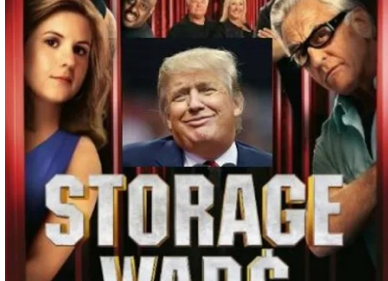


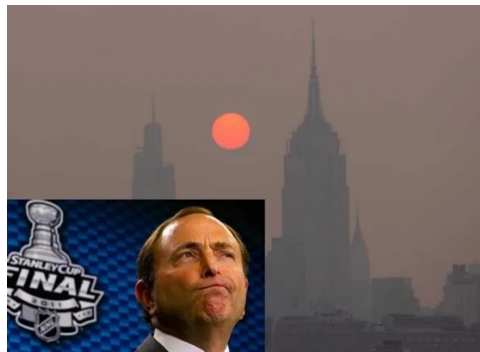
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Trump's episode of Storage Wars\$ expected to be key evidence.



Palm Beach – “It is unusual for a former President to go on national television and try to win a competition using illegal methods.” Said one of the prosecutors expected to question Trump about the classified documents indictments handed down earlier this week. “Most of the time, people who commit a crime are a little more, well, low key.” Trump was thought to be a shoe in to win the series but badly misjudged a competitor’s storage box which turned out to contain an old toilet.

Canadians hope wildfire smoke quietly chokes Gary Bettman.



Toronto – “While he sleeps in his U.S. hockey loving bullshit bed! I’m sorry, I’m not usually like this.” Said Tim Bernecky, a Leafs fan who attended ‘Bettman Gasp-Watch’, a hastily put together night at many local pubs in the Toronto area monitoring the haze that has enveloped Manhattan where the main NHL offices are. “Of course we feel a bit guilty, we don’t want to hurt our American cousins but this may be the only chance to get rid of that biased little prick!” The air quality in Manhattan has reached historically bad levels from acrid smoke drifting down from wildfires in Quebec and Ontario. Bettman has not been seen in the New York area, it’s believed he is meeting with business groups interested in putting a third team in Florida.

Drinkers looking forward to subtle lounge style vibe at 7-11.



Leamington – “It’s a great day for people with zero class!” Said Lanny Dort, a local boozehound who has been barred from every drinking establishment in the Leamington area. “I’m proud my 7-11 is the first to sell beer in the province. Now if you’ll excuse me, I have to go in and get caught stealing a six pack of Bud.” Ontarians will finally get to select exactly the right Pinot Noir to accompany their Big Bite hotdog at 7-11. Stepping around a formal review by the provincial alcohol regulator, the convenience store chain somehow managed to get a license to sell beer, wine and coolers at any or all of their locations, and customers can take it to go or sit and enjoy in the store. Yes, move over South of France, take a hike Florida Keys, there’s a new tourist destination in town.

Health Canada makes one exploding cigarette in each pack mandatory.



Ottawa – “We’re not fucking around anymore!” Said a Health Canada spokesperson. “Yes, smokers can expect to lose a finger or two because we’re not labeling exactly which cigarette will explode. If people want to play Russian roulette with their lives, we’re going to make it even more deadly until they get the message.” The news came just after the announcement that individual cigarettes will now carry health warnings, making Canada the first country to do so. “We have proof that warning labels work, but we think that the possibility of losing an eye or serious facial burns and lacerations will urge Canadians to butt out once and for all!”

Orcas ramming boats off Spanish coast “Pretty cool” admit experts.



Barcelona – “I mean, come on! Rogue Orcas throwing down, what’s not awesome about that?!” Said Max Treeler, a marine biologist who has been studying the perplexing incidents. “Get Pixar on the phone! Come on, an Orca who would not take it anymore and gathers a group of rag-tag rebel killer whales that society has cast aside and they decide to put their fins down and say, these tuna are our tuna! Mother#%*)ers!” There have been a reported 24 incidents this year alone of Orcas ramming boats, sinking three and causing massive damage in many cases. No harm to any swimmers has occurred. “And that’s the hook right?” Treeler went on to say, “The lead Orca befriends a young human orphaned girl to explain their plight, but she’s misunderstood, and she has to convince an uncaring establishment the Orcas are right.”

Putin hospitalized after Celine Dion cancels world tour.



Moscow – “There’s nothing girlish about it!” Screamed a Kremlin official after it was suggested that the Russian leader was not acting like a ruthless autocrat over the news that Celine Dion was canceling her ‘Courage World Tour’ because of health problems. “The President is all man!” Roared the spokesman. It is expected that Ukraine will seize the opportunity over the Kremlin in disarray to launch their spring offensive early. It was reported that upon hearing the news of the cancellation, Putin flew into a rage followed by an emotional meltdown, screaming – “My heart will go on!” in Russian. Eventually he was led away in an ambulance crying and screaming - “How will I ever prove to her that I’m a good guy!”

Ford confuses Bonnie Crombie with delicious baked dessert.



Etobicoke – “You mean the apple crumbly thing with ice cream? Oh baby I love that stuff! Geeze I’m really watching the waistline but I’d kill for that right now, does Horton’s carry it? They should!” Said the Premier before he was told that Bonnie Crombie is in fact the Mayor of Mississauga and exploring a run for the Provincial Ontario Liberal Leadership. “Oh yeah? What happened to Hazel?” Replied Ford.

Poilievre stubs toe, blames Trudeau.



Ottawa – “Just another example of how out of touch Justin is!” Squealed the opposition leader as he hopped around on one foot waiting for the pain to subside, after smashing his left toe directly into the leg of the couch at Stornaway. “Canadians are tired of this do nothing attitude when it comes to public safety! Son-of-a-bitch that hurts!” Many Ottawa insiders said the accusation that the PM had anything to do with this common household mishap is a strategic misstep, however some think it will resonate with voters who have also stubbed their toes and blame Trudeau for every single thing that goes wrong.

Westjet strike averted, no disruption to over-priced, shoddy service.



Calgary – It was close, but at the 11th hour, Westjet pilots accepted a deal that would ensure passengers would continue to be held up for hours and charged ridiculous fees for the most basic services. “At least we cancelled about one third of our flights yesterday so there was that mind-numbing frustration for thousands of passengers, we know they’ve come to expect a certain level from Westjet, and we came through.” Said a spokesperson for the airline. “We thank successive federal governments for not opening up the airline business to foreign competition like any other G-7 country so we can continue our stranglehold monopoly.”

Poillievre says new Passport design will tear nation apart, destroy lives.



Ottawa – “And you have Mister Trudeau to thank for it!” Said a seething Poilievre from the house floor, every day last week, seemingly stuck for anything else to complain about or craft a shred of policy. “Not since the World Wars of the last millennia has Canada faced greater peril! And what does Justin do? He goes to Korea for a meeting! Instead of staying here and dealing with this clear and present danger to the nation!” Poilievre’s drew robotic applause from members of his party lobbying for cabinet posts if he forms government, but most members quietly cleared their throats and checked their watches.

Grocery rebate just powdered soup mix.



Ottawa – “It was beef noodle and I’m a vegan!” Said Marnie Casper, a Glebe pet therapist. “It’s not even the good kind, it’s no-name... they couldn’t spring for some Knorr Swiss?” All across Canada, people are waking up to find a pouch of past best before date powdered soup mix from the Federal government, who have promised to help Canadians wait out soaring food prices. “This inflation will turn around eventually.” Said a Liberal spokesperson enjoying their second dessert in the Parliamentary dining room. “Soup is healthy! Plus it coulda been worse, we were gonna send generic KD.”

Trudeau says Canada will not be intimidated by China as long as that’s okay with China.



Ottawa – After expelling Chinese diplomat, Zhao Wei, for targeting the family of Conservative MP, Michael Chong, the PM told reporters it was a clear sign that Canada will not accept foreign interference in its political affairs, unless that interference would make the government look good, perhaps a large profitable agriculture deal, or some sort of business infrastructure agreement that would bring billions to the Canadian economy from a country that practices inhuman acts of cruelty on those they view as dangerous. China retaliated with an expulsion of their own, kicking out Canadian diplomat, Jennifer Lynn Lalonde, who told reporters she’s glad she’s only getting kicked out and not getting the two Michaels treatment.

Day 1 – King orders beheadings, attacks France.



London – Promising a leaner, meaner monarchy, the newly crowned King of England got right down to work and executed dozens of former employees and few peasants who had given him the 'stink-eye.' “The King is aiming for a more traditional Monarchy, one that honours the past but takes bold steps into the future, and what could be bolder than a military campaign against England’s greatest historical rival...France!” Said a Palace spokesperson. Swordsman and archers have begun their way through the Chunnel en route to the north of France where they are expected make camp before an all out assault on several castles.

Danielle Smith says Alberta wildfires are most persecuted group in Canada’s history. Warns of threat to freedom.



Edmonton – As over 100 wildfires rage through Alberta and citizens of Edson and Drayton Valley have been ordered to evacuate, Premier Danielle Smith warned that the federal government, yet again, is bossing around Alberta for its own gain. Smith held an emergency meeting in the legislature to say - “There’s no wildfires in Ottawa, there’s no wildfires in Justin Trudeau's office, so what do they do? They try to tap into Alberta’s wildfires so they can look good.” After an awkward pause, one MP finally asked, “What the (explicative) are you talking about?” But Smith has already left to be photographed with a wildfire. Surely, red meat for her base.

Excitement about maybe meeting Goofy distracts Leafs.



Miami – “A day trip to Orlando is all the guys have been talking about!” Said Leafs coach, Sheldon Keefe. “They’re just thrilled that they get to meet someone as iconic as ‘Goofer’, they call him Goofer.” Down two games to none to a team that squeaked into the playoffs and finished 18th overall doesn’t seem to have the Leafs down. “We’ve gotta shut down their offensive rush, they’re a skilled buncha guys and we have to step up, but a day at Disneyland is a must too and I’d be lying if I said they haven’t been distracted. We’ll get Disneyland out of the way and the guys will regain focus.” Said Leaf Captain, John Tavares. “I mean, us older guys couldn’t care less, but the younger guys, it’s all about Orlando.”

Trudeau staying at Air bnb in London... 5000 dollars a night.



London – After facing intense criticism for spending 6000 dollars a night, of taxpayer dollars, for a lavish suite at the Corinthia hotel when he and Sophie attended Queen Elizabeth’s funeral, Trudeau’s handlers suggested he stay somewhere a bit less luxurious for the upcoming visit to attend Prince Charles coronation. After exhaustive searching the best they could come up was a “Two bed semi-private bathroom, quaint, urban, romantic getaway just off the Kings Road.” Owner of the property, Chaz Binsdale, told reporters -- “If he doesn’t like it mate, he can go fucking stay in Newcastle! I don’t fucking care if Celine fucking Dion is renting it, London costs money, so lets have the deposit or fuck off.” Trudeau is said to be on the hook for at least one night, but is calling around to friends asking if anyone has a spare room.

Ford says police shouldn't have to be a "Buncha four-eyed poindexters."



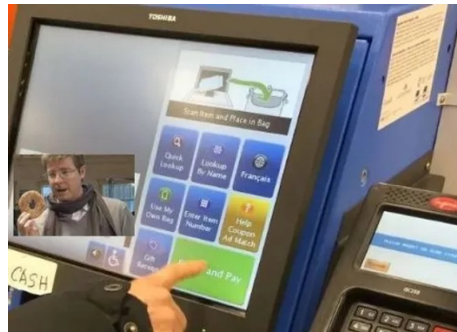
Toronto – The Ford government has dropped post-secondary education requirements and waived the entry fee for anyone who wants to attend Police College. Ford spoke to reporters later about the decision. “Geeze, y’know, it’s not like knowing a ton of Shakespeare stuff would save anyone from a criminal, so why should an Ontario citizen who wants to be a cop have to know anything but basic readin’ and writin’? Cripes, I mean, if you can write a ticket, job well done m’iright? I’m so tired of the elitists saying’ oh education is everything’, hey, if a guy or gal has the same education level as me, that’s plenty. Hell, I’m number one! That’s why ‘Premiere’ is Spanish for Top Dog! As far as the 15,000-dollar entry fee being covered, we’ll find a way to boost property tax or land transfer tax to cover that. It’s a great day for Ontario!” Soon, good Ontarians who wouldn’t be able to get a mid-level management job at the Bay will flood the streets with a lot of pent up emotional baggage...and a pistol.”

Poillievre's hatred of CBC rooted in childhood fear of Mr. Dressup.



Ottawa – “It stems from an early misconception that the beloved children’s show had what would be called today - a woke-trans agenda”, said Carleton University psychology professor, Maddy Margolies, “It is an alarmingly common phenomenon in those who are generally suspicious, have never held a job other than in politics, and are prone to fits of reckless finger pointing to gain political currency regardless of the damage they may do to marginalized individuals or groups. They see agenda everywhere, not un-like a paranoid dictator. They say Pol Pot was terrified of Capri Pants, that’s a lesser known fact.” One childhood friend who knew Poillievre said off the record – “He would shriek with panic when Mr. Dressup would go to the tickle-trunk, he would cover his eyes when Finnegan would appear... I talked to him last week and he is convinced that Casey lost his voice from a botched puberty blocker treatment.”

Loblaws replace Galen Weston with Automated greedy billionaire.



Toronto – “The prototype just banged around corporate headquarters repeating – ‘We are not to blame for high food prices!’ Over and over, so there’s definitely some bugs to work out.” Said a helpful technician, setting up a machine inside a downtown Loblaws. “But these new ones are pretty sweet, we call ‘em the Gouge-Meister 3000!” Hoping it will help with their image amid soaring food prices, Loblaws has decided that a human president is not only no longer needed, but people would rather have as little human interaction while being gouged for basic food items, as possible. “It really is the wave of the future.” Said one regional manager, “Although we do have to caution our customers to be gentle with the machine, a lot of people really working out some feelings on those buttons.”

Leaders snipe over CBC Twitter label but agree Beachcombers re-launch is pretty lame-ass.



Ottawa – “Sure, we disagree on almost everything, but we’re in step on this Beachcombers on GEM thing, they even try to sell it like the public was dying to see it, don’t they have new things to show? Cripes what does 1.5 billion buy the taxpayer now? What’s next, a Rocket Robin Hood re-boot?” Said a spokesperson from Poilievre's office, and in a rare moment of agreement, a Liberal spokesperson concurred, “Yeah, it’s pretty cheesebaggy to haul that dead log out like it was dynamite in the first place, back then most people didn’t even have remotes, Beachcombers was background noise till curling came on.” Twitter was quick to point out, that PBS, BBC and NPR also have a government funded media label, the difference being, those networks have much higher ratings and more revered programming.

Single woman admits she overdid her dating profile pic.



Halifax – “Okay, I’m not a fighter pilot, I don’t even have a car, but I like jets!” Said 34 year-old Margie Dort. “Do you think it’s misleading? Should I take it down and put up the pic with my cat? I don’t know, I don’t think it’s misleading.”

Realist downs two drinks while reading article about two drinks a week limit.



Canada – “At first I thought it was a joke”, said booze enthusiast, Brad Watkins. “But then I realized they were trying to be serious, which is great... but mostly sad. A better study would be to suggest no drinks, because anyone who drinks knows that two is just a tease.”

Local TV weatherman fired for screaming 'Cold as Fuck!'



Hamilton – “Hey, I call it like it is! If viewers can’t handle it they can turn on the woke news or some bullshit!” Said veteran meteorologist, Clyde Perry, after being dismissed for screaming the expletive during the 5 o’ clock rundown. “This is the Hammer! If it’s #%%&(*d!! cold we say that! Deal with it!” Perry is expected to let it blow over like the Polar Vortex then re-apply to the local station. “I’ve been here since the Ti-Cats were in short pants! And what’s with the ‘meteorologist crap?!’ I’m a WeatherMAN!”

Local man who watched 8 hours of ‘Beat Bobby Flay’ feeling pretty cocky about sandwich he just made.



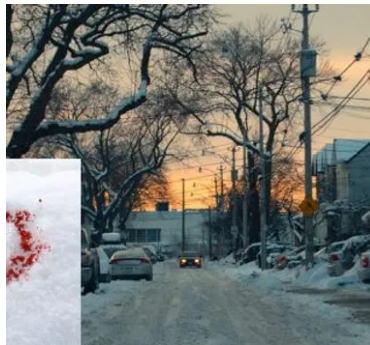
St. John’s – “Sure, I could’ve used the time more creatively, but there’s a foot of snow out there!” Said 33 year-old Ronnie Pike. “There’s no hockey on, no football till Sunday, so yeah, I went a little deep on the Food Network! One thing for sure, she’s a beaut! Look at it! Bobby Flay is afraid of me; otherwise I’d be on! I’d say, my signature dish? Bologna sandwich and mustard pickle! Flay would just give up right there!”

Idiot wearing shorts in February loses leg.



Yorkville – “I thought frostbite was a thing in the movies, like quicksand!” Said 31 year-old, bitcoin investment advisor, Mark Torkel. “I thought I could conquer the elements, but about half way to Whole Foods... I realized I had made a grave error. Crows started to circle and dogs walking past stopped and sniffed, let out low growls and their owners had to yank them away. By the time I got to Starbucks to re-fuel... I was a goner. But they said my leg will thaw then go to someone smarter, so there’s always a silver lining.

Torontonians delighted that garbage and blood puddles covered by blizzard.



Parkdale – “Usually the city looks like a blood and trash filled piñata blew up! It’s so nice this storm made it all just disappear for a while!” Said Kathy Parmelee, long time resident of one of Toronto’s more marginalized neighbourhoods. “I’m so happy that I don’t have to see what’s happened to this city over the last two years and a beautiful blanket of snow and ice pellets make it all clean! Now if you’ll excuse me I have to take a streetcar, so this may be my last day on earth.”

