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Ford warns unions he'll invoke "Double-secret No Erasies" notwithstanding clause.



Queens Park – "Oh sure, maybe they'll ignore me on the regular notwithstanding clause and strike on Friday... and I didn't want to do it, but I will use the lesser known Double Secret clause if I'm pushed. It's so secret it's not actually even written anywhere!"

Canadian accused in Pelosi attack struggled here for years, bemoans lack of star system.



California – From a jail cell in San Francisco, David DePape spoke through his new rep from CAA about trying to get noticed as a legitimate threat here in Canada but said it was the same old story, "You have to go to the big stage in the States to be taken seriously. Now that's twisted! We love to eat our own young in Canada." Said DePape, "But seriously, what was I supposed to do? Attack the Governor General's gardener? It wouldn't even make the evening news! Well, they know who I am now!"

Freedom Convoy Inquiry fondly remembers \$1.39 gas.



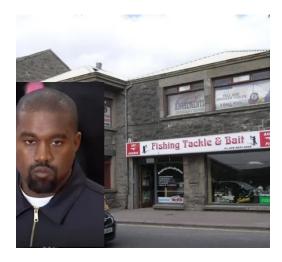
Ottawa – A collective happy sigh was audible from all in attendance at the Freedom Convoy enquiry last week when one of the lawyers, during a tense cross examination, stopped and cheerily said, "Hey, remember gas cost peanuts back then?!" Some light applause ensued, along with a few back slaps and knowing smiles.

Doug Ford claims bee attack last summer erased all memory of convoy response.



Etobicoke – "Yeah, it's crazy I know, but in rare cases a bee attack of that ferociousness causes like a kind of amnesia where you can't remember anything about things that might make you look really really bad, not that I have anything to feel bad about, but yeah, the bee specialists told me that. Weird eh?"

Kanye dropped by McCluskey's Bait and Tackle.



Minnesota – "Yeah, really broke my heart he turned out to be such a jag-off." Said 74-year old Jack McCluskey, owner of the fishing supply shop that had proudly sponsored Kanye since the early days of the embattled rappers career. "Sheesh, you think you know a guy! We loved working with him! He put us over the top in the night- crawler market! But hey, he's just gone too far."

Rogers re-installing Mayor... please wait.



Toronto – The communication monopoly's employee of the month was re-elected in a landslide and will begin his third term as the mayor of Canada's largest, most expensive, crime ridden and all around most inhospitable city. Only 29% of Torontonians showed up to the polls. Tory will continue to make a six-figure salary on the Rogers payroll.

Alberta Premier Smith seeking legal path to spray everyone in the face with Covid.



Somewhere out West – In a bold move, the newly elected and completely over-whelmed Premier of Alberta took a break from apologizing for misguided things she said about Ukraine and anti-vaxxers, to announce that the province will be going door to door to spray Albertans in the face with a solid stream of Covid infused fluid. "I want parity for all Albertans!" Said Smith before she got back to saying something else she'll have to apologize for.

Pumpkin Spice Fentanyl floods Vancouver's downtown Eastside.



Vancouver - Police and drug enforcement warn that a deadly new highly addictive and delightfully seasonal strain of fentanyl is being cut into cocaine, heroin, and any other drug that looks like it could use a bit of those special warming qualities we all crave this time of year. It's cozy, flannely, makes you a bit reflective...and its deadly...experts warn.

Loblaws to throw families a bone on the lousy shit.



Aisle 5 - Galen Weston, head of Loblaws, known in grocery circles as "Ol' Gougy", announced this week that he has okayed a temporary price freeze on the products that make us all feel poor when we buy them... the No Name brand. A Loblaws spokesperson said "It's the least we could do for Canadian families suffering high-price fatigue from a completely non-orchestrated by us price fixing deal between distributors and retailers."

Climate protester throws soup can at Jackson Pollock painting. Creates new masterpiece.



New York – "I guess I'm as surprised as anyone!" Said 49 year-old Jordan Nesbitt, full time professor and part-time cartoonist. "Between us, I just go to these protests to meet chicks, but hey, if the art world says I'm on to something, who am I to differ? Nesbitt has been granted 300,000 dollars to throw a rotten melon at a Kandinsky for next years 'Nuit Blanche.'

Trudeau invokes Emergencies Act to get out of testifying about invoking Emergencies Act.



Ottawa – Always the wiley politician, the PM took the unprecedented move of shouting "Look, what's that over there?!" and quickly dashed out of his office in the Langevin block to a waiting town car that whisked him to a private jet heading for the Caymans.

New Alberta Premier promises gentler, more feminine hatred toward the east.



Calgary – "Oh don't get me wrong, everything bad that's ever happened anywhere west of Fort McMurray is Ottawa's fault! But I think I can channel that vitriol into a passive-aggressive kind of silence that will slowly drive the Federal government insane...it's gonna be fun!"

Taliban withdraw support for Hockey Canada.



Kabul – "It's an optics thing for us." Said a senior Mullah, "we're trying to get a more woman positive image going here and we can't be associated with groups like Hockey Canada." The very public move also distances the Taliban from other backers like Nike and Esso who have been silent about stopping funding until there is regime change... not Taliban regime change, Hockey Canada regime change.

In response to North Korean missile test, Japan issues strongly worded haiku.



Tokyo – North Korea test-fired a missile over Japan on Tuesday sparking outrage around the world and in Japan... quiet displeasure.

Stepping away from his Zen sand garden, Japan's defence minister issued this statement:

The missile flies by.
The sound of one hand clapping.
Squirrels don't make good pets.

Clearly he was very upset.

Jason Kenney's dating profile matches him with his Mom.



Calgary - "And I live in her basement so it's handy!"

Putin seizes corner of Canada's Wonderland.



Vaughan- Claiming it's historically been part of Russia for centuries, the Kremlin swiftly annexed a lesser-used section of the popular theme park, much to the curiosity of patrons who assumed it was some sort of poorly thought out parade. World leaders are warning Canada not to over-react as this is likely just Putin hoping to get early tickets for next years grand opening of the "Tundra Twister." Park officials say its business as usual and all passes are being honoured, everything from the Yukon Striker to Planet Snoopy are up and running!

On the upside, Ian expected to wipe out bulk of America's meth labs.



Tampa— "Hey, always a silver lining!" Said one Florida emergency official. "Our only fear is that meth will get sucked into the vortex and end up being ingested by every Floridian and people in surrounding states! It's also unavoidable that the gator population will end up with meth in its bloodstream! You think Florida is nuts now?! Gators on meth! Seriously, we are pretty nuts though."

Poilievre continually feeds bear, shocked when bear bites him.



Ottawa – After openly courting far-right lunatics, the newly minted Tory leader finds himself suddenly bewildered that the leader of a racist/misogynist fringe group, he had no trouble shaking hands and being photographed with, turns out to be a total wanker. "We really thought any group with a futuristic name like 'Diagalon' were cool but after a quick wiki, turns out they're pretty sketch, but hey, hope they still vote for us!" Said a Conservative spokesperson that was definitely not female.

Year-late federal Marijuana Report shows up with small tear in corner.



Ottawa – "We'd stay and chat about what's in the report man, but we are absolutely starving, any decent burrito places around? Where are we... Ottawa?"

Fleeing Russians begging not to land at Pearson.



Moscow – "I'd rather stayz in my one bedroom cold water flatz and be fire-bombed! I'm desperate butz I'm not crazy! We've seen what a shit-show Pearson airport izk!" Said one Russian after paying 11,000 dollars for a one-way ticket to anywhere. "Also, we hear that a bagel and coffee is like 40 buckz! I don'tz make that in a year!"

Pageantry overdoses skyrocket.



London – Once thought to be a harmless hobby, an affection for all things Royal has proven deadly since the Queen's passing as thousands cannot tear themselves away from the numbingly constant news cycle and return to normal life. Mesmerized by shiny baubles and a deep sense of mouth agape wonder, Pageantry addicts, or "Pags" are losing their battle against complete obsession. If you or a loved one are struggling, contact a professional.

Bin Salman flattered by invite to Queen's funeral but busy bumping off reporters.



Riyadh – Hoping to pick up some pointers on how to handle an intrusive press, the Royal family decided that inviting the controversial figure would be appropriate. However, the Crown Prince had a previous engagement. The Saudi Prince formally replied, "Hey, really would love to but after lunch, y'know… choppy-choppy shutty-uppy!"

Poilievre begins his "fight for the working class" by moving into mansion they pay for.



Ottawa – After hiring a bay street lawyer to babysit the deep Tory coffers, Poilievre went even deeper into his crusade to fight for average Canadians by announcing they'll also be chipping in for movers and decorators. "We feel that working Canadians would want the leader of the opposition to have a top of the line Weber grill and a premium cable package." Said a spokesperson for the newly chosen leader. "We also plan to offer Erin O'Toole a job as head groundskeeper."

NDP won't bend any further on federal dental-care plan...for reals, totes, foh shizzle, Singh warns.



Ottawa – Despite having his podium moved into an adjacent utility closet earlier in the day, the NDP leader warned the Liberals that his support is not to be taken for granted. "The possibility of a spring election and Trudeau's popularity on the wane, make it imperative that for once, just for goddamn once, the Liberals throw us a bone! Hey they can take all the credit, they always do anyway!" Said an NDP spokesperson.