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Sikh Organizations Call On Governments To Immediately Evacuate Afghan Sikhs & Hindus After Deadly Attack On Afghanistan Gurudwara In Kabul

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Afghanistan Gurudwara: There were 3 saroops of Guru Granth Sahib ji in the Gurudwara Sahib when the attack took place. All of the saroops have been safely evacuated from the Gurudwara sahib. (Photo curtesy: Submitted by United Sikhs)

Various Sikh organizations in North America are calling on their governments and international community to take immediate actions and evacuate remaining Sikhs and Hindus from Afghanistan, after a deadly attack on a Kabul Gurudwara.

The World Sikh Organization of Canada renewed its call on the Government of Canada to recognize its humanitarian duty and immediately evacuate Afghan Sikhs and Hindus to Canada.

A terrorist attack took place at Kabul's Gurudwara Karte Parwan, destroying the complex and resulting in the death of at least one Sikh. Several others are reported to be injured. This is the latest in a long series of attacks targeting the Sikh and Hindu communities of Afghanistan.

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Mayor McCallum pledges to protect Canada's most productive 300-acre farmland in Surrey

If the federal government were to make this property available to the City of Surrey, I would ensure an offer would be made - Doug McCallum

SURREY: Acknowledging Surrey's unique Campbells Heights 300-acre farmland as "a vital piece" of fertile land, Surrey's Mayor Doug McCallum has pledged to keep it sacrosanct after a group of farmers called on the federal government for not selling it to developers for industrial development.

The Mayor in a statement said, "Surrey is home to an abundance of rich farmland. The fertile land in question at 192nd Street and 36th Avenue is a vital piece of farmland that should

remain untouched. If the federal government were to make this property available to the City of Surrey, I would ensure an offer would be made. If successful, I would pledge that the property would remain as farmland so it can produce harvest after harvest for generations to come."

A group of farmers in Surrey launched a petition to protect the land they farm, billed as one of the most productive in Canada, from being sold and converted into industrial property.

The petition which has close to



26K signatures, started by Tristin Bouwman, mentioned that the farmland is located on 192nd Street in Campbell Heights, Sur-

rey BC is sadly, "slated to be sold and developed into industrial buildings."

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BC Halts \$789 Million Royal BC Museum Plan, Will Consult Public On Museum's Future

VICTORIA - The Province is halting plans announced last month to rebuild the Royal British Columbia Museum.

The museum will remain open to visitors. The Royal BC Museum will now lead a broad public engagement to consider all options for the future of the museum.

"I always try to act in the best interests of British Columbians," said Premier John Horgan. "That involves listening. That also means taking responsibility when you make the wrong call. Over the past few weeks, we listened to British Columbians who have made it clear they want the Royal BC Museum to remain open while we rethink our long-term plans to protect its priceless artifacts. That is exactly what we are going to do."

Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, said: "Museum leadership will undertake a broad public engagement to determine our next steps. At the end of the day, this museum belongs to the people of British Columbia, and their voices will determine its future."

Public engagement will seek input on what British Columbians want to see in a modernized museum experience. It will also address structural and safety issues identified with the current buildings. The structure, timeline and scope of the public engagement will be determined by the museum board with a



Royal BC Museum project is stopped

view to connecting with the broadest possible range of British Columbians, including First Nations, business groups, members of the public and other stakeholders.

Construction of a new Collections and Research Building in Colwood will continue. Once it is complete, museum artifacts will be safely relocated there.

BC government announced last month building of a new state-of-the-art and seismically safe Royal BC Museum (RBCM). The expensive plan got big blowback from the public and opposition.

An Angus Reid Institute poll on the \$789-million project recently found 69 per cent of British Columbians oppose it. Presented with various options, 62 per cent of those surveyed would have preferred the status quo over the costly rebuild.

'Port Of Vancouver Relaunches Truck Age Regulations Without Meaningful Consultation'

Timing of announcement will cause new supply chain delays and further sink Port's abysmal global ranking, says UTA

Forcing truckers with fully paid off assets that meet all Canadian and BC standards for commercial operations (in terms of safety, emissions and opacity levels) is punitive against a group that is predominantly South Asian in origin.

SURREY: The Port of Vancouver's just-announced decision to reintroduce the Rolling Truck Age Program ("RTAP") represents impending doom for an institution being crushed by performance metrics, according to United Truckers Association (UTA).

UTA feels set to launch again in September 2022, the costly measures will put extreme financial burden on container truckers amidst the highest rates of inflation and unaffordability in a generation. "It was also set to cause more supply chain delays for a port that in 2021 placed 368/370 in the Container Port Performance Index, as ranked by the World Bank Group and S&P Market Intelligence." The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority announced on June 15 that effective September 15, 2022, the Rolling Truck Program will phase out 2006-year container trucks serving the port. Trucks will be required to be replaced with newer, lower-emission trucks that meet the program's environmental requirements.

The program's start date was scheduled for February 1, 2022. In January 2022, however,



Infographic by UTA

Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra asked the port authority to consider a delay to seek further input on the implementation plan from stakeholders. "In response, the port authority conducted two rounds of public engagement with Truck Licensing System (TLS) participants, industry associations and stakeholders, Indigenous groups, local government, and community organizations to help inform a revised implementation plan," said Robin Silvester, president and CEO of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

However, UTA feels that it was a hasty decision. "The Port of Vancouver's hasty decision comes with a consultation process that completely betrayed the direction of the Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra."

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The History Of Father's Day



By Zile Singh

Every year, third Sunday of June is celebrated as Father's Day. The first known Father's Day service occurred in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, after hundreds of men died in the worst mining accident in U.S. history.

Behind every successful man, there is a woman. Among others, behind the recognition of Father's Day, two prominent women played significant role. Grace Golden Clayton, the daughter of a dedicated minister, proposed a service to honor all fathers, especially those who had died. However, the observance did not become an annual

event, and it was not promoted. Very few people outside of the local area knew about it. Meanwhile, across the entire country, another woman was inspired to honor fathers. In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, was inspired by another woman, Anna Jarvis and the idea of Mother's Day. Sonora's father, William Jackson Smart, a farmer and Civil War veteran, was a single parent who raised Sonora and her five brothers by himself, after his wife Ellen died giving birth to their youngest child in 1898. While attending a Mother's Day church service in 1909, Sonora, then 27 years old, came up with the idea. Within a few months, Sonora had convinced the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA to set aside a Sunday in June to celebrate fathers. She proposed June 5, her father's birthday, but the ministers chose the third Sunday in June so that they would have more time after Mother's Day (the second Sunday in May) to

prepare their sermons. Thus, on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day events commenced. Sonora delivered presents to handicapped fathers, boys from the YMCA decorated their lapels with fresh-cut roses (red for living fathers, white for the deceased), and the city's ministers devoted their homilies to fatherhood. The widely publicized events in Spokane struck a chord that reached all the way to Washington, D.C., and Sonora's celebration put the idea on the path to becoming a national holiday. However, the holiday did not catch on right away, perhaps due to the perceived parallels with Mother's Day.

•In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson and his family personally observed the day.

•Eight years later, President Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution in favor of Father's Day "to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations."

•In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order that the holiday be celebrated on the third Sunday in June.

•Under President Richard Nixon, in 1972, Congress passed an act officially making Father's Day a national holiday. Six years later, Sonora died at age 96.

North America is not the only place where Father's Day is celebrated, of course:

•In traditionally Catholic countries such as Spain and Portugal, Father's Day is observed on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph.

•The Taiwanese celebrate Father's Day on August 8—the eighth day of



the eighth month—because the Mandarin Chinese word for eight sounds like the word for "Papa."

•In Thailand, Father's Day is celebrated on former King Bhumibol Adulyadej's birthday, December 5

The modern role of father has changed over time. Mothers and fathers are partners, each taking more responsibility within family life. It's not viewed as the "feminine model" with flowers, but it has become more of a day that celebrates

what Dad likes to do, whether it's going camping, golfing, grilling, fishing, or flying! It focuses on the larger roles that dads play with their children. Fathers are now seen as significant influences on children; we know from many studies what happens when a father figure is lacking. In a sense, today Father's Day helps to demonstrate the importance and value of fatherhood—and the gifts beyond material goods that a father bestows on his children and family.

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BC Premier Renews Call To Federal Government To Cover 35% Of Healthcare Costs

VICTORIA: Premier John Horgan has renewed his call to federal government to increase its share of spending on a strained healthcare system.

Canada's public health-care system began as a 50/50 partnership, but the federal government's contribution has shrunk to just 22%, according to BC premier John Horgan.

He said that this is not sustainable for our health-care system and we cannot afford to wait. "Today, I renew my call to the federal government to provide their fair share and cover 35% of the costs."

In statement on Canadians' support for a stronger health-care system he said, "It's clear that Canadians across the country are deeply concerned about health care. The latest poll from the Angus Reid Institute confirms that access to quality health care is top of mind for Canadians, and they expect action."

"I hear it as the Premier of British Columbia and as the chair of the Council of the Federation: We can and must do better on health

care. "Working with the other premiers, I have made it clear to the federal government that they must come to the table to address the lack of federal funding in health care across the country to protect and improve the services people rely on.

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"The problems Canadians experienced in accessing health-care services coming out of the pandemic have highlighted strains in our health systems that will continue unless the federal government increases its investment.

"No one is in a better position than provinces and territories to understand their populations' health-care needs, but we simply cannot do it alone. An increased share from the



federal government, maintained over time, will mean that we can plan for the future. We can hire more health-care workers, provide more surgeries and treatments, and further reduce wait times.

"In British Columbia, hospitals are being built, modernized and expanded.

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Point Grey Secondary School students visit Gurdwara Nanak Niwas

A small stretch of Number Five Road in Richmond has close to 25 places of worship of different denominations. This famous road is home to India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas and twenty plus other places of worship. In addition to the



Gurdwara, it has a mosque, two Hindu Temples, Lingyen Mountain Temple, Tibetan Monastery and a number of Christian churches and religious schools. On June 15, about fifty grade 8 students and their teachers from Point Grey Secondary School in Vancouver visited Gurdwara Nanak Niwas. They were interested in learning about Sikhism, South Asian community, its history and culture as well as the Highway to Heaven. Point Grey Secondary School students with Balwant Sanghera, General Secretary, Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, Richmond, BC.

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22-year-old Dedaar Jhooty Arrested and charges laid in Whistler stabbing

Whistler: The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) has made an arrest with charges being laid by the BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) in the stabbing death of Henry Garcia Molina.

IHIT informed that On June 22, 2022, with assistance from E Division Major Crime's integrated surveillance team and support from the Richmond RCMP, IHIT investigators arrested 22-year-old Dedaar Jhooty.

IHIT was further supported by the Surrey RCMP after the arrest. On June 23, 2022, a charge of manslaughter was laid by the BC Prosecution Service against Dedaar Jhooty for his alleged involvement.

On August 14, 2021, at around 2:09 a.m., the Sea-to-Sky RCMP responded to the Whistler Medical Clinic after a man at-

tended suffering from a stabbing. First responders arrived and learned that the victim, 26-year-old Henry Garcia Molina, had died of his injuries. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) was called to investigate.

IHIT was assisted by Sea-to-Sky RCMP during the initial response. Their investigators helped complete an extensive canvass of Whistler Village which identified many witnesses. Homicide detectives continued to investigate and were supported by the Integrated Forensic Identification Section (IFIS) and the RCMP Forensic Lab.

"Henry Garcia Molina's death was a shock to his family and the Whistler community," said Sergeant David Lee of IHIT, "we hope that this arrest provides some closure and solace to his family."



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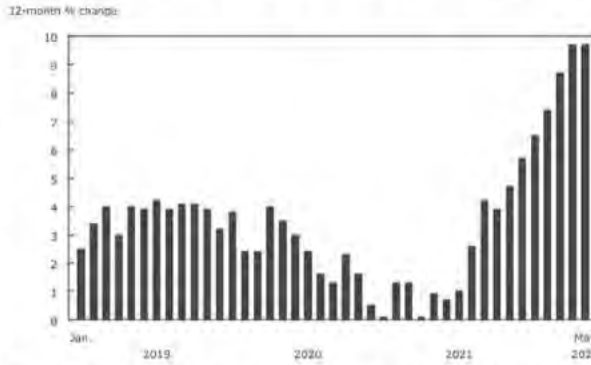
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Consumer Inflation Rises To 7.7% Year, Largest In 40 Years

Canadians continued to feel the impact of rising prices as consumer inflation rose 7.7% year over year according to statistics releases by Statistics Canada. This was the largest yearly increase since January 1983 and up from a 6.8% in April. Canada's NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh pushed the Liberal government to take real, concrete action to help Canadian families who are falling further and further behind while huge corporations make record profits. Singh is pushing for an ad-

ditional \$500 to \$1,000 in families' pockets. The acceleration in May was largely due to higher prices for gasoline, which rose 12.0% compared with April 2022 (-0.7%). Higher prices for services, such as hotels and restaurants, also contributed to the increase. Food prices and shelter costs remained elevated in May as price growth was unchanged on a year-over-year basis. Energy prices rose 34.8% on a year-over-year basis in May, driven primarily by the largest one-month



price increase since January 2003. Compared with May 2021, consumers paid 48.0% more for gasoline in May, stemming from high crude oil prices, which also

resulted in higher prices for fuel oil and other fuels (+95.1%). Grocery prices remained elevated in May as prices for food purchased from

stores rose 9.7%, matching the gain in April. With price increases across nearly all food products, Canadians reported food as the area in which they were most affected by rising prices. Supply chain disruptions, as well as higher transportation and input costs, continued to put upward pressure on prices. Edible fats and oils (+30.0%) recorded its largest increase on record, mainly driven by higher prices for cooking oils. New Democrats say this profit-driven inflation is

making it impossible for hardworking people to afford the things they need like food, gas, and housing. "Workers aren't causing inflation and they shouldn't have to pay for it," said Singh. "The NDP has been calling on the government to put an excess profit tax on these oil and gas companies and redistribute that money to hardworking people through the GST tax credit and the Canada Child Benefit. New Democrats want to get up to \$1,000 back in your pocket to help you and your family now."

B.C. Strengthens Actions To Prepare For Climate Change With New Strategy

VICTORIA - People in British Columbia will be better protected from the impacts of wildfires, flooding and extreme heat through the actions included in the new Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy. The strategy includes actions across ministries supported by \$513 million of investment to ensure British Columbia is prepared for climate impacts in the near term, while setting the foundation for future action. "Last year's extreme weather left no doubt that British Columbia is directly experiencing impacts of the climate crisis," said George Heyman, Minister of Environ-

ment and Climate Change Strategy. "We're making record investments to recover from last year's extreme floods and fires and adapt to future climate changes, as well as working to cut climate pollution through our CleanBC plan. We're committed for the long-term. This new strategy takes targeted action now to support food security and resilient local agriculture, create better floodplain risk mapping to improve how we plan our communities, support more cultural and prescribed burning in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, and build more resilient highways and infrastructure so they can withstand future

climate impacts." **The strategy outlines a range of government actions to help people and communities prepare including:**
 *an expanded role for the BC Wildfire Service to provide enhanced wildfire prevention and preparedness;
 *the development of a comprehensive provincial flood strategy and flood resilience plan to ensure communities are better protected from extreme flooding;
 *an extreme heat preparedness plan to help people and communities stay safe during heat waves and extreme heat emergencies; and

*investments in nature-based solutions that will reduce the impacts of flooding and droughts by restoring healthy watersheds. The strategy also includes investments for First Nations and local governments to increase wildfire protection through community-led FireSmart activities. Last summer, the town of Logan Lake successfully fought back the threat of wildfire at its municipal borders, thanks to the work of local firefighters and years of implementing FireSmart practices. The Province developed the strategy based on a wide range of input, including significant feedback through two working groups



George Heyman

and multiple engagements with Indigenous Peoples and organizations. Additional input came from the general public, local governments, academics, businesses, non-profits, youth and others.

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Mayor McCallum pledges to protect...

According to the petition, "Unlike other farmland in BC, this parcel is not protected by BC's world-renowned Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). Not only is the land not in the ALR, the landowner - the Federal Government - is not bound by the ALR's farmland protection system."

A coalition of farmers, residents, farmland advocates and others are calling on: the Federal Government to keep all 300 acres of this parcel in agriculture, forests and streams - by granting a long-term lease to a local farmer and applying to the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission to include it in the ALR; and, the City of Surrey to amend its Official Community Plan to prevent the land from conversion to any use other than farming and forest.

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KPU announces first Community Impact Award winners

SURREY: Kwantlen Polytechnic University is launching a new award to recognize partners of the institution who have made a positive impact on local communities.

The Surrey Anti-Gang Family Empowerment (SAFE) program and the Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships (NEVR) are each receiving a Community Impact Award from KPU, highlighting partnerships that support the university's vision of transforming lives and empowering positive change. "The intent of the Community

Impact Award is to recognize individuals and organizations who are strong partners of KPU and making a difference in regional communities of relevance to KPU," says KPU President Alan Davis.

SAFE delivers 11 programs through 10 partner agencies, including KPU. Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum says SAFE works to keep children and youth out of gangs while building positive life skills and increasing connections with family, school and community.

"Since its launch in 2019, the SAFE program has supported 3,037 Surrey children and youth and 411 caregivers," he says. "The city is proud for this innovative program to be recognized in this way, and we thank KPU for the honour of receiving the Community Impact Award."

NEVR campaigns to work toward the goal of eliminating violence in relationships in the community. It focuses on all aspects of relationship violence—physical, sexual, emotional and financial—and its effects on all members of a family and community. NEVR is composed of over 200 members from the fields of community services, education, law enforcement and government.

NEVR is hosted at KPU, and its founder and facilitator Dr. Balbir Gurm is an instructor in the university's nursing program. Gurm says NEVR members have raised awareness, hosted conferences, created toolkits, published a book and continue to work toward NEVR's vision of ending violence.

"You don't hear much about relationship violence, and it kills so many people," says Gurm. "If we don't do prevention we will never have resources to deal with the challenge."

Recipients of the awards, presented June 16 at KPU Surrey, received a painting by artist Alison Curtis, a KPU alumnus whose work explores the roles that form and colour play in tricking the eye and fragment space. The paintings are meant to serve as reminders of the ways in which KPU and its partners come together and share collaborative spaces.

Presented annually, the Community Impact Award is made possible through KPU's Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. Nominations can be submitted through kpu.ca.

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Sikh organizations Call on Governments to Immediately Evacuate...

ISIS-K is suspected to be responsible for the latest suicide terror attack. ISIS-K also claimed responsibility for the March 2020 attack on Gurdwara Guru Har Rai Sahib in Kabul in which 25 Sikhs lost their lives.

WSO President Tejinder Singh Sidhu said, "We need the Government of Canada to step up and bring Sikhs and Hindus in Afghanistan to safety. The community is not going to accept any more excuses. This is a question of political will. We have seen the expedited evacuation of vulnerable refugees from Afghanistan and other countries and we believe Afghan Sikhs and Hindus are just as needful and deserving of such an evacuation today. Every day we wait means another day our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan are facing terror and death. We are willing to do our part by sponsoring the evacuation. We need the Government of Canada to do its part and create the program"

UNITED SIKHS another non-profit organization that has been helping Sikhs families in Afghanistan said, "The Gurudwara has been demolished and completely destroyed, a place which was sacred to us. Bhai S. Sawinder Singh ji martyred his life while saving the Gurudwara and Sangat. We will never forget this moment of extreme grief. Karte Parwan was the central Gurudwara of Afghanistan and the attack on it was really despicable. The attack injured several others who were hospitalized. One of Guru Granth Sahib Ji's Swaroops was taken home by S. Raj Singh," said Talwinder Singh, who was evacuated to Mexico under a political asylum arranged by UNITED SIKHS.

Over the past year, the Karte Parwan Gurudwara had been vandalized and ransacked by armed criminals and a Gurudwara in Jalalabad was also the target of a bomb attack, WSO informed. Less than 200 Sikhs and Hindus remain in Afghanistan today.

As a global humanitarian and advocacy organization, UNITED SIKHS said is "our resolve to continue to work with international partners and governments to provide humanitarian assistance and to restore the livelihood of the victims and their families.

"We call on international and intergovernmental organizations to not only condemn this act but also take positive steps in ensuring appropriate mechanisms of accountability are in place.

We ask the United States Department of States to evacuate the remaining members of the Sikh and Hindu communities who are under a direct terrorist threat."

Since 2016 WSO also has

been advocating on behalf of Afghan Sikhs and Hindus and asking the Government of Canada to create a special resettlement program. Afghan Sikhs and Hindus have been long-standing targets of extremist groups. Attacks on Gurdwaras and places of work have led to the killing of innocent children and adults. The WSO has repeatedly called on the Government of Canada to evacuate Afghan Sikhs and Hindus and create a special resettlement program for the vulnerable minority group. The Sikh community has committed and is prepared to privately sponsor the evacuation and resettlement if the Government of Canada creates the program. Less than one year ago, in June 2021, in his testimony before the Subcommittee on Inter-



national Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, WSO legal counsel Balpreet Singh said, "The question isn't whether there will be another attack. The question is when the next attack will be. These are extremely vulnerable individuals who do not have a future in Afghanistan or in India. They're looking desperately to Canada to save their lives. It's been frustrating to advocate without real results on their behalf for this long. The Sikh community is willing and able to pay for all the resettlement costs, and has done so for the small number of Sikh refugee families who have arrived from the Helmand group. We just need the government to give us the permission to bring them here."

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Thousands of litres of industrial solvents and chemical used in synthetic drug seized from Chilliwack home

Thousands of litres of industrial solvents along with large amounts of precursor chemicals used in the production of synthetic drugs have been seized by police from a rural home in Chilliwack.

On June 2, 2022 a BC RCMP Federal Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement and Response (CLEAR) team investigation culminated in the execution of a search warrant on a residence on Extrom Road. During the search, the CLEAR Team located a significant cache of chemicals used in synthetic drug production as well as other signs that a clandestine laboratory was in the early stages of being constructed. Among the chemicals recovered were 160 litres of a Class A precursor, propionyl chloride, and over 2,000 litres of industrial solvents commonly used in the illicit production of synthetic drugs.

According to the European Monitoring Cen-

tre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, a lethal dose of pure fentanyl is two milligrams, which is roughly the size of a few grains of sugar. The amount of propionyl chloride seized could have made 320 kilograms of pure fentanyl, which is equivalent to 320 one-kilogram bags of sugar.

The recovery of these precursors represents a significant disruption to the illicit synthetic drug market, said Superintendent Bert Ferreira, Officer in Charge of the BC RCMP Federal Serious & Organized Crime Border Integrity Program. More importantly, this seizure prevents additional deadly drugs from harming our communities that continue to suffer from the opioid crisis.

No arrests were made at the residence and no charges have yet been laid. The investigation is ongoing.

The BC RCMP Federal Clandestine Labora-



tory Enforcement and Response (CLEAR) team is a specialized police unit that has the training and equipment necessary to safely dismantle clandestine drug laboratories and process the hazardous materials often found within.

If you suspect that you know where a clandestine illicit drug laboratory is contact your local police. They can investigate whether any illegal activity is taking place and contact the Federal RCMP CLEAR team to assist if required.

Pedestrian seriously injured in hit and run collision from stolen vehicle

Surrey RCMP informed about a hit and run collision that sent one person to hospital with serious injuries. On June 20, 2022, at approximately 6:20 a.m., Surrey RCMP received a report that a pedestrian had been struck by a vehicle in the 8400-block of 132 Street. Frontline officers arrived on scene and learned that the suspect vehicle had fled. The pedestrian was associated to a parked vehicle and was standing outside their vehicle at the time they were struck. The pedestrian was transported to hospital with serious injuries.

At approximately 7:15 a.m., Surrey Fire Service advised that they were attending the 8200-block of 134 Street for the report of a vehicle on fire. Police attended and have confirmed that the vehicle on fire matched the description of the vehicle involved in the hit and run collision. Initial police queries indicate that the vehicle had been reported stolen from Coquitlam.

Surrey RCMP's Criminal Collision Investigation Team has assumed conduct of the investigation. Currently, 84 Avenue is closed between 130 and 132 Street in both directions while investigators are processing the scene.

Anyone who has information or was in the area and may have dash camera footage 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.solve-crime.ca.

BC Premier remembers Victims of Terrorism on Air India Flight 182

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan has issued the following statement marking the National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism:

"The 329 passengers and crew on Air India Flight 182 were murdered on June 23, 1985, by an act of terrorism. This crime shocks us to this day, 37 years later.

"Countless friends and family members of the victims also had their lives forever changed by this cruel act of terrorism. This callous crime must never be forgotten. We hold dear the memories of the victims, including the many children, who will be remembered in ceremonies to mark this sombre anniversary.

"The flags at the B.C. legislature will fly at half mast today in mourning and in recognition of the victims of Flight 182 and all victims of terrorism.

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Agnipath Row: Why Are Youngsters Protesting Against India's Controversial Military Recruitment Scheme?

Nearly half of Indian states are seething as youth protest against the Agnipath scheme—a controversial Indian military recruitment policy that not only aims to reduce the country's burgeoning salary and pension bills, but also seeks to integrate younger and fitter troops into its armed forces.

The policy is applicable to the Air Force, Navy, and Army and was approved recently by the Cabinet Committee on Security headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It will take effect immediately.

Soldiers recruited through this process will be referred to as 'Agniveers.' Around 46,000 troops are expected to be recruited this year.

However, the scheme has been met with severe criticism from aspirants and experts.

Agnipath Scheme is a recruitment process undertaken by the Indian armed forces where youths between the ages of 17-and-a-half and 21 years would be inducted for a four-year tenure while 25 per cent of the recruits will be retained for regular service.

The upper age limit has now been increased to 23 only for this year due to two-year hiring hiatus that took place following the Covid pandemic.

The new recruitment scheme of soldiers in the Army, Navy and Air Force has been projected by the government as a major over-



haul of the decades-old selection process to enhance the youthful profile of the three services.

After the scheme was rolled out, the Army said it would ensure an enhanced youthful profile of the force and result in a "reduction in the average age from 32 to 26 years over a period of time.

The Agniveers will get a monthly salary of Rs 30,000 to Rs 40,000, with the 75% of them who get demobilised after four years getting a 'Seva Nidhi' exit package of Rs 1.71 million, half of which will be through their own contributions.

The remaining 25 per cent will be inducted into the regular cadres of the armed forces to serve

another 15 years.

According to WIOM news, "For years, India's defence budget has heavily tilted towards the revenue component, leaving less funds to buy weapons and modernisation of armed forces with cutting-edge technologies.

Similarly, salary paid to the forces has also been increasing over the years.

With the new scheme, the government aims to slash the ballooning salary and pension bills, which take up almost half of the annual defence budget. The government hopes to have more money for military modernisation with infusion of cutting-edge technologies. The ploughing back of skilled,

disciplined, motivated and patriotic Agniveers into civil society after the four-year military service, would prove to be a great asset and a "win-win proposition" for the nation, Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said.

So why are people protesting? The primary concern among the protesters is that most recruits will be limited to four years of service, making 75% of them ineligible for pensions.

It is also being criticised for failing to provide recruits with permanent jobs or healthcare benefits after they retire.

According to the news agency PTI, Lieutenant General Vinod Bhatia (retired) believes the Ag-

nipath scheme, also known as the Tour of Duty (ToD) scheme, will spell the end of the armed forces.

"ToD was not tested, there was no pilot project, and it was simply implemented. Will also lead to the militarization of society, with almost 40,000 (75%) youth returning year after year, rejected and dejected, semi-trained in arms ex-Agniveers. This is not a good idea. No one benefits."

The opposition parties chastised the government, with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi urging the prime minister to listen to the voice of unemployed youth and not take 'agnipareeksha (trial by fire)' of their patience by making them walk on Agnipath.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav called the move "negligent" and potentially "fatal" for the country's future.

Communist Party (Maoist) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said, "The Agnipath scheme does disservice to national interests. This scheme, to save pension money, severely compromises quality and efficiency of our professional armed forces."

CPI general secretary D Raja said, "Finding jobs has become literally a path of fire under Modi." Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal appealed to the Centre to give the youth the chance to "serve the country throughout their life".

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Out now, Sidhu Moosewala's most-awaited song SYL is all about Punjab rivers and Sikh prisoners

The song has already hit one million views on YouTube in

Sidhu Moosewala's first song *SYL* has been released on his YouTube channel. The song is written, sung and composed by the late singer himself. It is produced by MXRCI and the video and artworks are done by Navkaran Brar. The song revolves around various issues reeling Punjab.

Among them, it highlights, Satluj Yamana Link canal issue, Sikh prisoner and the recent agitation against the farm laws. There are black and white visuals that show Punjab rivers, some shots from the yester-years of Punjab where people can be seen revolting against various laws, a mention of 1984 genocide. The makers have also

included short clips of Sidhu Moosewala. It was on the fateful night of May 28 that Sidhu Moosewala was shot dead in Mansa. After his death, it was announced that all his unfinished work should be handed over to his father Balkaur Singh. On June 8, in an emotional mes-



sage during the bhog ceremony said, "My son will remain connected to you through his songs. I will take inspiration from him."

Sidhu Moosewala murder: Planning to kill Punjabi singer began in August last year, says Anti-Gangster Task Force chief 'Lawrence Bishnoi admits being mastermind in Moosewala killing'

Gangster Lawrence Bishnoi has admitted that he was the mastermind in Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala's killing and was planning it since last August, Punjab Police ADGP Pramod Ban said on Thursday. Ban, who is also the head of the Anti-Gangster Task Force, said another accused, Baldev alias Nikku, was arrested on Thursday. Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, also known as Sidhu Moosewala, was shot dead in Punjab's Mansa district on May 29, a day after the Punjab Government pruned the security cover of the singer and 423 people temporarily. "We had recently arrest-

ed Lawrence Bishnoi in the case and his remand was extended till June 27. He has admitted that he was the mastermind (in Moosewala's killing)," Ban said. "The plan to carry out the killing was being hatched since August last year. According to our information, recce was done thrice. In January too, a different group of shooters had come to kill Moosewala but could not do so," the ADGP said. The head of the anti-gangster task force was addressing a press conference here to divulge latest developments in the Sidhu Moosewala murder case.

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Life of NRI Surinder Pal Singh Oberoi to be on silver screen

Bollywood filmmakers are smitten by the charitable initiatives of billionaire philanthropist and Dubai-based NRI Surinder Pal Singh Oberoi, who donates 98 per cent of his earnings to ensure the downtrodden lead a decent life.

Mahesh Bhatt is directing a 2 hour 40 minute biopic on the life and times of the businessman. Ajay Devgun will be playing Oberoi which is being produced by Paramount Studios. The screenplay is being written by Filmfare award winner Ritesh Shah, who has also written the screenplay of Kahani, Pink, Airlift and Raid.

Shooting is scheduled to commence next month. Before the movie hits the OTT platforms and theatres, Netflix is screening a 50 minute documentary titled 'Pehchan' on September 7 on how Oberoi made it big after he left home in his youth with just Rs 350 in his pocket.

Dr. Surinder Pal Singh Oberoi (SP Singh Oberoi) is a Dubai-based business tycoon and a globally recognized philanthropist. He is popularly known as 'Savior Singh'

for saving the lives of hundreds of Indians, Pakistanis, and Filipinos from death penalties.

He came to Dubai in 1977 as a mechanic, returned to India after 4 years to start his material supply & Construction Company in Punjab, Indianamed "Pritam Singh & Sons".

He shifted to Dubai in 1993 & started his own General Trading Company Apex Emirates General Trading L.L.C, in 1996 Apex International Construction, In 1998 Dubai Grand Hotel & in 2004 Oberoi Properties & Investments LLC.

According to Leader Biography, a publication that presents collection of autobiographies of great leaders, "S P Singh's life completely changed after the 2010 incident in Sharjah, UAE, where 17 Indians were given the death penalty for a group fight that led to the death of a Pakistani man. Unable to accept the idea of 17 people being hanged for a single person's death, he fought their case and won, but had to cough up \$2.2 million from his

pocket.

After this experience, he decided to donate 98 percent of his income to social welfare and formed the 'Sarbat Da Bhala Charitable Trust' in 2011. It assists in rescuing girls from the Gulf region, bringing dead bodies home, and helping specially-abled children, women, and underprivileged people by educating and providing financial support to them. The trust runs 26 welfare projects, all funded by Mr. Oberoi. S P Singh also runs training centers in low-income regions for stitching, electronics, beautician,s, and computer courses."



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'Port of Vancouver' relaunches...

said UTA spokesperson Gagan Singh. "In February, the federal government forced the Port of Vancouver to delay implementation so that extensive consultation with industry stakeholders could

reshape the proposed program," said Singh. "Instead, we got a process that did nothing more than rubber stamp a decision and design that had long been established by the Port of Vancouver. The input from the UTA and other key stakeholders, has been essentially ignored."

The program aims to improve air quality and support cleaner, healthier communities in Metro Vancouver, while also helping to build a more reliable, stable and safe truck fleet serving the port. However UTA said, "The Port of Vancouver increased its coal export volume by 19% to 38 million metric tonnes in 2021, which represents approximately 79,267,906 metric tonnes of CO2 emissions annually. This is the equivalent to greenhouse gas emissions from 17,079,795 gas-powered passenger vehicles driven for one year. The approximately 1,700 trucks being unfairly targeted by the RTAP represent less than 2% of BC's licensed commercial trucks, who face none of the same punitive emissions standards."

Forcing truckers with fully paid off assets that meet all Canadian and BC standards for commercial operations (in terms of safety, emissions and opacity levels) is punitive against a group that is predominantly South Asian in origin.

Further, the UTA's ongoing calls for Transport Canada to independently study this matter through a working group and with the assistance of scrutiny in the House of Commons pursuant to the Statutory Instruments Act, has been met with complete silence. The lack of oversight over the Port's unfair and unjustified targeting of container truckers represents gross negligence on the part of the Government of Canada, added Singh.

"We expected the Minister and his government to properly examine this matter with the care and consideration it deserves. Instead, we have seen politics once again trump sound public policy, and the UTA will not stay silent in the months leading up to the Port's proposed implementation."

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Canadian Home Sales Slow Again In May

Ottawa, Statistics released on June 15 by the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) show national home sales were down in May 2022.

Home sales recorded over Canadian MLS* Systems declined by 8.6% between April and May 2022. This built on a larger drop recorded in April, leaving monthly activity at pre-COVID levels recorded in the second half of 2019 and only slightly above the 10-year average. Sales were down in three-quarters of all local markets, led by a number of larger census metropolitan areas (CMAs) including those in the Lower Mainland, Cal-

gary, Edmonton, the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and Ottawa. The actual (not seasonally adjusted) number of transactions in May 2022 came in 21.7% below the record for that month set last year. At a little over 50,000 units sold, the May 2022 sales figure was very close to the 10-year average for that month.

The number of newly listed homes climbed 4.5% on a month-over-month basis in May. The monthly increase was influenced by a jump in new supply in Montreal, while new listings in the GTA posted a small decline.

With sales down and new listings up in May,

the sales-to-new listings ratio eased back to 57.5% — its lowest level since April 2019. It was also not far off the long-term average for the national sales-to-new listings ratio of 55.1%. Regionally, most of the monthly declines were seen in markets in Ontario. While a majority of Ontario markets saw prices dip from April to May, a number were up, including in the northern and southern parts of the province and the eastern areas of cottage country.

Vancouver Island saw prices increase. In Greater Vancouver, prices were flat month-over-month in May, while further east prices



fell modestly in the Fraser Valley and posted a larger decline in Chilliwack. Prices were more or less flat across the Prairies save for small gains in Saskatoon and Winnipeg. Meanwhile, Quebec, New Brunswick and PEI continued to outperform with notable gains, while prices in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador edged up slightly.

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\$1,449,900

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20196 48 Avenue



\$1,469,000

ATTENTION first time home buyers, builders/investors- Beautiful well kept CORNER Home in Langley! Features 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms - 1 bedroom mortgage helper with separate entrance as well! Sitting on a MASSIVE 9300+ Sq.Ft CORNER rectangular Lot! Main floor has a bright and open living room, kitchen, dining room and access to a MASSIVE patio to enjoy the summer bbq's. Main floor also features 3 bedrooms and 2 washrooms. Below, you have a large living room, kitchen, another bedroom along with a very large laundry room and another full washroom! This space below can be easily rented! HUGE Backyard is well maintained, fenced. Located in a great neighbourhood walking distance to Simonds Elementary. Close to shopping centres & major routes. Easy to show!

19073 72 Avenue



\$1,649,900

COACH HOUSE ALERT! Highly sought after 6 bedroom and 5 bathroom home, positive cash flow investment property with potential rent of \$5000+ or great family home with 2 mortgage helpers. This 3,000 sq. ft. coach home features 3 bedrooms upstairs, open concept main floor featuring high grade laminate throughout, den, 2 piece washroom, stainless steel appliances and granite counters in kitchen & bathrooms. Basement is fully finished with 2 bedrooms, living quarters and separate entrance. Private fenced in custom patio. One legal bedroom coach above the double garage. This beautiful home sits right beside a park and is close to all amenities including schools, shopping & transit.

15716 82 Avenue



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Welcome to FLEETWOOD! Charming 5 Bed 3 Bath Home with a 2 Bedroom Suite! Sitting on a massive 7200 Sq.Ft Lot! On the main floor you have your formal living, dining, kitchen + Eating area which leads you to your patio to enjoy the summer days! Large windows throughout the home to allow for that natural light. There are also 3 Spacious bedrooms and 2 full washrooms. Master Bedroom features walk in closet and large ensuite. Below, you have a LARGE and SPACIOUS 2 Bedroom Suite (Currently vacant) - GREAT MORTGAGE HELPER! Double Garage and large driveway allows for ample parking. This home is centrally located in the growing and developing area of Fleetwood!

13068 64 Avenue



\$1,749,900

PANORAMA RIDGE BEAUTY! Development potential for a duplexes (check/verify with the city of Surrey) 5 bedrooms 3 FULL washrooms WITH a massive 2 bedroom suite & Potential for Bachelor Suite! Perfect home for the growing family. Sitting on a MASSIVE 7718 SQFT Lot. Main floor has open layout with loads of windows to allow for the natural sunlight. 3 Bedrooms and 2 Full washrooms. Below you have the separate 2 bedroom suite- great rental potential in a central location. Loads of parking with lane access. MUST SEE!

14865 95A Avenue



\$1,649,900

This FULLY RENOVATED home has great value! Potential for development! Currently tucked away in a very charming and quiet neighbourhood. Situated on a 7,500+ sqft lot, this property features a BONUS back lane access! Minutes away from the newly proposed skytrain and close to all schools, shopping centres and major bus routes. The main floor boasts a spacious family room, a formal dining room leading to a covered deck, a master bedroom with an ensuite and two additional bedrooms and full bathroom!

12432 75 Avenue



\$2,088,000

WEST NEWTON BEAUTY w/ CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY! 7 bedrooms 4 FULL washrooms WITH 2 SUITES Renovations include new pot lights, new flooring, new paint, new kitchen cabinets, new countertops, washrooms also updated. Perfect home for the growing family. Sitting on a MASSIVE 7081 SQFT Lot in a great neighbourhood of the desirable West Newton. Main floor has open layout with loads of windows to allow for the natural sunlight. 3 Bedrooms and 2 Full washrooms. Below you have 2 separate suites- great rental potential in a central location. Load of parking with double garage and large driveway. This home has tile roof, baseboard heating, A/C unit. MUST SEE!

8316 122A Street



\$2,099,999

QUEEN MARY FULLY RENOVATED HOME FACING KENNEDY TRAIL ELEMENTARY! 8 bedrooms 5 FULL washrooms WITH 3 SUITES(2+1+1) Renovations include NEW stucco all around the house, new windows, new stonework, new garage doors, new railings, new flooring, mouldings, new appliances, new lighting fixtures, new plumbing fixtures, new hot water tank & furnace, quartz countertops and new paint. Perfect home for the growing family. Sitting on a MASSIVE 7039 SQFT Lot in a great neighbourhood. Main floor has open layout with loads of windows to allow for the natural sunlight. 4 Bedrooms and 2 Full washrooms. Below you have 2+1 suites plus an additional 30x30 detached suite with rough in for kitchen full washroom already built!

13009 60A Avenue



\$2,200,000

CUSTOM BUILT 3 level home on a quiet street features 10 bedrooms & 7 baths in total. 2 fully finished basement suites of 2 bedrooms each. Main floor features high ceiling in entry, inviting living and dining room with impressive gas F/P, spacious family room, Master bdrm with walk in closet, den and 2pc. Upstairs has 5 bedrooms, 3 full bath. This beauty has impressive finishing throughout with extraordinary features like pot lights, jacuzzi in the master bedroom, Alarm, tile roof, fenced private backyard for summer enjoyment, double car garage with extra parking in front of the house. Quiet and safe family oriented neighbourhood, close to school, shopping and bus route.

6430 130 Street



\$2,499,900

WEST NEWTON CUSTOM BUILT MEGA HOME WITH SIDE LANE ACCESS! '2 DRIVEWAYS' You have parking for days! This home features 10 bedrooms and 9 baths as well as two mortgage helper suites (2+2) - Great mortgage help. Main floor features a welcoming living room with + dining room with high end custom finishes and high ceilings. Huge family room for entertaining, chefs kitchen + spice kitchen and separate eating area. Covered Patio to enjoy those summer bbq's. Loads of windows to soak all that aural light. Upstairs hosts 4 bedrooms ALL with their own private ensuites. In the basement you have a massive Media Room with a bar, perfect for your parties! There is also a den/bedroom along with a full washroom.

3224 197A Street



\$2,549,000

Luxury semi-custom built home in Langley Brookwood, 8 Bed 7 Bath home built by reputable local builder: Landmark West. Project is located in centre of the new subdivision under Brookwood Fernridge OCP, with fully finished basement, fenced backyard, and fully landscaped front. Over 5100 sqft brand new house on a Corner lot backyard facing to east. Includes Contemporary package. Comes with Premium S/S Fisher & Parket appliance package with a HUGE spice Kitchen. Built in vacuum, A/C built in security system, marble quartz countertops in main kitchen, Large mudroom, basement includes additional room w/ washroom, theatre, gym, plus a 2bedroom legal suite. Business park, designated commercial village, and local commercial centre are all nearby!

19755 32A Avenue



\$2,680,000

Luxury semi-custom built home in Langley Brookwood! Home is located in centre of the new subdivision under Brookwood Fernridge OCP, with fully finished large 2 bedroom basement, fenced backyard, and fully landscaped front. Over 5100 sqft of living space! Main floor features beautiful high ceilings and custom designs. Open to below Family room, loads of windows to soak in that natural light. Living/dining + a den which can be used as a bedroom. Beautiful kitchen with a large island+bonus spice kitchen with a walk in pantry. Good size mudroom with bench. Upstairs features 4 bedrooms and 3 washrooms. In the basement you have a large media room + bar for + a full washroom, perfect for entertaining and partying! Unique living style surrounded by Parks and Trails is perfect for families. Must see

19775 33 Avenue



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Luxury semi-custom built home in Langley Brookwood! Home features 8 bedrooms and 9 bathrooms with fully finished large 2 bedroom basement, fenced backyard, and fully landscaped front. Over 5400 sqft of living space! Main floor features beautiful high ceilings and custom designs. Open to below Family room, loads of windows to soak in that natural light. Living/dining + a den and a master bedroom with a full ensuite. Beautiful kitchen with a large island+bonus spice kitchen with a walk in pantry. Upstairs features 4 bedrooms all with their own private 4 washrooms. In the basement you have a large media room + bar for + a full washroom, perfect for entertaining and partying! Unique living style surrounded by Parks and Trails is perfect for families. Must see!

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9122 144A Avenue



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19629 32 Avenue



\$2,890,000

0.96 ACRES OF DEVELOPMENT LAND IN BROOKSWOOD! Highly desirable acreage adjacent to recently developed 114 lots project. Small home on property is of little value. Currently rented. Development potential of 7000 Sq.Ft Lots! Call for more information. Details: .965 of an acre, flat with few trees, immediately adjacent to Havenwood, Langley's latest upscale community with over 90 high end homes currently under construction. All services have been installed within close proximity to this site. Detention pond and large sanitary pump station have been constructed immediately to the north of this property. This parcel is within the benefiting catchment of this infrastructure. Development Works Agreements are in place allowing for the use of this infrastructure for any future development.

LT.2 33 Avenue



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9038 148 Street



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19671 32 Avenue



\$8,550,000

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45804 REECE AVE, CHILLIWACK



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Events In My City

Canada Day Celebrations Return To Surrey

SURREY: The City of Surrey has released the schedule for Surrey Canada Day, held on Friday, July 1 at Bill Reid Millennium Amphitheatre from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Programming includes a Residential School Survivor honouring ceremony on the Siam Stage at 12:00 p.m. and cultural sharing with land-based Nations on the Main Stage at 7:20 p.m. The schedule also includes local live music, Surrey dance battles, Indigenous workshops, and Main Stage performers Arkells, Shawnee Kish, and Haviah Mighty.

Surrey Canada Day's new Siam Stage will feature contemporary performances and Indigenous cultural sharing from 11:30 a.m. to 6:40 p.m. Attendees can visit the Sharing Circles Teepee from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. to learn about the hardships that Indigenous peoples lived through while attending Residential Schools. The Workshop Teepee will run from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and will feature teachings about Indigenous sacred medicines, the medicine wheel, traditional games, and corn husk doll making. The new Community Hub stage will run from 11:00 a.m. to 7:40 p.m. Here, attendees can watch Surrey youth compete in dance battles, and listen to live music by Surrey musicians including FKA Rayne, Glisha, Ashley Pater, Yvonne Kushe, and Pleasant Trees.

"We are thrilled to be hosting Surrey Canada Day in-person after two years of virtual events," said Mary Rukavina, Manager of Special Events and Filming. "We invite attendees to visit the expanded Indigenous Village, learn from Indigenous leaders and educators, and experience lo-



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cal music and dance performances on July 1st in Cloverdale."

Surrey Canada Day will feature over 30 food trucks, 16 amusement rides, 18 Summer Market vendors, and 30 live music performances, including by headliner Arkells at 9:00 p.m., Shawnee Kish at 7:50 p.m. and Haviah Mighty at 6:05 p.m. Additional features include the 55+ Summer Social from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., craft beer and wine in the Barn from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. and fireworks at 10:15 p.m.

The City of Surrey is honoured to hold this event on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Salish Peoples, including the q̓ic̓əy̓ (Katzie), q̓w̓a:nləən̓ (Kwantlen), and Semialma (Semiahmoo) land-based Nations.

Surrey Canada Day will meet health and safety guidelines as set out by the Provincial Health Officer, Worksafe BC, Fraser Health and appropriate industry associations. For more information, visit surrey.ca/canaday.

This project has been made possible in part by the Government of Canada. Ce projet a été rendu possible en partie grâce au gouvernement du Canada. We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia.

BC Construction Association Launches Building Builders Mentorship Program

Connecting the community to improve talent retention and career development

Encouraging Canadians to explore career opportunities and develop connections with employers in the skilled trades is a key priority for Canada's Skilled Trades Awareness and Readiness (STAR) Program. Receiving training and connecting with experienced tradespeople and industry leaders for guidance can be a valuable benefit to workers who are considering a career in the construction industry. To help deliver these important services, the Ministry of Employment and Social Development Canada will provide \$3.6 M to the British Columbia Construction Association (BCCA).

To reduce skilled workforce shortages, the Building Builders mentorship program will connect under and un-employed workers, labourers and unregistered apprentices working in BC's construction industry with established credentialed tradespeople, executives, and industry leaders who have been working in construction in BC for a minimum of ten years. These mentorships will provide career guidance for workers and a talent acquisition opportunity for employers who are seeking new workers during the ongoing labour shortage.

The program objectives are to:

- attract non-traditional workers to

the industry

- retain existing workers who are not yet on a solid career path and potentially not supported in apprenticeship by their current employer

- lower the average age of apprenticeship initiation (currently 27)
- improve apprenticeship registration and completion rates

- Place mentees in employment with mentor companies

"Mentorship is a tradition in the construction industry, where apprentices learn their craft under the experienced guidance of an accredited journey person," says Chris Atchison, President of the BCCA. "Building Builders amplifies the role of mentorship well beyond the apprentice/journey relationship, giving job seekers and those workers who are under employed in their current construction job a way to connect to employers and mentors who might otherwise be out of reach."

There is currently no established mentorship program for BC's construction industry. Mentees will receive one-to-one coaching, job leads, and work experience. Program staff will provide connection, support, opportunities, and guidance for both the mentor and the mentee throughout the program.

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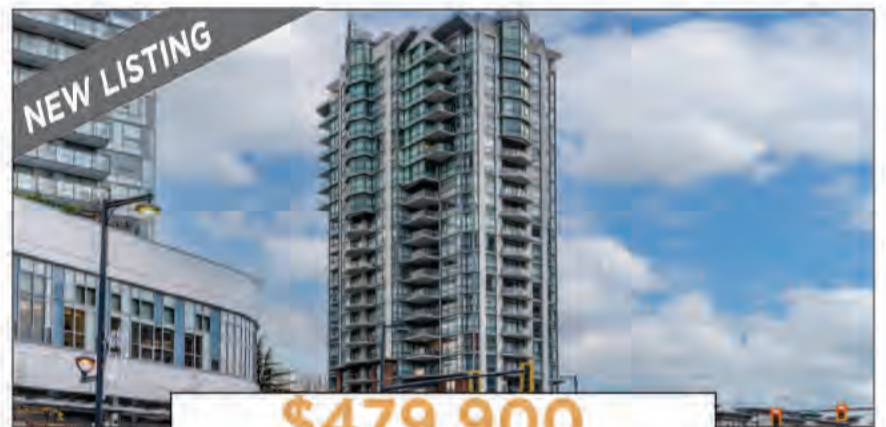
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<p>PRINCE GEORGE</p> <p>One Acre lot, 58 years old home 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, South Blackburn airport area, good holding property.</p> <p>\$198,000</p>	<p>FORECLOSURE</p> <p>Prince George BC 53 years old home 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 23,552 sqft lot(0.54 acre) concrete foundation, taxes \$1295.76, very close to laborlake.</p> <p>\$199,000</p>	<p>PRINCE GEORGE</p> <p>1.34 acre, 56 years old home, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 bedroom suite, also has shop, garage and lots storage</p> <p>\$264,000</p>
<p>PRINCE GEORGE</p> <p>Split level 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, single garage all fenced yard 8000 sqft. lot rented to good tenants \$1750 per month plus tenants pay heat and light</p> <p>\$398,000</p>	<p>FORECLOSURE</p> <p>5 Acres Maple Ridge 35 years old, 4 beds, 3 baths, good house</p> <p>\$2,700,000</p>	<p>CHILLIWACK</p> <p>M-1 Zoned commercial property. 2 bed, 2 bath older, rancher with 8700 sqft lot running a small business for 22 years rented \$48,000 per year.</p> <p>\$1,248,000</p>
<p>FORECLOSURE</p> <p>South Surrey Morgan Creek 17 years old home, 13,900 sqft lot, 6100 sqft 3 storey home with 6 bedrooms, 5 bathroom, 3 garages lots more to see</p> <p>\$2,700,000</p>	<p>FORECLOSURE</p> <p>Mission BC! 61 acres development potential with 27 years old home, 2 homes, pool hot tub, barn, storage, lots buildings, paved driveway, lots details. Pls call</p> <p>\$19,999,900</p>	<p>FORECLOSURE</p> <p>Burnaby South Deer Lake, 15 years old, 12,000 sqft lot, 6 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, 5900 sqft home, 3 storey, 3 garages.</p> <p>\$4,800,000</p>
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<p>FORECLOSURE</p> <p>Prince George BC, 60 years old, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 6000 sqft lot size, house with one bedroom suite(rents \$750) and main floor rent \$1550 per month. Tenants pay heat & lights.</p> <p>\$398,000</p>	<p>DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Townhouse site to develop in Vancouver E, 6700 sqft land, application approved for "8 stacked town homes" town homes 4 level of total 8342 sqft to be built</p> <p>\$3,450,000</p>	

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By Suresh Kurl

Every religion defines God as the Creator of this universe, who could only be meditated upon and thought about, but His Creation is concrete. We can touch it, feel it, stand face to face to it, adore it and pray to it. That said, nature being a part of the universe, manifests Him/Her/It in different forms such as, the air, the sun, moon, sky, clouds, stars, oceans, rivers, forests, animals, birds, insects and all of us, the human beings and much more.

I believe our ancient Holy men were deep thinkers and prophets. They knew a time would come, when human beings, like us, a part of God's creation, would exploit nature for personal gains, which would have destructive consequences, especially on climate. Thus, for the survival of nature, those prophets personified, idolised and elevated nature to the status of gods and goddess. Thus, the river Ganges is not just a body of water it is adored as a person, a mother -- a living and breathing goddess.

The Bhagavad Gita, an internationally admired Holy Scripture, talks about Lord Krishna, the eighth incarnation of Lord Vishnu, manifests himself in different forms of nature. Rig Veda, the very first Indian

Holy Scripture, (supposedly compiled around 1500 BC), breathes deep love and devotion for nature. The Gayatri mantra, is the most chanted and loved hymn, dedicated to the planet sun. In English it translates, "Let us adore the supremacy of that divine sun, the god-head, who illuminates all, who re-creates all, from whom all proceed, to whom all must return, to whom we invoke to direct our understanding aright in our progress toward his holy seat." (Translated into English by the renowned scholar of Sanskrit, Sir Monier-William Jones in the 1807.)

A report published in NEW YORKER; November 11, 2019, mentioned "Just like the Ganges, forests provide us not only food but shelter our wild

life and give us roots, bark, seeds and herbs for the treatment of ailments to keep us healthy. India's ancient system of medical treatment called, the Ayurveda depends on forests, another gift of nature. However, when our world leaders such as, President Bolsonaro of Brazil, do not foster any respect for nature, climate suffers. People suffer. In one of his speeches given to his Brazilian miners, President Bolsonaro said, "Interest in the Amazon isn't about the Indians or the f... ing trees, it's about mining."

Furthermore, according to the Australian National Centre for Research in Bushfire and Arson, "13% of bushfires every year are deliberate and 37% are suspicious; Jan 17, 2020. Another study done in 2008

found that in Australia about 85% of fires were triggered by human activity -- this includes arson and carelessness or recklessness."

"The 2018 Camp Fire destroyed the town of Paradise (California), was the result of a broken high-power transmission line." --- Foreign Affairs; March 25, 2020.

Then, we have US President Donald Trump, who sparked unease through an executive order of April, 2020. He stated, "Outer space is a legally and physically unique domain of human activity, and the United States does not view it as a global commons;" meaning he has a right to invade it, exploit it and pollute it to make America Great Again. -- The GLOBE AND MAIL; August 24, 2020

Then here is my eye-witnessed account of Haridwar, one of the holiest cities of India, goes back to almost seventy years, when I used to visit my grand parents during my winter or summer school breaks. This mountain town, situated on the banks of the holy Ganges, bowing in reverence at the feet of the Shivalik ranges, used to be an abode of tranquility. The beauty of its winter silvery snow-clad peaks, which used to turn dark green during monsoon season, is still firmly etched in my memories and my mind's eye.

Haridwar, during winter, used to get biting cold. Moving forward more than half a century of getting used to living in the cold of Canada, when I return to visit the same town, I find those snow clad Shivalik ranges standing shamelessly naked, looking depressed, dejected and deserted as though nobody loves them any more! And all those lush trees that kept them dressed in dark green during the monsoon season and sheltered their wild pets are not there any more.

Nevertheless, not every human being or a politician is a pyromaniac or filth lover. There are individuals like the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, who launched six mega projects in Uttarakhand to clean up the River Ganges. President Barack Obama, who during his first term established a task force for religious organizations to address the effects of climate change on the environment and the American population. And Pope Francis, in 2015, urged Catholics and non-Catholics alike to focus on a broad range of issues and problems in the environment including pollution, climate change, biodiversity and global inequality of ecological systems.

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Sidhu Moosewala...

He also said a receipt dated May 25 from a Fatehabad-based petrol pump was found in the vehicle used in the killing of Moosewala which led the Punjab police to unveil the trail of events.

"From CCTV footage obtained from the Fatehabad petrol pump, we identified the accused Priyavrat, alias Fauji. We have arrested 13 people so far and the entire conspiracy has been unravelled," Ban said.

A court in Mansa had extended the police remand of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi who was brought to the state by the Punjab Police from Delhi last week for questioning in the singer Sidhu Moosewala murder case.

The Delhi Police had arrested three persons, including two shooters in the case, officials had said on Monday adding that one of them was in touch with Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar at the time of the incident.

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Arjun Kapoor: I'm Only Excited About Being A Villain This Birthday

New Delhi: He will be turning 37 on June 26 but it's not his birthday Arjun Kapoor is excited about. The actor instead is gung-ho about his upcoming film 'Ek Villain Returns' and said that he is only excited about celebrating being a villain.

Talking to media about his 37th birthday plans, Arjun in a conversation said: "My birthday is full of villain because 'Ek Villain Returns' (releases) soon and I am only excited about being a villain this birthday. All my plans are revolving around being a villain and celebrating being a villain and bringing 'Ek Villain Returns' to you."

Looking back, Arjun has had a "pretty fun year". Now he has a gamut of releases coming up starting with 'Ek Villain Returns', 'Kuttey' and 'The Lady Killer'.

Arjun, whose first job in the film industry was as an assistant director on Nikhil Advani's 'Kal Ho Naa Ho' in 2003, said: "I have had the chance to play a complete villain and the release of 'Bhoot Police'. I managed to shoot 'Kuttey' and I have just almost completed 'The Lady Killer'. So, (I have) been able to be in three different worlds... Also and I am looking forward to a theatrical release. It has been a fun year." With a string of releases lined up, Arjun



feels the responsibility.

"The pressure is always there but then excitement is also a lot. It has a lot to do with the fact that these are three films I shot after selecting them with a lot of excitement and care in order to make sure that I present myself to the audience in a new dynamic way. There is a lot of intensity in all three films," said Arjun, who is fondly called 'Baba' by his fans.

The 'Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar' actor describes 'Ek Villain Returns' as "very cinematic". He shared that 'Kuttey' "has mad energy" and that 'The Lady Killer' has "the raw edgy intensity" which he wanted to explore.

"So, the pressure is to make sure that the audiences enjoy all the three films and my work comes across as different. But that pressure is good. One must always have that pressure while making a film... You can't take the audiences for granted. Nervous excitement is the best way to put it," added the actor, who is in a relationship with diva Malaika Arora.

Arjun says he is looking forward to see how the audiences react to him.

2021 and 2022 have been years of personal developments for Arjun. He is focusing on his health and has taken to fitness seriously.

"I think it has been a year of my personal developments also. I have learnt to take care of myself also... Yeah, so right now is the new exciting times. The year that has gone by will allow me to see the results in the coming year. So, looking forward to my hardwork paying dividends and love from the audience."

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The History of Father's Day

Men viewed the idea of Father's Day as similar to Mother's Day, which was popular with florists; for fathers it didn't have the same sentimental appeal. As one historian writes, they "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derid-

ed the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself."

Also, according to Lawrence R. Samuel, the author of American Fatherhood: A Cultural History, men had a different role in the family. It was patriarchal,

so they felt that a special day to exalt fatherhood was a rather silly idea, when it was mothers who were underappreciated. However, that sentiment changed over time for several reasons.

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Vaani Kapoor Calls Ranbir Kapoor Her 'Personal Favourite'

Mumbai: Actress Vaani Kapoor, who will be seen playing a performer in the upcoming film 'Shamshera', has praised her co-star Ranbir Kapoor, whom she called a special actor and her personal favourite.

Vaani says: "I play the character of Sona, the most sought after travelling performer of India in the 1800s. I have always chosen roles where my character pivots the script in a certain direction and in 'Shamshera' too, Sona plays an important role in building the narrative.

"I'm thankful to Karan Malhotra for seeing me in this role. He held my hand at every step of the way and guided me to bring Sona to life."

The film is set to release in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu on July 22. Directed by Karan Malhotra of 'Agneepath' fame, the film marks Ranbir's return to the cinemas after four years since the release of 'Sanju'.

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acter, Vaani reveals, "Sona has a strong willpower, she's confident, a go getter yet has her own emotional vulnerabilities. She's definitely one of the most refreshing characters I have played on screen. I'm amazed teaming up with

Ranbir Kapoor - a powerhouse of talent. He's truly a very special actor and my personal favourite."

'Shamshera' revolves around the fictitious city of Kaza, where a warrior tribe is imprisoned, enslaved and tortured by a ruthless authoritarian general

Shudh Singh. This is the story of a man who became a slave, a slave who became a leader and then a legend for his tribe. He relentlessly fights for his tribe's freedom and dignity. His name is Shamshera.



Sanjay Dutt on playing villain: 'You get to bend the rules, break the rules'

Mumbai: Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt, who will be seen playing a negative role in the upcoming film 'Shamshera', looks very evil, menacing, deadly and cold hearted. He says it's exciting to play the antagonist because "you get to bend the rules, break the rules".

Sanjay plays Ranbir Kapoor's nemesis in the upcoming action entertainer.

Talking about his character, he says, "It is always exciting to play the antagonist because you get to bend the rules, break the rules. I realised that when you play the antagonist, there are actually impositions or moral boundaries. You can be disruptive.

"You can take a character from paper and play it the way you want to. I have a lot of fun when I play an antagonist and I'm fortunate that people have loved my performances as the nemesis of a hero so far."

He says his character Shudh Singh is a role that has never been seen on screen. "He is just pure evil. He is menacing, he is untrustworthy and he will go to any length to wreak havoc. I loved the fact that Karan Malhotra created a villain like this and he thought of me to play this role. He gave me a free hand to bring Shudh Singh to life and I hope people like my effort."

Sanjay was thrilled to know about the



casting coup in 'Shamshera' that pitted him against Ranbir because four years back (Ranbir's last film), the young actor had played him in the biopic 'Sanju'. He says, "It is also quite interesting that I'm pitted against Ranbir, who played me in Sanju. So, the on-screen enmity between him and me becomes all the more interesting for people. Ranbir is a brilliant actor but this film sees him in a new gaze. His boyish charm is inimitable, but in this film, he is a man who finds his footing and looks glorious on screen."

Sanjay is collaborating with director Karan Malhotra again after 'Agneepath'.

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Salman Khan Urges Fans To Plant Trees

Diwali". He was accompanied by Rajya Sabha MP and Green India Founder J Santosh Kumar and his film crew. The actor appreciated the mission taken up by the MP. "Planting trees is a very good thing. I don't know why people take interest in cutting trees. It is said that when a man stops growing, you should plant a tree. Tree is a still man and a man is a walking tree.

care of the saplings until they grow big trees. It is unfortunate that human loss due to natural calamities, heavy rains and floods is immense, he said, adding that the only solution to check human loss is promoting massive plantations.

Santosh Kumar thanked the Bollywood star for accepting his request and joining the Green India Challenge. He said that Salman's initiative to plant saplings will definitely inspire crores of his fans.

Hyderabad: Bollywood star Salman Khan on Wednesday participated in Green India Challenge here by planting a sapling and urged all his fans to plant trees to protect the environment. Salman planted a sapling at Ramoji Film City where he was shooting for his upcoming movie "Kabhi Eid Kabhi

This bond is very important," Salman said. Underlining the importance of plantation, he said "wherever you have trees, you will have water". Salman said that every person should take the responsibility of the plantation programme and also take adequate

Netizens Question Rajamouli About Deleted Scene In 'RRR'

Hyderabad: 'RRR' fans who have watched a deleted scene from the movie, through an online source, want to know why director S.S. Rajamouli decided to chop off the fascinating scene from the original cut of the Ram Charan and Jr NTR-starrer.



Pandits in front of a fire. Internet users who saw the fascinating scene questioned Rajamouli about why he deleted it and urged him to upload it on the movie's socials or YouTube because, according to them, it is a scene that is not to be missed. 'RRR', which took the whole country by storm, is still one of the most-watched movies even after its OTT arrival.

Viswanath Sundaram, the concept artist for the magnum opus 'RRR' movie, earlier disclosed the deleted scene that is connected to the concept art. The video byte was later deleted by Sundaram for whatever reasons.

The scene in the film depicts the birth of Ram Charan, and the artwork portrays the infant Ram receiving blessings from the

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Beyonce's new song is a huge hit with Michelle Obama

Los Angeles: Former US president Barack Obama's wife Michelle Obama has hailed singer Beyonce's comeback single 'Break My Soul' as "the song we all need right now".

The former First Lady of the United States is a good friend and long-time fan of the 'Single Ladies' hitmaker, and she's thrilled to have her back and "can't wait" for her upcoming album, 'Renaissance', reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Alongside a picture of the 40-year-old megastar performing, she wrote: "Queen @Beyonce, you've done it again! 'Break My Soul' is the song we all need right now, and I can't help but dance and sing along while listening to it. Can't wait for the album!"

Michelle and husband Barack Obama - the 44th President - had Beyonce perform at the 2009 inaugural ball and the 2013 inauguration.

What's more, the 'Formation' singer penned an essay for TIME magazine's annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world for 2019, in which she hailed the 58-year-old attorney and author "regal".

She wrote: "When I first met her, I was embraced by a warm, regal,



confident woman who possessed a reassuring calm, on the eve of President Obama's historic first Inauguration.

"The way she looked, walked and spoke, in that warm but authoritative tone, we saw our mothers and sisters. She was strong and ambitious and spoke her mind without sacrificing honesty or empathy. That takes a lot of courage and discipline."

The 'Crazy in Love' hitmaker's rap legend husband Jay-Z, was first linked to the Obamas in 2008 when he campaigned for Barack's bid to the White House.

A few months later, Beyonce sang 'At Last' for the first dance of America's new first couple at the inauguration ball.

Jessica Chastain played Donald Trump's sister for free in 'Armageddon Time'

Los Angeles: Actress Jessica Chastain turned down a fee for her surprise special role as former US President Donald Trump's politician sister, Maryanne Trump, in James Gray's 'Armageddon Time', but with one condition attached.

The actor said that she agreed to play a small part in the Focus Features movie, but only if her involvement was never formally announced, reports 'Variety'.

'Armageddon Time' is based on writer-director Gray's own childhood in the early 1980s at the Kew-Forest School in New York City, where Donald Trump also attended in his youth.

Co-starring Anne Hathaway and Jeremy Strong as the film's young protagonist Paul's parents, and Anthony Hopkins as his grandfather, the film premiered at the Cannes Film Festival last month where Chastain's cameo surprised audiences, reports 'Variety'.

"When James reached out to me, I hadn't read anything yet, and I was like, 'yeah, I'll do it', because he told me it's his story. I love when someone wants to tell a personal story," said Chastain, who was speaking to 'Variety' in London as part of a Paramount+ event for her new TV series with Michael Shannon, 'George & Tammy'.

"I committed to it way before. I actually did it for free. They sent me an offer and I said, 'No, no, put the money back into the movie.'"

"I'm just going to do it for free. The only thing I ask, the only thing I would like, is for it to be never announced that I am in this movie."

Chastain plays a guest lecturer at a private school where Paul matriculates mid-film.

She lectures the privileged boys and girls about the value of ambition in a Phyllis Schlafly-esque beehive. Maryanne Trump worked as a US Attorney in the 1970s in New Jersey, and was named by then President Ronald Reagan to a seat on the US District Court for New Jersey in



1983. She was named to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in 1999.

Gray told Screen Daily in 2021 that the role of Maryanne Trump was originally meant to be played by Cate Blanchett, but the actor later dropped out of the project.

Chastain explained that her reasoning for not being announced comes down to finding herself in situations.

- Where I'm doing a one-day role somewhere and then it's, like, everywhere. At one point, I did one thing and I'm on a poster for a preview of this (project). And then if a scene doesn't work in the movie, it looks ridiculous.

- So I said, Do me a favor, the only thing I ask is don't ever say that I'm in the movie and I'll do it for free. I'm happy to be there.



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