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Birinder Singh and two friends were driving on Highway 2 when someone in a passing truck shot and killed him. Police believe it was a random attack.

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This week's front page carries two local sports notices, a good news about a Grand Chief advocating for his people

Sadly, it also has two tragic items: a senseless killing, and advice about substance abuse

PANELIST

GRAND CHIEF TREVOR MERCREDI
 Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta

Trevor Mercredi is the Grand Chief of Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta, representing 24 Nations across northern Alberta. A former Chief of Beaver First Nation, he is known for his strong advocacy for Treaty rights, Indigenous sovereignty, and responsible development within Treaty territory.

Raised in Beaver First Nation and of Dane-zaa and Cree heritage, Mercredi brings extensive experience negotiating with federal and provincial governments on issues including land stewardship, resource development, and community well-being. His leadership focuses on strengthening unity among Treaty Nations while ensuring economic development proceeds with full respect for Treaty obligations.

As Grand Chief, he works closely with Chiefs, Elders, and youth to advance the priorities of Treaty Nations and ensure Indigenous voices shape decisions affecting their lands, waters, and future generations.

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! YOUTH & ILLEGAL DRUG USE – ALBERTA

Key Facts

5% of Alberta students (Grades 7–12) used illegal drugs (cocaine, amphetamines)

16% used cannabis when still illegal

7% of students across Canada use illegal drugs yearly

60% of illicit drug users are aged 15–24

Why It Matters

Hurts brain development

Leads to addiction & mental health issues

Toxic drugs like fentanyl can be deadly

Key Message

- Curiosity or peer pressure...
- Early use can lead to lifelong consequences.

Sources: Health Canada, Alberta Health Services, Canadian Centre on Substance Use & Addiction

An article with more information in on Fever Page 4

Every action has consequences.

If someone acts with ego, ignorance or anger → suffering follows.



He poked the hive... now he's running.



When global politics starts looking like reality television.

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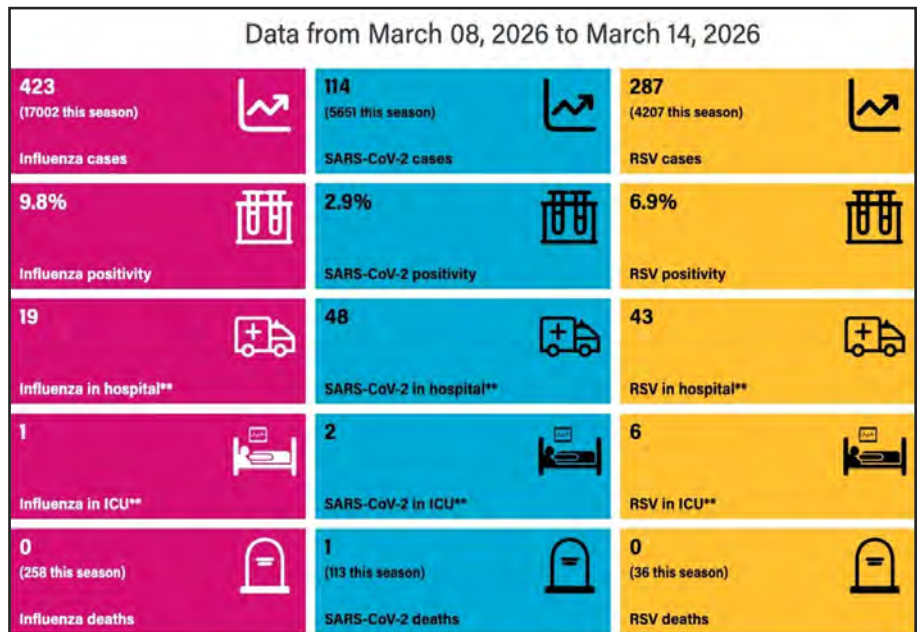
Environment Canada Weather Forecast

Wabasca - Peerless Lake - Gift Lake - Red Earth Creek - Cadotte Lake

March 20 to March 24

Friday..Periods of snow. High minus 4.
Friday night..Snow. Low minus 10.
Saturday..60 % risk of flurries. High minus 3.
Saturday night..Clearing. Low minus 15.
Sunday..60% risk of flurries. High plus 1.
Sunday night..Cloudy. Low minus 15.
Monday..Mix of sun/cloud. High minus 6.
Monday night..Cloudy periods. Low minus 17.
Tuesday..Sun/cloud. 30% flurries. High minus 8.
Normals for the period..Low minus 11. High plus 1.

Alberta's Respiratory Illness are lessening as spring arrives, giving a bit of relief to overcrowded hospitals, waiting rooms



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OPPORTUNITY
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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY

The following Development Permits were processed on March 16, 2026

26-DP-007 – 7822893;2;5 - Wabasca
Development: Neighborhood Commercial Developments
Zoned as R1A – Residential District – **Approved**

26-DP-011 – NE 35-78-23 W4M - Crown
Development: Temporary Workcamp
Zoned as E – Resources District – **Approved**

26-DP-012 – NE 18-81-25 W4M - Wabasca
Development: Cabin
Zoned as P - Conservation District – **Approved**

26-DP-013 – NE 7-82-22 W4M - Crown
Development: Workcamp Renewal
Zoned as E – Resources District – **Approved**

26-DP-014 – 0822318;2;6 - Wabasca
Development: Temporary Workcamp
Zoned as CH – Highway Commercial – **Approved**

Any person affected by this decision may submit a written "statement of concern" on the grounds of appeal to: **Terah Yellowknee, Subdivision and Development of Appeal Board Clerk, MD of Opportunity, P.O Box 60 Wabasca, Alberta T0G 2K0**, within 21 days of publication. Please quote the appropriate application number when submitting a statement of concern. The residential appeal fee is \$100.00, and the commercial appeal fee is \$400.00.

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The impact of substance use on teens — and how adults can help

Young people may experiment with drugs or alcohol for many reasons, to fit in with friends, manage stress, cope with emotional challenges, or simply to feel good. However, substance use can carry serious risks, particularly for teenagers whose brains are still developing.

During adolescence, the brain is undergoing important changes that affect memory, learning, judgment and emotional regulation. Alcohol and drugs can interfere with this development and increase the risk of problems with concentration, mental health, and decision-making. Regular substance use can also worsen anxiety and depression and increase the likelihood of long-term addiction.

Another serious concern is the growing presence of dangerous substances in illegal drugs. Some drugs may be mixed with highly toxic chemicals without the user's knowledge. One of the most dangerous examples is fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid that can be deadly even in extremely small amounts.

Common substances used by youth

Several substances are commonly used by young people, each carrying its own risks.

Alcohol is one of the most widely used substances among youth. Even small amounts slow brain activity and affect judgment.

Alcohol can increase impulsive behaviour, risky decisions, violence and accidents. In severe cases, alcohol poisoning can be life-threatening. Mixing alcohol with sugary drinks or caffeine can make it harder to recognize intoxication, increasing the risk of binge drinking.



Cannabis is sometimes used by teens to relax or deal with stress. However, regular use can harm memory, concentration and learning. Cannabis also affects the brain's dopamine system, which can worsen symptoms of anxiety and depression. Illegal cannabis may also contain harmful substances such as mould, bacteria, pesticides or dangerously high levels of THC.

Opioids are ano-

ther serious concern. Prescription opioids should only be used exactly as directed by a healthcare professional. Illegally manufactured opioids are often contaminated with fentanyl, which is 20 to 40 times stronger than heroin and about 100 times stronger than morphine. Just a few grains of fentanyl can be fatal.

Nicotine vaping has become increasingly popular among youth. Nicotine is highly addictive and can make it harder for teens to concentrate, learn and regulate their emotions. While some young people believe vaping reduces stress, nicotine actually raises heart rate and blood pressure, putting additional strain on the body.

Using multiple substances together, such as alcohol combined with cannabis or opioids — can be especially dangerous. These combinations can lead to severe intoxication, poisoning, overdose and

even death.

The role adults can play

Parents, caregivers, teachers and community members play a crucial role in helping young people make healthy choices.

Open communication is one of the most powerful tools. Teens are more likely to make safe decisions when they feel comfortable discussing difficult topics without fear of judgment or punishment. Honest conversations about the risks of substance use can help them make informed choices.

Education is equally important. Many young people are unaware of the dangers associated with modern drug contamination and the addictive nature of substances like nicotine. Providing accurate information helps teens understand the real risks.

Strong relationships also provide protection. When youth feel supported, respected and connected



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Early Childhood Educators Red Earth Creek

The Municipal District of Opportunity is seeking to fill a permanent full-time and casual positions at the Opportunity Daycare in Red Earth Creek, AB. The ideal candidate should be outgoing and energetic with demonstrated skills in their area of work, who are self-starters and team oriented. The successful individual will help create and deliver a high-quality early learning childcare service that meets MD policy as well as provincial Childcare Licensing.

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- ✓ Provide childcare services by actively engaging in the supervision, care and development of children;
- ✓ Provide a safe and nurturing environment;
- ✓ Ensure the well-being of each and every child in the childcare program;
- ✓ Promote early learning programming and age-appropriate developmental activities.

Qualifications required:

- ✓ Child Development Certification Level 1, 2 and or 3;
- ✓ Valid Class 5 Drivers License and reliable transportation;
- ✓ Child First Aid and/or Standard First Aid certificate;
- ✓ A current satisfactory Criminal Record Check and Child Youth Intervention Check must be provided upon to hire.

Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience. Please send resume along with 3 work related references and Child Intervention Check to the attention of:

**Human Resources Department
Municipal District of Opportunity
Box 60 - Wabasca, AB T0G 2K0**

Phone : (780) 891-3778 Fax : (780) 891-4283

Email : hr@mdopportunity.ab.ca

This advertisement will remain open until March 27, 2026.

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WABASCA
 Date: March 20, 2026
 Time: 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm
 Location: Bigstone Community Wellness
 Maximum 6 persons

CALLING LAKE
 Date: March 27, 2026
 Time: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
 Location: Calling Lake Library
 Maximum 6 persons

For Wabasca, please contact
 Community Wellness Reception,
 780-891-3777 OR 1-877-767-7060

For Calling Lake, please contact
 Charmaine Cardinal @780-331-3810
 David Clearwater @780-331-3027




Substance abuse ... continued from Page 4
 to adults in their lives, they are less likely to turn to substances as a coping mechanism.

Adults can also help teens by:

- Encouraging healthy activities such as sports, arts and community involvement.
- Teaching stress-management and emotional coping skills
- Monitoring changes in behaviour or mood
- Creating a Supportive Environment
- Seeking professional support early, if concerns arise

Communities can also make a difference by promoting youth programs, mental health resources and safe spaces where teens can talk openly about challenges they face.

Prevention is most effective when families, schools and communities work together. By providing support, guidance and reliable information, adults can help young people build the confidence and resilience they need to avoid substance use and make healthier choices.

For additional information and interactive learning resources for parents and teens, visit healthcanadaexperiences.ca.

Wabasca A.A. Group
meets at No Limits Boxing Club
Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

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Narcotics Anonymous
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No Limits Boxing Club, Wabasca
 Further Information: 780-773-3330



Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:
 in Wabasca

Youth Bingo Night

When: March 20th, 2026
 Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 20 Youth (Boys and Girls)
 Ages: 9 - 18

Snacks Prizes and Tons of Fun
 Join us for some Friends and Laughter

CALL TO REGISTER: BERNADETTE SCHNEIDER OR
 KEVIN MUSKWA AT
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Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:
 IRS Inquest

Elders Survivor Gathering

Chipewyan Lake Community Hall
 Wednesday, April 8, 2026
 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

IRS Update:

- Building connections and sharing through discussion and activities
- Building the story/narrative for monument planning

Lunch and Beverages will be provided



For more information, please contact Treena Gladue
 at 780-891-3777 or Toll Free 1-877-767-7060
 E-mail: treena.gladue@bigstonehealth.ca



Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:
in Wabasca

Girls Night Smoothies and a Flick

****REVISED DATE****

When: May 1st, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 20 Youth

Ages: 9 - 17

Popcorn, Smoothies and
a Movie (Title to follow)

Call to register: Bernadette Schneider at
780-891-3777 or toll free: 1-877-767-7060



Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:
in Wabasca

Girls Night Escape Room

Does your team have what it takes
to make it
out of the escape room?

****Revised Date ****

When: May 2nd, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 10 Youth

Ages: 10 - 17

**CALL TO REGISTER: BERNADETTE SCHNEIDER AT
780-891-3777 OR TOLL FREE: 1-877-767-7060**



Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:

4 Week Youth Cooking Series

Week 2:

Taco In A Bag

When: March 24th, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 10 Youth

Ages: 10 - 17

Must have waiver form filled out prior to cooking
programming.

Call to register: Bernadette Schneider at
780-891-3777 or toll free: 1-877-767-7060



Bigstone Community Wellness Presents:

4 Week Youth Cooking Series

Week 3:

Pizza

When: March 31st, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: BCW Foyer

Maximum: 10 Youth

Ages: 10 - 17

Must have waiver form filled out prior to cooking
programming.

Call to register: Bernadette Schneider at
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COMMUNITY FISHING DAY

AT THE CHIPEWYAN LAKE SCHOOL

“REEL IN MEMORIES
ONE FISH AT A TIME”



TUESDAY, MARCH 24th, 2026

TIME: 12PM TO 3PM

- Family-Friendly Activity
- Biggest Catch Prize

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- Hot Chocolate



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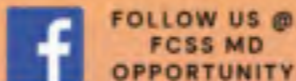


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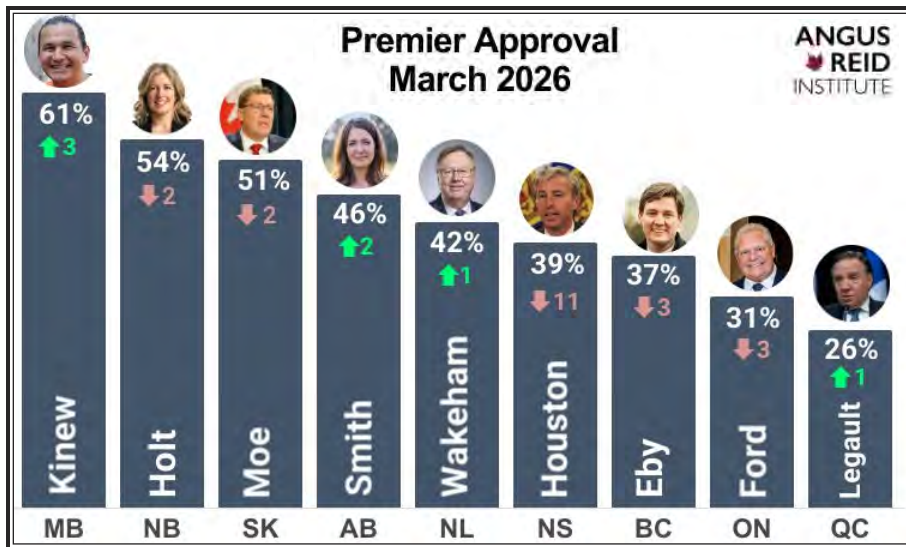
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Can Canada's only Indigenous Premier do no wrong while country's loudest is not popular with his voters?

By Angus Reid Institute

Premiers' Performance: Eby falls to a new low in B.C., while Kinew continues his comfort atop the list

Ontario's Doug Ford drops back close to record low, with just 31 per cent approving of him

March 18, 2026 – As B.C. abandons the biannual tradition of changing clocks, Premier David Eby is falling back as some others spring ahead.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds Eby's approval rating has declined 16-points year-over-year. In March 2025, when most premiers enjoyed a bump in popularity as nationalism surged in the face of tariffs and threats from U.S. President Trump, Eby was approved by a record-high of 53 per cent of British Columbians. Now, just 37 per cent say the same.

Elsewhere, Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew is in a familiar pole position, with approval of three-in-five (61%) in the province. Only two other provincial premiers – Susan Holt in New Brunswick and Scott Moe in Saskatchewan –

join him in receiving majority approval of their constituents.

Alberta's Smith

Alberta's budget projected a \$9.4-billion deficit for the upcoming fiscal year, but that may be mitigated by the spike in oil prices driven by the war in Iran. Despite the deficit, Premier Danielle Smith and her UCP government has chosen not to go on the path of austerity, instead raising taxes and fees on a number of different areas to help offset spending elsewhere.

Smith set the scene prior to the budget by announcing some of the questions that will be on the ballot for the fall referendum that will ask Albertans how they feel about immigration and restricting access to Alberta's services from temporary residents. Smith and her finance minister blamed rapid population growth for part of the government's budget shortfall. "Throwing the doors wide open to anyone and everyone across the globe has flooded our classrooms, emergency rooms and social support systems with far too many people, far too quickly," Smith said.

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Prime Minister moves closer to getting majority government as NDP MP crosses floor

Federal Conservatives must be growing more anxious as yet another MP has left her party to join the Liberals.

Lori Idlout was elected last spring to represent Nunavut as a NDP candidate. But she has said her constituents have been telling her to switch to the Liberals so she can be part of the governing party and have more influence.

She's the fourth MP to join Carney's minority government – the other three who crossed were all Conservatives.

Most Canadian political pundits are now predicting that this spring, Pierre Poilievre, leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, will lose more of his caucus members to the Liberals and Prime Minister Carney will get a majority government without having to hold an election.

More and more polls are indicating that the majority of Canadians appear to approve of how the Prime Minister is handling his job. Surveys on voter intention show that if another election was held now, Carney would likely get over 45 per cent of the vote while Poilievre is polling now around 30 per cent.

Even in conservative Alberta where Poilievre had to move to be assured getting back into Parliament after losing his Ontario riding in the spring 2025 election, one voter intention poll indicated the Conservative leader might only win by three or less percentage points.

This past weekend, a comedian on a CBC Radio show quipped that Poilievre should also jump ship and join the Liberals if he wanted to see familiar faces.

Drive-by fatal shooting on Highway 2 has some travellers jittery over using busy route

A section of Highway 2 south of Leduc was closed Saturday, March 14, due to a murder in daylight on a busy route.

RCMP report that around 2:50 p.m., a witness saw a white/grey dirty pickup truck drive besides a black 2012 Honda Civic.

Then suddenly the pickup sped off at a high rate of speed and the Honda Civic pulled over to the side of the road with two friends trying to steer it and stop it as the

driver profusely bled from a neck wound and died

"Investigation revealed that a weapon was discharged towards the Honda Civic, resulting in the death of the driver," stated a RCMP media release.

It was revealed Sunday an Edmonton man, age 22, was driving the Civic and his death was a homicide.

Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit took over the investigation of the fatality, and sought public assis-

tance: "Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or who has dashcam footage of Highway 2, near Township Road 490," with the contact being the Leduc RCMP at 780-980-7267, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at www.P3Tips.com.

On Tuesday, the two friends who were in the car with the victim, Birinder Singh, spoke to the media and related how their fun trip to Banff ended when

people in the pickup truck pulled along side their car and made gestures to Singh, and he waved back. But then they heard a shot.

His friends are hiding their identity out of fear that whoever is responsible for the killing will come after them.

RCMP are still investigating but they have said that they could see no reason why the shooting might have been a targeted attack, and it initially appears to

have been a random action.

Public reaction to the shooting is both of horror that a young man was killed by strangers for no apparent reason and worry that others may face the same risk if the killer(s) are not arrested.



Birinder Singh arriving in Canada as a student.

Some jesters entertained people,...

...gave them advice and brought news.

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Kids: color stuff in!

Letting you know April Fool's Day is coming up, so what harmless prank or message can you pull on your family?



I love thinking up harmless, funny jokes to tease my friends on April Fool's Day. To be able to read the first part of my tricky letter below about April Fool's Day simply hold it up to a mirror or you can try to read it backwards!

April Fool's Day is a time to have fun. People like to play harmless jokes and pranks. One favorite trick is to point out something that is not really there! April Fool's Day used to be called All Fool's Day. It is thought to have started in France. A long time ago, March 21st was the last day of the year. A week of parties and fun followed on the last of the festivities.

In the 16th century, the Gregorian calendar was introduced. March 21st was no longer New Year's Day and April 1st was no longer the right day to visit and give gifts.

News traveled slowly in those times, so many people kept April 1st as the last big day of the holiday season. Many others refused to change their ways. People who clung to the old ways were called April Fools.

Today, on April 1st, you might hear people call out, Poisson d'Avril! They have fooled someone and are calling him or her an April fish. That person took the bait and was easily caught. April Fool's Day is a time to share some laughter with friends and family.



What! Snow in April? No way...

tulips maybe.

Surely You Jest!

April Fool's Day Fun

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

- hurting no one
- trick, jest
- new calendar that replaced old one
- chuckling
- April Fool's Day
- country where custom may have started
- a jester might _____ around to entertain crowds
- court jester would entertain him
- clown
- an April fish (French)
- first day of calendar
- day of pranks this month

Synonyms are words that have almost the same meaning. **Can you find and circle 3 or more synonyms for the word prank?**

Easily Caught!

What takes the bait and is easily caught? **Connect the dots to find out:**

This is a _____ puzzle.

I like a gag!

An antic too!

This fellow loves to entertain people. **Can you unscramble the letters in each ball to spell the name of a person whose job it is to make people laugh?**

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olfo

Puzzles & Fun Words

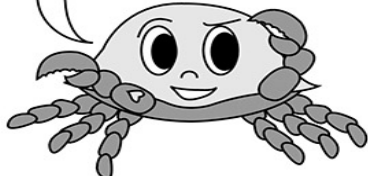
A puzzle may be solved by thinking it out. **Can you find and circle the different kinds of puzzles and fun words below?**

C	C	D	R	G	F	U	T	X	J	P	I	H	S	P	R	Z	M	I
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pun	word search	joke	prank	jigsaw
gag	brain teaser	math	riddle	comedy
jest	practical joke	maze	color-in	crossword

Wow! True or False?

Heh, heh, heh! Even I can't be crabby on a day when you can play small tricks on family and friends. Here are some of the things I told my friends and family today.



Read each sentence. If you think it could be true, circle the letter "T." If you think it must be an April Fool's prank, circle "F."

1. The dog made dinner. T F

2. Your shoe's untied. T F

3. The cat jumped up on the counter. T F

4. Look! A dog is driving that car. T F

5. There's a spaceship on the playground! T F

6. There's no school today! A water pipe broke. T F

7. What, Mom? The spoons are missing? T F

8. Oh, too bad your socks are mismatched! T F

BIGSTONE HEALTH COMMISSION

Employment Opportunity



EVENT PLANNING COORDINATOR

One (1) Permanent Full-Time
Monday to Friday – 7 hours/day
Wabasca, Alberta

Bigstone Community Wellness is seeking an experienced, highly motivated, and dependable Event Planning Coordinator to join our talented Health Team for the Bigstone communities in which we serve in Wabasca, Calling Lake, and Chipewyan Lake. This is a rewarding opportunity if you have an appreciation for Indigenous culture, a desire for continuing professional development and enjoy the support and collaboration from our multidisciplinary team and various other professionals and agencies.

At Bigstone Health Commission, you are more than an employee – you are part of a community. Our work is rooted in respect for culture, connection, and service to the members of Bigstone Cree Nation. We offer a supportive and welcoming workplace where your contributions matter, your growth is encouraged, and your work helps strengthen health services for present and future generations. Joining our team means building a meaningful career while giving back to community. This is a rewarding opportunity if you have an appreciation for First Nation culture, a desire for continuing professional development and enjoy the support and collaboration from our multidisciplinary team and various other professionals and agencies.

Key Responsibilities

- Assist the Community Wellness Manager on tasks as requested
- Plan, coordinate and assist program staff with Community Wellness programs, events and community events and ensuring all deadlines are met
- Coordination of events, i.e., booking venues, securing caterer(s), booking speakers, etc.
- Maintain organized records for all events, functions and programs.
- Partner with other departments to promote and deliver programs or events
- Refer clients to the appropriate resources
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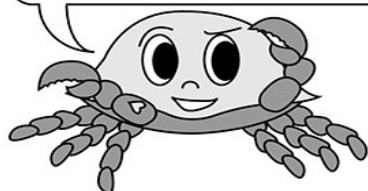
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What Jeffrey Epstein files reveal about how elites trade toxic gifts, favors

By Hugh Gusterson

Professor of Anthropology & Public Policy,
University of British Columbia

(This article recently appeared in Canada Conversation)

Following horrifying revelations about Jeffrey Epstein's systematic sexual assaults and trafficking of underage girls, the United States Department of Justice has been forced to publicly release millions of the late sex offender's emails and texts.

I am an anthropologist of elites who conducted field work among the secretive community of nuclear weapons scientists. The Epstein files opens a window into the even more closely guarded world of capitalism's 0.1 per cent.

Anthropologists study people through what renowned American anthropologist Clifford Geertz called "deep hanging out" — mingling informally and taking notes on what we see. We call this "participant observation."

People like Bill Gates and Elon Musk do not welcome anthropologists bearing notebooks. But the Epstein files, where the global elite are talking to each other in private — or so they thought — open a peephole into their world.

And what do we find there?

On a mundane level, we can see how they spend sums of money most of us can only dream about.

For example, we learn that in 2011, billionaire Mortimer Zuckerman, owner of the New York Post and U.S. News and World Report, spent US\$219,000 on his collection of horses, \$50,000 on skiing and \$86,000 to insure his private art collection.

But the Epstein files are most interesting for what they reveal about a web of gifts, favours and financial transactions that knit together what would otherwise be a disparate sprawl of bankers, developers, tech bros, media personalities and high-profile academics.

A web of gifts and favours

A century ago, French anthropologist Marcel Mauss argued in *The Gift* that, across cultures, gifts are a way to create relationships of solidarity and obligation.

"No gift is given but in the expectation of a return," he wrote.

This is evident in Epstein's relationship with Leon Black, at the time the billionaire CEO of Apollo Global Management and chairman of the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Epstein claimed his advice on Black's finances saved the billionaire as much as \$2 billion. In exchange, Black steered at least \$158 million to Epstein and gave \$10 million to one of Epstein's charities, Gratitude America.

Black then made Epstein a trustee of the Debra and Leon Black Foundation, and Epstein invested in a startup where two of Black's sons

were on the board.

Epstein also helped Black manage his \$2.8 billion art collection. He advised on selling individual works at a profit, getting paid by museums for loaning artworks and using art as collateral for bank loans.

Incidentally, one of the lessons I take from this is that billionaires do not look at art the way I do. I may buy (modestly priced) artworks because I like to look at them. Billionaires like Black and Zuckerman see them as investments.

Favours could also be exchanged, zig-zag style, among several people to create network solidarity. Epstein asked Leon Botstein, president of Bard College, to make sure Woody Allen's daughter was admitted, while also gifting Allen \$10,000 worth of shirts and luxury underwear.

Brad Karp, head of Paul Weiss law firm, asked Epstein

if he could intercede with Allen to get a job on his movie set for his son. In turn, Epstein asked Karp for help with a woman's visa, and Karp steered \$158 million from his client, the aforementioned Leon Black, to Epstein.

Collecting academics

When there is an asymmetry among the resources of two people, gifts lead to subordination, not reciprocity. Mauss referred to this as the "poison in the gift."

We see this in Epstein's transactions with academics whose research he bankrolled. He collected academics the way his billionaire friends collected artwork — Botstein, president of Bard; Larry Summers, president of Harvard; Lawrence Krauss, celebrity physicist; Dan Ariely, organizational psychologist; and the evolutionary psychologists and biologists Steven Pinker, Robert Trivers, Stephen

hen Kosslyn, Martin Nowak, Joscha Bach and Nathan Wolfe to name a few.

Epstein was drawn to these academics because of his interest in eugenics, which he needed them to legitimize. He thought Black people were intellectually inferior and wondered if they could be improved through genetic modification. In a typo-ridden message, he texted German cognitive scientist Bach:

"Maybe climate change is a good way of dealing with overpopulation.. The earths forest fire... too many people, so many mass executions of the elderly and infirm make sense... if the brain discards unused neurons, why should society keep their equivalent."

And he talked about creating new superhumans by seeding batches of women with his own sperm.

After spending days reading Epstein's messages to his associates, it reveals something essential about the contemptuous way they view the rest of the world.

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Among the highest-profiled people caught up in the publicity over the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein's files, produced by police and other authorities investigating him over many years, are disgraced former member of the British Royal Family who is commoner, Mr. Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor, and Donald Trump who has been accused and often in his own words of being in sex scandals, bankruptcies, impeachments, scams, lying almost every time he opens his mouth, corruption and misusing the presidency and White House.



Undated photo of Trump and Epstein at an Epstein's estate party. The photo was released from a Congressional committee last week.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Seasonal Equipment Operators Calling Lake - Temporary Full Time

The individual chosen for this temporary full-time/seasonal position in the M.D. of Opportunity (ending in October) with our Public Works Department at our Calling Lake location will be responsible for the following duties and any other duties required:

- ◆ Operation of various equipment within the Public Works Department.
- ◆ Responsible for operation & routine maintenance of a variety of light & heavy equipment; mowing equipment and tractors.
- ◆ Some manual labor related to maintenance of the road system, parking lots & other MD operated facilities.
- ◆ Maintenance & installation of road signage as required.
- ◆ Routine maintenance of culverts & control of flooding problems on local roads.
- ◆ Provide written reports on operations as may be required.
- ◆ Under the direction of the Area Lead hand.
- ◆ Hauling gravel

Qualifications:

- Valid Class 5 Drivers License

- A minimum of Grade 10 or a minimum of two years' experience may be considered;
- Ability to work independently or as a team player;
- Ability to exercise good judgment on operation of light/heavy equipment as it relates to safety;
- Clean Driver's Abstract.

Interested persons are invited to submit their Resume, current Criminal Record Check and three (3) work related references to:

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Seasonal Equipment Operators Wabasca & Red Earth Creek Temporary Full Time

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- ◆ Some manual labor related to maintenance of the road system, parking lots & other MD operated facilities.
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- ◆ Routine maintenance of culverts & control of flooding problems on local roads.
- ◆ Provide written reports on operations as may be required.
- ◆ Under the direction of the Area Lead hand.
- ◆ Hauling gravel and driving the MD bus for rentals.

Qualifications:

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY # 17 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Park Maintenance – Calling Lake, Sandy Lake and Red Earth Creek Seasonal Full Time Positions

The Municipal District of Opportunity is accepting resumes from individuals who are interested in seasonal employment from April - October. The positions are for maintenance of the parks and day use areas in the communities of Sandy Lake, Red Earth Creek & Calling Lake.

Under the general direction of the Area Manager, the park maintenance staff have direct responsibility for the day-to-use areas and campgrounds, ensuring cleanliness throughout the parks at all times.

The individuals chosen for this position in the M.D. of Opportunity will be responsible for the following duties:

- ◆ Minor carpentry duties;
- ◆ Providing daily maintenance services at the day use areas, including removal of garbage/refuse, grass cutting/grooming and cleaning washrooms and sites;
- ◆ Communicate effectively with the public, and co-workers both verbally and in written form when required;
- ◆ Provide written reports on operations as required;
- ◆ Ability to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends consistently;
- ◆ Ensure that all projects are completed and maintained at optimal capacity;
- ◆ Perform maintenance as required;
- ◆ Experience in landscaping is an asset;
- ◆ Other duties as required;

Qualifications:

- ◆ A minimum of Grade 10 or a minimum of two years' experience may be considered;
- ◆ Current CPR and basic First Aid is an asset;
- ◆ A valid Class 5 driver's license is a definite asset;
- ◆ Knowledge of municipal operations;
- ◆ **Physical fitness required, capable of lifting 30 lbs. or more, and must be able to work in various weather conditions;**
- ◆ Ability to adhere to safety protocols, including compliance with appropriate work attire, is essential;
- ◆ Ability to work independently and as a team player;
- ◆ A satisfactory Criminal Record Check will be required at time of hire.

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The Municipal District of Opportunity is accepting resumes for the permanent, full-time position of Deputy Regional Fire Chief. Reporting to the Regional Fire Chief, the Deputy Regional Fire Chief will assist in helping to manage M.D of Opportunity Fire Departments. The ideal candidate must possess a high degree of integrity, professionalism, confidentiality, a high moral and ethical character. The ideal candidate will have an excellent ability to exercise independent judgment and show initiative to perform duties with minimal supervision and should possess multi-tasking and excellent interpersonal skills. This individual must be prepared to work in a team environment. This position is stationed in Wabasca and will require travel to the hamlets of Red Earth Creek, Calling Lake, and Sandy Lake. Due to the nature of this position, a non-typical work schedule is necessary, with a minimum of 72.5-hours bi-weekly that includes evenings and weekends. Occasional overtime may be required.

Essential job functions include, but not limited to:

- ◆ Assist with the development and delivery of standardized training programs for all MD fire departments.
- ◆ Development and maintenance of operational guidelines.
- ◆ Assist with the planning and development of operational and capital project budgets.
- ◆ Assist with Fire department recruitment and retention initiatives.
- ◆ Will help with overseeing mutual aid and other agency agreements drafted by Regional Fire Chief; and
- ◆ Ensuring safe and efficient operations of all fire departments including monthly inspections.

Qualifications:

- Grade 12 diploma or GED
- Minimum of five years' direct fire service experience, preferably in a responsibility and leadership role and knowledge in Fire Prevention.
- Must have NFPA 1001 Level 2.
- NFPA 1041 Level 2, NFPA 1051 or S-215 and ICS-200 would be an asset.
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- Good written/verbal communications and public relations skills.
- Must have a valid Class 5 Driver's License with a Q endorsement.
- Must be proficient in the use of computers and relevant software programs.
- Knowledge of provincial and municipal regulations and legislation.
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check upon hire.

Salary range for this position is based on qualifications. Interested candidates are requested to submit their resume along with 3 work references to the attention of:

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become one of the most popular tools being used by fraudsters everywhere

This March, the Alberta RCMP have been sharing a variety of tips and resources in support of Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association's Fraud Prevention Month campaign.

The campaign seeks to educate Albertans on the many ways that fraudulent activity negatively impacts their communities.

This article's theme is artificial intelligence (AI) scams, which may include any of the following:

- Voice cloning scams;
- AI-generated kidnapping calls;
- Deepfake video impersonation;
- Romance scams en-

hanced by AI chatbots:

- Fake customer support agents;
- AI-generated investment advisors;
- Phishing emails and texts written by AI;
- AI-assisted job interview scams;
- Fraud involving Synthetic identity; and;
- AI-generated rental or marketplace listings

"AI-generated content can look flawless, feel personal, and reach anyone. That is why staying alert is crucial," says Corporal Sean Milne, Provincial Financial Crime Team, RCMP Federal Policing Northwest Region.

"The more we learn to spot the subtle warning signs, the harder it becomes for scammers to turn powerful tools into targeted traps."

If you are unsure of whether or not you are being targeted by a scam, visit the Government of Canada's website to learn about common scam types.

If you have been the vic-

tim of fraud, report it to your local law enforcement agency and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at www.antifraudcentre.ca, or by calling 1-888-495-8501.

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Required Qualifications:

- ♦ Grade 12 Diploma/Certificate
- ♦ Minimum age 18.
- ♦ Valid Driver's License and Drivers Abstract.
- ♦ Pass Physical Abilities Evaluation and obtain Medical Clearance.
- ♦ Pass or have completed the 12-week CPO Induction Program
- ♦ Ability to speak and understand Cree is an asset.
- ♦ Ability to obtain clean criminal record check and Child Youth Intervention Check upon hire.

Duties/responsibilities are but not limited to:

- ♦ Daily administrative duties including report writing.
- ♦ Ability to multi-task and work within a team-oriented workplace.
- ♦ Document and keep accurate records/stats.
- ♦ Serving Documents.
- ♦ Animal Control duties.
- ♦ Ensure effective resolution on all investigative files.
- ♦ Polite and professional radio communications with the public and agencies.
- ♦ Assist in other duties required with the direction of the Bylaw Enforcement Manager.
- ♦ Ensure adherence to operational health and safety policies and procedures.
- ♦ Shift and evening work is required.

Inquiries about our CPO program or a detailed job description can be directed to the Manager of Bylaw Enforcement, Bill Auger @ 780-891-0988.

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So far this year only 33 Alberta wildfires; Most carryover fires in Slave Lake Forest

With all the snow that fell in Alberta since mid-December, particularly in northern regions, it is not surprising that wildfires have not become a big problem yet, but still some fire-fighting has had to be done as the number of hectares affected as of Wednesday morning was 283.

Perhaps like 2025, Slave Lake Forest Protection Area might be the busiest of the 10 forest areas. It appears to have the majority of the 15 carryover fires from last season and on March 18 had seven active fires while only four other forests had active fires, but their numbers

were between one and three.

So far this year, it is the usual in regards to causes of fires to date: humans have caused 20 fires or 61% of the total, but unusual is that one fire was started by lightning. Thunder was heard in Wabasca a few weeks ago during a snow squall. Another 12 fires since January 1 are under investigation in regards to their cause.

Extreme fire danger outside of forest areas

Episodes of temperatures being well over zero have occurred in central and southern Alberta so Wednesday morning while the fire danger was mostly low

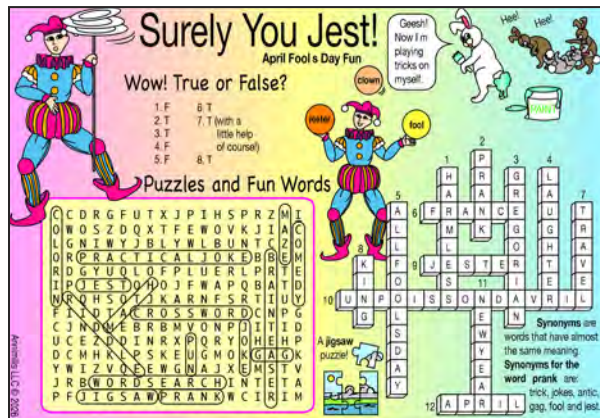
in the most northern regions of the province, there were high to extreme fire risk from Lac Ste. Anne County in the north to the Montana

border.

The extreme fire danger starts in Ponoka County and extends into Montana, east of Highway 2 and almost

extending to Medicine Hat.

North of the Swan Hills, there are high to very high fire risk in the Big Lakes County.



Conclusion of Epstein Files ... from Page 5

One of them, lawyer Kathryn Ruemmler, texted Epstein that she would "get gas at a rest stop on the New Jersey Turnpike, will observe all of the people there who are at least 100 pounds overweight ... and will then decide that I am not eating another bite of food for the rest of my life out of fear that I will end up like one of these people."

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Employment Opportunity Full-Time Journeyman Class A Gasfitter Area 2: Calling Lake/Wabasca/Chipewyan Lake

Northland School Division is seeking a Full-Time Journeyman Class A Gasfitter with experience in facility maintenance. For more information about what Northland School Division offers, please visit www.nsd61.ca/careers.

Major responsibilities include:

- Troubleshoot and perform maintenance in HVAC systems.
- Conduct preventive maintenance inspections and related tasks for HVAC and plumbing equipment in school division facilities, ensuring compliance with regulations and maintaining a safe, clean, and orderly environment.
- Work on projects identified by Managers or Supervisors requiring the services of skilled craftsman(s).
- Perform various maintenance and repair tasks on building systems.
- Inspect and ensure the safe operation of equipment, making adjustments, calibrations, replacements, rebuilds, and repairs as necessary.
- Assist in obtaining quotes and arranging services from external vendors.
- Obtain estimates for supplies and repair parts and order them as needed.
- Monitor maintenance schedules to ensure timely completion of tasks.
- Maintain records of scheduled maintenance procedures.
- Perform other assigned job-related duties.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Journeyman Class A Gasfitter certification is required.
- Certification in plumbing is an asset.
- Experience with building management systems is preferred.
- Experience in commercial or school facility maintenance is preferred.
- Strong interpersonal, communication and time management skills.
- Valid class 5 driver's license is required.

Pay and Schedule:

- Starting wage is commensurate with experience, \$82 500 - \$91 054.
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Benefits:

- ASEBP benefit plan funded by the employer.
- Plan includes extended health care, dental and vision.
- Life, AD&D and extended disability benefits if eligible.
- Health spending and wellness spending accounts.
- LAPP retirement plan with employer and employee contributions.
- Starting at a minimum of 15 days of paid holidays per annum, and paid stat holidays.
- Opportunities for relevant professional development.

Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume including the names of three (3) employer references to Kent Rein, Acting Facility Manager at kent.rein@nsd61.ca. Position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. We appreciate all applicants; however, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Additionally, please note that selected candidates will be required to provide a criminal record check and a child intervention check as part of the application process.