible time with our fans at the 2022 Global Series in Bern and Prague, and we can't wait for them to bring even more energy and enthusiasm in November." *The Associated Press*



Calgary's Carter King has 20 goals and 38 points in 39 games with the University of Denver Pioneers this season. AL GOLDIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILES

CALGARY'S KING SHOULD BE ON FLAMES' RADAR

*U of Denver captain averaging almost a point per game for defending champs*



WES GILBERTSON

The Flames could have a competitive edge in the quest to sign one of the top forwards in this latest class of college free agents.

Carter King, the captain of the University of Denver Pioneers, has roots in Calgary.

The Pioneers are shooting to repeat as national champions and will be assured an invite to the NCAA tournament, so King won't be pondering his pro future until late March or into April.

But whenever his senior season does come to a close, the 23-year-old centre will have a stack of contract offers to sort through.

As they look to add could-be contributors in their early 20s, the Flames should certainly be among the suitors — and it's believed that they are planning to make a pitch. They even have some history with King, since he attended their development camp last summer as an undrafted invitee.

Because of his age, King is only eligible to sign a one-year entry-level deal that would kick in for the 2025-26 campaign.

That might actually work to the benefit of the staff at the Saddledome, since they can offer the comforts of home and the opportunity to immediately push for a big-league role. It's no secret the Flames are thin up the middle, and a few of their depth pieces — Kevin Rooney, Clark Bishop and the injured Justin Kirkland — are set to be

unrestricted free agents this summer.

King is a graduate of Lake Bonavista's minor program, now part of Knights Hockey Club, and an alum of the AAA Buffaloes, but the appeal goes beyond the local link.

The left-hander has proven productive at the college level, with a career-high 20 goals and 38 points in 39 outings so far this season. Across the NCAA's Division 1 landscape, he is one of just 16 players with 20-plus tallies in 2024-25. Eleven of the others are NHL draft picks, with four first-rounders on that list.

Proof of his well-rounded game, King is also among the three finalists for the defensive forward of the year nod in the National Collegiate Hockey Conference. He has been the NCHC's busiest faceoff man

*Like I said in the room, I love this place. It means the absolute world to me to be here. I also told them that I wish this year could never end. I'm having a lot of fun with this team.*

CARTER KING, University of Denver Pioneers

this winter, having successfully swiped 55.9 per cent of his 868 draws.

Though King isn't the biggest guy, listed at 5-foot-11 and 190 pounds, scouts love his tenacity. If you check his highlights, you'll notice he always seems to be buzzing around the ice.

He also has a history of team success, something the Flames value. The Pioneers were crowned NCAA champs in 2022 and 2024. Their quest for a third title in a four-year span continues with Friday's semifinal showdown with the Arizona State Sun Devils at the NCHC Frozen Faceoff in St. Paul, Minn.

This past Sunday, in what was his final appearance on home ice at Magness Arena, King scored a pair to power the Pioneers to a 9-2 drubbing in the deciding game of a best-of-three playoff series against the Colorado College Tigers.

On his first snipe of the night, he picked off a pass while penalty killing, raced up ice on a breakaway and slipped a shot through the five-hole for the shortie. He later added a power-play marker.

"Like I said in the room, I love this place," King said afterward, according to the Pioneers' official site. "It means the absolute world to me to be here. I also told them that I wish this year could never end. I'm having a lot of fun with this team."

When it does end, more excitement awaits. Perhaps it will bring him home to Calgary.

Though the Flames haven't landed any stars in recent college free-agent crops, guys like Walker Duehr, Spencer Foo, Garnet Hathaway and Connor Mackey all logged time at the Saddledome.

Sam Morton, signed last March after his final season with Minnesota State Mavericks, seems to be trending in the right direction. The 25-year-old centre has scored 17 goals this season for the AHL Wranglers, the fourth highest total on the farm team, and is certainly in the call-up conversation.

Morton's one-year contract is almost up, but he'll become a restricted free agent and there's little doubt the Flames will want to keep him in the fold.

The NCAA tournament starts with the regional rounds March 27-30 and the Frozen Four runs April 10-12 in St. Louis.

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Homan facing packed schedule at worlds

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It's busy for Rachel Homan and Canada at the world women's curling championship.

We're talking two games a day through to Friday's round-robin wrap-up in Uijeongbu, South Korea.

The packed schedule began Tuesday with an early morning affair and ending with an evening challenge.

Wednesday? The same.

And Thursday? Wash, rinse and repeat.

Then comes Friday for Homan and her Ottawa Curling Club crew, with contests in the afternoon and evening to finalize their place in the standings before the playoffs.

That's upwards of six hours of curling each day.

Oof.

"Rest," Canada lead Sarah Wilkes said with a chuckle when asked how the reigning champs manage the four bustling days of these worlds followed by playoffs.

"It's go back to the hotel and rest. Get to sleep as soon as we can and get back out here in the morning."

Even between games, there's not much going on with Team Homan. It's hotel time and watching others in action at these worlds.

They've brought along a few creature comforts to keep them mentally sound. But otherwise, it's all curling all the time.

Skip Homan, third Tracy Fleury, second Emma Miskew, lead Wilkes, alternate Rachelle Brown and national coaches Viktor Kjell and Renée Sonnenberg want to finish in the top two when the round robin is complete.

Heading into their next battle with Korea's Gim Eun-ji as part of their Wednesday double, Canada stood tied with the host team with 5-1 records.

Only Switzerland's Silvana Tirinzoni topped them with a perfect 7-0 mark.

Denmark's Madeleine Dupont, Norway's Marianne Roervik and Sweden's Anna Hasselborg — Homan's longtime rival dating to junior — are all on four wins heading into Wednesday.

Canada gets Norway in its second game Wednesday (4 a.m., TSN).

HOW HOMAN BEAT TURKEY

Homan and company cruised to an 8-3 victory Tuesday over Turkey's Dilsat Yildiz (0-7).

They put the game away in the eighth end, when Homan played a hit-and-roll off a Canadian stone and onto a Turkish one to score three.

Turkey started the game with hammer but couldn't score in the opening frame. The Canadians stole a single in the first and tacked on another two points after the opposition missed a double on its last in the second.



Rachel Homan

When Canada looked to be running away with the game, skip Yildiz halted it and showcased some of her big-shot ability in the third end.

Canada looked poised to steal, but Yildiz made a wide in-off, ricocheting off a stone inches away from the sideboard and into the house to score two.

Canada was forced to a single point in the fourth, and Turkey blanked the fifth to trail two with hammer at the fifth-end break.

However, Dilsat could not keep the momentum tuned up in the sixth. On her last, Homan made a freeze with her rock — dragged in by dynamo sweeper Wilkes — and forced Turkey into a runback. Dilsat failed to capture the magic of her in-off and gave up a Canadian steal.

Homan's draw weight has been rock solid this week. The skip clocked a 92 per cent draw efficiency and was 88 per cent accurate on all draws heading into the game.

Canada forced Turkey to a single in the seventh end and set up the score of three for the win in the eighth.

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Canadian guard Ryan Nembhard helped his Gonzaga Bulldogs defeat the Saint Mary's Gaels in the West Coast Conference championship March 11. Nembhard, from Aurora, Ont., is averaging 9.8 assists this season, tops in the NCAA this season by 1.1 per game. JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# March Madness teams' weapons include Nembhard and Swords

Pair among Canadians hitting the court this week as NCAA tournaments begin

ABDULHAMID IBRAHIM

March Madness is here, and with several Canadians looking to leave their mark.

The NCAA men's basketball tournament began Tuesday with the First Four, followed by 32 first-round contests on Thursday and Friday. The Final Four will be April 5, with the title game April 7.

The NCAA women's tournament begins Wednesday with the First Four, and the first round taking place Friday and Saturday. The Final Four will be April 4 and the title game on April 6 in Tampa, Fla.

The Canadian Press takes a look at 10 Canadians to watch in the men's and women's tournaments.

## MEN Ryan Nembhard, Gonzaga

It's no secret Nembhard is a high-level facilitator, but the senior from Aurora, Ont., has taken it up a notch in 2024-25. The six-foot, 180-pound guard averaged 9.8 assists for the WCC champion Bulldogs this season, leading the country by 1.1 per game. Gonzaga, which went 25-8 on the year, is the No. 8 seed in the Midwest Region.

**Will Riley, Illinois**  
The Kitchener, Ont., native has impressed as a freshman for Illinois, which is No. 6 in the Midwest Region. The six-foot-eight, 195-pound small forward is the Fighting Illini's second-leading scorer at 12.5 points per game, while starting only seven of 33 games this year. He averaged 18 points on 55.6 per cent shooting

in Illinois' two outings in the Big Ten tournament.

## Emanuel Sharp, Houston

The junior guard, who was born in Tel Aviv, but whose mom is from Hamilton, has continued his steady play for the Cougars in 2024-25, averaging 12.6 points while shooting 43.3 per cent from the field and 42.8 per cent from three. Sharp had 17 points in the Cougars' Big 12 title win last Saturday. Houston is the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Region.

## Aden Holloway, Alabama

Holloway transferred from rival Auburn to the Crimson Tide and has enjoyed a solid sophomore season. The six-foot-one, 180-pound guard — born in Charlotte, N.C., but a dual citizen with his mother being from Calgary — is fourth on the team with 11.4 points in 21 minutes per game off the bench. Holloway is also shooting 41.7 per cent from three-point range. The Crimson Tide are the No. 2 seed in the East Region.

## Josh Omojafo, Robert Morris

The six-foot-five, 200-pound junior guard from Hamilton was playing in Division II at Gannon University just a year ago. He started 32 of 33 games for Robert Morris in 2024-25, averaging 11.4 points, good for fourth on the team. The 15th-seeded Colonials face the Crimson Tide on Friday.

## WOMEN

## Syla Swords, Michigan

The Sudbury, Ont., native has been a bright spot for the Wolver-



Michigan guard Syla Swords, from Sudbury, Ont., was named a freshman all-American this season. She's averaging 16.1 points and 6.1 rebounds. MICHAEL CONROY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ines, averaging 16.1 points and 6.1 rebounds as a freshman. The former five-star recruit was named to the all-Big Ten second team, Big Ten all-freshman team and earned freshman all-American honours.

## Toby Fournier, Duke

Fournier lived up to the hype for a strong Duke team that enters the tournament as the No. 2 seed for Regional 2 Birmingham. The six-foot-two freshman forward from Toronto, also a former five-star recruit, averaged 13.4 points, 5.3 rebounds and 1.1 blocks en route to winning ACC freshman of the year and making the all-ACC first team.

## Avery Howell, USC

The six-foot freshman sharpshooter has been a consistent piece for the Trojans, who finished 28-3. Howell, born in Boise, Idaho, represents Canada internationally through her mother, who is from Salmo, B.C. She averaged 6.8 points in 19.5 minutes per contest and shot a sizzling 39.3 per cent from

three-point range. The No. 1 seed in Regional 4 Spokane, the Trojans are expected to make a deep run after an Elite 8 appearance last season.

## Cassandre Prosper, Notre Dame

The junior from Montreal entered this season coming off an injury-riddled 2023-24 from a lower-leg injury. The six-foot-two forward averages 5.8 points, 3.8 rebounds and 22.5 minutes as a key bench piece for the Fighting Irish. Notre Dame is the third seed in Regional 3 Birmingham.

## Sarah Te-Biasu, Maryland

The five-foot-five graduate student from Montreal has been a steady piece for the Terrapins, who went 23-7 on the year. Te-Biasu transferred from VCU after four seasons and has averaged 9.7 points and 2.5 assists in 31.4 minutes per contest for Maryland. The Terrapins are the No. 4 seed in Regional 2 Birmingham.

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## PWHL STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	OTW	OTL	P	Team	GP	W	L	OTW	OTL	P
Montreal	24	10	5	6	3	45	Minnesota	25	7	9	5	4	35
Boston	24	8	6	6	4	40	Ottawa	23	8	10	1	4	30
Toronto	23	9	7	2	5	36	New York	23	5	10	4	4	27

## NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE										WESTERN CONFERENCE													
Atlantic					Metropolitan					Central					Pacific								
Florida	GP	W	L	OL	P	Washington	GP	W	L	OL	P	Winnipeg	GP	W	L	OL	P	Vegas	GP	W	L	OL	P
Tampa Bay	68	41	24	3	85	Carolina	68	45	15	8	98	Dallas	68	47	17	4	98	Edmonton	67	39	20	8	86
Toronto	67	39	23	5	83	New Jersey	67	41	22	4	86	Colorado	66	42	21	3	87	Los Angeles	67	39	24	4	82
Ottawa	67	40	24	3	83	N.Y. Rangers	69	37	26	6	80	Minnesota	68	41	24	3	85	Vancouver	66	36	21	9	81
Montreal	67	36	26	5	77	N.Y. Islanders	68	33	29	6	72	St. Louis	68	38	25	5	81	Calgary	67	31	25	11	73
Detroit	67	33	27	7	73	Columbus	67	31	28	8	70	Utah	68	33	28	7	73	Anaheim	66	30	25	11	71
Boston	68	32	30	6	70	Pittsburgh	67	31	28	8	70	Nashville	67	30	26	11	71	Seattle	67	29	31	7	65
Buffalo	69	30	30	9	69	Philadelphia	70	28	32	10	66	Chicago	66	25	33	8	58	San Jose	68	29	34	5	63
	66	27	33	6	60		69	28	33	8	64		67	20	38	9	49		68	18	41	9	45

## NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE										WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Top 8					Bottom 7					Top 8					Bottom 7				
y-Cleveland	W	L	Pct	GB	Chicago	W	L	Pct	GB	x-Oklahoma City	W	L	Pct	GB	Sacramento	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	56	11	.836	—	Miami	29	39	.426	27.5	Houston	56	12	.824	—	Dallas	34	33	.507	21.5
New York	50	19	.725	7	Toronto	29	39	.426	27.5	Denver	44	25	.638	12.5	Phoenix	33	36	.478	23.5
Milwaukee	43	24	.642	13	Philadelphia	24	45	.348	33	L.A. Lakers	44	25	.638	12.5	Portland	32	37	.464	24.5
Indiana	38	29	.567	18	Brooklyn	23	45	.338	33.5	Memphis	42	25	.627	13.5	San Antonio	30	39	.435	26.5
Detroit	38	29	.567	18	Charlotte	23	46	.333	34	Golden State	43	26	.623	13.5	New Orleans	28	39	.418	27.5
Atlanta	38	31	.551	19	Washington	17	51	.250	39.5	Minnesota	39	29	.574	17	Utah	18	51	.261	38.5
Orlando	33	36	.478	24		15	52	.224	41	L.A. Clippers	40	30	.571	17		15	54	.217	41.5
	32	37	.464	25															

## NOTEBOOK

# Eagles lineman Graham retires

Brandon Graham's career in Philadelphia began with criticisms that he was a first-round bust and ended with him being one of the most beloved Eagles players of his generation and a two-time Super Bowl champion. Graham retired Tuesday following a 15-year career.

Graham, who turns 37 in April, recalled the long journey it took for him to win over the notoriously demanding Philadelphia fans as he went from mostly a backup with only 17 sacks in his first five seasons to a key part of a dominant front later in his career.

"We didn't start so tight, as you know," he told the fans. "You made me work for this and I appreciate you for that. ... You never let me feel comfortable. You held me accountable. You kept that chip on my shoulder. You pushed me to be better, and when the time came, we celebrated together — two times."

He ends his career as the all-time leader in games played for the Eagles with 206, ranks third with 76½ sacks and has the most post-season sacks with 5½.

**The Canadian women's rugby team** will open defence of its Pacific Four Series title on May 2 against the ninth-ranked United States in Kansas City.

Second-ranked Canada will then fly to Christchurch to face the third-ranked New Zealand Black Ferns on May 17. The final game of the series is against the fifth-ranked Wallaroos on May 23 in Brisbane, Australia.

The Canadian women scored a historic win over New Zealand last May in Christchurch, dispatching the reigning World Cup champion 22-19 to win the Pacific Four Series.

Rugby Canada, meanwhile, says its "Mission: Win the Rugby World Cup 2025" fundraising campaign has already exceeded \$400,000. The goal of the campaign is to reach \$1 million to provide the Canadian women with resources in their bid to win the World Cup.

**Calling the groups in charge** of professional tennis "a cartel," the players' association co-founded by Novak Djokovic filed an antitrust lawsuit against the women's and men's tours, the International Tennis Federation and the sport's integrity agency on Tuesday in federal court in New York.

The suit claims the organizations that run the sport hold "complete control over the players' pay and working conditions."

The lawsuit seeks a jury trial and wants players to gain access to more earnings, arguing that the governing bodies that oversee the four Grand Slam tournaments — Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, the French Open and the Australian Open — and other professional events "cap the prize money tournaments award and limit players' ability to earn money off the court."

The WTA Tour and ATP Tour issued separate statements Tuesday saying they would "vigorously" defend themselves.

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