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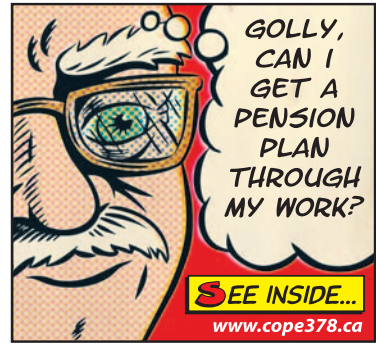
Penelope Cruz is apparently going Lenny Kravitz's way these days. P. 2

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3. **Birth Name:** Penélope Cruz Sánchez
4. **Nicknames:** Madonna of Madrid, Pen
5. **Height:** 5' 5 1/2"

## ONLINE POLL

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Do you think K-Fed should be sterilized?

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## Cruz dating Kravitz?

Penelope Cruz is dating rocker Lenny Kravitz, it has been reported. The *Volver* beauty – who has been romantically linked to Orlando Bloom and Josh Hartnett this year – celebrated her 33rd birthday on April 28 with Kravitz at New York's Beatrice Inn. She then continued to party at the rocker's TriBeCa apartment, reports *Bang Media*. A source told the *New York Post* newspaper: "Penelope is due in Europe to do a fashion shoot for Mango clothing but she keeps postponing it to join Lenny on his tour. They've been friends for a long time." A representative for Cruz said: "I don't comment on my client's personal life."

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## Bloom's secret love search

Orlando Bloom is looking for love on the Internet. The handsome actor is worried most women are only interested in his fame and fortune, so to test their intentions he is using a friend's name and photograph to set up a profile on networking service *Facebook.com*. Orlando is reported as saying: "It's difficult sometimes to know whether girls like me, or the guy they see in *Pirates of the Caribbean*. This way I can get to know them from behind a disguise." The 30-year-old actor plans to get to know prospective dates by chatting online, before arranging to meet them in person. Orlando recently revealed he is desperate to find his perfect woman and start a family. The actor, who ended a four-year relationship with *Superman Returns* star Kate Bosworth, is on the look out for 'Miss Right'. He said: "I'd like to live a proper family life – with a partner and kids. That's what it's all about, isn't it? I've had a crazy life, in many ways, and I realise now I want someone to share it with."

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## Spears' Monroe duet

Britney Spears is set to sing a duet with the late Marilyn Monroe, reports *Bang Media*. The troubled star plans to boost her ailing career by performing with the movie icon – who died more than four decades ago – on a previously unreleased Marilyn song called "Down Boy."

Lance Bass, 28, a former member of Britney's ex-lover Justin Timberlake's band \*NSYNC, has reportedly secured the rights to the song and thinks it would be perfect for Britney. A source told *Britain's Daily Star* newspaper: "Lance wants Britney to sing with Marilyn on the track, like Natalie Cole did on "Unforgettable" with her dad Nat King Cole." Plans are already in place for Brit to don a platinum Marilyn-esque wig and dress like the glamour icon, when they shoot the video.

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## Anderson's baby wish

Pamela Anderson wants to have another baby, reports *Bang Media*. The 39-year-old actress, who recently visited a Russian orphanage, has revealed she is ready to extend her family now that she is dating San Diego Chargers American footballer David Binn. And Pammie – who has two sons, Dylan and Brandon, from her failed marriage to rocker Tommy Lee – hasn't ruled out adoption. She told *Britain's OK!* magazine: "Would I be ready to adopt a child? I'm not saying it's impossible. I have my two boys and it would just be so amazing to make one more kid happy in this life. David loves kids, he is very strong and at the same time very tender and I just love it."

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## Bachelor spoiler alert!

If you don't want to know who wins this season of *The Bachelor*, stop right now. Naval officer Andy Baldwin has narrowed the field of women down to three lucky ladies, but one contestant, Tessa, 26, a social worker from San Francisco, had a few drinks the other night and spilled the beans to a *Page Six* spy. Tessa admitted she has won the competition and Baldwin's heart, reports *Page Six*. "Apparently he proposes and she declines, but they are still very much together." A rep for the show didn't return calls.

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## MLA PAY AND PENSION

# Panel far from unanimous

One of the members of the independent commission on MLA compensation "has quite a few" disagreements with the panel's now controversial pay-and-pension plan recommendations. And she noted alterations were made when she was out of the country.

In an exclusive interview with *24 hours*, Sandra Robinson, a respected UBC business professor said she was specifically concerned about the "type and actual size" of the pension plan being recommended.

"I would have been comfortable with a smaller employer contribution [rather] than the one

that [fellow commissioners] Sue [Paish] and Joe [Wood] preferred," Robinson said. "I was looking to keep it at 20 per cent of salary per year on the employer side. And the plan they have is 34 per cent currently. I also wanted there to be constraints on the amount of the employer contribution ... to protect the taxpayers."

Even more surprising, though, is the fact the commission appears to have changed its recommendations while she was out of country.

Robinson said she had a "long-ago committed" obligation to teach in Europe, and the panel

had agreed to finalize their recommendations before she left.

"We worked right up to that deadline. It was a bit of work – 'cause we didn't all see eye to eye. But we negotiated out a set of recommendations and signed off on those," Robinson said.

"And, then, it was only after I was in Europe that they changed their minds and came up with a different set" of recommendations. "So, yeah, to be completely left out – to have no influence on the outcome – was certainly frustrating."

"I was just told – via e-mail – they would be doing that."

Robinson went on to add, "I was okay with us not being unanimous. And I had said [before leaving for Europe], if we don't go that route, I'll write a dissent. So there was ample opportunity for us to have conflicting opinions. But, because we had reached agreement and I was convinced that we were unanimous, I left comfortably to Europe."

Robinson said she was willing to write a dissenting report.

Robinson later attempted to retract her on-the-record statements, which were recorded in a taped interview.

- Sean Holman, *24 hours*

## BASI-VIRK TRIAL

## Judge scolds prosecution

An angry judge criticized missing evidence in the B.C. Legislature raid case as the defence pressed the prosecution for additional documents related to alleged B.C. Liberal Party media manipulation and dirty tricks.

Justice Elizabeth Bennett interjected several times as Special Prosecutor Andrea MacKay attempted to explain why several documents were neither disclosed to the defence nor identified on a "not disclosed" list.

"The concern is that despite checks and balances, a number of documents have gone missing in this case," Bennett said.

Kevin McCullough, lawyer for former provincial ministerial aide Bob Virk, argued that "media monitoring" contracts between the B.C. Liberal Party and David Basi, Virk's co-accused in the breach of trust and fraud trial, must be disclosed.

McCullough has alleged that Basi, former ministerial aide to ex-Finance Minister Gary Collins, was paid \$20,000 for media manipulation on talk radio shows and political dirty tricks connected to the \$1-billion privatization of B.C. Rail.

"Why haven't we received that Liberal Party contract right now? Why not just give it to us?" he asked. Bennett agreed.

- Bill Tieleman, *24 hours*



**North Shore RCMP Cpl. Ross Genge had a show-and-tell after an investigation netted a large amount of cash, credit card blanks, technology to steal personal information, various weapons and drugs, among other items.**

- Rob Kruyt

## Card scam busted

North Vancouver police have shut down a large-scale fraudulent credit- and debit-card factory.

Several criminal charges have been laid against Ali Shirazi, 24, Ioannis Kangles, 20, and Bahman Djebelbak, 24, after police uncovered the massive credit and debit card fraud operation being run out of two Port Coquitlam rental homes last Friday.

Along with illegal card replication machinery, police seized several high-end household electronics and furnishings, fitness equipment, motorcycles, ATVs and

a speedboat, all believed to have been bought with bogus cards.

They also found two bulletproof vests, an undisclosed amount of cash, a bag of marijuana and a sophisticated surveillance system.

The total number of fraud victims is still unknown.

"Your personal financial information is sacrosanct and you should do everything you can to protect it," said Cpl. Ross Genge of the RCMP's Economic Crime Unit.

- Robyn Stubbs, *24 hours*

## local news IN BRIEF

### ■ AT LARGE

The three suspects of an armed home invasion in Richmond led police on a car chase through Coquitlam, Maple Ridge and Mission before abandoning the car and fleeing on foot just before midnight Tuesday. One suspect swam into a river and was caught on a small island, but the other two remain at large.

### ■ DOG BITE

A six-year-old Surrey girl was sent to hospital early Tuesday evening after a Rottweiler bit her and severed her ear. The owner of the dog and family friend of the victim has agreed to have the 13-year-old dog put down. No charges are expected.

### ■ RESCUED

Three men were rescued from Crawfish Lake on Nootka Island yesterday after their floatplane sustained damage during take-off and the flight was cut short. The victims started a fire on the beach, and were easily spotted by 19 Wing Comox rescue crews.

### ■ STUCK UP

A man demanded money from a teller at a trust company on Scott Road and 72 Avenue in Surrey Tuesday but took off before getting any money.

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### ■ GREEN SCHOOL

The province gave the green light yesterday for plans to build an environmentally friendly elementary school in Surrey. The \$10.9-million expenditure will set standards for water efficiency, energy use and earthquake safety.

### ■ SAFETY ACTION

WorkSafeBC announced immediate enforcement action yesterday against a farm labour contractor after a March incident involving several safety violations including: Lack of seatbelts, malfunctioning seatbelts and a rusted car floor. A \$500,000 penalty could be issued.

### ■ NEW AIR ROUTE

Delta Airlines will begin new service between Vancouver and Los Angeles, July 1. The airline announced yesterday plans to offer customers 100 peak-day departures from or through Los Angeles with 48 non-stop destinations.

### ■ MEDICAL FIRST

B.C. announced \$6 million in spending yesterday to become the first jurisdiction to treat physical conditions accompanied by mental health issues. One in three British Columbians suffer from chronic conditions that may also lead to problems such as anxiety or depression.

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## 24 HOURS' PUBLIC EYE

Sean Holman

# A few regrets for Green's May

## Regrets, she has a few

Federal Green Party leader **Elizabeth May** has come down with a case of keyboard-in-mouth disease. Last month, May controversially compared Prime Minister **Stephen Harper's** stance on climate change to "a grievance worse than **Neville Chamberlain's** appeasement of the Nazis." Soon after, the prominent environmentalist issued a statement of regret. But her decision to elaborate on that statement seems to have stirred up further controversy.

At issue: Earlier this week, May informed supporters that, "the Canadian Jewish Congress told me Holocaust survivors had been disturbed [by the controversy]. No idea if this is true, but if they were it was by Harper and sensationalist headline writers."

*24 hours' Public Eye* has been unable to speak with May about that message, which was posted in a Green discussion group.

But, in a subsequent posting, May wrote that she regrets if she appeared to "question the credibility of the good people who gave me a chance to clarify at the Canadian Jewish Congress. I do not doubt them one bit ... I truly regret the hasty and inaccurate message below" - chalking it up to "the perils of writing messages too fast while rushing."

## Greens in the red?

The federal Greens may be having some money troubles - this, according to a petition being circulated among supporters. The petition, obtained by *24 hours' Public Eye*, demands the party's budget be balanced by



- 24 hours file photo

**Federal Green Party Leader Elizabeth May has a double headache: First, she's struggling to explain controversial remarks made about the Tories' climate-change plan, and second, her party may be in financial trouble.**

June 2007, with all debts paid off by Dec. 31, 2007. The reason: The party is, evidently, "facing increasing accounts payable and cannot sustain its current level of spending" - a situation at odds with the Greens' commitment to fiscal responsibility. Press secretary **Camille Labchuk** didn't respond to a request for comment concerning the party's finances. But it's said the Greens have accumulated \$420,000 in new debt since October.

## Following the money

The Campbell administration continues to claim it's the most open and accountable government in the country. But, after six years in office, that claim has become a farce - and a hypocritical one at that.

After all, the provincial Liberals are, arguably, the least open and accountable political party in B.C.

For example, the party refuses to discuss who's on its payroll, classifying the information as "strategic." So if the Liberals don't want to let the sun shine in on their operations, perhaps it's time we demanded legislation to force those blinds open?

Right now, parties in this province aren't required to disclose their annual expenses, except in the most general way: "We spent \$154,001 on media advertising, \$151,509 on research and polling" and so on.

But in Ontario, parties must list who actually supplied those services if the expenditure was more than \$1,000.

That means, if a similar requirement existed in B.C. during the Campbell administration's first term, the Liberals might have found it more difficult to allegedly award two \$10,000 dirty tricks contracts to then ministerial assistant **David Basi** - as has been stated but not proven in court - without British Columbians finding out.

## Got a scoop?

Have a tasty bit of news you'd like to share? E-mail Holman at [sean.bolman@24hrs.ca](mailto:sean.bolman@24hrs.ca)

# Consumers complain about new gas marketers

The B.C. Utilities Commission has received a handful of complaints about false or misleading claims after the residential natural gas market was opened up to private suppliers earlier this month.

"We have had calls and we've had e-mails, and we certainly are treating them very seriously," said BCUC commission secretary Rob Pellatt.

"[Some are] going around saying that they're from the gas

company and that they can save [customers] money, and those are two false claims."

The regulatory energy agency has received about 20 complaints since May 1, when independent 'gas marketers' were first allowed to supply gas to Lower Mainland residents. Before, Terasen Gas, the former B.C. Gas, both supplied and delivered gas to its 700,000 residential customers.

"If customers are getting some-

one either phoning them or dropping by their home, they're representing a gas marketer and not Terasen," said Terasen communications manager Scott Webb.

"If customers are getting marketers they're not very comfortable with, I would contact the gas marketing company involved. Failing that, they can launch a complaint with the B.C. Utilities Commission."

- Irwin Loy, 24 hours

## fixed or variable?

- **Buying gas from a gas marketer allows you to get your gas at a fixed rate**
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# Make way for woof couture

Pat Cocco is dressing up man's best friend as dapper best men.

The master tailor has opened his chic Seville Tailors showroom to four-legged friends seeking formal wear for weddings and other special occasions.

The idea came after a special request from a couple wanting a matching bridesmaid dress for their pooch.

"For people, pets are a part of their family," he says, "And they want to have them in their weddings."

Cocco, who was a sewing apprentice at age 10, treats his animal clients with care, meticulously measuring inseams and shoulder widths to produce custom-fitted garments that fetch between \$300 and \$500.

Cocco, who has tailored for stars such as Ben Affleck, plans to keep his latest venture as a pet project.

- Dharm Makwana, 24 hours



- Rob Kruyt, 24 hours

**Ginny the schnauzer and Bucho the Bernese mountain dog tried out wedding-party couture for canines.**

# Fewer pedestrians getting hurt: Study

The number of pedestrians sent to hospital after being struck by a car has declined dramatically over the last 10 years, according to a new report.

The report, released yesterday by the Canadian Institute for Health Information, found nine Canadians were admitted to a hospital every day for a pedestrian-related incident in 2005, a 31-per-cent decline since 1994.

And, in Vancouver alone, the number of pedestrian related crashes has dropped by more than 50-per-cent, with 395 accidents recorded in 2001 compared to 185 in 2005.

Whether they're more vigilant or just more resilient, kids under age five showed the biggest reduction in national pedestrian-related injuries requiring hospitalization with a 62-per-cent drop, followed by kids under 20 with a 51-per-cent cut.

Reduced speed limits around schools and playgrounds, increased education and changes to the design of car bumpers to minimize injury are all possible explanations for the drop, the report said.

Seniors and adults between the ages of 20 and 30, particularly men, remain most likely to sustain a serious injury if involved in a pedestrian-related accident.

- Robyn Stubbs, 24 hours

# What's on your mind?

■ **DEVON SWIFT**, thanks for making me shed a tear today at work when reading your story of you and your mom at the races (24 hours, May 8). I can only imagine what it's like to lose your mom. I usually laugh out loud every week when reading your column in 24 hours, but today was different. I'm so sorry to hear of your loss.

- Jeff Brocklebank, via e-mail

■ **DEVON**, my eyes were welled up with tears on public transit and I just wanted to say "thank you." There are so many kids out there (old, young) that need to really, truly appreciate their moms now and not later. I will be thinking of you on Mother's Day.

- Sheila Tofini, via e-mail

■ **I HAVE NOTICED** that there is lots of garbage thrown onto the streets in the suburbs of Taipei and that the parks and road ways littered with garbage. I really do not know what Eve Liu is talking about comparing Vancouver with Taipei (24 hours, May 9).

- Kelly Fong, via e-mail

■ **I ABSOLUTELY CANNOT** stand it when people who describe themselves as "new immigrants" complain about how their old home was cleaner than Vancouver. A simple solution would be to return to where you came from if you prefer it so much more.

- Erik Lehman, via e-mail

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# 2010 no scapegoat

Over the stormy winter we've all just endured, the dream of 2010 has faded a little. Perhaps it was the driving rain on dark February afternoons or maybe it was the sight of ancient toppled trees lining the causeway in Stanley Park, but the Olympic fever has become muted through the combination of a nasty winter, overwhelming expectations and a lack of concrete information.

Of course, the dimming of excitement wasn't helped by 2010 events plagued by protesters, who went as far as to vandalize the countdown clock located in the front lawn of the Vancouver Art Gallery and defy court orders in the Eagleridge Bluff's debacle.

Somehow on the road to the Olympic Games, the monstrous sporting spectacle became responsible for every social ill and poor government planning decision. Hauling away Grandma Betty Krawczyk in handcuffs for her illegal actions – let's pin that on the Olympics. Homelessness in Vancouver, which has been a multi-government problem for years – must be the Olympics.

But the corner has been turned this week and organizers should hope the momentum gathered this summer will carry them through next winter's nasty weather.

The long-awaited budget and business plan for the 2010 Games has finally been released, putting to rest nagging fears of cost overruns and taxpayers "on the hook."

Don't get me wrong, it is a doozy of a \$1.63-billion bud-



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get. (Yes, billion). The budget beats the estimated costs from the bid budget by almost double but the organizers, led by Jack Poole, have managed to

keep the government financial commitment the same by reaching out to sponsors, squeezing more from the IOC in television dollars and employing innovative revenue generation techniques.

As with most billion-dollar budgets, there is something for everyone to criticize, but examined in aggregate, the budget (posted at [www.vancouver2010.com](http://www.vancouver2010.com)) is conservative, well-considered and leaves lots of room for last minute cost increases – which are bound to occur.

Even critics will have to admit that the organizers have done their job and done it well.

But let's be honest: Most Olympic detractors are never going to support the Games. They have an ideological opposition to building community in this manner and loathe the idea of corporate sponsorship, sports (all that sweat and testosterone) and leveraging a global event for the benefit of a region.

They will continue to push the 2010 Games to provide for social programs that are outside their mandate, a no-win situation for the Olympics and a disingenuous ploy for the social activists.

But with the budget out of the way, the rest of us can breathe a sigh of relief and start thinking about how to get our hands on some gold medal round hockey tickets.

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# Never got a chance to search Air India flight: Cop

The doomed Air India Flight 182, which exploded over the Atlantic in 1985, killing all 329 people on board, was allowed to leave Canada before a bomb-sniffing dog could search the plane or its luggage, a government inquiry was told yesterday.

The statement by a former police officer was the latest surprising testimony heard by the inquiry and raises further questions about how much was known of threats against the flight, which remains history's deadliest bombing of a civilian airliner.

Serge Carignan, who served with Sûreté du Québec, Quebec's provincial police force, also disputed RCMP and Transport

Canada documents that said the plane and suspected luggage had been searched in Montreal prior to takeoff.

"I never did search the passenger section of the Air India aircraft before departure," Carignan told the inquiry in Ottawa, adding that Flight 182 had already taken off and the only baggage he examined were three pieces of luggage that had been left behind.

Carignan testified he was called to Montreal's Mirabel Airport on the evening of June 22, 1985, to search an aircraft and



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baggage, but discovered when he arrived with his dog Arko that the plane had departed.

"I've always wondered why, if I was called to search an airplane and luggage, why did they let the airplane go before I arrived," he said.

The Boeing 747 was destroyed on June 23, 1985, over the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Ireland on a flight from Canada to India via London. Investigators later determined the blast was caused by a suitcase bomb, believed placed on the aircraft by Vancouver-based Sikh militants.

"I believe that we would have found it ... the explosives," Carignan said.

It was unclear why Carignan had been called to the airport as Canadian officials have long maintained they were unaware of any specific threats to Flight 182.

Carignan said he was not told if there was a specific threat to the aircraft, but he assumed that was why he was called to the airport from his home.

"It makes no sense, I suppose, to call out a bomb detective dog and his handler unless that was the suspicion," inquiry Commissioner John Major told Carignan.

-Reuters



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## Those aren't pucks



-Rob Kruyt, 24 hours

**Classy Cassie Campbell, Canada's Olympic hockey champion, was having a McHappy time making McMuffins and helping local McDonald's restaurants raise funds for children's charities on the 15th annual McHappy day in Burnaby yesterday.**

## NURSES

### Jobs are tough: CNA

More than 1,000 of this spring's nursing graduates will not find a job in Canada, despite a growing shortage of registered nurses across the country, warns the Canadian Nurses Association.

And as many young nurses continue to be lured south by American jobs, Canadian taxpayers are losing as much as \$72 million a year in lost costs for their education, said CNA president Marlene Smadu.

"Given emergency department closures, surgery cancellations and longer wait lists ... Canada cannot afford to lose one, let alone 1,200, of these nurse graduates," Smadu said during a Parliament Hill press conference.

She called on all

provincial and territorial governments to ensure the number of full-time nursing jobs are increased and all graduates are hired in Canada.

She also called for the development of a pan-Canadian strategy to solve the growing problem.

Over the next decade, the shortage of registered nurses across Canada will grow to an estimated 113,000, according to association estimates.

Federal Health Minister Tony Clement noted that Ontario has guaranteed seven-and-a-half months of full-time employment to every graduating nurse and Alberta is headed in the same direction, but said more needs to be done at all levels.

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## canada news IN BRIEF

### ■ GREEN ARREST

The arrest of an Environment Canada contractor at work for allegedly leaking a secret government draft has prompted accusations the Conservatives are sending bureaucrats a chilling message.

### ■ RADLER TALKS

Conrad Black's business partner of 30 years testified yesterday that he knew the scheme he and the former media mogul devised to pay themselves bonuses was wrong.

### ■ SAD RETURN

An Alberta man on life support after suffering what his family says was a brutal beating at a Mexican resort is being flown back to Canada tonight. Mexican doctors have concluded that Jeff Toews, of Grande Prairie, Alta. is clinically brain dead.

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## Whiz kids



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Working on the sweet sound of science, lab partners Sarah Johnston, left, and Deonna Fetzko played several types of music, including classical and heavy metal, to growing sweet pea plants for the St. Martha school science fair in Toronto yesterday. Other students displayed their science knowledge on volcanoes, electricity and the solar system.

## Just one WW1 vet left

Veteran Percy "Dwight" Wilson died yesterday morning at the age of 106, leaving only one known surviving veteran of the First World War.

Wilson passed "peacefully" at Toronto's Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Canada's largest

veterans' care facility, where flags were lowered to half-mast in honour of the veteran.

His death leaves John Babcock, who lives in Spokane, Wash., as the only surviving Canadian First World War veteran.

- CTV.ca

## AFGHANISTAN

# An ex-Taliban's fragile hope

**Local Afghans do not think the Americans and Canadians are here for peace and stability in Afghanistan, says a former senior Taliban cleric.**

In a large private mansion in Kabul, former Taliban official Mullah Abdul Salam Zaeef now resides under virtual house arrest. Before 9-11, however, he was a senior official in the Taliban regime. As ambassador to Pakistan when the U.S. launched their military intervention into Afghanistan in 2001, Zaeef became the last public spokesman for the Taliban. Arrested by Pakistani intelligence in January 2002, he was subsequently handed over to the Americans and interned at Guantanamo Bay for three years and 10 months.

Although he was cleared of terrorism charges, Zaeef is forbidden from returning to his

home in the volatile Panjwaii district. Zaeef nevertheless receives regular visitors from the Kandahar region. He maintains that he no longer speaks for the Taliban.

He had a recent meeting with Afghan President Hamid Karzai imploring

**"If the country is being bombed, if someone is being killed, if the village is destroyed, if the situation becomes worse, it is Afghans who suffer."**

him to open a dialogue with insurgents and he does not rule out himself playing a role.

"Negotiation and dialogue is the solution. The solution is not with the foreigners," says Zaeef. "The foreigners had six years but they didn't bring security, they didn't bring stability and they didn't satisfy the people."

While Zaeef urges a negotiated settlement, he warns the window for such a possibility is not open-ended. "After two years then there will be no more opportunities," he says. "If the country is being bombed, if someone is being killed, if the village is destroyed, if the situation becomes worse, it is Afghans who suffer. Canadian soldiers are killed here - but our casualties are more."

Zaeef estimates that since the American intervention in 2001, more than 50,000 Afghans have died in the fighting. Those Afghans joining the insurgency are increasingly doing so for reasons of personal revenge.

"Americans are enemies, Canadians are enemies," says Zaeef. "They are supporting each other. There is no difference."

- Scott Taylor is the publisher of *Esprit de Corps* and is on assignment in Afghanistan.

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## world news IN BRIEF

■ **7-7 ARRESTS**  
British police arrested the widow of one of the London suicide bombers of July 7, 2005, along with three other suspects yesterday, a source familiar with the operation said.

■ **FIRE CONTROLLED**  
A respite in hot winds yesterday allowed firefighters to bring a wildfire under control after it swept through a landmark Los Angeles park and forced hundreds of residents from a wealthy neighbourhood in the Hollywood Hills to abandon their homes overnight.

■ **GREEN MEDIA**  
Rupert Murdoch's media conglomerate News Corp. said yesterday it would be "carbon neutral" across all of its businesses by 2010, putting a time frame on when it plans to cut energy usage.

- Reuters

## Victory is sweet



- Reuters

**A Second World War veteran dances during victory celebrations in front of the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow yesterday. Russia celebrated the 62nd anniversary of the Second World War victory over Nazi Germany in 1945.**

## What global warming?

It's dense, gassy and a bit of oddball, but a planet orbiting a star in the constellation Hercules may be the hottest known yet, scientists said yesterday.

The planet - HD 149026b - is smaller than the typical gas giant and its atmosphere is much heav-

ier, contributing to its staggering temperature of higher than 2,000 C, they said.

The discovery comes as astronomers create the first-ever climate map of a more typical gas giant.

The two findings are published in *Nature*.

- Reuters

## Opposites attract, indeed

**They're Japan's odd couple.**

Capybaras and squirrel monkeys, unlikely neighbours in the wild, are living in the same enclosure at a zoo near Tokyo and so far, they're loving it.

The monkeys ride on the capybaras' backs and kiss the world's largest rodents, who tolerate their tricks. But in the wild, their paths do not cross - capybaras live on river banks while the monkeys live in forests.

Keepers at the Tobu zoo said it took the capybaras years to tolerate the monkeys.

Both species hail from South America and are not carnivores but at another Japanese zoo, a capybara mauled a monkey to death in their shared enclosure, proof that the cohabitation of the species is not always peaceful.

"This may simply suggest that all four



- Reuters

**A common squirrel monkey stands next to a capybara at a zoo in Kasukabe, north of Tokyo on Tuesday. The zoo has raised 30 monkeys and four capybaras in the same enclosure since 2000.**

capybaras living here happen to be too gentle and meek to offend the monkeys," said Kenji Narukawa, the zoo keeper in charge of capybara and squirrel monkey enclosure.

"I don't think this necessarily means that capybaras and squirrel monkeys are compatible

in general."

Since local media reported on the odd pairing, hundreds of visitors have visited the zoo to see the animals in action.

"They are so cute. I am very happy to see such a rare couple," said one visitor, 35-year-old Motoyasu Miyasaka.

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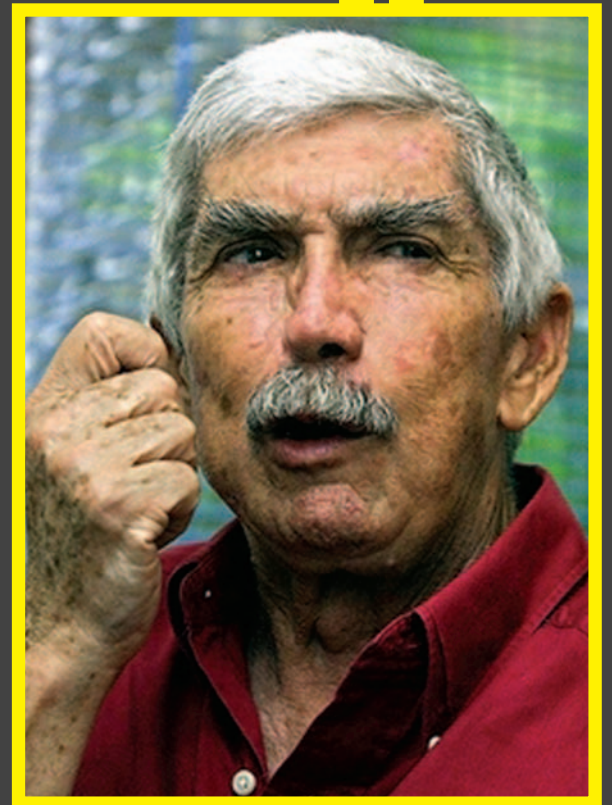
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# GYPSY: the bare essentials

You could call it a tale of semi-naked ambition.

Stage-struck mother Mama Rose craves success and bullies 15-year-old daughter Louise – originally coached by a performer called Tessie the Tassel-Twirler – into becoming the Gypsy Rose Lee, the sensational 1930s burlesque peeler who put the tease into stripping.

“I was never naked,” GRL wrote in her memoirs. “I was always covered by a blue light.”

With a book by Arthur Laurents and melody and lyrics by Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim, she and her demonic mom became immortal in the musical *Gypsy*, regarded by many stellar critics as the best of all musicals.

“It’s a terrific finish to the season,” says Arts Club Artistic Director Bill Millerd, who realizes a long-held ambition by directing the show. And he believes that Barbara Barsky – in the Mama Rose role first made famous on Broadway by the decibel-driven Ethel Merman – “...is going to electrify audiences when she takes on *Gypsy*’s show-stopping numbers.”

Lauren Bowler plays Gypsy Rose Lee and Andrew Wheeler is the

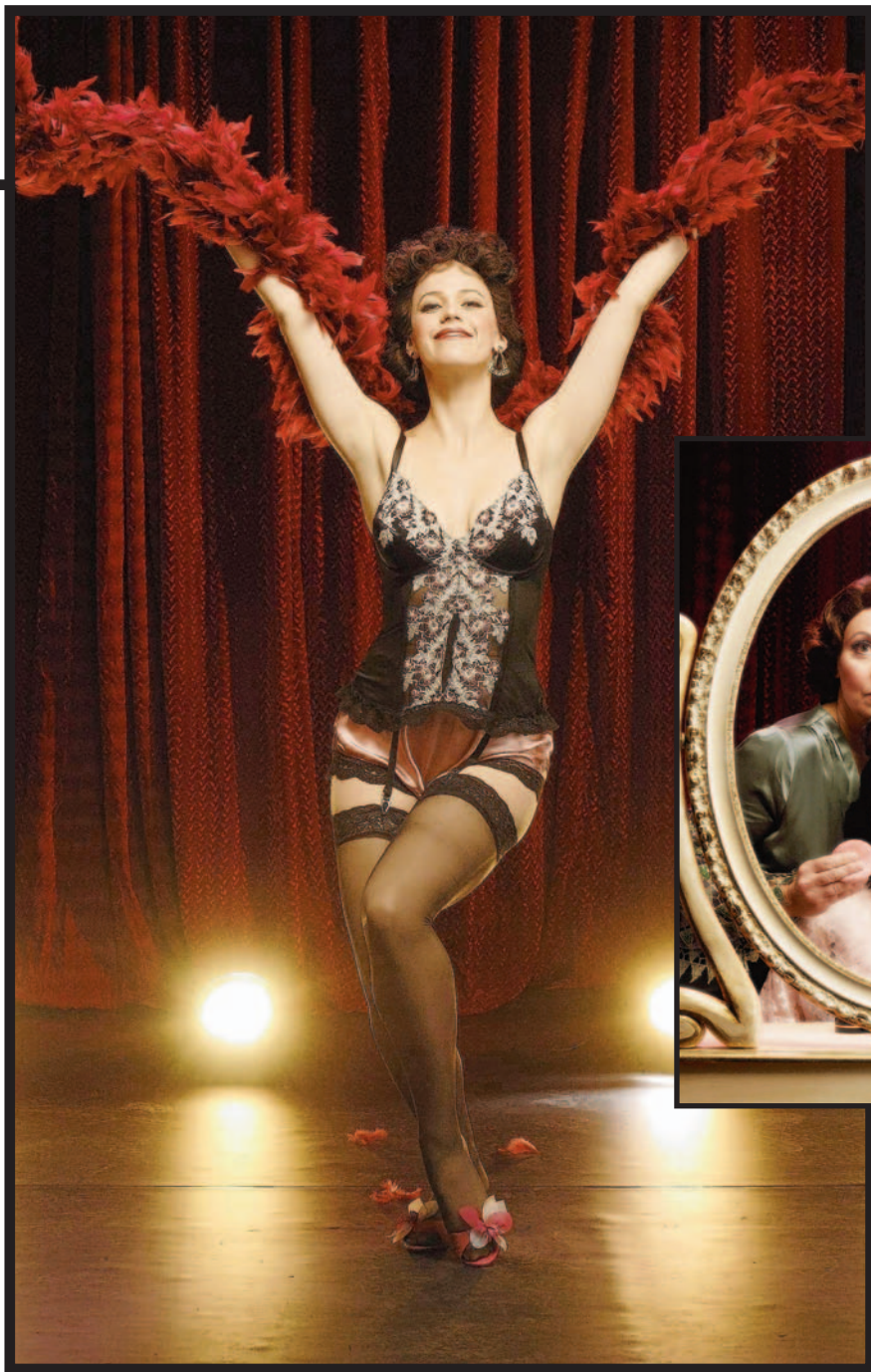
manager Herbie, plus a stage-deep supporting cast that includes the eminent Bernard Cuffling.

Musical director is Bruce Kellet with choreography by Valerie Easton.

*Gypsy: A Musical Fable* opens in preview tonight (Thurs. May 10) at 8 at the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage and runs until July 8 p.m. Showtimes Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m.; matinees Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

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- Graeme McRanor, 24 hours



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Above, Lauren Bowler in the Arts Club Theatre Company's production of *Gypsy*. Above right, Barbara Barsky, Lauren Bowler and Andrew Wheeler.

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## listen to me

Today the term 'punk rock' still conjures up visions of mohawks, safety pins and screaming heroin addicts who can barely play their instruments. This is not entirely accurate. Sure, back in the day there were lots of bands like the Sex Pistols that fell into this category and, subsequently, there are lots of polished pretenders like Blink 182 and Good Charlotte that struggle to keep this façade alive, but true punk rock is not about hair products and black nail polish. True punk rock is about attitude, heart, and great f---ing songs. Tony Balony and the Rubes understand this better than most.

A prominent member of the Vancouver music scene since the early days of punk, singer/guitarist Tony Balony (a.k.a. Anthony Walker) has cut his teeth in a number of local bands, most notably The

Real McKenzies. Too restless to rest on his rock 'n' roll laurels, Walker joined forces with bassist/vocalist Walter Brady and drummer Alex Koch to form the hottest three-piece this city has seen since the powder-blue suit I wore to my Grade 10 grad.

With their debut release, *Standing Rubes Only*, making waves, and their hard-hitting live performance making memories, Tony Balony and the Rubes just might have what it takes to remind us all that punk rock is about a whole lot more than fashion and fronting. It's about the music.

Catch Tony Balony and the Rubes when they take the stage at the Media Club this Saturday with local favourites Transylvanian Polka and Kostaman.

-R.C. Joseph, 24 hours  
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### TONY BALONY AND THE RUBES



-Adam Smith Photo

**Name:** Tony Balony and the Rubes  
**Profession:** Musicians

# Bubl , Feist and Rush rule charts

**Vancouver crooner Michael Bubl  led a Canadian triple play of debuts on the albums charts this week.**

Bubl 's seventh full-length disc *Call Me Irresponsible* led the way by checking in at No. 1 with more than 42,000 in sales, according to Nielsen SoundScan data.

Bubl  fared well south of the border as well, hitting No. 2 in the U.S. with 212,000 copies sold.

Back here, Calgary-born singer/songwriter Feist premiered at No. 2 with *The Reminder* (just over 18,000), while Rush's 18th studio effort, *Snakes & Arrows* (18,000) spent its first week at No. 3.

All the movement in the front forced Avril Lavigne's *The Best Damn Thing* out of the top spot and down to No. 4, and Isabelle Boulay's *De Retour a la Source* from No. 2 to No. 5.

Meanwhile, Timbaland's *Timbaland Presents: Shock Value* and Mika's *Life in Cartoon Motion* both stayed at No. 6 and No. 7, respectively, and Ne-Yo's *Because of You* debuted at No. 8.

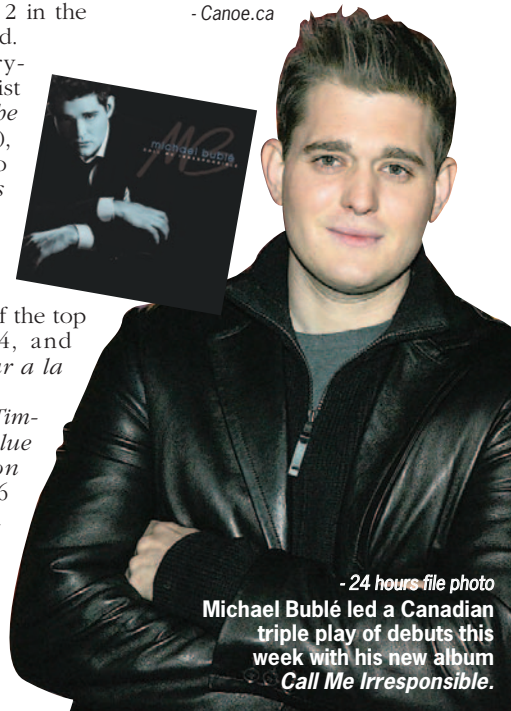
Nelly Furtado's *Loose* slipped one position to No. 9, and Justin Timberlake's *FutureSex/LoveSounds* re-

entered the top 10 at No. 10.

Other notable debuts included Tori Amos' *American Doll Posse* at No. 15, the *Spider-Man 3* soundtrack at No. 36, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club's *Baby 81* at No. 38, and Faber Drive's *Seven Second Surgery* at No. 42.

In the U.S., Ne-Yo hit No. 1 (251,000), followed by Rush in third, Avril Lavigne in fourth, and Tori Amos in fifth.

-Canoe.ca



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Michael Bubl  led a Canadian triple play of debuts this week with his new album *Call Me Irresponsible*.

## Huffman drunk on set ... but not enough

**Felicity Huffman recently addressed rumours about her sobriety on the set of her upcoming flick, *Georgia Rule*.**

"Okay, it's a little true. I was drunk a little bit of it, but not a lot," the 44-year-old actress told *Parade* magazine.

However, Huffman insists she wasn't falling down drunk.

"No, unfortunately. I wish I could have done it drunk." *Georgia Rule*, costarring Jane Fonda and Lindsay Lohan, hits theatres Friday.

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### SHOWS

#### ■ STRIPPED

The Stripped Concert Series Vol.12 features Siobhan Duval, Jessica Beach, Camille Miller and Rebecca Ramone. There's also a Parasuco summer fashion show and photo exhibition by Rolling Stone photographer, Angela Hubbard. Tonight @ 8 @ Ginger 62 (1219 Granville St.). Tix \$12 @ the door. [www.strippedservices.com](http://www.strippedservices.com).

#### ■ SOMETHING NEW

It's Brand New from Long Island, NY, with local guest Anathallo, tonight @ the Croatian Cultural Centre. Tix \$23 plus services @ Ticketmaster.

### ON STAGE

#### ■ ONE ANGRY INCH

*Hedwig and the Angry Inch* runs Tues-Sat at 7:30 p.m. until May 12 at the Media Club (695 Cambie St.), follows the high and lows of an East German punk rock band and its transgendered lead singer. If you like androgynous glam rock, this show's for you. For more info, visit [www.ticketstonight.ca](http://www.ticketstonight.ca)

#### ■ ROYAL LEPAGE

Robert LePage's *The Andersen Project*, in conjunction with Theatre la Seizieme, runs until May 27 at the Playhouse Theatre. (The final performance will be in French.) Tickets \$43.75 to \$78.75 at 604-280-3311 & 604-873-3311; information [www.vancouverplayhouse.com](http://www.vancouverplayhouse.com).

#### ■ TRAVEL HERE

*Gypsy: A Musical Fable* opens in previews this Thursday (May 10) at 8 at the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage and runs until July 8. Showtimes Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday through Saturday at 8; matinees Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday at 2. Tickets \$29-\$59.50 at Ticketmaster 604-280-3311 & 604-687-1644; info @ [www.artclub.com](http://www.artclub.com).

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# Movies make the move to 3-D

A 3-D technology developed to help NASA astronauts practise making repairs in space is set to revolutionize the way people watch movies by 2009, when a wave of live-action 3-D movies hits theatres.

Just 18 months ago, *Chicken Little*, the first modern 3-D movie, touched off a sensation among studio executives and theatre chain owners

who say the crisp, digital images of the new 3-D will drive profits in the next decade.

The slate of 3-D films set for 2009 is led by *Titanic* director James Cameron's *Avatar*.

Nearly every large movie studio and many smaller ones have at least one or two 3-D titles in production, though most release dates have not been

announced.

Digital 3-D, pioneered by a Beverly Hills company called Real D, still requires moviegoers to wear geeky glasses, but the left- and right-eye images are calibrated so finely that most viewers experience no headache or eyestrain.

"None of the 3-D systems in the past allowed you to immerse yourself in the frame," said

Walden Media Chief Executive Cary Granat, whose *Journey 3-D* will be the first live-action digital 3-D feature film release in 2008. "This is really the next step of film-going," he said.

It now costs filmmakers an extra \$10 million to make a 3-D movie – a sum that is expected to escalate as 3-D special effects evolve.

-Reuters



## Rental Assistance Program

### "It's made a world of difference"

Thanks to the Rental Assistance Program, Cathy doesn't worry about having enough money to cover household expenses. The Province has recently raised the maximum household income ceiling for the Rental Assistance Program, meaning more working families with a combined gross income of **less than \$28,000** are eligible.

B.C. families, like Cathy's, who rent in the private market, may be eligible to receive direct cash assistance for their monthly rent payments. Families must have at least one child under the age of 19, lived in B.C. for the past 12 months and been employed at some point during the past year.

For more information on the Rental Assistance Program, contact BC Housing at **604-433-2218** in the Lower Mainland or **1-800-257-7756** elsewhere in B.C.

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Jaime Pressly plays Joy in the comedy *My Name is Earl*.

**My Name is Earl**

Earl is still working through his list, righting the wrongs he's done to others over the years in the hope it will bring him better karma.

In tonight's season finale, Joy finally has her day in court.

*My Name is Earl* is on NBC at 8 p.m.

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William Petersen is crime scene investigator Gill Grissom in *CSI*.

**CSI**

Grissom launches an investigation after an attempted murder by a sadist. But the probe becomes more difficult when the victim refuses to name her attacker.

*CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* is on CTV at 9 p.m.

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	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
CBC	3	Can. Now	22 Minutes	✱ Murder Unveiled (2004)	Anita Majumdar.	CBC News: The National		The Hour				
SHAW	4	Urban Rush		Voice of BC	Studio 4	Trade	The Express	Urban Rush				
KNOW	5	Profiles of Nature		With Glowing Hearts	Around the World	Wild Heart	Stuarts Did	Perspectives				
CH	6	Out There	Malcolm	Saved	Psych	Painkiller Jane (N)		News				
SRC	7	Squelettes	Fric Show	Perdus (N)	René	Le Téléjournal		Téléjournal	Au-dessus			
M	8	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Cantonese News	News	News	Scrubs	Simpsons	South Park	Letterman		
CTV	9	eTalk (N)	Access H.	Grey's Anatomy (N)	CSI: Crime Scene (N)	ER "Sea Change"		News	CTV News			
OMNI	10	Reba	Accord.Jim	Friends	Home Imp	Standard	Muslim	Promised Land		It's a New Day		
GBLBC	11	ET	E.T. Canada	Survivor: Fiji (N)		Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (N)		News				
A-CHAN	12	Wheel Fort.	Jeopardy	Smallville "Prototype" (N)	✱ Changing Lanes (2002)	Ben Affleck.		News	:35 Daily			
CITY	13	Star! Daily	Friends	Ugly Betty (N)	Supernatural 1/2	Godiva's		Realty TV	:35 Jay Leno			
UPN	14	Queens	Queens	Smallville "Prototype" (N)	Supernatural 1/2	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier	Frasier			
CBS	15	ET	Access H.	Survivor: Fiji (N)	CSI: Crime Scene (N)	Without a Trace (N) (SF)		News	Letterman			
NBC	16	Magazine	Inside Ed.	Earl (SF)	:40 Office	:20 Scrubs (N)		ER "Sea Change" (N)	News	:35 Jay Leno		
W	19	Take House	ClnHouse	Div. Design	Take House	Colour	Save Us	The Shopping Bags	Take House	Take House		
CMT	20	Three Wishes		Central	Hope&F.	Roseanne	Reba	Married	Three Wishes			
ABC	21	Wheel Fort.	Jeopardy	Ugly Betty (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Traveler "Pilot" (N)		News	:35 News			
RSP	22	Sportsnet Connected		Poker	Poker	Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Connected				
KVOS	23	Standing	Scrubs	✱ The First Deadly Sin (1981)	Frank Sinatra.	W&Grace	Standing	Blind Date	Magnum			
MM	24	Screwed	Mus.Life	RapCity	MuchTopTens	Vile Style		Screwed	Video Trial RapCity			
YTV	25	Sabrina	Malcolm	Fresh P.	Fries?	Hunters	Ghosts	Prank	Spy Acad.	BobMarg	Weird	
NW	26	CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		Discover Wild Canada	CBC News: The National			
KCTS	27	KCTS Connects		American Masters	Rat Pack	Sinatra: Live		Allo! Allo!	BBC News			
FOX	28	Simpsons	Malcolm	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (N)		Q-13 Fox News at Ten		Simpsons	Scrubs			
HGTV	29	Disaster	Junk Bros.	Restaurant Makeover	Holmes on Homes 1/2	Handyman Superstar		Disaster	Junk Bros.			
TSN	30	Sportscentre		Off Record	Billiards	Poker		Sportscentre				
A&E	31	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Wannabe"	The First 48	The First 48		Detroit SWAT				
SPIKE	32	The Ultimate Fighter (N)		The Ultimate Fighter	Wild World	Sports	MXC	Real TV	✱ Fear Dot Com (2002)			
CNN	33	Anderson Cooper 360			Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360						
TLC	34	Overhaulin'		American Chopper	American Chopper	Wrecks to Riches (N)		American Chopper				
MMM	35	Surreal Fame Games		MMMCountdown	MMMMarquee	"Happy Birthday Elton John"		mmm10.com				
ENCR2	38	6:15 ✱ Lost in America		✱ Analyze This (1999)	Billy Crystal, Robert De Niro.	✱ Dreams Beyond Memory (1987)		Movie				
SHOW	39	Andromeda		Doc	Trailer Park	K vs Spenny	Enthusiasm	:45 Saxon.	:25 CSI: Crime Scene			
BRAVO	40	6:00 ✱ Crusoe (1988)		Law & Order	Without a Trace	✱ Valmont (1989)		Annette Bening, Colin Firth.				
SLICE	41	The Real Housewives		Crash Test Mommy	Til Debt	Til Debt	The Real Housewives	Extra	Matchmake			
DISC	42	Mayday		Daily Planet	Dirty Jobs	Mayday		Deadliest Catch				
WTVS	43	MUCC's MI	DesignE2	Red Green	Time Goes	T. Smiley	Charlie Rose	Old House	Ask House	MUCC's MI		
HIST	44	CSI: NY "Heroes"		Digging for the Truth	Digging for the Truth	CSI: NY "Heroes"		Crime Stories				
SPACE	45	Stargate: SG-1 (N)		Mutant X "Possibilities"	Star Trek: Enterprise	The Sentinel		Stargate: SG-1 "Bounty"				
TCM	46	✱ Keeper of the Flame (1942)	Spencer Tracy.		Katherine Hepburn	:15 ✱ Without Love (1945)		Spencer Tracy.				
WTBS	47	✱ Exit Wounds (2001)	Steven Seagal.		:10 ✱ The Glimmer Man (1996)	:55 ✱ Exit Wounds (2001)						
TROP	48	Happened	Inside Box	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Married	Married	Frasier	Grace Fire	E.T. Canada	Happened	
OLN	49	Pilot Guides		Don'tForgetPassport	Man Work	Pushing	Crash	The Rig	Don'tForgetPassport			
TOON	50	Spider	Cybersix	6teen	Ripping	Family Guy	Sons of	Robot	Stroker...	Family Guy	Tripping	
FAM	51	So Raven	Smart Guy	Suite Life	Life Derek	8 Rules	Sinbad	Popular "Big Bertha"	8 Rules	Life Derek		
FOOD	52	Jamie's School Dinners		K. Kwong	This Food	Iron Chef America		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Jamie's School Dinners		
TREE	56	Toopy & B	Max	Franklin	Toy Castle	Ants Pants	Crazy Quilt	Wee 3	Treetown	Ants Pants	Crazy Quilt	
COM	57	Air Farce	You Bet	Just-Laughs	Rick Mercer	Simpsons	South Park	Showbiz	S Silverman	Daily Show	Colbert	
MTV	101	Hollywood	Run's	Next	MTV Screen	RW: Denver	Hollywood	Hollywood	Run's	MTV Screen	MTV Live	
VISION	102	6:00 ✱ Little Women		Hope Island		✱ Little Women (1994)		Winona Ryder.	7th Heaven 1/2			
APTN	103	Words	Rez Rides	H.Williams	Renegade	Street Legal		The Rez	Moccasin	The Link	APTN News	
TVA	106	Vidéos	Les Gags	✱ La Belle-famille (2000)	Ben Stiller.	Le TVA 22 Heures		Le cercle ✱ Hantise				
TV5	107	6:00 Enquête	Coeurs bat.	TV5 journal	Temps présent	Taratata		Chroniques		Deux filles		
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## Mom's the word this weekend. From brunch to the perfect bunch here's how to spend the day with her in style.

**MOM INTO MONET?** She may not find the French impressionist painter at Art in the City: Visual Art Show and Sale but she will find plenty of other wall candy to like ... your treat of course. Sunday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the West End Community Centre, 870 Denman St. [www.westendcc.ca](http://www.westendcc.ca).

**GO FLY A KITE ...** hopefully this is the worst thing you've ever suggested she do. If not, make up for those horrible teenage years by packing a picnic lunch and spending the day at the B.C. Kitefliers Association's May Fun Fly at Garry Point Park in Richmond, [www.bcka.bc.ca](http://www.bcka.bc.ca)

**OM FOR MOM!** Pre-natal, post-natal or pushing-grandma status, all moms will enjoy a yoga class lead by Lululemon ambassador and mom-to-be Andrea French. At Lululemon Athletica (Robson St.), Saturday, May 12, 8:45 a.m. to 9:45a.m. RSVP: Hannah Diether at [robson-community@lululemon.com](mailto:robson-community@lululemon.com) or call 604-681-3118

**HONOUR YOUR MAIN MUSE ...** with free admission (for mom when accompanied by a paying child or spouse) at the Vancouver Art

Gallery during the opening weekend (May 12 to April 6, 2008) of the Emily Carr and the Group of Seven exhibit, [www.vanartgallery.bc.ca](http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca).

**SEW THE SEEDS OF LOVE.** Growing Hope For Africa's Third Annual Sunflower Seedling Sale features more than 30 ornamental varieties of sunflower seedlings, grown locally by nurses in the downtown eastside, with proceeds supporting grassroots HIV/AIDS organizations in sub-Saharan Africa via the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Two locations: East Side: 2133 East 7th Ave and West Side: 6360 Larch St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

**BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S.** You can treat mom to the same old pancakes or really play her "favourite" with eggs baked en cocotte, with Toulouse sausage and duck confit at Elixir at the Opus, 350 Davie St. Brunch comes complete with two Thomas Haas chocolate hearts and chance to win a Tiffany & Co. heart-shaped "Mom," charm. Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Reserve at [www.elixirvancouver.ca](http://www.elixirvancouver.ca) or by calling 604-642 - 0557.



**PHILANTHROPIC FLORA.** Pop into Capers now through Sunday for a potted plant or locally made card for mom and help single moms at the same time. All proceeds from the Flowers that Feed potted plant, \$14.99, or locally-made Mother's Day card, \$1.99, go to the YWCA's emergency food voucher fund, [www.capersmarkets.com](http://www.capersmarkets.com).

**MOM'S DAY MATINEE.** In honour of the day, the Arts Club Theatre presents a special *Mom's the Word 2: Unhinged* matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Granville Island Stage. Reminisce, relate and laugh as the older and wiser moms tackle the dreaded teenage years. Tickets, \$26.50 at [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca)

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Haven't quite gotten your guy into yoga wear yet? Doesn't he know it's just as suitable for eggs Benny as it is for Ashtanga?

Not to worry, a new player on the men's active-lifestyle front means he needn't choose between a weekend wardrobe of stiff-legged jeans or 'you're-not-leaving-the-house' track pants.

Duke's Northshore (818 Park Royal North in West Vancouver [www.dukesnorthshore.com](http://www.dukesnorthshore.com)) is from the people who brought us West 49 and boasts such brands as Quiksilver, Billabong, Hurley, Hobie, Penguin and Matix.

And with a promise of a boy friendly shopping experience they offer plenty of ample seating for girlfriend and wives ... or if you dare leave him to his own devices "you-know-who" is practically right next door.

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**YUMMY MUMMY**

Moms-to-be cut out the Cosmos, the sushi and religiously watch their tuna intake but often those healthy habits go out the window the moment their little one pops out. After all, a bag of Doritos can seem like the perfect one-handed snack during 3 a.m. feedings.

*Healthy Mum, Happy Baby – How To Feed Yourself When Your Breastfeeding Your Baby* (Random House), \$25, is a new cookbook by Vancouver mom Annemarie Tempelman-Kluit, who's experienced those hazy, not to mention hungry, first few weeks – twice!

Full of recipes that don't require exact measurements and don't need to be served immediately (should there be a diaper blowout) as well as healthier versions of the aforementioned one-handed snack it's a great shower gift or the perfect Mother's Day present for the new mom in your life, [www.healthy-mumhappybaby.com](http://www.healthy-mumhappybaby.com).

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**BICYCLE BOUTIQUE BUILT FOR TWO**

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Lark (formerly on East 8th Ave.), a men's and ladies' boutique full of local, in-demand international labels, and even their own in-house line, and Jorg&Olif (formerly on West 6th), purveyors of the Dutch city bike, have joined forces at 2315 Main St.

The like-minded entrepreneurs share a keen eye for "putting the style in lifestyle" all the while keeping the environment in mind.

Check them both out at [www.lark8thave.com](http://www.lark8thave.com) and [www.jorgandolif.com](http://www.jorgandolif.com) or better yet drop by in person.

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**DOWNTOWN DOGGY STYLE**

Gastown has a new hot spot for dogs ... and it's not the much-saluted steam clock.

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an 80-120 km/h time of just 5.4 seconds, passing slower traffic is a shockingly quick exercise.

And when you're feeling playful, Maxima responds willingly with its sport-tuned suspension. Up front there are struts, coil springs and a stabilizer bar, while the multi-link independent rear suspension helps give Maxima the outstanding stability by minimizing camber

change when cornering. Eighteen-inch alloy wheels and V-rated tires are standard on the Maxima SE.

Safety features include dual-stage front airbags, side-impact curtain airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags and active head restraints to help prevent whiplash. Traction control and four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, electronic brake-force distribution (EBD)

and brake assist (BA) also are standard. So are an anti-dazzle rearview mirror and a tire pressure monitoring system.

This is a good-looking car, especially when seen from the rear, where its kicked up deck with trunk-mounted spoiler and dual exhausts, each with twin chrome tips, warn trailing traffic that this is one serious sedan.

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Most tire companies say tires should be replaced after about six years. I have a 1998 Beetle that I put snow tires on every fall, so my original summer tires are only on for six months of the year. My only concern is wondering when they are going to give out.

I don't think the tires would blow out as much as they lose grip as they age. The six-year recommendation on tire replacement is for units

that are out in the weather all year long.

Usually, after six years in the field, the tires are worn out anyway. Based on your using the tires only six months of the year I don't think you should have a problem squeezing another season out of them. Better still, take them to a reputable dealer and get their opinion.

**Q** I have a 1994 Mercury Topaz. The car has 95,000 miles and runs great except for one thing: When you put the car in park after driving it the idle revs up from 2,000 to 5,000 rpms and stays there. If you stomp on the gas pedal it just speeds it up and stays there. If you shut the car off and start it again it idles normal.

- Darrick

Something is jamming in the throttle linkage. This is a safety related item and should be dealt with immediately by a pro. Do not stop, do not pass go - get it looked after. This could be a disaster in the making.

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# Most pieces in place



## barry macdonald

### WHAT THE PUCK?

The sun has been coming up. The hangover is gone. Life is returning to normal, or as normal as it gets in this part of the world in the absence of the Vancouver Canucks.

The 2006-07 season is in the rear-view mirror, but the path taken has been a positive one.

And Dave Nonis has some decisions to make when it comes to retooling this group in time for

next season.

There are some pieces in place. The goaltender is pretty good. Vancouver's top four defencemen are solid, and under contract. But up front there are issues, and that is no great revelation.

For all the abuse the Sedins took in the playoffs, from the media and opposition alike, they aren't going anywhere. Neither is Markus Naslund and his \$6-million contract. Ryan Kesler will be back. So will Matt Cooke. Taylor Pyatt should be offered another contract based on what he provided. Jeff Cowan too.

Nonis was non-committal when pressed about whether he would like Linden back "for the right price." He didn't say no, but he didn't say yes.

Keep an eye on July 1. That's the first day of free agency. You want to celebrate on Canada Day? How would a Scott Gomez suit you? Or Daniel Briere? Or Chris Drury?

Easier said than spent, given the dollars any of these guys would command. But if this team is going to take the next step, there is a price to be paid.

Canuck fans have been teased. They should be excited. There is something to build on. A year from now, we might not be looking back. There still could be some games to be played.

**Barry Macdonald is co-host of BS in the Morning on the Team 1040 from 6-9 a.m. E-mail Barry at: [barry.macdonald@24hrs.ca](mailto:barry.macdonald@24hrs.ca)**

### Second round standings

B-Mac .....11-1  
Bif .....9-3  
Guts.....6-6  
Mackin.....6-6



Detroit (1) vs.  
Anaheim (2)  
Fri. 4:30 p.m.



Buffalo (1) vs.  
Ottawa (4)  
Tonight 4 p.m.

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**Bob Mackin**  
24 hours  
sports reporter

**Ducks in 7**  
Disneyland beats Hockeytown in a classic. The Niedermayers and Pronger will ruin the Dominator's chance to advance, unless he suffers a groin pull first.

**Sabres in 7**  
Buffalo will knock off the last Canadian team standing. Sabres snipers will ensure Sens' goalie Emery is far from bored.



**Bif Naked**  
Punk rocker  
Celebrity picker

**Ducks in 6**  
Anaheim is going to beat Detroit. You've got the Niedermayers, who I love. They're going to clip the Wings.

**Senators in 7**  
It's gonna be a barn burner. There's bad blood, the goalie thing, I just think it's gonna be quite riveting. It'll go the full seven.



**Guts McTavish**  
24 hours  
columnist

**Ducks in 5**  
I saw my first stripper at a hut near the Pitt River Bridge called the Wild Duck Inn. I still have the ping-pong ball to prove it. A noticeably heavier Burke goes for the Cup.

**Sabres in 6**  
Sabres' French Connection line of the '70s was my favourite line as a wee lad. I especially enjoyed Richard Martin's porn 'stache.



**B-Mac**  
24 columnist/BS  
in the Morning  
Team 1040

**Ducks in 6**  
Ducks have played 10 games in winning two series and I'm not sure they have really been sharp in the process. But Anaheim prevails thanks to having two Norris candidates to the Wings' one.

**Senators in 6**  
It's Senators' turn. So close, yet so far, so many times. The Sens made Martin Brodeur look like Martin Brochu. Canadian content in the Cup final.

# It's all birds in the West

As the Anaheim Ducks prepare to battle the Detroit Red Wings for a spot in the Stanley Cup final, here's a breakdown of the confrontation.

## Season series

■ The clubs split 2-2, with the last meeting on March 26 being a 1-0 Detroit victory and a Dominik Hasek shutout. Forward Ryan Getzlaf had three of Anaheim's nine goals in the series.

## Last playoff meeting

■ There have been three four-game sweeps in the history of this matchup, the last coming in 2003. But this won't likely be sweeps week. In the last battle, when Wings coach Mike Babcock was working for Anaheim, the seventh-seeded Ducks won a triple overtime contest in Game 1 and punched out the Wings in the first round.

## The skinny

■ This series will revolve around Anaheim's attempt to ruffle Hasek and his 1.97 GAA.

■ The Wings are taking a stab at being the official team of middle-aged hockey fans. The 45-year-old Chris Chelios and the 42-year-old Hasek lead the charge.



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**Dominik Hasek of the Detroit Red Wings makes a sprawling save off of Samuel Pahlsson of the Anaheim Ducks during regular season action.**

■ Nicklas Lidstrom joins Chelios and the Ducks' Scott Niedermayer and Chris Pronger as former Norris Trophy winners, with Anaheim coach Randy Carlyle making it five Norris holders in the series.

■ Six players remain from former coach Babcock's last season with the Ducks in 2003-04: Forwards Andy McDonald, Rob Niedermayer, Samuel Pahlsson and Chris Kunitz, plus goalies' J.S. Giguere and Ilja Bryzgalov.

■ Carlyle might opt for the checking unit of Pahlsson, Niedermayer and Travis Moen against the likes of Pavel Datsyuk, or go power on power with Teemu Selanne, McDonald and Chris Kunitz.

## Hurting

■ Wings defenceman Mathieu Schneider (broken wrist) is out for the series. Hasek's left hand is heavily taped, affecting his already unpredictable stick-handling.

■ Ducks' Todd Marchant (sports hernia) should be ready for Game 1. Seventh defenceman Ric Jackman (back spasm) should be ready for Game 1.

## Possible hero

■ Pronger is averaging more than 30 minutes a night and wants to get back in the final.

■ Lidstrom saved a goal and was a force at both ends for Detroit in a gutsy road win to wrap up the San Jose series.

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## A nose for Nash



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**A Phoenix Suns fan wears a Band-Aid with Steve Nash's number on her nose before the start of Game 2 of the Western conference semifinals between the Suns and the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday. Nash injured his nose in Game 1 and, still wearing a bandage, picked up 20 points and 16 assists in Game 2. Fans at the game in Phoenix honoured Nash by also wearing bandages. The series, split at one game apiece, resumes Saturday in San Antonio.**

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**WHEN:** Saturday May 12, 2007, 10 am to 2 pm

**WHERE:** My Favourite Thrift Shop, 2765 West 4th Ave., Vancouver, access off the alley

### Shell Helps Kids 41st & Granville Shell

#### Grand Opening Celebration

Come to our grand opening of the new Shell at 41st and Granville and have fun with lots of games, prizes, snacks etc. All proceeds to help send kids to Easter Seals Camps.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 12, 2007, 10 am - 3 pm

**WHERE:** 41st and Granville, Vancouver

### Team Chaos Texas Scramble Golf Tournament

Join Team Chaos for a great day out with the clubs. Registration fee is \$55.00 per person and includes dinner, one beer and 18 holes of golf Texas Scramble format. To register contact Stephanie Fischer at heffie2003@yahoo.com

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 12, 2007

Tee off @ 1:00 pm

**WHERE:** Tall Timbers Golf Course  
23523, 56th Ave., Langley

### GVRDlicious BAKE SALE!

Drop into the GVRD building lobby and buy some delicious baked goods for your breakfast or coffee break. Everything is \$1.00.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 am to 10 am

**WHERE:** Lobby 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby

### Team with all the Winners CAR WASH

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**WHEN:** Saturday, May 19, 2007, 11 am to 2 pm

**WHERE:** Mohawk Gas Station,  
975 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby

### Team with all the Winners Co-Ed

#### Dodgeball Tournament

Have a ball at this co-ed tournament. You need 6 - 8 people for a team and registration is \$65 per team. Prizes will be awarded to the Top Team and Most Sportsmanlike Team. Registration is \$65.00 per team and must be submitted by May 17th.

Players must be 18 years of age or older and each team must have a minimum of 2 girls and 2 guys. To register or get more information contact Stanley at (778) 846-0280 or email him at yhlowe@gmail.com.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 19th @ 6:30 pm

**WHERE:** Trout Lake Rec. Complex  
3350 Victoria Drive, Vancouver

### Special Nights Out For BC's Special Kids

#### Urban Rec Poker Night

Try your luck at winning one of the great prizes available. Contact Amanda at Amanda@urbanrec.ca or go to the website for more information  
www.urbanrec.ca!

**WHEN:** May 26th, 2007, 7pm

**WHERE:** Mount Pleasant Community Centre  
Ontario @ 16th Avenue, Vancouver

### Team Terminal Velocity Pub Night

Have a great night out with Team Terminal Velocity at their fundraising Pub Night. Take a chance and buy tickets for the 50/50 draw plus, there will be great prizes to be won. Tickets are \$10 and include cover and a complimentary drink before 9 pm.

They can be purchased by emailing mlutze@cobaltengineering.com.

**WHEN:** May 31, 2007, 7 pm

**WHERE:** The Roxy, 512-929 Granville

### VIRSA 24 Hour Relay Fundraiser Dinner

Come out and enjoy apples, dinner, dessert, prizes, and much much more! Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased by contacting Navi Bhangou at 604-329-8736 or Simi Brar at 778-578-0620

**WHEN:** June 1, 2007, 6:30 pm to 11 pm

**WHERE:** Haweli Grill & Restaurant,  
8220 120th Street, Surrey

### Mile High 5'ers Pub Night

Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at the door. They include a burger & beer or wine. There will be lots of fun with a 50/50 draw, toonie toss and more.

**WHEN:** June 2, 2007, 6 to 9 pm

**WHERE:** 7174 Barnet Rd., Burnaby

### The Royal Lightnings Pub Night

Tickets are \$10, a \$2 saving on the regular cover charge and includes VIP entrance until 10:30 pm.

To purchase tickets contact Inf@cwilson.com or lroper@dubo.com

**WHEN:** June 8th, 2007, 9 pm to 3 am

**WHERE:** Caprice Night Club, 965-967 Granville

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**tamara taggart's WEATHER TODAY**

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**Today** Sunrise: 5:37 a.m.

**High 15**  
**Low 7**

Sunny. Winds light.

Sunset: 8:41 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

**High 16**  
**Low 7**

Mainly sunny with cloudy periods.

**Saturday**

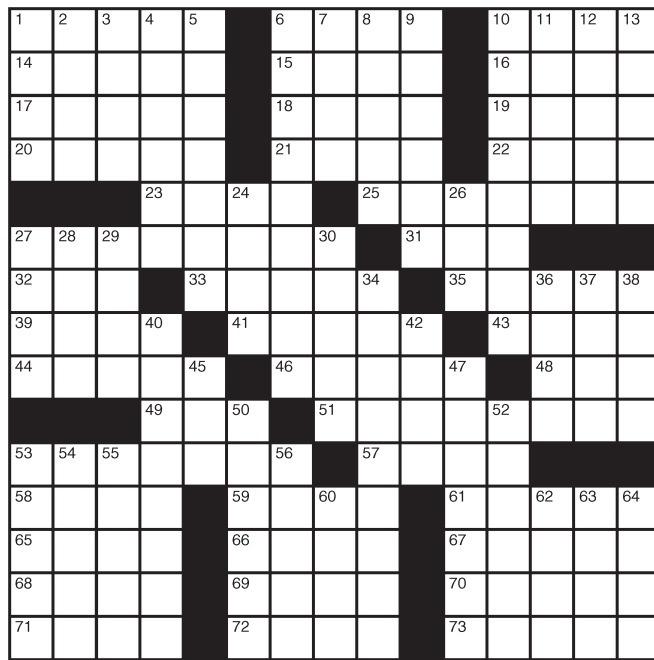
**High 15**  
**Low 6**

TWN incorporates Environment Canada data



PAGE 2 PUZZLE ANSWER: Annex

**your daily crossword**



**ACROSS**

- 1 Movers and shakers
- 6 Press down
- 10 Knocks lightly
- 14 White heron
- 15 Spicy stew
- 16 French she
- 17 Secret
- 18 Leibman and Howard
- 19 Anthracite, e.g.
- 20 Kind of code
- 21 Track gathering
- 22 Old instrument

- 23 Silent actor
- 25 Determines
- 27 Some relatives by marriage
- 31 Ho or Pardo
- 32 Have a bite
- 33 Clan symbol
- 35 Lahr and Lance
- 39 Tiny particle
- 41 Pyle of Mayberry
- 43 Not common
- 44 Choir member
- 46 Gets out of bed
- 48 Mobster's rod
- 49 Diner's bill
- 51 Holy places
- 53 Harsh critics
- 57 Aloe \_\_
- 58 Feed the kitty
- 59 Lamer's words
- 61 Accumulate
- 65 Composer Stravinsky
- 66 Put on
- 67 MacDill AFB site
- 68 Queue
- 69 The Swedish Nightingale
- 70 Loose robe
- 71 Kernel
- 72 lone \_\_ Leitch
- 73 German state

**DOWN**

- 1 Star of "Sleepy Hollow"
- 2 Shrek, for one
- 3 \_\_ go brag!
- 4 Overhaul
- 5 Salon artist
- 6 Harasser
- 7 Soothing balm
- 8 Exploited a vein
- 9 Displayed a public notice
- 10 Lounge chair
- 11 Spoken
- 12 Serving dish
- 13 Monica of the courts
- 24 Synthesizer inventor
- 26 Corn holder
- 27 Usher's destination
- 28 London gallery
- 29 Harrow's rival
- 30 Penultimate tennis round
- 34 National park in Colorado
- 36 Prego rival
- 37 Disney World transportation
- 38 Collectors' groups
- 40 Acted maternally
- 42 Auberjonois of "Boston Legal"
- 45 "Norma \_\_"
- 47 Tend to an itch
- 50 Donnybrooks
- 52 Hacienda hot meal
- 53 Pre-trial securities
- 54 Rolling Stones hit
- 55 Rock
- 56 Title role for Valentino
- 60 Myriad
- 62 Book after Joel
- 63 Health resorts
- 64 Rice wine

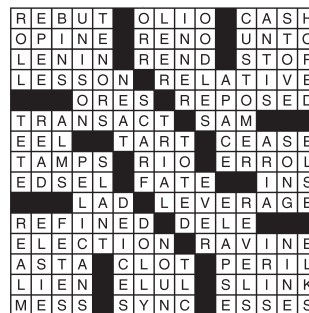
**your horoscope**

**Today's Birthday:** Keep your nose to the grindstone for the next several weeks and abide by the rules. Right now your lucky stars are hiding behind some clouds and cosmic conditions are too undependable to take a chance on a new car loan or a new romantic entanglement.

- ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
You might feel that hurry and speed are necessary, but by diving right in you might miss dangers lurking under the surface.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Strike the pinata. If you use imagination as well as logic where money is concerned, you may hit the right spot and get a shower of goodies.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Close your eyes. Visualize your most intense achievement and remember how good it felt when you reached your goal.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Keep desires and needs private rather than making them public. The guy at the top might be hard to please today.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Strive to be confident. The opposite of love is not necessarily hatred but could be indifference.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Go in the right direction. Rub someone the wrong way and you will create friction. Healthy competition is in the air.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Meet challenges gracefully. Those who are headstrong about possessions or finances might get an unpleasant surprise or face forceful opposition.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Make a choice. You can let the environment alter you - or you can alter the environment.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Keep it under your hat. That carefree feeling of utter confidence that things will work out in the end may be utterly misleading.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Money doesn't need to burn a hole in your pocket. Put it safely away in the piggy bank and you will have it available to spend on a certain rainy day.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Compete at your own level. Snap judgments and agreements could cause trouble later on.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Avoid spur-of-the-moment decisions. You heard about the guy who jumped out of the frying pan and into the fire.

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**Yesterday's Answers**



**Sudoku**

**Rating: Hard**  
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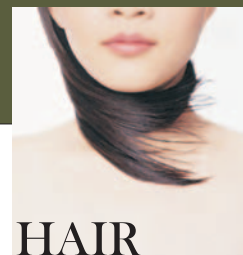
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