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4 Indians, Including An Infant Freeze To Death Near Canada-US Border; PM Trudeau Vows Action

4 bodies were found frozen just inside the Canadian side of the international border in an apparent human smuggling operation. The dead bodies were tentatively identified as the family of four that was separated from a group of other Indians at the US side of the border.



MANITOBA: In a heartbreaking tragedy, a family of four Indians, including a baby, has died from exposure to extreme cold

weather on the Canadian side of the border approximately 10km east of Emerson, in an apparent human smuggling operation.

Canadian police said the conditions where the four bodies were found were extreme and the temperature was 35 below zero degrees with a wind chill.

The US, Canadian and Indian officials across the world called it an extremely tragic and heartbreaking incident. Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called it a "mind-blowing" story. "It's so tragic to see a family die like that, victims of human traffickers ... and of people who took advantage of their desire to build a better life," he said in a press conference, Reuters reported.

"This is why we are doing all we can to discourage people from crossing the border in an irregular or illicit manner."

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United Truckers Association Welcomes Deferral Of Rolling Truck Age Program

Multi-year effort by Independent Operators prompts new opportunity to fix systemic problems collaboratively

SURREY: The recent decision of Port of Vancouver to defer the proposed Rolling truck age program has brought some relief to truck drivers who have already been struggling due to Covid lockdowns, border restrictions and BC flooding. The United Truckers Association ("UTA")

has welcomed the deferral of its proposed Rolling Truck Age Program with an offer to Transport Canada to collaboratively fix the outstanding issues left unfulfilled by the 2014 Joint Action Plan.

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Peace Arch Maternity Unit To Remain Open; Thanks To Surrey Mayor, Community, Health Staff For Raising Concerns

SURREY: It was a week of uncertainty and anxiety for many would be mothers who were planning to deliver their babies at the Peace Arch Maternity Unit. Fraser Health had announced its decision to temporarily shut down the hospital's maternity unit due to lack of staff. However, on Thursday Fraser Health reversed the decision and announced to keep the maternity ward open. In a media conference, Dr. Victoria Lee, president and CEO, Fraser Health, said that "expectant individuals



who have pre-existing plans to deliver their babies at the hospital will be able to see those plans through with only sporadic single-day diversions and only when necessary."

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4 Innocent Bystanders Injured In Langley, Coquitlam And Surrey Shootings

SURREY: Last week witnessed an increase in gun violence on the streets of Lower Mainland. These shootings were extremely tragic since innocent bystanders became victims along with those involved in the crime. Although the initial investigations found out that the violence is not related to Lower Mainland Gang conflict. But the police officials has reassured the public this does not take away importance of public safety and they are aware of the seriousness of the situation.

Chief Superintendent Ghalib Bhayani, Operations Officer for the Lower Mainland District RCMP along with Superintendent Duncan Pound, Deputy Operations Officer for the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia (CFSEU) issued a joint statement to update the public about the gun crime and the police agencies efforts to stop this.

"We are here to address the recent shootings that have left four innocent bystanders injured in Langley, Coquitlam and Surrey, respectively. I want those victims and their families to know that we are thinking of them and wish them the best in their recoveries," Bhayani said.

Bhayani said that police community was acutely aware that "these acts of violence impact the public's sense of safety and well-being. That is unacceptable." But he reassured the pub-



lic that efforts are on to put a check on gun violence. He said that last year's efforts had resulted in a decrease in gun violence, but "Unfortunately, what we are experiencing now is an evolution, in that we are seeing street level criminals in what looks like interpersonal conflicts creating violence on our streets." Superintendent Pound giving details about the recent crime said, "While CFSEU-BC isn't the investigative agency for the recent incidents, early indications are that in the three most recent shootings in Langley, Coquitlam and Surrey where one person lost their life and innocent bystanders were injured all initially appear connected to street-level drug trafficking. They do not, at this time, appear to have any direct links to the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict and do not appear to be connected to each other."

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Robert Tomljenovic Found Guilty In 2020 Surrey Shooting Death Of Pritpal Singh

Surrey: On April 7, 2020 at 12:43 a.m., the Surrey RCMP responded to the reports of shots fired at the 8800-block of 138A Street. On arrival they found 21-year-old Pritpal Singh suffering from a gun shot wound.

On April 13, 2020, the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) with the as-

sistance of the Surrey RCMP and the Lower Mainland District Emergency Response Team (ERT) arrested Robert Tomljenovic for the murder of Pritpal Singh. On April 14, 2020, Tomljenovic was charged by the BC Prosecution Service.

Trial commenced in October of 2021. On January 20, 2022, Robert Tomljenovic

was found guilty of Manslaughter and Robbery with a firearm. The next court appearance is for sentencing.

"This outcome was the result of the tireless efforts of our IHIT investigators and partners from the Surrey RCMP" said Sergeant David Lee of IHIT, "our investigators will now be reaching out to the family of Pritpal Singh."

String Of Downtown Eastside Stabbings

Vancouver — Vancouver Police are investigating after four people were hospitalized in three separate stabbings on the Downtown Eastside.

The stabbings were among nine violent incidents VPD responded to in the neighborhood Wednesday.

"We're reviewing evidence to determine if any of these incidents are connected," says Constable Tania Visintin. "We're troubled by this level of violence, and we're concerned it could escalate."

The first stabbing occurred Wednesday morning, just after 4:30 a.m. A 29-year-old man stumbled into a convenience

store near Main and East Hastings streets bleeding from a large laceration on his face. Officers and paramedics responded, and the man was rushed to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Hours later, around 1:30 p.m., VPD responded to a street fight near Main and Hastings streets. When officers arrived, they found one man suffering from a wound to his face, and another with head and torso injuries. Police are now trying to identify a five foot eight Indigenous man who was seen running north on Columbia Street. The man was wearing a grey and white hooded sweater, dark-coloured sweat pants, and

a black baseball cap.

Finally, around 6 p.m. yesterday, VPD officers were called to an apartment building near East Cordova and Columbia streets, after a man posted on social media that he was bleeding to death from a stab wound. He was taken to hospital and is now expected to survive.

"All three investigations are still in the very early stages. The motives for these violent attacks are unknown at this time," adds Constable Visintin. "No arrests have been made, and we're asking anyone with information to contact us."

Anyone with information is asked to call Vancouver Police at 604-717-2541.

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Toronto Police Disciplinary Officer Riyaz Hussain Charged With Impaired Driving

TORONTO: A high-ranking officer with the Toronto Police Service has been charged with impaired driving after a crash in Pickering, Ontario. Superintendent Hussein has 33 years of service and was assigned to the Disciplinary Hearings Office. He has been Suspended with pay. Superintendent Riyaz Hussein, 54, was charged by the Ontario Provincial Police for over 80 mgs Operation of a motor vehicle, careless driving and having care or control of a motor vehicle with open liquor. It is alleged that on January 13, 2022, at approximately 7 p.m., he was travelling eastbound on Highway 401 through the city of Pickering. The car collided with a vehicle travelling in the same direction. Responding officers believed the driver was impaired. The man was also taken to hospital with



non-life-threatening injuries. Hussein is scheduled to appear in court on February 10, 2022, at 11:30 a.m., at

150 Bond Street, Oshawa, in 108 Court. "The Toronto Police Service recognizes the public interest implicit in the Hearing Officer role and is releasing this information proactively to the public," the Toronto police statement read.

Surrey's Amardip Singh Rai Wanted On 17 Charges

SURREY: Surrey RCMP is requesting the public's assistance with information that could help police locate and arrest Amardip Singh Rai. Surrey RCMP is actively looking for 42-year old Amardip Singh Rai who is wanted on 17 charges stemming from an investigation that began in August 2019. On April 28, 2021, Amardip Singh Rai was arrested by Surrey RCMP



Strike Force Target Team (SFTT) for an outstanding warrant pertaining to the August 2019 investigation. He was released by the courts on May 7, 2021 with conditions. It is alleged that Amardip Singh Rai failed to appear for a subsequent court date and therefore a warrant was issued for his arrest. Despite police efforts, he has not yet been located. Amardip Singh Rai currently has an outstanding warrant with charges that include: Sexual Assault; Confining a person without lawful au-

thority; Administer noxious thing with the intent to endanger the life or cause bodily harm; Two counts of Assault with a weapon; Nine firearms related charges some of which including possession of a Firearm without license and/or registration; and Three counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Amardip Singh Rai is described as a 42-year-old South Asian Male, 5'11, slim build, with brown eyes, black hair and often has facial hair. He has tattoos including roses on his hands, scroll with words on his neck, a cancer ribbon on his neck and a tiger on his chest. If you see Amardip Singh Rai, do not approach him, call police immediately. In addition, anyone with information about Amardip Singh Rai is asked to contact the Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502, or Crime Stoppers, if they wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca.

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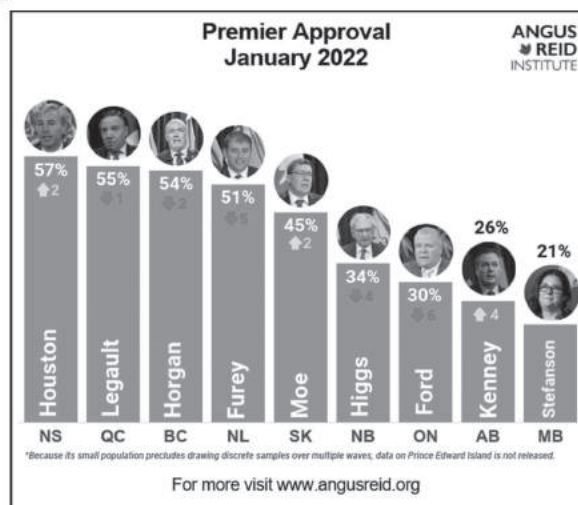
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Premiers' performance: BC residents approve Premier John Horgan's overall performance but critical of testing distribution

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute has come out to show various premiers performances. Four premiers receive majority approval this quarter – Nova Scotia's Tim Houston, Quebec's François Legault (whose province also has an election scheduled this year), B.C.'s John Horgan, and Newfoundland and Labrador's Andrew Furey. Manitoba's premier Stefanson has garnered lowest approval in early months of her ten-

ure, Doug Ford is down six more points. Each is dealing with a unique public opinion landscape, however, when it comes to COVID-19 policy. While Houston and his government receive top marks on testing and vaccination, majorities in each of the other three provinces say their government has done a poor job in supplying the population with sufficient levels of rapid testing. When it comes to BC's

John Horgan, slightly more than half (54%) of British Columbians approve of Horgan, a rate consistent with data from the fall. The data shows that Premier John Horgan's approval rating has remained consistent as he guided the province through its weather challenges in the last few months, and the resurgent spread of COVID-19, which has again put the province's health-care system under immense pressure.



Still, British Columbians are growing more critical in their assessment of how Horgan has handled the COV-

ID-19 pandemic, as the globe enters a third year of the challenges it has borne.

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BC Announces New Complex Care Housing For Vulnerable Population

The first four housing sites will be in Surrey, Abbotsford and Vancouver

SURREY: BC has announced a first-of-its-kind complex-care housing program for British Columbia's most vulnerable people who need a level of support that goes beyond the current housing model. The proposed model will integrate housing, health and social supports to people who have overlapping issues such as homelessness, substance abuse and mental health challenges.

The first four housing sites will be in Surrey, Abbotsford and Vancouver. In Surrey the new Foxglove supportive housing will be the site for this housing.

Complex-care housing is voluntary and integrated within the health-care system with direct connections to treatment and specialized care that could include support from nurses, peer, social workers and other health professionals. These first four locations will serve approximately 100 people who need enhanced support beyond what is provided in existing supportive housing.

Government will monitor and evaluate implementation of complex-care housing services to inform areas of focus in future expansion.

Giving details of Surrey's site, Mayor Doug McCallum said, "At the new Foxglove building in Surrey, the Complex Care Housing program will be provided to 34 intensive supportive housing spaces

and 5 transitional or respite spaces."

"The Complex Care Housing spaces at the Foxglove building will be a valuable addition to the new supportive housing that City Council has put in place in Surrey. I commend the Province for the action being taken on this important issue and I look forward to working with them on building more innovative supportive housing projects in Surrey."

In 2021, three new modular housing sites were open in Surrey creating 136 units of supportive housing for the most vulnerable. Foxglove is one of three new supportive housing buildings that will open in 2022. The three new buildings will create an additional 230 apartments and single bedroom units to house the homeless and other populations in need.

In addition to the various health, personal, social and job supports provided in supportive housing, the enhanced clinical and other services available in complex-care housing include:

- * physical, mental-health and substance-use care;
- * psychosocial rehabilitation supports;
- * social, emotional and community supports;
- * personal care and personal living supports;
- * Indigenous cultural supports; and
- * co-ordination and navigation services.

Scammer Asking For 'Bail Money' Gets Arrested By Delta Police

A would-be-scammer, looking to collect \$25,000 for "bail money" from a Delta resident, instead was met by police at the door and arrested.

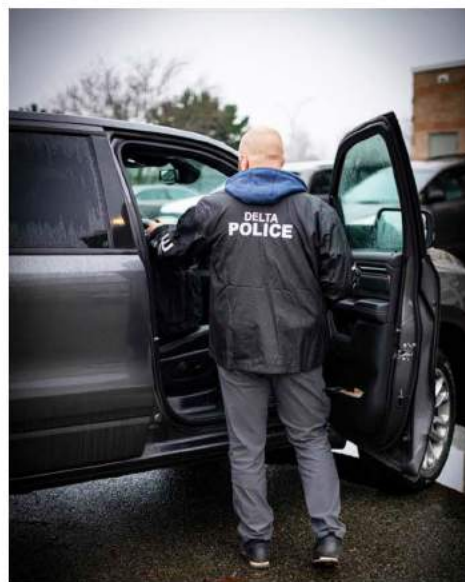
Marie-Jeanne BELANGER, age 22, of Quebec, is facing one charge of committing fraud over \$5,000. She was released from custody on Jan. 17, on a number of conditions.

A Delta resident received a series of phone calls from someone claiming to be with the RCMP on January 13, and was told she urgently needed to provide bail money for her grandson. Notably, the person on the line knew the name of her grandson. She was told to keep the conversation confidential.

"Unfortunately scammers will often pretend to be with police or government agencies, in order to gain the trust of the victim," explains Inspector Brian Hill, in charge of frontline patrol at Delta Police. "Phone calls from these scammers may even appear to be coming from the agency or police department. However, we want the public to know it's very easy for phone numbers to be faked or spoofed." In this case the victim handed over \$10,000 on January 13, to a person who collected the cash directly from her, at her home. On the 14th, the scammers called back, saying the victim's grandson needed additional money for probation, another \$25,000.

"Fortunately she became suspicious, particularly when her supposed grandson was not able to answer questions," says Inspector Hill. "She called Delta Police, and we immediately began an investigation. Thanks to her timely alert, our officers were in place when the suspect showed up at her door that evening." Police arrested the suspect without incident and are currently working with other police departments in the Metro Vancouver area to determine if this incident is linked to other similar complaints, some of which were recently publicized by media.

"I can also confirm that there are outstanding persons of interest in this mat-



ter, with whom the police would like to speak," says Insp. Hill.

Police have not recovered the \$10,000 that the victim initially handed over. No money was provided during the second instance.

The public is cautioned that Canadian police will not contact you in any manner to request funds for bail money, probation, etc. If you suspect the person on phone pressuring you to hand over money may not be who they claim, hang up immediately. Use the internet to find a general number for that agency, and call them directly, to determine if there is any legitimacy to what is claimed.

If you believe you might have been the victim of fraud, please reach out to your police of jurisdiction to report the matter. In Delta, please call 604-946-4411.

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The "Bail Money" scam

North Vancouver RCMP also alerted the community to the "Bail Money" scam that starts on the phone and ends with the fraudsters going to victims' homes to collect cash.

The "bail money" scam goes like this:

1. The phone call: A fraudster calls you and pretends to be your grandchild/child/other relative, a police officer or a lawyer.
2. The emergency: The fraudster tells you that your relative has been arrested and is in jail.

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Ahead of Punjabpolls, Ex-AAP member brings out insider account in web series

Ahead of the Punjab Assembly elections, where Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is hoping to win big, a former member of the party has brought out an "insider account", in the form of a web series, which claims the party has deviated from its principles.

The web-series in the political genre, 'Transparency: Pardarshita' has been produced and directed by Dr Munish Raizada, a medical practitioner from Chandigarh working in Chicago.

The web series available on YouTube is an "insider account" showing how things went from being transparent and for bringing in a systemic change to being non-transparent and becoming part of the same political rut.

The web series has interviews with a whole lot of people who were disappointed with Kejriwal's "deviation" from what he had promised when the party was formed in 2012. The long list includes Kumar Vishwas, Yo-

gendra Yadav, Mayank Gandhi, Shazia Ilmi, Shivendra Chauhan and a number of volunteers. In the end, when Raizada tries to meet Kejriwal, it is shown that he is unable to meet.

The six parts web series' song 'Kitna Chanda Jeb Mein Aaya' - sung by Udit Narayan, composed by Pravesh Malik, lyrics for which have been written by Annu Rizvi - had become an instant hit and caught the imagination of people, especially on social media.

The web series was released on YouTube on January 17.

Raizada had taken a sabbatical from his practice in Chicago and had joined the AAP as a volunteer in 2013.

According to Raizada, he remained with the party till its victory in Delhi Assembly polls in 2015 and even worked in the government for some time. Then, when the issue of "lack of transparency" in donations came forth

ahead of 2020 elections, he raised his voice against the party.

The AAP has emerged as a main contender in the political space in Punjab and recently declared Bhagwant Singh Maan as its CM face. Raizada had even toured Punjab recently and held a press conference in Chandigarh in January first week, and again, declared how the party had "systematically deviated from the principles."

"Remember they came promising vyavastha Parivartan (systemic change). But now they have totally changed," Raizada said in an interview to IANS and recalled the happenings in the party that led him to raise voice against the "non-transparent" manner in which donation collection was happening then.

Former AAP members Yogendra Yadav and Prashant Bhushan too had raised their voices about these things and were later thrown out of the party.



The thought of web series came to Raizada's mind to bring out what he claims are the "wrongdoings" that went on in the party. The series could not be completed before the February 2020 Assembly polls in Delhi, so he released only the theme song and a trailer in January.

"If you look at it, Kejriwal is still

doing the same thing. After gathering large donations in a non-transparent manner, he is still saying, 'I will break piggy banks of children to collect funds for getting work done'. Therefore, I thought, people need to know the truth," he said as the reason for bringing out the web series on YouTube now.

Chetna Association Of Canada Lauds Decision To Postpone Punjab Polls To Feb 20

The Chetna Association of Canada, a pro democracy organization based in Vancouver, has lauded India's Election Commissioner's decision to postpone Punjab Assembly polls to February 20 in view of the Ravi Das Jayanti celebrations.

The Election Commission said

the postponement had been done as it had received several representations from the state government, political parties and other organisations drawing its attention to the expected movement of a large number of people from Punjab to Varanasi for participation in Guru Ravidas Jayanti cel-


ebrations.

The Jayanti falls on February 16. A large number of devotees start moving to Varanasi around a week before the day of celebration and polling on February 14 would have deprived them of voting.

"By having the elections on the

same day as the Jayanti would not have only dampened the celebrations across the globe, it would have also resulted a lack of confidence in the institution mandated to facilitate fair elections. By listening to the petitioners and making timely decision, we commend the Election Com-


mission and convey our heartfelt gratitude. There is a large following of Guru Ravidass in Canada who will also be observing the Guru Ravidass Jayanti around the same time. Many of these patrons will also now be able to observe the day with a greater joy," a note from the Association mentioned.



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Peace Arch Maternity Unit To Remain Open; Thanks To Surrey Mayor, Community, Health Staff For Raising Concerns

Although the health authority explained that the decision came because of the “new scheduling commitments from the pediatric group at Peace Arch Hospital and commitments from other provider partners,” the significant role of community, leaders and health staff that raised strong voice against the closure, cannot be denied.

Dr. Semion Strovski, head of the Peace Arch maternity clinic, was amongst the first to raise concerns about the closure. In his interviews to various media outlets, he said that he was “disappointed” as proposals to improve pediatric services, retention and recruitment were made 3 years ago.

Fraser Health explaining its decision to temporarily close the maternity unit stated, “Recruiting pediatricians to work in smaller hospitals, particularly those such as Peace Arch Hospital that do not have pediatric units, can be a challenge since some pediatricians prefer to work in larger acute settings.”

In response to a gap in pediatrician availability due to an unexpected leave at Peace Arch Hospital, Fraser Health then asked expectant individuals to attend Langley Memorial Hospital for their deliveries. “When we are unable to fill gaps in physician availability or other non-medical staff, we reluctantly implement



temporary diversions to ensure the safety of our patients,” the health authority explained. Criticism and outrage poured in from would be mothers and residents of the White Rock community who rallied outside the hospital, against the decision. Surrey’s Mayor Doug MacCallum, issued a strong statement and reassured the residents of Surrey “to count on the full weight of the City of Surrey to help solve Peace Arch Hospital’s maternity ward closure issue.”

Reacting to the overwhelming

response by the community, Surrey Mayor said that as the second largest city in BC and growing by more than 1000 residents each month, the demand for local and accessible healthcare was a top priority for the more than 600,000 people who reside in Surrey. He called the outrage “justifiable because according to him “the money raised by the hospital foundation specifically for the maternity unit has been all for naught.”

“As a former Chair of Peace Arch Hospital, I would strongly urge

Fraser Health and the Ministry of Health to rescind their decision. I want to assure them that they can count on the full weight of the City of Surrey to help solve this problem. The Peace Arch Hospital maternity unit is a critical component of health care for the community and it should stay that way for now and the future,” the Mayor said.

The health authority finally reverted the decision and came out with “significant new scheduling commitments from the pediatric group” to keep the maternity unit up and running. It said, “The

maternity unit at Peace Arch Hospital is fully funded and will remain fully funded. As well, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, we have been able to implement an alternative payment model to support pediatric recruitment. We have also expanded our services to support a Pediatric Rapid Access Clinic at Peace Arch Hospital. These actions underscore and reaffirm our commitment to maternity and pediatric services at Peace Arch Hospital. Recruitment is a challenge, and for this reason is a priority, and we will provide regular updates on progress. All partners are committed to working towards safe maternity services at Peace Arch Hospital with no disruption while Fraser Health continues its recruitment efforts. We acknowledge all of our partners for their continued support for maternity and pediatric services at Peace Arch Hospital.”

Mayor McCallum said, “There is no question that the decision to keep the maternity unit open is the right one. I want to thank the residents, doctors and nurses for banding together to voice their concerns. I also would like to thank Health Minister Adrian Dix and Fraser Health CEO Dr. Victoria Lee for their efforts in finding a solution to keep this valuable community health resource open.”

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4 Indian nationals, including an infant freeze to death...

We know there are great risks in doing so," he continued. Trudeau said, was working very closely with the United States to stop smuggling and help people "taking unacceptable risks".

U.S. Attorney's Office at the District of Minnesota elaborated on the US side of the incident in a statement. "The U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) based out of Pembina, North Dakota initiated a traffic stop on a white-colored, fifteen passenger van less than one mile south of the U.S./Canadian border in a rural area between the official ports of entry located at Lancaster, Minnesota and Pembina, North Dakota. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Steve Shand, 47, a U.S. citizen. Law enforcement asked for identification of the two passengers in the van and determined them to be undocumented Indian nationals. According to US court documents, law enforcement discovered cases of plastic cups, bottled water, bottled juice, and snacks located in the extreme rear of the passenger van. Law enforcement also discovered receipts dated January 18, 2022, for the drinks and snacks, and rental agreement receipts in Shand's name for the van, with the return date listed for January 20, 2022. USBP arrested Shand for smuggling undocumented foreign nationals. While Shand and the two passengers were being transported to the Pembina Border Patrol Station in North Dakota, law enforcement encountered five additional Indian nationals approximately a quarter mile south of the Canadian border walking in the direction of where Shand was arrested. They appeared to be headed to an unstaffed gas plant located in St. Vincent, Minnesota. The five Indian nationals explained that they had walked across the border expecting to be picked up by someone. The group estimated they had been walking around for over 11 hours. One of the group members was in possession of a backpack that did not belong to him. He stated he was carrying the backpack for a family of four Indian nationals that had earlier walked with his group but had become separated during the night. The backpack contained children's clothes, a diaper, toys, and some children's medication. Later during the day on January 19, 2022, USBP received a report from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that four bodies were found frozen just inside the Canadian side of the international border. The dead bodies were tentatively identified as the family of four that was separated. Two of the surviving Indian nationals sustained serious injuries and were transported to a hospital. India's High Commissioner to Canada Ajay Bisaria described the incident as a grave tragedy. "This is a grave tragedy. An Indian consular team is travelling today from @IndiainToronto to Manitoba to coordinate and help. We will work with Canadian authorities to investigate these disturbing events," Bisaria tweeted. Assistant Commissioner Jane Ma-



Assistant Commissioner Jane MacLachy, Manitoba RCMP

cLachy, Commanding Officer of the Manitoba RCMP said in a statement, "I know that what I'm about to share is going to be difficult for so many to hear. I am here to advise you of the discovery of four deceased individuals in Manitoba near the Canada/US border."

She informed that on the morning of January 19, 2022, Manitoba RCMP officers with the Integrated Border Enforcement Team received concerning information from their counterparts in the United States. Specifically, the information outlined that officers with the US Customs and Border Protection had apprehended a group of individuals who had crossed into the US from Canada, near the town of Emerson, Manitoba. Further, it indicated that one of the adults had items meant for an infant but that no infant was with the group. Upon receiving this information at 9:23 am, a search was immediately launched on both sides of the border. RCMP officers were already patrolling the area and the search began at 9:24am. Extensive patrols were conducted and, at approximately 1:30pm, the bodies of three individuals were located on the Canadian side of the border, approximately 10km east of Emerson. They have been identified as: an adult male; an adult female; and an infant. Fearing there may be additional victims, officers continued their search and located the body of an additional male, believed at this time to be in his mid-teens. All victims were located approximately 12 metres from the US/Canada border. "At this very early stage of the investigation, it appears that they all died due to exposure to the cold weather. Work is underway to identify the victims and an autopsy has been scheduled to confirm the cause of death," she said. We are very concerned that this may have been facilitated in some way and that these individuals, including an infant, were left in the middle of a blizzard when the weather hovered around -35 degrees Celsius when factoring the wind. These victims faced not only the cold weather but also endless fields, large snowdrifts, and complete darkness. As we suspect the group is tied to the individuals found on the US side of the border, we are working in close collaboration with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security."

In a statement, the Canada Border Services Agency said it is also working with law enforcement partners, as well as its American counterparts, on the investigation. India's external affairs minister Dr S Jaishankar has expressed shock and said, "Shocked by the report that 4 Indian nationals, including an infant have lost their lives at the Canada-US border. Have asked our Ambassadors in the US and Canada to urgently respond to the situation."



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Top 5 Tips for Driving Safe in Winter



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Winter conditions make driving a challenge, even for experienced drivers. Rain, snow, fog, and slippery roads can be tough to navigate. Weather conditions change quickly and unexpectedly. Personal injury claims spike in the winter, but there are steps you can take to prevent accidents. Here are mine five top tips on how to drive safe during winter:

1. Winterize your vehicle: Take your vehicle for a tune-up before the winter weather

hits each year. Have the brakes and windshield wipers checked. Top up oil, coolant, and windshield cleaning fluids. Ensure your vehicle's lights are in working order to ensure you can see and be seen when

driving on dreary winter days and dark winter nights.

2. Invest in winter tires: Winter tires are not mandatory in BC except on certain designated highways. That being said, it is al-

ways a safe bet to have good winter tires. They have better grip than all-season tires, which will help you maintain control. If you are hurt in a crash where winter tires could have helped, not having them may impact whether or how much you are at fault. Whatever type of tires you have, you should regularly check them throughout the winter as low temperatures can reduce tire pressure.

3. Plan ahead: Before heading out, check current road and weather conditions on drivebc.ca. Plan out the safest route and give yourself more than enough time to get where you are going. If a winter storm is in the forecast, avoid driving if possible. You can't get into a crash if you aren't out on the roads.

4. Reduce speed: Posted speed limits are meant for ideal conditions. When dealing with snow, rain, ice, or fog, it may be safer to drive at less than the posted speed limit. Slowing down gives you time to react to road conditions and other drivers.

5. Leave space: Speed is a major factor in winter accidents, but so is proximity to other vehicles. The closer you are to other drivers, the less time you have to react if your vehicle skids or you lose control. When you leave extra room and increase following distance, you give yourself time to react if another driver suddenly brakes, loses control, or does something unexpected. Use extra caution around highway maintenance vehicles such as snowplows, salt/sand trucks. Maintenance vehicles often throw up snow and debris that reduces visibility. Leave as much room as possible.

Remember, even if you follow these tips, you may still be vulnerable to having a motor vehicle accident due to the presence of black ice. Black ice commonly forms on concrete after freezing rain or snow, which impacts stopping distance and vehicle handling. Black ice is very difficult to see on the road, so in addition to understanding how to drive on it, try to be aware of the traffic surrounding you to spot it in advance.

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Supports Expanded For Flood-Affected Residents

VICTORIA - Starting Feb. 1, 2022, people affected by the flooding in fall 2021 receiving Emergency Support Services will see this support evolve to personalized wrap-around services delivered by the Canadian Red Cross. Through the Red Cross, the provincial and federal governments will provide personalized recovery support, including interim housing and basic needs assistance. These personalized supports will be funded by donations to the 2021 Canadian Red Cross British Columbia Floods and Extreme Weather Appeal. "This is expanding on the initial support that evacuees have received through Emergency Support Services since Nov. 15, 2021. Personalized recovery support will include assessments to identify needs and will complement local government and provincial efforts to assist people as they navigate the recovery process," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. The Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia committed to matching donations to the Floods and Extreme Weather Appeal, and thanks to the generosity of Canadians, the Red Cross has raised more than \$30 million in donations for more than \$90 million. As of Jan. 17, 2022, the Red Cross has distributed more than \$17 million in evacuation-related emergency financial assistance to more than 7,200 eligible households. A Red Cross case manager will help households access assistance from existing government programs where eligible, such as Disaster Financial Assistance, and develop a plan for recovery that can access additional funds to repair or rebuild their primary residences or relocate to a new community. The Red Cross is reaching out to people who are currently receiving Emergency Support Services, or those that have indicated they would like to discuss recovery supports.

Nina Purewal Appointed New Provincial Court Judge

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia has appointed three new provincial court judges to support continued access to justice. The three new judges to be appointed on Jan. 31, 2022, are Scott Mulder, Nina Purewal and Michael Munro. Nina Purewal, QC, will sit in the northern region and her appointment will help facilitate the ongoing Northern Bail Pilot Project. Purewal holds a law degree from University of Victoria, graduating in 2005, and a master's degree in international human rights from Oxford University in 2013. Throughout her career in law, she has worked for Pivot Legal Society/LLP, in the human rights field in Tanzania, as a Provincial government child and youth advocate as duty counsel, and as Crown counsel in the Smithers office. Scott Mulder will sit in Quesnel where he will serve as the sole judge. His appointment will fill the role being vacated by the resident judge upon his retirement. Michael Munro will sit in Victoria to help fill the role left by a senior judge who retired on Dec. 3, 2021. His appointment will also help support the virtual bail court for the southern area of Vancouver Island. The Province is committed to promoting fair access to justice for all residents of B.C. These appointment decisions consider multiple factors, including the needs of the court, the diversity of the bench and the candidates' areas of expertise. Quick Facts: * The process to appoint judges involves the following steps: Interested lawyers apply, and the Judicial Council of B.C. reviews the candidates. * The council is a statutory body made up of the chief judge, an associate chief judge,



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Brampton's South Asian man dreams to the max with a \$70 million Lotto Max Win

TORONTO, ON – Ontario's newest multimillionaire, Manoharan Ponnuthurai of Brampton, who won the \$70 Million LOTTO MAX jackpot from the December 17, 2021 draw, is emphatic, he does not want to retire just quite yet.

The 54-year-old married father has been playing the lottery for about 30 years because his father enjoyed playing and they both appreciated the opportunity to dream about what could be. "I had many dreams about winning it 'big' one day and a few times I came close," said Manoharan while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to collect his \$70 million prize. In fact, he won \$2800 about 15 years ago with SUPER 7, the predecessor to LOTTO MAX.



"Sometimes I play my own numbers and sometimes I play Quick Pick but this time it was the numbers from a Quick Pick selection that won the LOTTO MAX jackpot. I heard on the news that someone in Brampton won \$70 million so I started checking my numbers. One by one the numbers were matching and by the fourth number, I knew I won something."

That's when I started shaking and called my wife and children to help me check. As each number matched, my heart was racing faster and faster."

Still not believing he matched all seven jackpot numbers, he checked his ticket on the OLG App and saw "BIG WINNER" displayed on the phone screen. "At that very moment I was still shaking but I was not loud. I was in shock and I quietly kept saying, 'I won. I won!'" His family,

on the other hand, started to celebrate loudly. Manoharan recalls, "My family started hugging me and I could feel them shaking with excitement as well. They kept saying they couldn't believe this was real. I was so blessed to have them all with me to celebrate this incredible moment. My mother, who was also with us celebrating, said that I deserved this win and I felt so proud to hear her say that."

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VICTORIA - This week, 200,000 rapid antigen test kits are being shipped to the kindergarten-to-Grade 12 (K-12) sector for use by staff, teachers and administrators with symptoms of COVID-19.

Rapid antigen tests are an additional tool that can be used to support the continuity of learning in schools with the aim to reduce transmission of COVID-19.

The number of teaching and non-teaching staff will determine the number of tests received by each school district, independent schools and First Nation schools. In B.C., there are approximately 86,700 public school employees, 16,000 employees of independent schools and 1,000 employees in First Nation schools.

The Ministry of Health and the Office of the Public Health Officer continue to direct how rapid antigen tests are best used as part of the provincial pandemic response, including if additional tests will be deployed for use in the K-12 sector.

The allocation of test kits for the K-12 sector was



received from Artron Laboratories Inc., a Burnaby-based company, and is in addition to supplies provided to medical health officers in health authorities that will continue to be used to investigate clusters and outbreaks in schools.

The Ministry of Education continues to engage with experts on ventilation and work with school districts to improve ventilation systems, including the deployment of HEPA filters

in classrooms that do not have access to mechanical ventilation systems. Since the beginning of the pandemic, B.C. has invested \$114.5 million to assist school districts in upgrading ventilation in thousands of classrooms across the province. Additional funding to support further ventilation improvements and upgrades in K-12 public schools will soon be made available.

Nominate British Columbians Standing Against Racism, Hatred

VICTORIA -BC is seeking nominations to honour individuals and organizations that are strengthening multiculturalism and fighting against discrimination throughout British Columbia.

Beginning Jan. 19, 2022, people are invited to submit nominations for the Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Awards for individuals, organizations and youth whose work has enhanced inclusion and cultural diversity, and reduced racism and discrimination in their communities.

The call for nominations will close at 11:59 p.m. (Pacific time), Feb. 8, 2022. There are three categories, with five awards in total:

- * Intercultural Trust Awards (two awards):
- * Provided to an outstanding organization or individual for their work in building intercultural trust and understanding and/or reducing racism and hate between communities
- * Breaking Barriers Award (two awards):
- * Provided to an outstanding organiza-

tion or individual for their work in tackling systemic or institutional racism and reducing barriers for marginalized communities

- * Emerging Leader Award (one award):
- * Provided to an outstanding youth/young adult, aged 15 to 30, for their work in building intercultural trust, tackling racism or reducing barriers for marginalized communities

All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition. Award winners will receive plaques. The youth award recipient will receive \$5,000 to donate to a not-for-profit organization of their choice to further promote multiculturalism and anti-racism.

Established in 2008, British Columbia's Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Awards ceremony will take place virtually on March 21, 2022, to coincide with the annual International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

For more information and to submit a nomination, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/multiculturalism-anti-racism/multiculturalism/bc-multicultural-awards>

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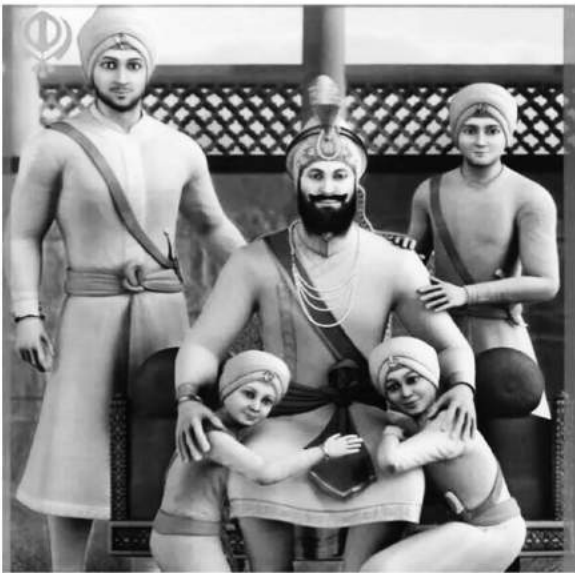
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'Veer Baal Diwas' to be observed on December 26 as tribute to Guru Gobind Singh's sons

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently announced the Indian government's decision to mark December 26 as Veer Bal Diwas in the memory of Guru Gobind Singh's sons. Paying tributes to the tenth Sikh Guru on the occasion of Parkash Purab, the Prime Minister said: "Today, on the auspicious occasion of the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, I am honoured to share that starting this year, 26th December shall be marked as 'Veer Baal Diwas.' This is a fitting tribute to the courage of the

Sahibzades and their quest for justice." While welcoming PM Modi's decision to observe December 26 as Veer Bal Diwas, SGPC chief Harjinder Singh Dhami said, "We appreciate the prime minister's emotions but it is not as per the Sikh traditions." The Sikh leader said that Sikhs respect the sons of the 10th Guru as warriors who are usually referred to as Sahibzadas. He also said that the word Baba should be fixed before their name. "Sikh religion is based on certain principles, history



and Gurbani. One should respect these principles. SGPC will appeal to the highest Sikh temple authority, Aakal Takht Sahib, to give its formal approval to the proposed day," Dhami said.

Youth From Punjab Killed In Drone Attack in UAE

According to The Tribune's report, "Hardeep was supposed to land in Amritsar on Jan 19. He also got a Canadian visa as his wife was settled in Canada. The relatives urged the Sarbat Da Bhala Trust to airlift Hardeep's body. The deceased is survived by his mother and wife." AMRITSAR: Two Indians and a Pakistani national, all staff of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), were killed and six others injured in the attack claimed by Houthi rebels in Yemen.

The explosions were caused by "small flying objects", possibly drones, that hit three petroleum tankers in Abu Dhabi. The embassy in Abu Dhabi said on Tuesday that the identities of the two deceased Indian nationals have been established. Hardeep Singh (26) of Mahisampur village in Rayya was among two others who were killed. Balwinder Singh, father of Hardeep, had also died sometime ago. Hardeep was the only son of parents and had married a few months ago, The Tribune reported.

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United Truckers...

The Rolling Truck Program had been scheduled for introduction on February 1, which would have financially punished Independent Operators already facing challenging circumstances. Citing recent extreme weather and ongoing impacts from COVID-19, the Port of Vancouver made the deferral announcement following receipt of a letter from Transport Minister Omar Alghabra asking for consideration for a "short delay" of the program.

In a media release UTA stated that signed by both the Government of Canada and the Port of Vancouver, the 2014 Joint Action Plan ended the Port labour disruption under false pretenses. Now nearly 8 years later, a number of commitments made by the Port of Vancouver and the Government of Canada have yet to be fulfilled.

"These broken promises include no enforcement for unlicensed trucks on Port-leased property, no common terminal reservation system and waiting time fee payments that are not always paid to Independent Operators," said Gagan Singh of the UTA. The UTA is calling on Transport Canada to take the next 90 days to work on addressing these outstanding issues with tangible action.

"While the UTA supports the deferral of the Rolling Truck Age Program, there are a number of issues that the Government of Canada and the Port of Vancouver must live up to as per the agreement we all signed in 2014," says Singh. "If labour fairness, peace and stability is a commonly-held goal for all parties, then it is critical that we make use of the next few months to fix the problems that were supposed to be solved nearly eight years ago."

"The UTA is extremely grateful for the efforts of the Minister on this file, and of the various members of the Pacific Liberal Caucus for their strong advocacy," added Singh. "We look forward to broadening the conversation with Transport Canada and these elected officials to finally create a fair and profitable marketplace for all involved."

Over the coming weeks, the UTA will be releasing a publicly available list of outstanding commitments as well as improvements to working conditions still necessary. Executive members look forward to subsequently meeting with Transport Canada and Port of Vancouver officials in support of improving Canada's global competitiveness.

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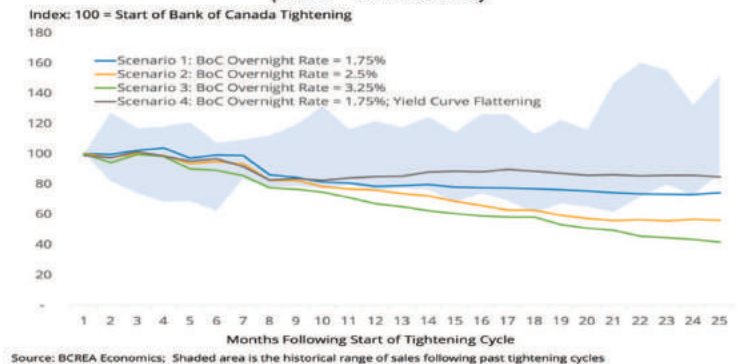
Too Tight? The Impact of Bank of Canada Tightening on BC Housing Markets

Later this year, the Bank of Canada is widely expected to embark on its first interest rate tightening cycle since 2018. BC Real Estate Corporation has come out with a Market Intelligence report to consider how high interest rates might rise and using both historical data and model simulations, it

has analyzed how BC housing markets may be impacted. The number of home sales in British Columbia is expected to fall and home price growth will moderate because of rising interest rates according to the report examining the potential impacts of the Bank of Canada's rate tightening widely ex-

pected this year. BCREA's Market Intelligence report, Too Tight? The Impact of Bank of Canada Tightening on BC Housing Markets, was written by the association's Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson and explores both the historical impacts of the Bank raising its policy rate and a

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number of scenarios likely to play out in BC's housing market as a result.

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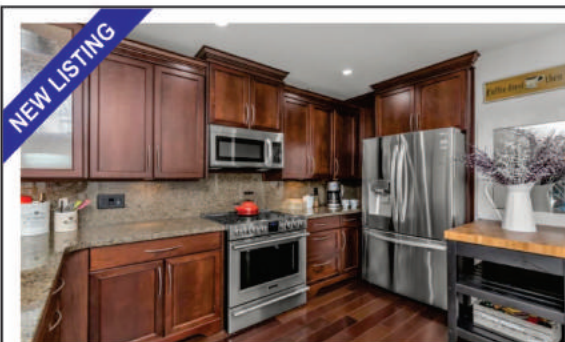
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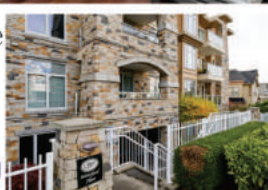
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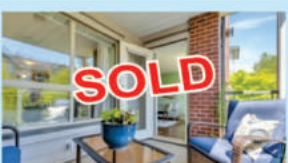
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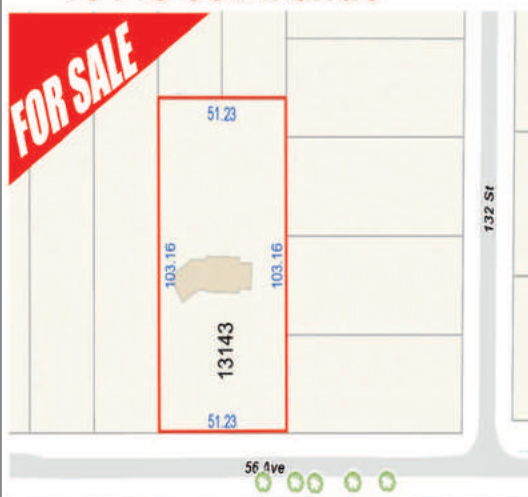
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A TRUE STUNNER! This spectacularly landscaped home offers a true luxury lifestyle. Located in the coveted subdivision of "The Palms", this 3 bed / 2.5 bath home is located on a large lot. Highlights include: NEWLY painted interior, hardwood floor & carpet on main, lots of NATURAL light, traditional layout with sunken living & family room, renovated kitchen with granite countertops & a nook overlooking the backyard, ONE YEAR OLD FURNACE & A/C plus Hotwater On Demand. Upstairs offers 3 bedrooms including a large master with a WI closet & ensuite fitted with a soaker tub. The beauty of this home is its

\$1,475,000**14103 110 AVE., N. SURREY**

SOLD
Truly beautiful home sits on a large lot. The main floor has 11 bedrooms & 10 washrooms. The kitchen has a large island and a breakfast bar. The home also features a large deck, a hot tub, and a detached garage. The location is perfect for those who want to be close to the beach, schools, and shopping.

\$1,779,000**26964 28 AVE., LANGLEY**

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\$920,000**5235 UPLAND DRIVE**

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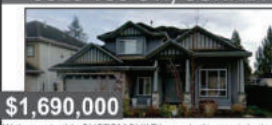
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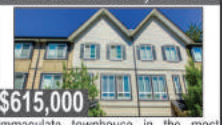
\$559,000
Welcome to CELESTE. The most conveniently situated property at the border of Surrey & Delta. The building was fully renovated in 2019. 2 Bed and 2 bath unit has a Very open concept layout, with a good sized balcony/patio. Some of the Unique Features include 9 ceilings, spacious living area with cozy Electric fireplace, Lots of windows provide natural light, Gourmet Kitchen with upgraded appliances, 2 Underground parking spots and 1 locker.

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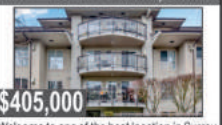
\$458,000
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9926 150 ST., SURREY

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#29-14555 68 AVE., SURREY

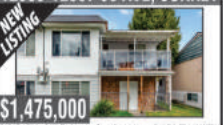
\$615,000
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\$405,000
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#35 - 12711 64 AVE., SURREY

\$619,000
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12555-12557 96 AVE., SURREY

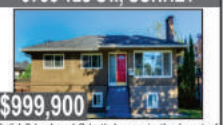
\$1,475,000
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5105 ABERDEEN ST., VAN

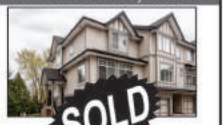
\$1,495,000
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#37-8358 121A ST., SURREY

\$699,000
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9750 128 ST., SURREY

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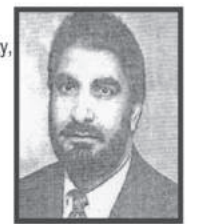
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\$1,899,000
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FORECLOSURE Whiterock, Condo 2 bed, 2 bath, 13 years old, 952 sqft \$555,000	FORECLOSURE Richmond BC, 5 acres commercial development land great investment. \$4,580,000	BANK FORECLOSURE West Newton 3 bedroom and 2 bathroom, 3997 sqft lot, 2 storey, 1530 sqft house. \$899,000	FORECLOSURE Vancouver E, 3700 sqft lot, 2100 sqft home, 6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms \$1,465,000
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Small Business BC Seeks Impactful Businesses For Top Provincial Award

LOWER MAINLAND: To honour the many entrepreneurs making a difference in their communities, Small Business BC (SBBC) is inviting nominations for the annual Small Business BC Awards, presenting top business titles and \$15,000 in prize money. The Small Business BC Awards are held annually as an opportunity to bring attention to the many small businesses making a big difference in our province. As a show of support, British Columbians are encouraged to put forward local businesses that have not only embraced the challenge of entrepreneurship, but have also gone above and beyond to invest in their communities.



Sadaf Rahimi leaned on BC's Afghan community to propel Charcuterie Vancouver to Best Immigrant Entrepreneur Award in 2021.

The Small Business BC Awards, sponsored by Kwantlen Polytechnic University, have been adjusted this year to feature two award

categories, focusing on honouring truly impactful businesses and allowing winners to receive larger cash prizes and more business support.

Award nominations are open from January 20 to February 28, 2022 and can be submitted at sbbc.co/nominate. Businesses can be nominated by both members of the public and by the business owners themselves, showcasing their hard work and dedication through this competition.

"The Awards have changed my life. We have clients come in now who found out about the business from all the coverage we received – and that all comes back to Small Business BC and the awards," says Sadaf Rahimi, owner of Charcuterie Vancouver and winner of the SBBC Awards.

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Advice For Lower Mainland Businesses To Protect Against Break-Ins And Vandalism

VANCOUVER: There have been news stories in recent weeks about a rash of brazen robberies including shoplifting – sometimes in large quantities, as well as break-ins and vandalism of Lower Mainland businesses including smashed store windows.

"Businesses that serve the public are especially exposed to this kind of risk – everything from retail stores to car lots," said Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers.

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers and local police suggest there are several measures businesses can consider to better protect their property, their merchandise and themselves. Many helpful crime prevention tips like the ones below are available on the Crime Stoppers website solvecrime.ca and on RCMP and police department websites.

HELPFUL ADVICE FOR BUSINESSES LARGE AND SMALL

- Move merchandise away from windows or remove it altogether from easy access in a retail space.
- Have shatterproof (burglar resistant) glass in your windows.
- Keep the sight lines to your business clear. Trim shrubs in front and keep windows as clear as possible of posters and signs that can block your visibility.
- Add window shutters if your store is in a high-risk area for crime.
- Lock valuables in a safe or remove from the premises.
- Shred sensitive papers.
- Keep a record of serial numbers for valuables, and/or engrave them with a driver's licence number in case they're stolen and later recovered.
- Check your locks – pin tumbler cylinder locks work well.
- Have one key and lock for outside doors and a different key and lock for interior doors.
- Re-key your store/business if keys are lost – and ensure you keep a log of who has keys.
- Ensure your alarm is working properly.
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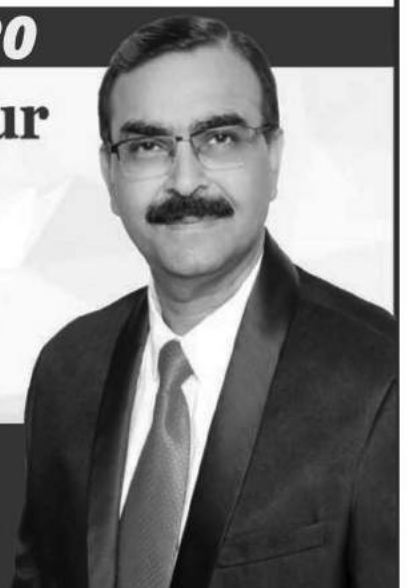
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Higher Inflation, Unemployment Make Canada 6th Most “Miserable” Country Among 35 Advanced Economies

VANCOUVER—Canada’s higher inflation rate coupled with higher unemployment make it the 6th most miserable countries among 35 advanced economies worldwide, finds a new study released by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

“Canadians are rightly concerned about the country’s high inflation and unemployment rates, and when compared to other developed countries, Canada is not doing well,” said Jason Clements, executive vice president of the Fraser Institute and co-author of Return of the Misery Index.

The study finds that out of the International Monetary Fund’s 35 most advanced economies, Canada has the 6th worst Misery Index score in 2021 of 10.88—a combination of Canada’s inflation rate of 3.15 and unemployment rate of 7.72.

Only five countries are more miserable than Canada. Spain is the worst with a Misery Index score of 17.61, followed by Greece (15.73), Italy (11.96) and Iceland (11.26). Other notable countries, which are less miserable than Canada, include France (10.10), the United States (9.72), Australia (7.33) and the United Kingdom (7.17). The least miserable countries



with the lowest index scores are Switzerland (3.57) and Japan (2.61).

The Misery Index was developed by American economist Arthur Okun as a way to capture both the costs of high inflation and high unemployment.

While prominent in policy discussions in the 1970s and 1980s, the Misery Index all but disappeared from public discourse starting in the early 1990s as inflation was tamed and remained

low, and unemployment in most countries trended downwards.

“The fact that we are again discussing the Misery Index and Canada’s high ranking on it is bad news for all Canadians, who will suffer as a result,” Clements said.

“Governments across Canada, particularly the federal government, should prioritize those policies that will make Canadians less miserable by lowering inflation and unemployment.”

Canada Should Cut Taxes To Combat Inflation

OTTAWA, ON: The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is calling on the federal government to join other countries in cutting taxes to help taxpayers deal with a rising cost of living.

“Canadians are fueling up at the pumps and then worrying about whether they have enough left over for ground beef at the grocery store,” said Franco Terrazzano, Federal Director of the CTF. “Inflation is a key economic issue facing Canadian families and our politicians need to wake up and provide some relief.”

Prices increased by 4.8 per cent year over year, according to inflation data released by Statistics Canada this week.

The federal carbon tax has increased twice during the pandemic and is scheduled to increase again to 11 cents per litre of gasoline on April 1, 2022. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he will increase the carbon tax to nearly 40 cents per litre of gas by 2030 and impose a second carbon tax through fuel regulations that could add an additional 11 cents per litre.

Canadian workers making more than \$64,900 will see their payroll tax bills increase by \$396 this year. The federal government is set to increase alcohol taxes for the third time during the pandemic on April 1.

While Canada is raising taxes, other jurisdictions are providing relief during the pandemic:

- South Korea reduced gas taxes by 20 per cent for six months
- Spain cut its value added tax on electricity from 21 to 10 per cent until April 30
- Italy is cutting income and business taxes
- France is reducing electricity taxes
- The United Kingdom cut fuel taxes on short flights
- Poland is reducing food and fuel taxes
- Sri Lanka is cutting food and medicine taxes
- India cut fuel taxes
- Eleven American states are cutting income or business taxes rates

“High taxes and soaring prices are making the tough times tougher in Canada,” said Terrazzano. “While other countries are cutting taxes, all we get from Canadian politicians are higher tax bills. It’s time for Ottawa to provide some tax relief and make life in Canada a little more affordable.”

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Virtual Awards Gala

On April 28, 2022, a virtual gala will be hosted by Small Business BC to announce and honour the winners of the 19th Annual Small Business BC Awards.

Prizes

The SBBC Business Impact Award category prizes include:

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Top 5 Tips for Driving Safe in Winter

"In the past, Bank of Canada tightening has usually led to falling home sales and flattening home prices, so it wouldn't be a surprise to see the same happening in the upcoming round of tightening" says Ogmundson. "Based on previous trends and our model simulations for what might be to come with respect to rates, we have outlined a number of likely scenarios in this report."

The Bank of Canada has signaled that in response to elevated Canadian inflation, it will

begin raising its policy rate or "tightening" monetary policy this year. The impact of this type of action on housing markets is generally predictable, however, with BC's housing markets currently undersupplied with record-low numbers of active listings, the impact on prices may not be as significant.

"With markets so out of balance, we expect home price growth to slow but to what extent depends on the final rate destination for the Bank of Canada and for Canadian mortgage rates," adds

Ogmundson. "Our model simulations show only a minor impact on home prices in the first two years following the Bank raising its overnight rate."

British Columbia set a new record for home sales last year with 124,854 residential unit sales were recorded by the Multiple Listing Service® (MLS®) in 2021, a 32.8 per cent increase from the 94,001 units sold in 2020. For more economic analysis from the British Columbia Real Estate Association visit bcrea.bc.ca/economics.

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4 Innocent Bystanders Injured In Langley...

That, however, doesn't discount the seriousness of the incidents, as gun violence is completely unacceptable. "The disregard for the safety of the public and the police that gun carrying criminals continually show, highlighted by recent events, is unacceptable and we are doing everything we can to hold those responsible accountable. We also know that sometimes violence that occurs at the street level can escalate and draw in groups and individuals more entrenched and connected to conflicts like the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict," Pound said.

He ended with a message to those involved in any level of drug dealing or gang-related activity. "It does not have to be an inevitability for you to end up either in jail or dead. There is help available. Please reach out to our Gang Intervention

and Exiting Team. Call them at 604-897-6023."

Shootings this week

Man shot in Guildford residence: On January 20, 2022, at 1:44 a.m., Surrey RCMP responded to the report of a man shot inside a residence in the 8700-block of 152 Street. Police arrived on scene and located a man suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Initial indications are that the shooting was targeted.

2 injured in Whalley shooting: On January 19, 2022 Surrey RCMP responded to the report of shots fired inside a warming center in the 10600-block of King George Boulevard. Two people were located with injuries believed to be gunshot wounds. Both victims were transported to hospital with non-life-

threatening injuries and have since been released. The victims include a 24-year-old man who is known to police and a 57-year-old woman. Initial indications are that the man was the intended target of the shooting.

Shooting at Newton residence: On January 18, 2022 Surrey RCMP responded to the report of a fight in front of a residence in the 13400-block of 66A Avenue. Upon arrival, officers located a 31-year-old man with a possible gunshot wound who was transported to hospital. The injury sustained was confirmed to be non-life threatening and the victim is expected to be released from hospital shortly. A suspect was arrested on scene. The shooting is believed to be an isolated incident.

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Allu Arjun's 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo' Hindi Release Called Off



Mumbai: The Hindi release of the Allu Arjun-starrer Telugu film 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo' has been called off to make way for the release of the Kartik Aaryan-led 'Shehzada'. The statement issued on Friday read: "Manish Shah, promoter of Goldmines [Telefilms], along with the makers of 'Shehzada'

have jointly decided to withdraw the theatrical release of 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo' Hindi version. 'Shehzada' makers are thankful to Manish Shah for agreeing to the same." Goldmines Telefilms, incidentally, had picked up the Hindi rights of the Allu Arjun blockbuster, 'Pushpa: The Rise'. 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo', which also has Pooja Hegde and Tabu playing lead roles, was directed by Trivikram Srinivas, and produced by Allu Aravind. It follows the life of Allu Arjun's character, Bantu who is hated and neglected by his father. He later learns that he was swapped as an infant and his biological father is an affluent businessman. 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo' is the famous line from the fifteenth-century Telugu Vaishnava poet Bammere Pothana's mythological story 'Gajendra Mokshanam', where Lord Vishnu comes down to save Gajendra, the elephant king, from Makaram, a crocodile. The Telugu original, released in 2020, emerged as one the highest-grossing Indian films of that year.

Aamir-Kareena's 'Laal Singh Chaddha' Slotted For Baisakhi Release

Mumbai: Clarifying their stance on the release of the Aamir Khan- and Kareena Kapoor Khan-starrer 'Laal Singh Chaddha', the makers issued a statement saying the film's release has not been moved and it will be released on Baisakhi Day, April 14. The statement comes after multiple reports surfaced on the Internet claiming that the release had been pushed back. To quash the rumours, the production house took to its social media handle on Friday. Its statement read: "Aamir Khan Productions' Laal Singh Chaddha's release date stands as Baisakhi, 14th April 2022, contrary to some misleading stories." It concluded by noting: "We once again would like to thank everyone who has supported us in the journey of making this film. Produced by Viacom18 Studios and Aamir Khan Productions, 'Laal Singh Chaddha' is directed by Advait Chandan with music by Pritam and lyrics by Am-



itabh Bhattacharya. The film has been adapted by Atul Kulkarni." The film is an adaptation of the Robert Zemeckis 1994 comedy drama 'Forrest Gump', which starred Hollywood icon Tom Hanks in what would be considered as one of his iconic characters.

Swara Bhaskar: Post-Covid fatigue is a real thing



Mumbai: Actress Swara Bhaskar, who suffered from Covid, has recovered and is now back in the studio for the dubbing of her upcoming film 'Jahaan Chaar Yaar'. She says even though she feels happy to be back in work, her body requires more rest. Swara said, "I was supposed to dub for this

film earlier, but unfortunately, it got delayed due to COVID-19. I have been feeling very pressured about having to complete my work for the movie. As soon as I tested negative for COVID, I flew to Mumbai and headed for the dubbing straight from the airport. I am glad to be back at work and I am really enjoying dubbing as it is a process I enjoy in general too." However, she also mentioned how she is still taking more time to deal with the fatigue that happens post-Covid. "Covid fatigue is a real thing and I have realised that while being back at work; the weakness that it leaves is very real so I am trying to rest adequately and also ensuring that I continue working. I dub for 3-4 hours and rest for the entire day making sure I don't overwork myself," shared the actress.

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'Godzilla And The Titans' Live-Action Series In Development

Los Angeles: Network Apple has ordered a live-action Godzilla series from Legendary Television. According to Variety, the untitled series continues the story of the Legendary Monsterverse established in films like 'Kong: Skull Island' and 2014's 'Godzilla'. Following the battle between Godzilla and the Titans that leveled San Francisco and the shocking new reality that monsters are real, the series explores one family's journey to uncover its buried secrets and a legacy linking them to the secret organisation known as Monarch. Monarch is a secret government entity that has played a major role in the Monsterverse franchise, working to cover up the existence of and defend the world from creatures like Godzilla and the other Titans. Chris Black and Matt Fraction co-created the series with both executive producing. Black will also serve as showrunner. Joby Harold and Tory Tunnell of Safehouse Pictures will also executive produce along with Hiro Mat-



suoka and Takemasa Arita of Toho Co. Ltd. Toho is the owner of the Godzilla character and has licensed the rights to Legendary for the series. There have been four films in the rebooted Monsterverse to date: 'Godzilla' in 2014, 'Kong: Skull Island' in 2017, 'Godzilla: King of the Monsters' in 2019, and most recently 'Godzilla vs. Kong' in 2021. There is also a 'Skull Island' anime series currently in the works at Netflix.

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Adele Postpones Las Vegas Residency, Blames Covid

Los Angeles: Singer and songwriter Adele's Las Vegas residency, which was scheduled to begin from January 21 at the Colosseum of Las Vegas' Caesars Palace Hotel, has been postponed indefinitely after it ran into Covid induced production delays, reports Variety. As per Variety, the artist took to her Instagram to share the news with her followers through a tearful video. She wrote: "All dates will be rescheduled. More info coming soon."
In the video, the 'Rolling In The Deep' hit maker can be seen apologising to her fans as she makes an announcement about the rescheduling of the tour. She says: "I'm so sorry, but my show ain't ready. We've tried absolutely everything we can to put it together in time and for it to be good enough for you, but we've been absolutely destroyed by delivery delays and Covid." Adele adds: "Half my crew and team are [ill] with Covid and still are, and it's been impossible to finish the show. I'm gutted I'm sorry it's so last minute,

we've been awake for over 30 hours trying to figure it out and we've run out of time. I'm so upset and I'm really embarrassed and so sorry to everyone that travelled to get [to the show]. I'm really, really sorry."
She ends the video by saying: "We're going to reschedule all of the dates, we're on it right now," she concluded, "and I'm gonna finish my show and get it to where it's supposed to be. We've been up against so much and it just ain't ready. I'm really sorry."
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When Badshah Paid Off Loan For Rajasthan's 'Ismail Langha' Group

Mumbai: Bollywood rapper Badshah in an episode of reality show 'India's Got Talent' helped pay off loans for Rajasthan's 'Ismail Langha' group on the show. This weekend, the show will see a group named Ismail Langha from Rajasthan

make the judges - Kirron Kher, Shilpa Shetty Kundra, Badshah and Manoj Muntashir clap to their tunes as they sing 'Slow Motion Angreza' with a cultural fusion.

After their performance, Shilpa notices that Ismail is not wearing a pagdi but everyone else in the group is.

To this, Ismail revealed that he had taken a loan for his daughter's wedding and promised himself that he will resume wearing the pagdi only once he's able to repay the entire loan amount.

Listening to his story, Badshah turns towards Ismail and says: "Aap mujhe mauka denge ke mai loan chukka du? (Will you give me a chance to pay off your loan)"

Delighted with Badshah's gesture, an overwhelmed Ismail thanked him for his support.

Badshah then goes on the stage and makes Ismail wear the pagdi which was much appreciated by everyone present on sets.

Talking about Badshah's generous act, Ismail shared: "I really want to thank Badshah ji for his humility and generosity! What he did was very unexpected and I



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Brampton's South Asian man...

Although he is still processing the fact that he is Ontario's newest multimillionaire, Manoharan is starting to think about what he wants to do with the incredible wind-fall.

As mentioned, Manoharan says he does not plan to retire for a while. It's because he operates a small manufacturing company, which employs several people who depend on him for their jobs. But his wife is retiring from her job immediately. She plans to start studying again as she wants to take courses to learn more about the world around her. She will put her new knowledge to good use because the family will be doing some travelling when it

is safe to do so. "I want to explore Europe. I want to take time to see the entire continent and make 'friends' with all the beautiful spots around the Mediterranean Sea!", said Manoharan. A new home is also planned for the near future.

Manoharan also wants to give back to his community and is in talks with his financial planner on exactly how to do that.

"I am so happy about my family's future. Whatever we decide to do, we will do it as family and that is so most important to me!"

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