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Surrey's Inspiring Young Man Taren Singh Lal Dies In Tragic Crash

By Link News Network

Taren Singh Lal, a resident of Surrey, was driving home from work when he lost control of his car and died in a tragic single vehicle crash. Lal's identity was revealed online when various community members and sports clubs started posting about his death.



The news of his tragic death spread across sporting community of Surrey and Delta, since Lal was a sport enthusiast and involved in the community through sports

including wrestling, kabaddi, and weightlifting with hopes to join the police force in the future. A video of him playing in a Kabbadi link has also been posted on the fundraiser page describing it as "Taren's proud performance in the sport he loved to play."

Kal Dosanjh, founder KidsPlay Foundation remembers Lal as a young community leader. "Ever since I first met him, he was always about giving back. He volunteered often. He will be deeply missed. My heartfelt sympathies to his family," he said while sharing Lal's picture on his Twitter.

Lal was a student of Tamanawis Secondary School in Surrey. Tamanawis Wrestling posted on their Facebook page, "We are devastated by the loss of Taren Lal, a beloved member of the Tamanawis Secondary community. Taren had a great love for sports, particularly wrestling and kabaddi, and was always eager to compete and give his best effort."

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Manpreet Monica Singh Makes History!



Manpreet Monica Singh has been sworn in as a Harris county judge, becoming the first female Sikh judge in the US history. Her father, AJ immigrated to the U.S. as an architect in the early 1970s after being issued a green card following the Immigration Act of 1965. Her father faced blatant discrimination time and time again, but according to Monica, they remained focused on their ultimate goal of achieving the American dream. (Read full story on Page 14)

Internationally Trained Nurses No Longer Required To Pay Application And Assessment Fee In BC



VANCOUVER – The Internationally educated nurses (IENs) will no longer be required to pay application and assessment fees upfront, which cost more than \$3,700. These fees will be covered directly by the BC government in order to remove financial

barriers for internationally educated workers who want to work in B.C. Premier David Eby said, "There are talented and skilled nurses with the right experience who want to practise in B.C. and support high-quality care,

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'Mayor Branda Locke's Statement On 55 Per Cent Tax Increase Is a Scare Tactic'

Surrey City Mayor Branda Locke issued a public statement that claimed Surrey residents will face a one-time 55% tax increase if the Province of BC approves the continuation of the policing transition. However, the numbers presented by Mayor Locke received criticism from various councilors and Surrey Police Service.

According to the mayor, "A staff report presented to Surrey City Council last month sheds light on the immense cost of the police transition in Surrey. According to that report, the costs for the Surrey Police Service are estimated to be \$235M more than maintaining the RCMP as Surrey's Police of Jurisdiction over the next 5 years. To recover this funding gap in the upcoming year a one-time tax increase of 55% would be required, in addition to the normal tax rate set by Council."

She said that a switch to the Surrey Police Service would create an untenable financial burden for Surrey taxpayers during these challenging economic times. It is also unreasonable to advance the City's budget process any further without knowing which economic scenario the City will face.

Surrey First Councillor Linda Annis, however, called it "a scare tactic that continues to muddy the waters and reinforces the need for real, independent financial numbers around the choice of police services."

"I have always wanted the real facts and frankly was shocked



Surrey City Mayor Branda



SPS Chief Norm Lipinski

that the city identified more than 40 different assumptions that had to be made as it prepared its report on the cost of the transition," noted Annis. "That's a ridiculous number of assumptions and begs the question, just how much of the financial report can we take seriously, and that applies to the mayor's 55 per cent tax increase statement."

SPS Chief Constable Lipinski said, "I believe this assertion is, not only inaccurate, but intended to confuse residents and business owners."

He said that he was am deeply concerned that "Mayor Locke continues to use financial assumptions to inflate the cost of Surrey's transition to a municipal police service. The costs to terminate the transition and almost 400 employees

(estimated at over \$200M including sunk costs) are also not mentioned in the Mayor's statement."

"As previously stated by SPS, a number of financial assumptions were used in the City's Plan to Retain the RCMP as the Police of Jurisdiction in Surrey in order to arrive at an inflated cost (\$235M) of the transition over the next five years. These assumptions included a nine-month pause in the transition which has not been previously contemplated by any party, and an assertion that the transition would take another five years, which is also inconsistent with previous discussions with the three levels of government. It is also unclear why a municipality would ask its residents to pay for costs that would be incurred over a five-year period, in just one year," Lipinski said.

Amardip Rai, Most Wanted Across Canada, Located and Arrested in Surrey

Amardip Rai, wanted on 17 charges, has been arrested on his outstanding warrants by Frontline officers, police informed.

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 Rai failed to appear for a subsequent court date and therefore a warrant was issued for his arrest. Despite police efforts, he had not yet been located.

On January 20, 2022, Surrey RCMP requested the public's assistance with locating Rai who was wanted on sexual assault, assault with a weapon and confining a person without lawful authority.

In October 2022, Rai was featured in the top 25 wanted across Canada by the Bolo Program. The Bolo Program leverages social media, technology, and innovative engagement to encourage citizens to be on the lookout for Canada's most wanted.

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.

On January 8, 2023, Surrey RCMP Frontline officers were proactively working to locate individuals with outstanding warrants. Through investigation, officers were able to confirm that Amardip Rai was inside a residence in the 17400-block of 64 Avenue. The residence was secured and a Feeney warrant was sought to enter the residence and arrest Amardip Rai.

The Lower Mainland Integrated Emergency Response Team assisted with executing the warrant and Amardip Rai was taken into police custody without incident. He was transported to Surrey RCMP cells and remains in custody awaiting his next court appearance.

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South Asian Community to come Together to Raise Funds for Spiritual Space at Langley Memorial Hospital

Retired Corporal Baltej Singh Dhillon will be the guest speaker at the Fourth Annual Giving Hearts Gala

LANGLEY, BC: On February 11, guests of the Giving Hearts Gala will gather at Langley's Coast Hotel & Convention Centre to celebrate philanthropy within the South Asian community while they raise funds to renew the Spiritual Space at Langley Memorial Hospital (LMH) — a place where patients, their loved ones and health care workers can find solace in times of crisis. When a loved one is sick, injured, in surgery or long-term care, family members, friends and caregivers carry a burden of helplessness, loss of control, fear and anxiety. At these times, it's crucial for one's mental health to find a quiet haven apart from the hospital's more clinical setting. LMH's Spiritual Space on the hospital's main level has served visi-

tors and patients well for some 50 years. But it's worn, out-of-date and showing its age. With a full renovation the space will offer respite in a contemporary, serene environment designed for privacy and healing of the heart, mind and spirit. "The fundraising goal at this year's gala is both solemn and celebratory," says Heather Scott, Executive Director of the Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation. "When our family members or friends are in hospital, the worry and uncertainty can become overwhelming. But a renewed Spiritual Space can give us a sanctuary to collect our thoughts, meditate, pray, or merely sit in silence to find the grounding we need. "At the Foundation, we're committed to serving LMH patients in

a holistic way. With our community partners we fundraise for tangible causes, like capital and equipment projects, but we also place a high value on the mental and spiritual health of LMH patients and their loved ones. Our Giving Hearts Gala community knows how important it is to find strength in a place that inspires spirituality and peace." While the Giving Hearts Gala celebrates longtime South Asian community members and their commitment to supporting LMH's current needs, it's also a recognition that philanthropy continues to grow when the next generation of families, professionals, individuals and businesspeople are motivated today, to build a thriving, generous community that will flourish in years to come.



Giving Hearts Gala Co-Chairs, Manjit Gill and Balraj Mann

led the Giving Hearts Gala committee since they founded the gala more than four years ago. The event will be launched at 6 pm by MC Sonia West, a journalist from FYI Media's South Asian channels, and a member of the Giving Hearts gala committee. Up to 350 gala guests will enjoy a South Asian fusion dinner and an evening of entertainment, including an online raffle, live and silent auctions, performances from the Royal Academy of Punjab's Bhangra Dance team, an energetic round of Dhol (Indian drumming), and the soothing sounds of master sitarist Anju Bedi. This year, the gala welcomes guest speaker Retired Corporal Baltej Singh Dhillon, the first Sikh to wear a turban as a part of the official Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) uniform, after he successfully challenged the official dress code on religious grounds. Thanks to his efforts, all Sikh members of the RCMP take pride in wearing their turban while on duty. Now a motivational speaker and a Board Director at Coast Mental Health, Corporal Dhillon will share how the values and lessons embedded in the heart of Sikhism

can help energize and empower the community to participate in community health care giving and philanthropy on a wider scale. According to a release from Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation, "Since 2019, Giving Hearts gala guests have raised \$565,000 for advances that make an impact on the lives of Langley residents every day, including \$200,000 to help fund the Martini Family Emergency Centre and MRI Suite; \$150,000 for wheelchairs and walkers to aid patient mobility and another \$215,000 to fund lifesaving care for vulnerable newborns through a new Giraffe Caresation for Langley's Maternity unit. " Tickets are on sale now — but they're going fast, with 70 per cent already sold! Visit www.lmhfoundation.com/givinghearts for more details on this popular event. Tables of eight for \$2,000 and individual tickets for \$250 each are available before January 22; after January 22, they're available for \$2,200 and \$275 respectively at www.lmhfoundation.com/givinghearts. A few great sponsorship levels are still available. Contact Sheila.Reimer@lmhfoundation.com

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BC Introduces \$500-Million Fund To Protect Renters

BURNABY, BC: More renters in B.C. will be protected from housing speculators and profiteers through the creation of a new \$500-million Rental Protection Fund dedicated to protecting tenants and preserving affordable rental homes for decades. The Rental Protection Fund will provide one-time capital grants to non-profit housing organizations so they can purchase affordable residential rental buildings and ownership co-operatives listed for sale to protect the renters who are living there and safeguard those rental units for the longer term. The Rental Protection Fund will be operational in the coming months and will be financed prior to March 31, 2023. According to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation data, between 1991 and 2021, approximately 97,000 purpose-built

rental units in B.C. were either redeveloped or converted to more expensive units. "Increasingly, in B.C. and across Canada, older rental housing buildings are being bought by speculators and large corporations, such as real-estate investment trusts. Their business model often includes redeveloping properties so they can evict tenants, allowing the trusts to make large profits by either hiking rents or selling the units and taking much-needed rental housing off the market," said Premier David Eby. This fund will allow non-profits to secure older rental buildings and protect vulnerable renters from speculators who can drive up rents and evict tenants who have lived there for years. "Instead, community non-profits will now be able to work with tenants to make improvements or expand

to house more people, and at the same time protect affordable housing," he added. Non-profit organizations will be supported in obtaining private financing so income generated by current rents will sustain the financing and operating costs of the property, minimizing the financial involvement of the Province. A new report from BC Housing shows 2022 had the highest number of new purpose-built rental units on record. A total of 14,546 rental units were registered last year, representing a 10% increase from 2021. In 2012, BC Housing recorded fewer than 2,000 new rental units. "Our province is building more rental housing than ever, but we must also protect what we have. It's not acceptable

for speculators to be pushing renters out of their homes," said Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing. "By protecting more affordable housing, more people can stay in their homes and build a good life in B.C." The fund will be managed by an external entity, the Housing Protection Fund Society, consisting of the BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA), Co-operative Housing Federation B.C. (CHFBC), and the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA). "Everyone deserves to feel secure in their home," said Spencer Chandra Herbert, MLA for Vancouver-West End, who was recently appointed as the Premier's



Liaison for Renters. "The failure to build and protect rental housing helped create the crisis we are in today. Our government is taking bold action to ensure everyone in our province has access to housing they can afford."

Three Family Members Found Dead In South Surrey Home

Three family members were found dead inside their Surrey, B.C. home. The deceased have been described as Asian origin. Police identifying the deceased as 56 year-old Xiao Yan Zhen, 58 year-old Li Li and 24 year-old Daniel Li, all of Surrey. Li's extended family issued a statement. "When we heard the tragic news, we were strongly shocked with profound sadness. In our memory they were a happy family, loving each other. Thanks to police and all who provide us with support and help," said Zhijun Li, on behalf of the grieving family. "To respect the deceased, it is our hope that the acquaintances and friends of them do not disclose the details of the family to the public, and no photos of them appear in the media." On January 9, 2023, shortly after 12:00 p.m., Surrey RCMP

attended a residence in the 15600-block of 112 Avenue. Upon arrival, officers discovered three deceased adults inside the home, whom are believed to be part of the same family. IHIT took conduct of the investigation and worked in partnership with the Surrey RCMP, the BC Coroners Service and the RCMP Integrated Forensic Identification Section (IFIS). "Investigators will continue to be in the area speaking to neighbours throughout the day," said Sgt. Timothy Pierotti, of IHIT. "Preliminary evidence suggests there is no outstanding suspect, though we are not ruling out any investigative theory." IHIT is asking anyone with information about the incident to contact IHIT directly at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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Indian origin Ranj Pillai acclaimed as Yukon Liberal leader, becomes Yukon Premier

Yukon's Liberal Party has chosen Ranj Pillai as its next leader, and consequently, the territory's next premier.

Current Premier Sandy Silver announced in September he would not run in the territory's next election, set for November 2025, and announced his intention to step down from party leadership.

The Liberals opened nominations for a new party leader in November, and only Porter Creek MLA and current deputy premier Ranj Pillai came forward, according to a news release from the party issued on Dec. 15. Pillai was acclaimed as leader by the Liberal Party executive at a meeting on January 8th. "Ranj is exactly what the Yukon needs at this time, a strong leader dedicated to building a positive future for all Yukoners. He has been an integral member of our cabinet team and has shown tremendous determination to achieve the mandate Yukoners gave him. Ranj has the experience, expertise, and compassion necessary for the job. I am confident in his ability and excited for what his leadership



Ranj Pillai alongside his family met with the Angélique Bernard, Commissioner of the Yukon to share his intention to serve as the 10th Premier of the Yukon. (Photo credit: @RanjPillai)

ration, Energy Corporation and the Development Corporation. Prior to that he was a Whitehorse City Councillor and has held various roles with First Nations Development Corporations and several junior mining companies.

Congratulating Pillai, PM Justin Trudeau said, "Together, we will work to advance key priorities for people in the territory and

across the country. This includes making life more affordable, building an economy that works for everyone in the Yukon, moving forward on the shared path of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, taking ambitious action in the fight against climate change, expanding access to child care for Yukon families, and improving access to safe, affordable housing and quality health care." Pillai will become just the second premier in Canadian history of Indian heritage, following Ujjal Dosanjh who held that post in the province of British Columbia between 2000 and 2001.

In December, he met with India's High Commissioner to Canada Sanjay Kumar Verma, in Ottawa. At the time, he tweeted, "There are many opportunities for the Yukon and India to work together including Post-secondary connections to the hospitality industry; labour force recruitment for the tourism and health care industries; critical mineral development and the start-up and technology sector."

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Canada Imposes Sanctions On 4 Sri Lankan State Officials For Human Rights Violations

OTTAWA, ON: Canada has imposed targeted sanctions against four Sri Lankan state officials responsible for gross and systematic violations of human rights during armed conflict in Sri Lanka, which occurred from 1983 to 2009, according to Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The names of the individuals added to the Schedule of the Regulations are the following:

- Former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- Former President Mahinda Rajapaksa
- Staff Sergeant Sunil Ratnayake
- Lieutenant Commander Chandana Prasad Hettiarachchi

The regulations pursuant to the Special Economic Measures Act impose on listed persons

a dealings prohibition, which would effectively freeze any assets they may hold in Canada and render them inadmissible to Canada under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

“Despite continued calls from Canada and the international community to address accountability, the Government of Sri Lanka has taken limited meaningful and concrete action to uphold its human rights obligations. This jeopardizes progress on justice for affected populations, and prospects for peace and reconciliation,” she said.

Victims and survivors of gross human rights violations deserve justice. That is why Canada continues to call on Sri Lanka to fulfill its commitment to establish a meaningful accountability process.

These sanctions send a clear message that Canada will not accept continued impunity for those that have committed gross human rights violations in Sri Lanka.

Canada will continue to collaborate alongside international partners, including through relevant multilateral bodies to advocate for human rights and accountability in Sri Lanka, which is an important step toward securing a safe, peaceful and inclusive future for the country. Canada, as part of the Core Group on Sri Lanka at the United Nations Human Rights Council will continue to advocate for the full implementation of resolution 51/1 and support efforts towards attaining accountability and peace on the island.



Former President Mahinda Rajapaksa



Former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa

Canada supports efforts towards urgent political and economic reforms to alleviate the hardships faced by the people in Sri Lanka. “We strongly encourage the Sri Lankan government to promote democracy, human rights and maintain the rule of law as it works to address this crisis,” she added.

In addition, and in response to the humanitarian crisis in Sri

Lanka, Canada announced \$3 million to the appeals launched by the United Nations and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to address immediate needs, including food security and livelihoods, shelter and non-food items, as well as nutritional assistance and primary healthcare services for vulnerable children and women.

Canada announces additional funding to help with flood recovery and climate resilience in Pakistan

OTTAWA, ON: In 2022, Pakistan experienced unprecedented rains and devastating floods that caused the deaths of more than 1,700 people and affected the lives of 33 million people across the country. Homes, roads, schools, health facilities and other critical infrastructure were destroyed, and livelihoods, livestock and crops were also severely affected.

Canada participated in the International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on January 9, 2023. The focus of the confer-



ence was on mobilizing financial and technical support for flood response and recovery.

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Canada, US Increase Efforts On Addressing NEXUS Backlog; New Enrollment Option For Air Travellers Coming Soon

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) say they have a plan to reduce the backlog for the Nexus trusted-traveller program.

In order to address the significant backlog in NEXUS applications, CBP and CBSA have increased the number of interview appointments available to applicants by extending hours of service at enrollment centers in the United States and expanding the locations where interviews are conducted on the land border.

CBP and CBSA have also been

able to accelerate approval for over 80% of renewing applicants and to extend benefits for the remaining qualified renewing applicants for up to five years beyond their membership expiration date while their interviews are pending.

These efforts have been effective. Since October 1, 2022, CBP and CBSA have completed a record-breaking 203,000 NEXUS enrollments and reduced the net backlog of applicants by 100,000. “We expect a new enrollment option for air travellers to be available by the spring that will

include CBSA interviews at re-opened enrollment centers in Canada and separate CBP interviews in Canadian airport pre-clearance locations for departing applicants. Details for this new interview option will be available shortly from CBP and CBSA. In the meantime, applicants may continue to take advantage of existing options for interviews, including combined interviews at U.S. enrollment centers and two-step, separate Canada-U.S. interviews at designated land borders,” the joint statement issued by two countries mentioned.



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Internationally trained nurses no longer required to pay application and assessment fee in BC

but they are kept on the sidelines by an expensive and complicated registration process. Whether a nurse was trained in or out of the province, we are ready to welcome those who are ready to care for British Columbians.”

The Province is also providing new financial support to nurses returning to practice after a period of absence. Nurses looking to return to practice will no longer be required to pay a \$300 application fee, and more than \$4,000 in financial support will

be available to cover assessment and eligible travel costs for nurses taking assessments in order to re-enter the workforce. Nurses returning to practice will also be eligible to access as much as \$10,000 in bursaries for any additional education required for returning to practice. Present during the announcement was Harwinder Sandhu, Parliamentary Secretary for Senior’s Services and Long-Term Care, who herself is an internationally trained nurse. “As a nurse educated outside of Cana-

da, I have first-hand knowledge that it could take years for an IEN to be granted registration. I am glad to see the progress made by the BC College of Nurses and Midwives, and the Nursing Community Assessment Service to streamline the process for credential and competency assessments for IENs.” She said that the contribution of IENs to health care is far reaching. They bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and dedication to their work.

Rita Parikh, executive director, Nursing Community Assessment

Service (NCAS), said, “Using innovative, evidence-based practices, NCAS will assess an IEN’s education, language proficiency and nursing competence all before an applicant goes to the BC College of Nurses and Midwives. Our new process will help paint a clear picture of an applicant’s readiness to practise in Canada and support regulators in making more efficient registration decisions.” In April 2022, government announced \$12 million to provide bursaries for IENs, launch a new marketing campaign, provide navigational supports to new and incoming IENs

through HealthMatch BC, and launch a consolidated assessment approach. This has enabled some IENs to join the health-care system more quickly in the role that most closely matches their education and experience. Since then, 5,500 people have expressed interest in working in B.C., with 2,000 people actively working through the various stages of the registration and assessment process. More than 90% of nursing applications received in 2022 by the BC College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM) came following these changes.

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Surrey’s inspiring young man Taren Singh Lal dies in tragic...

He was a role model for his peers with his positive attitude and good character, and he left a lasting impact on all those who knew him. Taren’s passing is a tragic loss, and our thoughts and condolences go out to his family and loved ones during this difficult time.”



to all from deep within our heart for helping us reach our goal. If anyone wishes to donate it is still within our sincerest gratitude to bring all this love and support to the family. We wish you all long lives with memorable moments with loved ones around you. Extra support will help assist his younger

Hi Funeral will be held on January 21. The fundraiser has already reached its goal of raising \$10,000. “Thank you

sister at the age of 12 and the communities Taren involved himself immensely in,” it stated.

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PICS's President and CEO Awarded Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee

SURREY: Satbir Singh Cheema, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society has been awarded the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award for outstanding service to the community.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award presentation took place on January 05, 2023 at the PICS Head Office where Honorable Member of Parliament, Ken Hardie was in attendance to present the award to PICS's President and CEO Satbir Singh Cheema, alongside PICS Society's Board of Directors, staff members and volunteers.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal is a commemorative medal created to mark the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession in 1952. This award recognizes the contributions individuals and groups have made



ICS Board Members (L-R - Parveen Goel, Maninder Grewal, Kam Pawar & Arvinder Bubber) and PICS's President and CEO with Member of Parliament Ken Hardie who presented Satbir Singh Cheema with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award for outstanding service to the community.)

in a number of fields, including community service, business, arts and culture, sports, education and volunteerism.

According to PICS, "Satbir Singh Cheema's contributions to his community have not gone

unnoticed. He has led many initiatives to identify service gaps in the community to be able to advance the mission of PICS. Under his leadership and guidance PICS Society has expanded their services in many areas and

locations, reaching and helping thousands of people."

Ken Hardie, MP, applauded Satbir Singh Cheema for his dedication and contributions to his community, "One word describes PICS, and its leader, Progressive. Some people see things as they are and ask why...others...Progressives like PICS, like Satbir Cheema see things as they could be and ask why not?" Satbir's ability to recognize questions like these has allowed PICS and his contributions to the community to continue to grow and expand. Cheema thanked all of those in attendance and reiterated that in reality this is a recognition for the great work done by the staff, volunteers and Board members on a daily basis to make a positive difference in the lives of so many people. "I am truly humbled and grateful to have been nominated for this special recognition. I am

accepting this award on behalf of my PICS family, and I am dedicating it to my mentor, coach, leader and role model - late Mr. Charanpal Gill, the Founder of PICS Society."

Nelson Police Officers Dies in Fatal Avalanche



The City of Nelson and the Nelson Police Department and police departments across BC mourned the death of one of Nelson's officers in a fatal avalanche on January 9, 2023, at approximately 12:00 pm.

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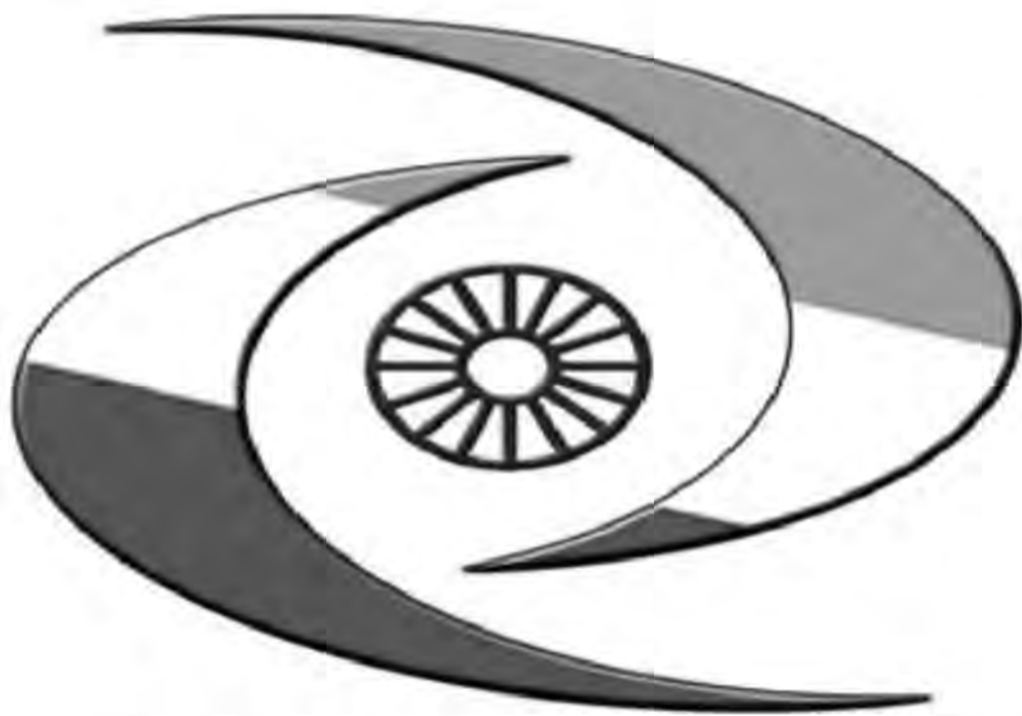
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"Officers in a city the size of Nelson are part of the community and make connections with people, both on and off the job." Says Janice Morrison, Mayor and Chair of the Police Board. "A tragedy like this deeply affects us all."

Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, in statement expressed his grief. "On behalf of all British Columbians, we send our deepest condolences to everyone affected by this tragedy. Our thoughts are also with the officer who was critically injured, and we wish them well as they begin to recover. This is a tremendous loss for Nelson and for policing in British Columbia, and we are here to support the Nelson Police Department and the City of Nelson in this difficult time," he said.



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High Number of Catalytic Converter Thefts Reported to Delta

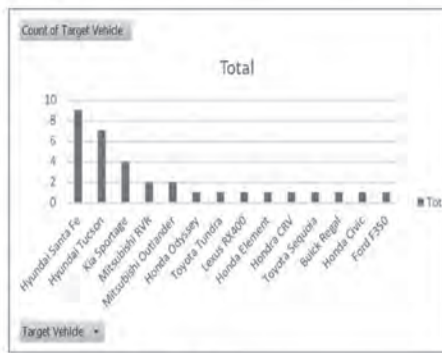
Delta is experiencing a high number of catalytic converter thefts. Since January 1st, 2023, the Delta Police Department (DPD) has received 33 reports of catalytic converter thefts. Most of these thefts have occurred overnight and are spread throughout Delta.

Catalytic converters are stolen because they contain several precious metals more valuable than gold. As of December 2022, rhodium was worth \$12,600/ounce, palladium \$1,854/ounce, and platinum \$1,021/ounce.

As thieves need access to the underside of a vehicle to steal a catalytic converter, vehicles with higher platforms are the most targeted. While various makes and models are targeted, Hyundai and Kia SUVs remain the highest targeted vehicles. Cutting and removing a catalytic converter from a vehicle takes less than one minute. The DPD utilizes proactive policing strategies and also deploys plainclothes officers who conduct targeted enforcement on known property crime offenders to prevent such thefts. However, the DPD believes that the high value of the catalytic converters and the ability to rapidly remove them from a vehicle has potentially increased the number of unknown offenders stealing them.

Acting Inspector James Sandberg notes that the DPD "is working to bring awareness to the catalytic converter theft trend witnessed this year; we encourage our community to be our partners in preventing such thefts by considering some tips we offer."

Tips to Prevent Catalytic Converter



- Thefts
- park in a well-lit area or a garage
 - park with your vehicle in view of a CCTV security camera
 - pay attention to odd sounds, such as a battery-powered saw or grinder
 - have an auto shop engrave your vehicle's identification number onto your catalytic converter; this improves the likelihood of identifying a converter following a theft

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- purchase an aftermarket protective shield that adds a layer of security to your catalytic converter

The DPD also encourages our community to immediately report any suspicious activity, such as a car idling with a driver in it while a passenger has exited and is casing vehicles. In such instances, the DPD asks that you call 911 to report what may be a theft in progress so that our team can catch those responsible.

If you know of someone committing catalytic converter thefts but wish to remain anonymous, you can report it to Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Surrey Residents Urged to Attend Public Hearing and Support Agricultural Land Preservation

The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) will be holding a public hearing on January 23rd, 2023 to consider a proposal to include 123.6 hectares (305 acres) of land in South Surrey in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).



Councillor Mandeep Nagra

This land, currently leased by a local farmer, the Heppell family, for field crop production for the past 50 years, is under threat of being developed into industrial buildings. In response to this, Councillors Doug Elford and Mandeep Nagra, of the Safe Surrey Coalition, are urging all residents to attend the public hearing and to send in written submissions in support of including these lands in the ALR.

"During our previous term on Council, we introduced and passed a motion to include these lands within the ALR, to protect the valuable agricultural land from being developed. We believe that preserving and protecting these lands is essential for the local community and the entire province" said Councillor Mandeep Nagra.

"Pausing development and proceeding only with Smart Development by Including these lands into the ALR was Safe Surrey Coalitions key platform promise to voters. Councillor Nagra and I are committed to delivering on our promise" said Councillor Doug Elford.

The Heppell family has been farming these lands for half a century and it produces some of the earliest vegetable crops not just for Western Canada, but for all of Canada. Please join us in supporting this important cause.

The hearing is scheduled for Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Langley campus auditorium, located at 20901 Langley Bypass. Anyone who may be affected and wishes to be heard by the ALC can do so in person at the public hearing or by providing a written submission in advance of the hearing. Written submissions can be emailed to ALC.Referrals@gov.bc.ca

The ALC will make its decision "in early 2023," after the public hearing.

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Lushness of language and nature celebrated in Panjabi Garden

Surrey Art Gallery is organizing a multidisciplinary artist Keerat Kaur's solo exhibition Panjabi Garden opening Saturday, January 21 at their winter opening reception.

Panjabi Garden connects with motifs from the natural world to celebrate the Panjabi language and Gurmukhi script. The word "Panjab" was colonized as "Punjab" at the time of the British Raj. "Panj" is the Farsi word for "five," and "ab" is the Farsi word for "water." This terminology references the five main rivers—Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas, and Satluj—that flow through the two Panjab regions. When Panjab was divided in 1947 into Pakistan and India, two rivers Beas and Satluj flowed through East Panjab (India) and Jhelum, Chenab, and Ravi became part of West Panjab (Pakistan). "Panjabi" decolonizes the word itself.

The works within Panjabi Garden are inspired by themes, imagery, and text that blossom within Kaur's recent Panjabi language-learning book of the same name. This exhibition is a collection of

multimedia works—poetry, digital illustration, traditional painting, and marble inlay—that facilitates a journey through the lushness of language and script. Panjabi is a language filled with endless treasures, and so many of these gems are yet to be unlocked by generations to come. There are endless books to be read and written, endless songs to be listened to and composed, and endless poems to be shared and received. Panjabi Garden hopes to inspire a connection and re-connection with the wealth of this language.

Keerat Kaur is a Canadian-born artist and architect (Licensed Ontario Association of the Arts) with Sikh-Punjabi roots. Her work takes shape through the disciplines of painting, sculpture, writing, music,

and architecture. She gathers inspiration from Indian philosophies to evoke themes of spirituality and fantasia.

Her aesthetic lies in the realm of the surreal, merging mundane and dream-like qualities. Kaur completed elementary and high school in French Immersion, received her BA in 2012 (Western University) and her Master of Architecture in 2016 (U of T) while continuing her formal training in the Dhrupad and Khayal schools of Indian Classical Music.

With a passion for languages, she reads, writes, and speaks Punjabi, English, French, and Hindi. She is currently studying the ancient



Keerat Kaur, Panjabi Garden, digital illustration, 2022



Keerat Kaur, Origin Story, 2020, Acrylic On Canvas

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language of Braj through the examination of historical Sikh texts. Kaur currently lives and works between Vancouver, BC and London, Ontario. keerat-kaur.ca

With a love for illustration, writing, and design, Kaur says, "Panjabi Garden is an amalgamation of my favourite worlds, and it honours the mother tongue in which I uttered my first words."

The winter opening reception will also celebrate Through the Lattice with select artists from that group exhibition speaking on a panel at 6:30 p.m. about where and how we inhabit physical spaces. The evening also recognizes Cindy Mochizuki: Autumn Strawberry (Dance Film) and Surrey Art Teachers Association: Connect.

On Friday, January 27 from 6 to 8 p.m., Kaur will give an artist talk at the Gallery, sharing stories about her Sikh identity and how she balances a career as an apprentice architect, visual artist, designer, and vocal performer. A sarangi performance by Inderpal Gill and Kaur will conclude the event. On Saturday, February 11 from 2 to 4 p.m., visitors to the Gallery can accompany Kaur for a tour of her exhibition in Punjabi. Both events are free.

Rungh is a media partner for Keerat Kaur: Panjabi Garden.



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Manpreet Monica Singh makes history, sworn in as first female Sikh judge in US

Manpreet Monica Singh has been sworn in as a Harris county judge, becoming the first female Sikh judge in the US history.

Singh was born and raised in Houston and now lives in Bellaire with her husband and two children.

She was sworn in as a judge of the Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 4 in Texas on Friday.

Singh describes herself as a fierce advocate for her hometown. She said that as the daughter of immigrants from India, she learned the value of hard work, the American dream, and service from an early age.

Her father, AJ immigrated to the U.S. as an architect in the early 1970s after being issued a green card following the Immigration Act of 1965. As a young, turbaned Sikh and a then bachelor, he followed work wherever regardless of where it would take him. He found himself in Miami, New Jersey, Atlanta, and Dallas before finally putting down roots in Houston.

According to Monica's biography on her page singhforjudge.com her father faced blatant discrimination time and time again, AJ and his wife of 46 years, Hardeep, remained focused on their ultimate goal of achieving the American dream. They owned and operated a successful small business (a print shop) and it flourished with the help of sweat equity from their two children. "Being a woman of color, she is all too familiar with systems of inequality and she is empathetic to the hardships that the average American faces while trying to achieve their own dreams," the page mentions.

A trial lawyer for 20 years, she has been involved in numerous civil rights organizations at the local, state, and national levels.

"It means a lot to me because I represent H-town (a nickname of Houston) the most, so for it to be us, I'm happy for it," she said at the oath ceremony.

Indian-American Judge Ravi Sandill, the state's first South Asian judge, presided over the ceremony, which took place in a packed courtroom.

"It's a really big moment for the Sikh community," Sandill said. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said: "It was a proud day for the Sikh Community, but also a proud day for all people of Colour who see the Diversity of the City of Houston in the Diversity of the Court".

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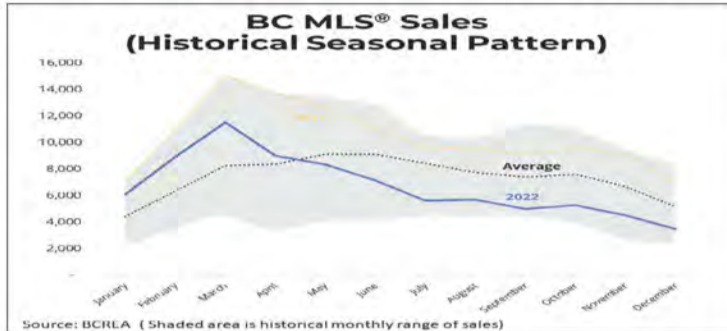
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Home Sales Decline in 2022 After a Record 2021

VANCOUVER, BC: The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) reports that 80,874 residential unit sales were recorded by the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) in 2022, a 35.2 per cent decline from a record 124,788 units sold in 2021. The annual average MLS residential price in BC was \$996,878, a 7.5 per cent increase from \$927,513 recorded the previous year. Total sales dollar volume was \$80.6 billion, a 30.3 per cent decline from 2021.



"2022 could not match last year's record pace," said Brendon Ogmundson, Chief Economist. "While strong momentum from the end of 2021 carried through to the first quarter of the year,

the pace and degree of Bank of Canada interest rate tightening ultimately precipitated a dramatic shift in the provincial housing market."

A total of 3,490 residential unit sales were recorded by the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) in December 2022, a decrease of 49.4 per cent from December 2021. The average MLS® residential price in BC was \$911,753 an 11.5 per cent decrease from \$1.03 million recorded in December 2021. Total sales dollar volume

Around the Province December 2022 (year-over-year % change in italics)		
Board	Avg. Price (\$)	Unit Sales
BC Northern	380,918	146
Chilliwack	653,389	125
Fraser Valley	931,149	653
Greater Vancouver	1,183,803	1,303
Okanagan	715,554	372
Kamloops	539,839	85
Kootenay	471,912	115
South Peace River	270,798	24
Powell River	443,832	11
Vancouver Island	664,115	356
Victoria	933,486	300
British Columbia	911,753	3,490

was \$3.2 billion, a 55.2 per cent decline from the same time last year.

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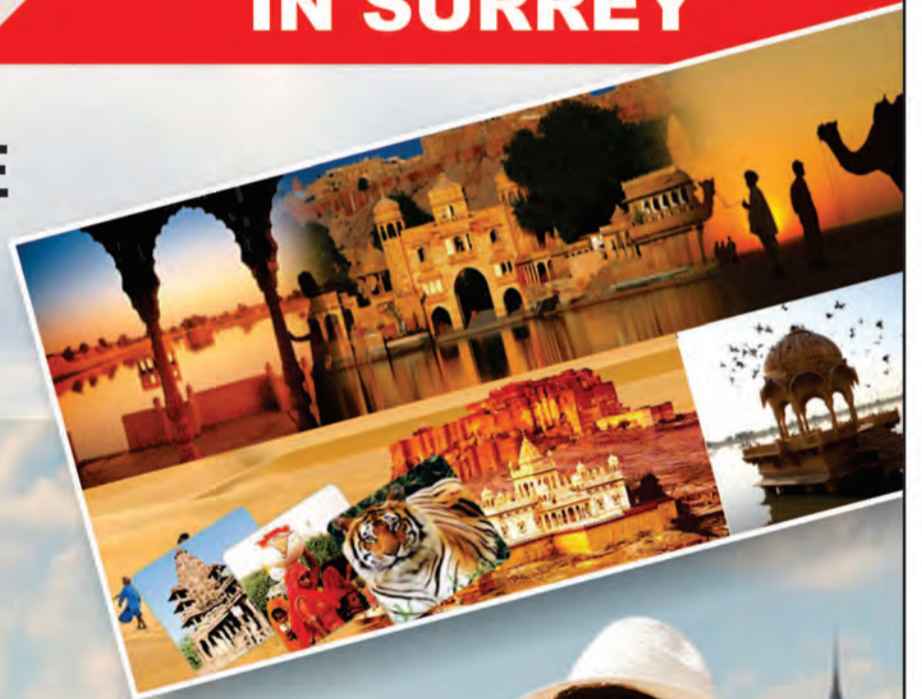
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Aries

Taurus



Positive and desired outcomes may be obtained by people who want to compete at the International level. Due to the influence of Mercury and Jupiter, marital and love relationships may have a favourable and prosperous result. You should enlist and prioritize things based on your analyses and assessment and work towards it by making small efforts, one at a time.

Gemini



This week you need to fulfil your commitment both on the personal and professional front. This week you might clear the pending work or rather than getting into new projects. Venus might give some changes in your career which might be tough and some disagreement with the boss seems to be there. Saturn might demand more effort and hard work.

Cancer



There can be some monetary gains and the savings might be according to your expectations. You might make a good living from the business you are doing, and those who work as self-employed individuals may also make a profit financially from their clients. There may be a delay in some of you receiving financial assistance from your family, so patience is required.

Leo



This week your personal and professional life seems to be average. So, in that case, you are suggested to balance your personal and professional life. Those who have been waiting for a long time to get divorced may get during this time. You might spend a noteworthy amount on the family or on the renovation of your house.

Virgo



You were encouraged to curb your aggression this week by the movements of Ketu and the Moon. Avoid making any significant investments this week, and use patience while making any important decisions regarding your family or finances. You were encouraged by Jupiter and Rahu to stay out of a working quarrel with your in-laws and a coworker.

Libra



This week is good for your social life. You may meet old friends. You may get some good news related to the family. The latter half of year may redefine your relationship particularly if you are not committed. This week, house, children and daily routine will demand more expenses for you. You may buy a new vehicle or spend on your old vehicle.

Scorpio



During the first part of this month, your desire will be low and your love life will be ordinary. The week's later half will be filled to the brim with love and romance. The weekend and the days leading up to it will be the best times to take pleasure in your marital life at its peak. There is a risk that single people will run across an ex.

Sagittarius



This week, your love and relationship affairs are being richly blessed by the stars. For married couples, this week demonstrates that now is a wonderful time to start thinking about having children since love is in the air and it is not going anywhere any time soon. This week's stars predict that money won't be an issue. You'll be prospering and getting stronger financially.

Capricorn



For your relationship and personal life, this may be a good week. If you're single, now is a fantastic time to start looking for a new relationship. This week, money won't be too much of a problem. During this era, you're probably going to be highly profitable. There will be more money than normal in your bank account.

Aquarius



This week, you might have a romantic moment. Many people might be drawn to you by your charisma, especially that special person you've been thinking about for a while. This week, envision a thrilling new direction for yourself. This week will be a wonderful opportunity to do some financial preparation. Plan out some long-term investing strategies.

Pisces



All of your social contacts will be activated by planets this week. You may feel revitalised and inspired to infuse your relationship with love and charm. You may also comprehend the complexities of this phase if you are single because there might be a period of illusion. You might probably find some decent earning chances at the start of the week amidst some challenging circumstances.

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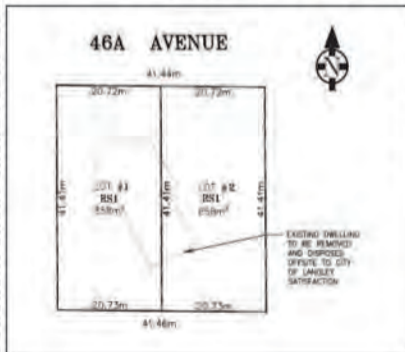
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104 7349 140 ST, SURREY



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Filmmaker Nisha Pahuja's documentary To Kill a Tiger to mark B.C. Premiere at 2023 Victoria Film Festival

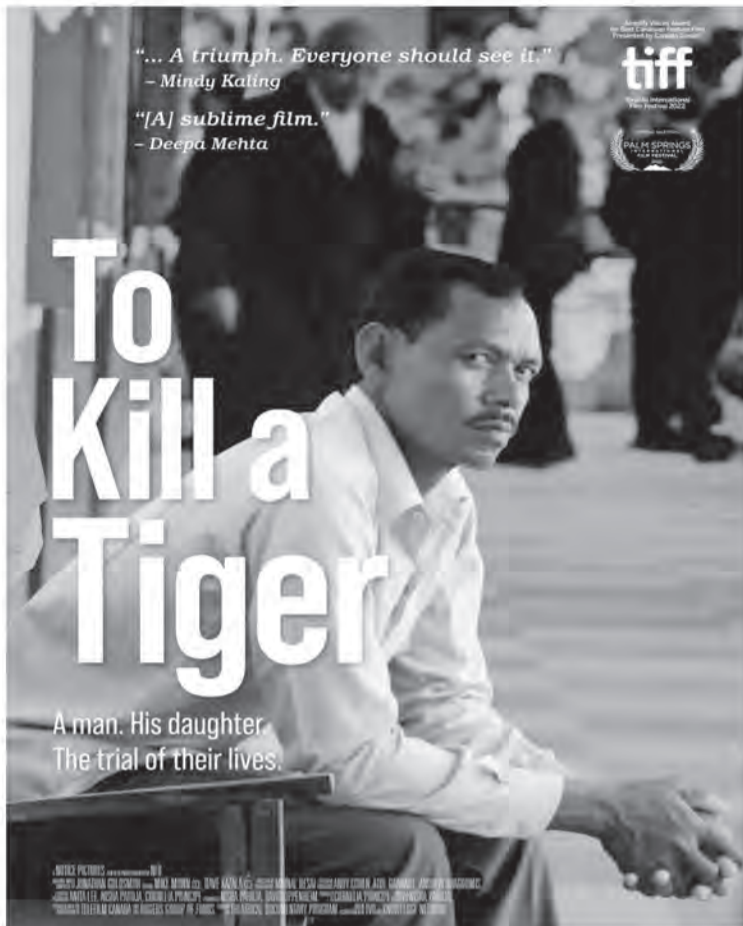
The Film Deals With Sensitive Subject of a 13-Year Old's Gang Rape

VANCOUVER: The award-winning feature documentary TO KILL A TIGER, directed by Nisha Pahuja will mark its B.C. Premiere at the 2023 Victoria Film Festival (Feb 3-12).

Shot on location in Jharkhand, India, this 125 minute documentary will be joined by three National Film Board of Canada (NFB) co productions: Vancouver filmmaker Lori Lozinski's short doc A Motorcycle Saved My Life, Brian D. Johnson's The Colour of Ink (Sphinx Productions/NFB), and Patricio Henriquez and Luc Côté's Waiting for Raif (Macumba Média/NFB). In a small Indian village, Ranjit wakes up to find that his 13-year-old daughter has not returned from a family wedding. A few hours later, she's found stumbling home. After being dragged into the woods, she was raped by three men. Ranjit goes to the police, and the men are arrested. But Ranjit's relief is short-lived, as the villagers and their leaders launch a sustained campaign to force the family to drop the charges.

A cinematic documentary, To Kill a Tiger follows Ranjit's uphill battle to find justice for his child.

In India, where a rape is reported every 20 minutes and conviction



rates are less than 30 percent, Ranjit's decision to support his daughter is virtually unheard of. With tremendous access, we witness the emotional journey of an ordinary man facing extraordinary circumstances. A father whose love for his daughter forc-

es a social reckoning that will reverberate for years to come. The film is winner of the Amplify Voices Award for Best Canadian Feature Film at the Toronto International Film Festival and the Inspiring Voices and Perspectives Feature Film Award

at the Cinéfest Sudbury International Film Festival.

Nisha Pahuja is an Emmy-nominated filmmaker based in Toronto and Bombay, whose credits include Diamond Road (2007 Gemini Award for Best Documentary Series) and The World Before Her (2012; Best Documentary, Tribeca; Best Canadian Documentary, Hot Docs; Canada's Top Ten).

Talking about the film, Pahuja said that this started off as an entirely different film. "That film, called Send Us Your Brother, was a more pointed and direct exploration of Indian masculinity. The focus of the original work was Mahendra Kumar, the women's rights activist who has a key, albeit minor, role in To Kill a Tiger."

Mahendra was leading a large-scale program in Jharkhand, where he and other activists worked with men and boys to change their ideas on gender. One of the men enrolled in that program was Ranjit.

As Ranjit's story unfolded, Pahuja began to feel that his odyssey could serve as the spine of the film, and that Mahendra's work and his personal life would add a larger context. Particularly compelling was the impact his work was having on two young boys—Ashish and Karan.



"These storylines, with their own inherent richness and complexity, were meant to decode the "why" behind the tragic rape at the centre of the film—a rape echoed over and over again in headlines that continually and numbingly come out of India. It's a "why" that I've been grappling with as a filmmaker for over a decade. To understand how men and boys are created, specifically in Indian culture, was a way for me to cast light into shadows," she said. To Kill a Tiger took eight years to make. "It represents the amalgamation of many people's creative talents and commitment to the story—composer Jonathan Goldsmith, Music editor Jordan Kawai, assistant editor Pranay Nichani, story editor Manfred Becker, Executive Producer Anita Lee and Producers David Oppenheim and the formidable Cornelia Principe," Pahuja added.



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KPU Event for High School Students to Showcase Opportunities in Journalism, Public Relations and Graphic Design

A new Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) event for high school students will showcase programs in a trio of fast-changing fields where creative minds are in demand.

At KPU Creates, students will learn about the university's degree and diploma programs in journalism, public relations and graphic design. Jobs within these fields have

evolved with technology – and so has the classroom.

KPU offers a bachelor of journalism degree, which provides transferable skills for many fields. An honours program is also available. In addition, students working toward a major in a different field are able to complete a minor in journalism to com-



Wilson School of Design, home to KPU's graphic design for marketing program.

plement their primary field of study. There's also been

huge growth in related fields of public relations and strategic communications. KPU offers a two-year diploma in public relations through the university's Melville School of Business. Program coordinator Andrew Frank says the importance of a quality education has never been greater.

Also evolving is the

field of graphic design, where advances in technology and emerging styles put new demands on designers tasked with shaping the modern world. KPU Creates is Jan. 17, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Surrey campus, 12666 72 Ave. Students will be offered a campus tour, mini-lessons, pizza and a chance to win prizes. Guests are asked to register through the KPU website.

WickFest Returns to Surrey for International Women's Hockey Festival

SURREY: The 11th annual Canadian Tire Wickenheiser Female World Hockey Festival (WickFest) is back on Surrey ice from February 2 to 5, 2023 at North Surrey Sport and Ice Complex and the Surrey Sport & Leisure Complex, featuring a wide-range of events and activities to experience and enjoy. WickFest is a great opportunity to showcase female hockey and encourage more young girls to try the sport. This year's festival will feature opportunities for para hockey and the

Fire & Ice Game on Saturday, February 4. Don't miss this fun and family-friendly event at the North Surrey Sport and Ice Complex.

Over 80 teams from as far as Atlantic Canada and the United States will compete in Surrey. Games will be open to the public to watch. Visit wickfest.com for ticket and event information. 100% of event profits go to JumpStart and Right to Play.

For information about sport tourism in Surrey, visit surrey.ca/sportsurrey.

Sher Vancouver is Now Accepting Submissions for its Inaugural Sundar Prize

Sher Vancouver is now accepting submissions for its inaugural Sundar Prize.

The Sundar Prize is an international film awards competition with over \$10,000 CAD in cash prizes for the Top 5 films. Films released within the last two years after December 25, 2020, are eligible for the following cash prizes in Canadian dollars: The winners will be announced in June 2024, and the winning films will be screened at the iconic, landmark City

Centre Library and/or Surrey City Hall in Surrey, British Columbia (venue pending).

The Sundar Prize seeks to recognize beautiful films that uplift our world through impactful and informative storytelling about social causes and social issues that have a social impact. Sher Vancouver is a registered charity in Canada that was originally founded as a social welfare group supporting LGBTQ+ South Asians in 2008.

Applications Open for Metro Vancouver Youth Education and Advisory Panel

Metro Vancouver is inviting young people and educators from across the region to participate in the newly formed Metro Vancouver Youth and Education Advisory Panel.

The Youth and Education Advisory Panel will help provide a youth perspective on Metro Vancouver's programs, projects, and policies. The panel will include:

Up to five representatives from a high-school-aged group (ages 13-18)

Up to five representatives from a post-secondary-aged group (ages 18-25)

Up to five representatives working in K-12 education

Youth and people working in K-12 education interested in participating are asked to submit their applications by February 3, 2023 online at metrovancouver.org (search "Youth and Education Advisory Panel"). Participation is voluntary.

Registrations Open for Spelling Bee of Canada

Spelling Bee of Canada is back this year and students from across Canada are encouraged to participate to expand their vocabulary, communication skills, and self-confidence. Registration closes on January 31st.

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*Age as of December 31, 2022
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Alia Bhatt And Ranbir Kapoor Take Daughter Raha Kapoor For A Walk, Maasi Shaheen Bhatt Joins Them



Mumbai: Alia Bhatt, Ranbir Kapoor and their daughter Raha Kapoor stepped out for a walk in Mumbai. They were snapped along with Alia's sister Shaheen Bhatt. New parents Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor kickstarted their Friday morning with a walk as they took their daughter Raha Kapoor out. They were snapped by paparazzi and pictures of the them are all over social media. The family was also joined by Alia's sister, author Shaheen Bhatt.

In the photos, Alia and Ranbir Kapoor were in all black look. Shaheen twinned with them in matching outfits, which included a black sweatshirt and pants. While in one photo, Ranbir is seen carrying Raha in a baby stroller, Alia also held the newborn close in another one.

In all of the photos, Raha's face remains hidden as the couple requested the paparazzi not to click their daughter's photos. Reacting to the new pictures, fans took to the comment section of a paparazzi post and dropped loved-up emojis.

One of the fans wrote, "Appreciate that the kids picture is not shown." "Dress ki theme decide karke walk ke liye nikalte hai ye log (these people discuss dress code before stepping out)," added another one.

Much like Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli, Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor too requested paparazzi to not click pictures of their two-month-old Raha. They invited photographers and treated them to snacks. Ranbir also showed them Raha's photos as they made their request.

Celebrity photographer Varinder Chawla shared an excerpt

from their conversation on Instagram and wrote, "Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt are one of the most sought after couples in the Bollywood industry. They were blessed by a beautiful daughter Raha Kapoor last year. Today the couple met the paparazzi personally and requested them to not click pictures of their daughter."

"Beautiful couple #ranbir Kapoor #aliabhatt and #neetukapoor hosted a special get together for media photographers. The couple requested media not to click their baby. Ranbir showed us beautiful images of baby Raha on his phone. Later he treated us with some amazing chaat," added Viral Bhayani.

Ranbir and Alia tied the knot on April 14 last year after dating for several years. Their wedding was an intimate ceremony attended by family members and close friends at Ranbir's Mumbai house. The couple announced that Alia's pregnancy in late June of the same year. Alia had Raha on November 6. Later they revealed her name which comes with several meanings, and said it was Neetu Kapoor who picked it for the little one.

Arjun Kapoor calls Malaika Arora 'my biggest cheerleader' as she praises Kuttey

Malaika Arora has praised boyfriend Arjun Kapoor's film Kuttey, which released in theatres on Friday. She shared her views about the film on Instagram.

Malaika Arora has shared a word of praise for actor boyfriend Arjun Kapoor's latest release, Kuttey. After a special screening for friends and family, the multi-starrer released in theatres on Friday. Thursday night, Malaika took to Instagram Stories to praise the film.

Sharing the Kuttey poster featuring Arjun Kapoor, Malaika Arora wrote, "What a cracker of a film. And fab performances (heart emotion) Watch in a cinema near you." She also added the 'lets go to the movies' sticker with the post.

Arjun called her "My biggest cheerleader" as he reacted to her post on his Instagram Stories.

Malaika Arora praised Kuttey on Instagram. Kuttey marks the direc-

torial debut of Vishal Bhardwaj's son Aasman Bhardwaj. It boasts of an

a credible performance. It happened with me in Sandeep Aur Pinky

when the film releases." Malaika too returned to the screen last year with



ensemble cast of Arjun, Tabu, Radhika Madan, Konkona Sensharma, Naseeruddin Shah and Shardul Bhardwaj.

Arjun plays a cop in Kuttey. Post the trailer release, he had said in a statement, "It is really encouraging to see that people, media and the industry has loved the trailer of Kuttey and is excited to see me in this film. I have realised that people want to see me push myself to deliver

Faraar and I can see the same love coming back to me again with Kuttey trailer."

He added, "Whatever people have seen is only a glimpse to what my character does in the film or what really happens in Kuttey. If they have got hooked onto our film, it's all that we wanted to do with this trailer. Now, hope people will love what I have done in the film. I'm eager to see the response

her reality show, Moving In With Malaika. It showed her private conversations about her life with her friends and family including Farah Khan, Karan Johar and Amrita Arora.

Arjun and Malaika continue to go strong on the relationship front. They recently celebrated New Year with industry friend Varun Dhawan and his wife Natasha Dalal and few others on a vacation.

Sidharth Malhotra reveals he has Kiara's number on speed dial, months after she admitted to having him on speed dial

Sidharth Malhotra is busy promoting his upcoming film with Rashmika Mandanna, Mission Majnu. During a recent interview, the actor revealed that he has rumoured girlfriend Kiara Advani on his speed dial.

Rumoured couple Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani are reportedly set to marry in the next couple of months. While the actors have not confirmed or denied the wedding reports, they continue to speak about one another in public. In a recent interview, Sidharth blushed, when he was asked about

Kiara, and revealed he had her number on his speed dial list. Last year, actor Varun Dhawan had said that Sidharth was on Kiara's speed dial as he promoted JugJugg Jeeyo with his co-star.

Sidharth Malhotra has been busy with the promotions of his upcoming

film Mission Majnu, which is set to be released on Netflix on January 19. The film also stars Rashmika Mandanna. During a recent interview, Sidharth was asked about his alleged girlfriend Kiara Advani, when he admitted that she was on his speed dial.

"Yes, I do (have Kiara on speed dial). It comes in handy to call up your co-actor. A lot of other people are also in it," Sidharth Malhotra told Pinkvilla. During the same interview, in reference to his film Mission Majnu, Sidharth was asked to reveal the one thing he would choose to focus on if he was told to spy on Kiara. "I would spy on how many times she works out in the month. It would be named 'Mission CrossFit' or 'Mission Not Fit' or 'Mission Is She Fit?'" he said.

Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani were seen together in the 2021 film Shershaah, where he played Param Vir Chakra (posthumous) awardee Captain Vikram Batra, and she was seen in the role of Dimple Cheema. Last year, Kiara had admitted that Sidharth was more than a friend, when she appeared on Koffee With Karan season 7 with Shahid Kapoor. Even Sidharth spoke about his bond with Kiara on the chat show, in another episode, where he was joined by Vicky Kaushal. As per latest reports, Sidharth and Kiara will be having a Rajasthan wedding this year.



Diljit Dosanjh on performing at Coachella

In an exclusive chat, singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh opens up on performing at Coachella'23. Read the interview.

On Wednesday, the lineup of artists to perform at Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival was unveiled, leaving several music enthusiasts elated. The roster featured Indian singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh, who reveals that conversation for the festival kick-started from "October-November" last year.

Unlike his fans, the Proper Patola singer is not over the moon with this crowning stroke. He says, "Jo ho raha hai, mere daayre se badi baat hai. Coachella is something I never even thought of, it was never in my plan. Whatever is happening in my life is (pauses) maybe I don't even deserve it. I am just grateful to God."

Over two decades ago, Dosanjh started his musical journey by playing tabla at a Gurudwara in Punjab.



This journey from Gurudwara to the global stage maybe a coup for others, but for Dosanjh it isn't a far cry. "Music har jageh pure hai, chahe aap chaar logon mein gaa rahe hai ya bade stage pe. Gurudwara mein tabla play karna bhi meri liye utni hi badi baat hai jitna Coachella pe perform karna hai. When I used to play at the Gurudwara, it used to be a big deal, that I'm playing something and people are listening to me. For me, woh moment bohot bada tha, shayad Coachella se bhi bata, although I've not performed there yet. But I still remember that moment," the 39-year-old recalls.

He, however, recognizes that this is a huge moment for Punjabi music. He shares how his friends are already feeling proud of the fact that "Punjabi boli" will be spoken on the global stage. "Punjabi music has proven it(s) merit). Tabhi yeh hua, aise hi nahi hua. It's a big festival and an opportunity jo main halke mein nahi lunga," the singer mentions. The festival is slated in April, and Dosanjh is yet to prepare for his set for the music festival. He is fresh off his Born to Shine tour which was received well by his fans. Ask him what's it like to be on stage with a swarm of fans cheering for him, he replies, "Jab main stage pe hota hoon, wo aisa nahi hota ki main perform kar raha hai. I feel just like the crowd. I'm in sync with the sound, I enjoy the music when I'm on stage. I just become a medium." He calls the process of music making "pure".

Athiya Shetty and KL Rahul to tie the knot on January 23; place in Khandala

We have exclusive details about actor Athiya Shetty and KL Rahul's wedding that will take place on January 23. Read the report.

The invites have been sent, the decor has been set, and the date has been sealed, as we are less than 10 days from another celebrity wedding. Actor Athiya Shetty and Indian cricketer KL Rahul will tie the knot on January 23. The two will have a three-day affair at Athiya's actor-father Suniel Shetty's farmhouse in Khandala.

Our sources share with us that a ladies' night has been slated for January 21. "Athiya's closest female friends such as actor Akanksha Ranjan will be a part of this," shares a source. Other guests will join the following day when a Sangeet ceremony will take place. One can expect Athiya's friends, brother Ahan and parents Suniel and Maya Shetty to perform. "It is



an extremely close-knit family affair. Only friends and family members will be a part of the wedding. It's most likely that you may not see many industry peeps," adds the insider.

One may wonder how all the guests will be accommodated at Suniel's 17-year-old Khandala house, Jahaan. We have learnt that guests will stay at a five-star property near the venue and not at Jahaan.

Our little birdie also chirps in that celebrity stylist Ami Patel will style the to-be bride, while the groom will be taken care by

Actor Anushka Sharma Moves Bombay HC Against Sales Tax Dept Orders Seeking Dues

Actor Anushka Sharma has moved the Bombay High Court challenging two orders passed by the deputy commissioner of Sales Tax raising dues for 2012-13 and 2013-14 assessment years under the Maharashtra Value Added Tax Act. A division bench of Justices Nitin Jamdar and Abhay Ahuja on Thursday directed the sales tax department to respond to her pleas and posted the matter for further hearing on February 6.

Sharma has sought that the court quash and set aside the orders passed by the Sales Tax department. She has

filed four petitions for the assessment years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16.

The actor filed the petitions last week after the HC in December 2022 refused to entertain a petition filed by Sharma's taxation consultant Shrikant Velekar challenging the Sales Tax department orders. The HC had then noted that there was no reason why the affected person (Anushka) could not file the petitions herself. According to Sharma's petitions, she performed in films and at award ceremonies as a performer as part of a tri-party agreement with her agent, Yashraj Films Pvt Ltd and producers/event organisers.

The assessing officer levied sales tax not on film consideration but on product endorsements and anchoring at award functions holding that Sharma had transferred her performer's rights, the pleas said.

For 2012-13, the sales tax demand inclusive of interest was ₹1.2 crore on ₹12.3 crore consideration and for the year 2013-14, it was ₹1.6 crore on nearly ₹17 crore consideration. The sales tax department passed the orders between 2021 and 2022. The

actor in her petitions said there was no provision to file an appeal before the appellate authority unless 10 per cent of the disputed tax is paid.

The assessing officer had erroneously held that by endorsing products and remaining present at award functions, she had acquired copyrights and sold/transferred the same, the petitions said. The pleas contended that the copyrights of videos always remain with the producer who is the owner of the same.

"Unless it is established that there is sale of goods (tangible or intangible), sales tax cannot be levied," the pleas said. Sharma said an actor who has performed a role in a movie cannot be called a creator or producer of the film and hence does not own copyrights of the film.

"The petitioner submits that as an actor does not possess any copyright in the film, the question of transferring/selling the same to any other person or producer does not arise," the petitions said. If as per the Sales Tax department, Sharma has transferred her performer's rights then it ought to mention to whom she has done so, the pleas said.



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Shreyas Talpade Recalls He Was Warned About Naseeruddin Shah's 'Temperament' Before They Began Filming For Iqbal

Mumbai: Alia Bhatt, Ranbir Kapoor and their daughter Raha Kapoor stepped out for a walk in Mumbai. They were snapped along with Alia's sister Shaheen Bhatt.

New parents Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor kickstarted their Friday morning with a walk as they took their daughter Raha Kapoor out. They were snapped by paparazzi and pictures of the them are all over social media. The family was also joined by Alia's sister, author Shaheen Bhatt.

In the photos, Alia and Ranbir Kapoor were in all black look. Shaheen twinned with them in matching outfits, which included a black sweatshirt and pants. While in one photo, Ranbir is seen carrying Raha in a baby stroller, Alia also held the newborn close in another one.

In all of the photos, Raha's face remains hidden as the couple requested the paparazzi not to click their daughter's photos. Reacting to the new pictures, fans took to the comment section of a pa-

parazzi post and dropped loved-up emojis. One of the fans wrote, "Appreciate that the kids picture is not shown." "Dress ki theme decide karke walk ke liye nikalte hai ye log (these people discuss dress code before stepping out)," added another one.

Much like Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli, Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor too requested paparazzi to not click pictures of their two-month-old Raha. They invited photographers and treated them to snacks. Ranbir also showed them Raha's photos as they made their request.

Celebrity photographer Varinder Chawla shared an excerpt from their conversation on Instagram and wrote, "Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt are one of the most sought after couples in the Bollywood industry. They were blessed by a beautiful daughter Raha Kapoor last year. Today the couple met the paparazzi personally and requested them to not click pictures of their daughter."

"Beautiful couple #ranbir Kapoor #alia bhatt and #neetukapoor hosted a special get together for media photographers. The couple requested media not to click their baby. Ranbir showed us beautiful images of baby Raha on his phone. Later he treated us with some amazing chaat," added Viral Bhayani.

Ranbir and Alia tied the knot on April 14 last year after dating for several years. Their wedding was an intimate ceremony attended by family members and close friends at Ranbir's Mumbai house. The couple announced that Alia's pregnancy in late June of

the same year. Alia had Raha on November 6. Later they revealed her name which comes with several meanings, and said it was Neetu Kapoor who picked it for the little one.



Did Rakhi Sawant change name to Fatima after marriage to Adil Khan?



Rakhi Sawant's brother Rakesh broke silence on claims of her name change. Rakhi married Adil Khan in 2022, she said.

Rakhi Sawant revealed she married her boyfriend Adil Khan last year, in a nikkah ceremony, followed by a court marriage. What surprised the fans was their supposed marriage certificate going viral on social media, which claimed Rakhi changed her name to Fatima post marriage. Reacting to the speculations of Rakhi converting to Islam, her brother Rakesh said even he is not aware of any such development.

On Wednesday, pictures of Rakhi and Adil from their secret wedding went viral. It featured Rakhi in a white and pink coloured sharara, with a beige dupatta on her head. On the other hand, Adil looked casual in a shirt and jeans. The two had garlands around their neck and were seen signing some papers. Later, Rakhi announced her wedding on Instagram and wrote, "Finally, I'm happy so excited and got married my love is 4 Ever unconditional love for you Adil."

When asked about reports of Rakhi's name change as per viral photos, Rakesh told Zoom digital, "Ye toh mujhe nahi pata.

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James Cameron reveals Leonardo DiCaprio didn't want to do Titanic: 'He thought it was boring'

Mumbai: Ahead of the 25th anniversary of the release of Titanic, director James Cameron has revealed that Leonardo DiCaprio was initially not eager to star in the leading role for the film. The actor felt the screenplay was 'boring'.

James Cameron's Titanic, proved to be the breakthrough for its lead actors Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. The 1997 film went to become the highest grossing movie at that time. It also earned 11 Academy Awards out of its 13 nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director. But it seems that actor Leonardo DiCaprio was not convinced of the potential of the movie at the initial stage and felt that the screenplay of the film was "boring". In an interview with People Magazine ahead of the 80th Golden Globes ceremony, director James Cameron revealed that Leonardo DiCaprio was

not eager to star in the epic disaster romance film. "He didn't want to do a leading man. I had to really twist his arm to be in the movie. He didn't want to do it. He thought it was boring. [He] accepted the part only when I convinced him that it was actually a difficult challenge. It didn't surprise me, first of all, that he's made a lot of authentic choices going forward. And secondly, I never doubted his talent," said the director who was nominated for his work on Avatar: The Way of Water. Earlier, James Cameron had revealed that Leonardo did not wish to audition for the movie and read the part. It was James Cameron who made sure that The Wolf of Wall Street actor gave the reading test as it was compulsory for the part. Ahead of its 25th year anniversary, the director has also said that



he cannot believe Titanic would have been the film it is without the presence of its two leading stars, Leo and Kate. To celebrate its 25th anniversary, Titanic will be released in theatres on February 10. Alongside Leonardo and Kate who star as ill-fated lovers Jack Dawson and Rose DeWitt Bukater, Titanic has a cast that includes Billy Zane, Kathy Bates, Frances Fisher, Gloria Stuart, David Warner, Victor Garber and Bill Paxton. A brand-new trailer and poster for the film has been released ahead of next month's celebration. Titanic now ranks as the third highest-grossing movie with a collection \$2.2 billion at the box office.

Wednesday star Jenna Ortega says she never thought dance scenes would go viral: 'There was so much... I could have done'

Jenna Ortega revealed that she still has some regrets over her viral dance scene from Wednesday. The actor said that she thinks she could have done a lot of things differently on that scene.

Wednesday star Jenna Ortega, whose dance scene from the hit Netflix series went viral ever since its release, has revealed that she thinks she could have done better with the steps. Her unique steps which were on display on episode four of the series directed by Tim Burton, has earned her millions of fans and inspired a trend on TikTok, with many replicating her moves.

Now in an interview with Entertainment Tonight, where the 20 year-old was nominated for her first Golden Globe in the category of best performance by an actress in a musical or comedy TV series alongside Kaley Cuoco, Selena Gomez, Jean Smart,



and Quinta Brunson, Jenna was asked if she ever expected the dance to go viral. The actor responded that she still cannot believe it, adding: "Even that I still can't believe because even that was -- some of the moves I had planned, some of it was improv. That was one of the scenes I stay awake thinking about because I thought there was so much that I could have done and should have done. So the fact that anyone is showing appreciation and try it themselves, it's not fathomable to me." When asked whether she is keeping

count of the numerous fan videos to the viral dance on social media, specially TikTok, Jenna Ortega said: "No, I can't be on TikTok. I can't look into all of that stuff. I think, good or bad, it's probably not a healthy place to be."

A few weeks ago, Jenna Ortega was slammed by social media after she revealed that she filmed the viral dance sequence while she had Covid. The actor had said that she didn't have a positive test result at that time of shooting, which is the reason why she was still allowed on set. Many users had slammed the star as well as the production house for being irresponsible in flouting Covid protocols and risking the health of the members of the cast and crew.

Wednesday stars Jenna as the titular character along with Christina Ricci, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Luis Guzman, and Gwendoline Christie. The series premiered on November 23.

Prince William, Kate Middleton ignore question about Prince Harry's book Spare in first public appearance of the year



In their first public appearance of the year following the release of Prince Harry's tell-all memoir Spare, Prince William and Kate Middleton refused to make any comment on the book.

Prince William and Kate Middleton made their first public appearance together after the release of Prince Harry's tell-all memoir Spare where he made several accusations against the royal family. During a royal visit in Liverpool, when Prince William was asked whether he had read the book, he brushed off the question and exited the event.

In a video footage captured by ITV, Prince William and Kate Middleton were seen to exit the place as the reporter shouted twice at them, "Your Royal Highness, have you had a chance to read your brother's book at all?" William showed no reaction to the question and Kate also ignored the question completely, as the royal couple walked out of the charity event on Thursday. So far, neither Buckingham Palace nor any member of the royal family have made any comment on Prince Harry's book. In the weeks leading up to the release of Spare, Prince Harry appeared for several interviews to promote his book where he made claims against the royal family and accused his brother Prince William of physically attacking him. In an excerpt that was published before the release of the book, Prince Harry also detailed about Camilla, Queen Consort, whom he called "the villain," who leaked several details to the press. Since its release, Prince Harry's book has sold more than 1.4 million copies in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. It also secured the largest first-day sales for any non-fiction book to be ever published.

Prince Harry's book, Spare, which released on January 10, delves into more topics, including the challenges of growing up in the public eye, and the treatment of him and his wife, Meghan Markle, that led them to step down as working royals. Prince Harry and Meghan tied the knot on May 19, 2018, and have two children -- Archie and Lilibet. In January 2020, the couple stepped down as working royals and later settled in California, US.

Michael Bay Charged With Killing A Pigeon In Italy During 6 Underground Denies Claims: 'No Animal Involved...'

Michael Bay has been charged by Italian authorities for killing a pigeon during a shot on the sets of the film 6 Underground (2019) in Rome. The filmmaker has denied the charges, stating no animal was injured or harmed during production of the action film in 2018.

Michael Bay has been charged with the killing of a pigeon in Italy for an incident on the sets of his 2019 Netflix film 6 Underground starring Ryan Reynolds. The Italian authorities stated that a homing pigeon was killed during

production in Rome in 2018. The American filmmaker has denied the charges against him and shared that he has tried to clear the case with the authorities over the years, but nothing has come of it. The incident reportedly took place during the middle of a take in Rome when a homing pigeon was killed by a dolly. An unknown person, who witnessed the accident, took a photograph and sent the report to the Italian authorities. The country has a law that makes it illegal to hurt, kill or catch any wild birds. Therefore, pigeons are a



protected species in Italy as well as the European Union (EU) where

it's protected under the Birds Directive.

According to an exclusive report in The Wrap, Michael dismissed the charges against him. He said in a statement, "I am a well-known animal lover and major animal activist. No animal involved in the production was injured or harmed. Or on any other production I've worked on in the past 30 years."

He added, "We have clear video evidence, a multitude of witnesses, and safety officers that exonerates us from these claims."

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