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An armed man was barricaded for 10 hours under the Disraeli Bridge Saturday. FACEBOOK

Police safely end 10-hour armed standoff under Disraeli Bridge

A 10-hour standoff ended safely Saturday afternoon after Winnipeg police negotiated with an armed man barricaded under the Disraeli Bridge.

The incident began around 5:00 a.m. on June 14, when officers responded to reports of gunfire at a home on the 100 block of Grove Street.

Police determined that a man had returned to the residence following a prior dispute and fired shots at the house.

No injuries were reported.

Following the shooting, the suspect fled on foot and was located under the Disraeli Bridge near Sutherland Avenue.

When officers found him, he refused to drop his firearm, prompting an armed and barricaded situation. Police closed off vehicle, pedestrian, and boat traffic in the area.

A full incident command was set up, with support from the Crisis Negotiation Unit, Tactical Support Team, River Patrol, Drone Unit, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, and the WFPS Water Rescue boat.

Throughout the day, negotiators worked to de-escalate the situation, even providing water to the suspect amid hot weather conditions.

At 3:23 p.m., Tactical Support Team members safely took the man into custody.

He was then turned over to the Major Crimes Unit.

The 36-year-old man was unlawfully at large and in violation of parole conditions.

He faces multiple charges, including weapons offences and parole violations.

He remains in custody. Police thanked the public and media for their patience and cooperation during the high-risk incident.

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Local Métis leader honoured with King's Coronation Medal

RENEE LILLEY

A longtime Métis leader in Portage la Prairie says he was left speechless after being awarded the King's Coronation Medal during a recent Manitoba Métis Federation meeting.

Wes Hannah, chair of the MMF Portage Local, received the honour in front of a crowd of about 150 community members during a regular meeting where MMF Minister Will Goodon was speaking.

"I couldn't believe it," said Hannah. "It just came as such a surprise. He was speaking about housing and other matters, and then he presented the medal. I was completely taken aback."

Hannah said the moment was made even more meaningful by the support and recognition he received from fellow community members afterward. "The people that came up to congratulate me — it was just really astonishing. It's something I'll cherish for the rest of my life," he said.

Hannah first got involved with the local Métis organization as a teenager. At age 18, he joined the Portage Local and eventually served as secretary-treasurer. He became more deeply involved in his late 20s and early 30s, eventually stepping into the role of chair following the death of former chair Cecile Timony.

Hannah served two full terms, each three years long, before stepping away from leadership due to family health issues. He returned to the local in recent years, reinvigorated by a new team and a renewed sense of purpose.

"It was time again to come back and do some wonderful things with some wonderful people," he said. "I'm so happy to have our executive this time around — Kim Chipman, Kathy Staples and Landeyn Aymont. It's been such a blessing."

The King's Coronation Medal is awarded to individuals across Canada who have made significant contributions to their communities. Hannah's decades of service and leadership within the local Métis community earned him this special recognition.

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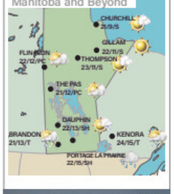
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Wind: NW, 20kmh

Wednesday
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P.O.P: 60%
Thunderstorm.
Wind: SW, 15kmh

Thursday
H: 26 L: 16
P.O.P: 30%
Mix, sun and clouds.
Wind: NE, 12kmh

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Edmonton	24/12	S	22/11	T
Halifax	21/9	S	20/12	S
Iqaluit	3/-1	RS	4/0	RS
Montréal	28/17	S	29/20	PC
Ottawa	26/15	S	27/20	PC
Regina	23/12	T	26/13	T
Saint John	21/9	S	21/13	S
Saskatoon	23/12	T	24/13	T
St John's	19/8	S	20/9	S
Vancouver	21/12	PC	21/14	S
Victoria	17/11	PC	17/13	S
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WestJet has implemented additional security measures and is advising both staff and customers to be cautious when handling personal information. *GAVIN YOUNG/POSTMEDIA*

Cybersecurity incident disrupts access to some WestJet services

WestJet is responding to a cybersecurity incident that has disrupted access to several internal systems and its mobile app. The airline says its operations remain safe and flight schedules are unaffected.

The issue was first acknowledged publicly on June 13. WestJet confirmed its internal teams are working with law enforcement and Transport Canada to investigate the breach and limit further disruption.

"At this time, our operation is running safely and remains unaffected by the current situation," the company said in an online statement. "We are actively working to understand the extent of impact and have expedited resolution efforts."

The airline has not disclosed what systems were targeted or whether any customer or employee data may have been compromised.

The company says it is too early to determine the scope or nature of the incident.

WestJet has implemented additional security measures and is advising both staff and customers to be cautious when handling personal information.

People are being encouraged to watch for suspicious messages that could be linked to phishing attempts.

"We apologize to our guests and employees for any interruptions they may be experiencing," the airline said.

WestJet has committed to issuing updates every 12 hours, or sooner if new information becomes available. Updates are being posted on the company's official website.

Transport Canada is working with WestJet to monitor any broader risks. Federal cybersecurity officials are also assisting in the investigation.

There is no indication yet of who may be behind the breach, and WestJet has not said whether the incident involves ransomware or attempted data theft. No group has claimed responsibility.

The incident comes as air travel demand increases with the start of the summer travel season. WestJet says passenger safety has not been affected.

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Five arrested after man seen pointing gun at vehicles

Five people were taken into custody Wednesday morning after Winnipeg police responded to reports of a man pointing a gun at vehicles in the North End.

According to police, the incident began shortly after 8:30 a.m. on June 12, when a man was seen with a handgun near Burrows Avenue and McKenzie Street.

Officers arrived and saw the suspect flee into a residence on the 600 block of Alfred Avenue. Members of the North District General Patrol, with help from the Tactical Support Team and the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Unit (drone), moved in on the home.

Five individuals were located inside and arrested without incident.

Police obtained a search warrant for the property and, with the support of the Firearms Investigation and Enforcement Unit, conducted a search.

Inside the home, officers seized a 12-gauge shotgun, a pellet gun, a large quantity of ammunition, firearm parts, and body armour. Three of the individuals arrested — two men and one woman — are facing multiple firearms-related charges and remain in custody.

A 35-year-old man and a 36-year-old woman were also charged with firearms offences. Both were released on undertakings. No injuries were reported.

Police say the investigation is ongoing.

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Medal a symbol of dedication, service

HANNAH FROM A1

What is the King's Coronation Medal?

The King Charles III Coronation Medal is a commemorative honour awarded to individuals across Canada and other Commonwealth nations to mark the crowning of King Charles III on May 6, 2023.

Who receives it?

The medal is awarded to:

- Volunteers and community leaders
- Members of the military, police, and emergency services
- Civic and public servants who have made significant contributions to Canadian society

It is both a symbol of appreciation and a recognition of service, reflecting the values of dedication, leadership, and public contribution.

Renée Lilley is a Local Journalism Initiative reporter who works out of the Portage Graphic. The Local Journalism Initiative is funded by the Government of Canada.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Back-to-back fires damage vacant homes on Maryland and Laura Sts.

Winnipeg firefighters were called to two separate structure fires overnight involving vacant homes.

The first fire broke out just after 10:25 p.m. Saturday in the 600 block of Maryland Street. Crews arrived to find heavy flames coming from a boarded-up, unoccupied house. The fire was brought under control within 30 minutes. No one was injured.

Just hours later, at 2:44 a.m. Sunday, firefighters responded to a second fire at a home in the 200 block of Laura Street. Smoke and flames were visible when crews arrived. The fire was brought under control by 3:36 a.m.

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What's it like to be host of G7 summit?

Kananaskis event organizers hope to give world leaders 'truly Albertan experience'

DEVIKA DESAI

Over the next week, an array of world leaders will make themselves at home in one of Canada's prized natural gems to discuss issues of global economic instability, war and political relations at the annual G7 summit.

Guests have already begun arriving at the Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge, according to Elizabeth Hovey-Smith, the lodge's general manager. For staff who have worked there for years, the next week will look quite different from the average work day.

For one, a controlled access zone has been created around the property by the Integrated Safety and Security Group, a multi-agency team lead by the RCMP that includes the Calgary Police Service, Alberta Sheriffs, provincial conservation officers and members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Anyone entering Kananaskis country requires accreditation, Hovey-Smith said, with different levels of permission afforded to people depending on their roles and requirement to enter certain areas of the lodge.

"Normally, to get into K-Country, all you need is to register your licence plate and pay for your conservation pass," she said. "But now there are roadblocks."

Staff are shuttled from the Stoney Nakoda resort and pass through several security checkpoints. Employees who want to hike in the region have to drive outside the zone.

Within the lodge, certain spots only allow certain employees, Hovey-Smith said.

"I'm general manager, but that doesn't mean I get to go everywhere, because I might not need to," she said.

"Certainly, that's very different," she said. "That's not normal practice for us but very understandable, given the high-level conversations and people that are going to be attending."

This year's summit, attended by leaders from Canada, U.S., Japan, France, Germany, Italy, France and the European Union — as well as invited guests from Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, India, Mexico, South Korea, South Africa and Ukraine — will focus on topics around economic instability and the Russia-Ukraine crisis.

The lodge is no stranger to hosting events of this political significance; it hosted the G8 summit in 2002, one of three events since the lodge was taken over by the Pomeroy group that it has hosted an event in which it was completely taken over by a client, according to Hovey-Smith.

A one-hour drive from Calgary, the lodge boasts a stunning view of the Kananaskis valley, with five restaurants and a Nordic spa. A family-friendly stay, it offers its guests activities ranging from indoor bingo night to mountain yoga and fireside nights.

Little has been revealed about the menu to be served to world leaders. According to a spokesperson for the lodge, the cuisine will focus on regional and local ingredients such as premium Alberta beef, coast-to-coast seafood and local berries, foraged vegetables, regional cheeses, and nuts and seeds.

At the 2002 summit, food was served buffet-style so foreign dignitaries could pick and choose what they wanted on their plate, and edged away from ethnic specialties that couldn't be replicated as in their countries of origin.

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The Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge in Kananaskis Village, an hour west of Calgary, takes full advantage of its spectacular mountain setting. The G7 summit begins Sunday and continues to Tuesday. *GAVIN YOUNG*



Former German chancellor Angela Merkel confronts U.S. President Donald Trump at the 2018 G7 summit in Charlevoix, Que. *GETTY IMAGES FILES*

Touchy Trump returns for G7: Canada hopes to avoid another eruption

DYLAN ROBERTSON

OTTAWA — U.S. President Donald Trump is set to arrive Sunday in Alberta for the G7 summit — his first visit to Canada since leaving in a huff seven years ago.

Ottawa could use everything from golfing and creative scheduling to special cabinet orders to make the visit successful and avoid a repeat diplomatic disaster.

"He is somebody who is very prickly when he feels like he's not being fully respected," said Eric Miller, president of Rideau Potomac Strategy Group, a cross-border consultancy.

"You want to make absolutely sure that ... he walks away and says, 'You know, those Canadians aren't so bad after all.'"

The last time Trump was in Canada — for the G7 summit in the Charlevoix region of Quebec — things ended in a blowout.

Trump refused to sign the communique, the published list of statements on common G7 issues that are mostly negotiated and agreed to by member nations ahead of time. He left early and lambasted Trudeau as "very dishonest and weak" in a spat over tariffs.

The summit included what Miller called the "photograph for the ages" — of then-German chancellor Angela Merkel and others standing sternly over a seated Donald Trump, who appeared to be glaring back with crossed arms.

German Ambassador to Canada Matthias Luttenberg put it bluntly when he told a June 4 panel that Ottawa was again navigating "very difficult circumstances" as G7 chairman — and capably, in his view. "I mean, I wouldn't like to negotiate with a country at the table who's questioning my sovereignty as a state," he said.

Prime Minister Mark Carney won office in April after repeatedly saying he could stand up to Trump's threats to ruin the Canadian economy in order to make the country an American state.

Carney had a cordial visit to Washington in early May and even got praise from Trump on social media and in person, despite the president insisting Canada should still become a U.S. state.

The two have continued talking. U.S. Ambassador Pete Hoekstra revealed this month that the president and Carney have exchanged frequent calls and texts on trade and tariffs.

The Canadian Press

Alberta-bound British PM stops in Ottawa

OTTAWA — British Prime Minister Keir Starmer visited Ottawa Saturday ahead of the G7 leaders' summit in Alberta.

The summit starts Sunday against a backdrop of mounting tensions and violence in the Middle East triggered by Israel's attack on Iranian missile and nuclear sites on Friday.

Prime Minister Mark Carney, who is hosting the summit, welcomed Starmer on Saturday night in Ottawa and the two will meet Sunday morning before both leave for Alberta.

Starmer's visit comes as the status of trade negotiations between Canada and the U.K. remains uncertain, and after Trade Minister Maninder Sidhu suggested the two countries use a temporary post-Brexit deal.

Britain and Canada have deep ties in the defence and culture sectors, though they've been in conflict for years over exports of hormone-treated beef from Canada and calls from British farmers to export more cheese to Canada.

Both countries have taken an increasingly sharp tone in statements about Israel's restrictions on food aid reaching Gaza and the expansion of West Bank settlements.

The Canadian Press



British Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

Quantum tech takes summit spotlight

OTTAWA — The Liberal government has named quantum technologies as a priority topic for the G7 meeting in Kananaskis, placing the nascent tech centre stage at the summit for the first time.

It's a move meant to showcase Canada's strength in the emerging field, which, like artificial intelligence, promises to transform many industries.

AI is at a more advanced stage of development than quantum technologies, said Mark Daley, professor and chief AI officer at Western University.

"These are earlier stage investments in a technology that has the potential to be truly transformative. It lets us compute things much faster, using much less energy than classical computers," he said.

Ahead of the summit, the Prime Minister's Office outlined Canada's priorities for the summit. It said in a press release the government would "seek agreements and co-ordinated action" on a number of topics, including "using artificial intelligence and quantum to unleash economic growth."

Industry welcomed the move and the consortium Quantum Industry Canada called it a "major milestone" for the sector.

Quantum technologies use the principles of quantum mechanics for applications like computing. Michael Murphy, a post-doctoral fellow and incoming director at the Centre for International and Defence Policy at Queen's University, said quantum technologies also include "a range of sensors, communications, protocols, hardware and software."

They are all "related to the discoveries within quantum science, but apply them in the real world and manipulate systems to let us do things more securely or with greater efficiency or with greater accuracy," he said.

Quantum computers, for example, would allow for a "rapid increase in processing power," he said.

Paul Samson, president of the Centre for International Governance Innovation, said while quantum computing hasn't reached the commercialization stage yet, there are types of quantum tech that are "here and now."

The Canadian Press



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits the site of the Air India crash on Friday. The incident killed 241 people on the flight and several others on the ground. *INDIAN PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU (PIB) VIA AFP*

Black box recovered from rooftop near Air India crash site

The black box from the Air India plane was recovered on Friday, authorities said, a development that will likely lead to clues about the cause of the crash that killed 241 people on the flight and several others on the ground.

The London-bound Boeing 787 struck a medical college hostel when the plane came down shortly after takeoff on Thursday in a residential area of the northwestern city of Ahmedabad.

The plane's digital flight data recorder, or black box, was recovered from a rooftop near the crash site and India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau said that it had begun its work with "full force."

The black box recovery marks an important step forward in the investigation, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu said in a social media post.

Professor Paul Fromme at the U.K.-based Institution of Mechanical Engineers said the flight data recorder has the information on engine and control settings, apart from the voice record of any cockpit conversations.

"This should show quickly if there was a loss of engine power or lift after takeoff and allow a preliminary determination of the likely cause for the crash," said Fromme, who heads the professional association's Aerospace Division.

Separately, the country's civil aviation regulator issued an order directing Air India to do additional maintenance and enhanced safety inspections of its Boeing 787-8 and 787-9 Dreamliners equipped with General Electric's GEnx engines.

Investigators on Friday continued searching the site of one of India's worst aviation disasters and Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with the only surviving passenger.

Aviation safety consultant Jeff Guzzetti, who is a former crash investigator for both the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration, said investigators should be able to answer some important questions about what caused the crash as soon as next week as long as the flight data recorder is in good shape.

Guzzetti said the key issues investigators are likely looking at include whether the flaps and other settings on the plane were correct, whether the engines lost power and whether the crew inputted information correctly about the hot temperature outside and the weight of the fuel and passengers.

He said a mistake in the data that the crew put into the plane's system could result in the flaps and slats being set incorrectly.

"I'm not saying that this accident's going to be solved immediately, but I think some basic factual questions will be able to be answered in quick order," Guzzetti said.

DNA testing was being conducted to identify bodies that were mostly charred beyond recognition. More victims are expected to be found in the search of the crash site.

The plane hit a building hosting a medical college hostel and burst into flames, killing several students, in the city that is the capital of Gujarat, Modi's home state.

"We are all devastated by the air tragedy in Ahmedabad. The loss of so many lives in such a sudden and heartbreaking manner is beyond words," Modi said on social media after visiting the site. "We understand their pain and also know that the void left behind will be felt for years to come."

The lone survivor was seen in television footage meeting Modi at the government hospital where he was being treated for burns and other injuries.

Viswashkumar Ramesh told India's national broadcaster that he still can't believe he's alive. He said the aircraft seemed to become stuck immediately after takeoff. He said the lights then came on, and right after that it accelerated but seemed unable to gain height before it crashed.

He said the side of the plane where he was seated fell onto the ground floor of a building and there was space for him to escape after the door broke open. He unfastened his seatbelt and forced himself out of the plane.

"When I opened my eyes, I realized I was alive," he said.

U.S. participants in the investigation will include people from the NTSB, FAA, Boeing and General Electric.

Two doctors at the hospital said that the bodies of four medical students killed on the ground after the plane crash were handed to their families.

At least 30 other injured students were still hospitalized, at least four of them in critical condition, the doctors said.

Thursday's Air India crash involved a 12-year-old Boeing 787. Boeing planes have been plagued by safety issues on other types of aircraft.

The Associated Press



The Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge is no stranger to political gatherings of the world's leaders, having hosted the 2002 G8 Summit. *POMEROY KANANASKIS MOUNTAIN LODGE*

Site of G7 trying to attract visitors from all over the globe

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Hovey-Smith said the lodge's aim is to introduce guests to Kananaskis.

"Tying in local food and drinks, and highlighting local suppliers and working with local artists ... introduce the group to a truly Albertan experience in the Rockies," she said.

Hovey-Smith said she couldn't offer specific details on what it's like to plan for the G7 summit. But often for events of this size, where the client has occupied the entire property, preparations begin a year out with close to 400 staff involved in planning.

"It's important that we have a long lead time so we are able to plan business accordingly," she said.

The summit begins Sunday and continues until Tuesday — and with guests already arriving, Hovey-Smith said staff are on alert.

"They've done quite a bit of training with the team around a number of different expectations to make sure that everyone is able to deliver the level of service that's expected," she said, "just as we would with any client."

But with the official event looming, there is "a lot of nervous anticipation," she said.

"Earlier in the week when the controlled access zone started, there were a lot of questions," she said.

"But now everyone's kind of settled down and understands how the security processes work and has their pass around their neck all the time. I think the team is feeling really excited."

For some employees who aren't from Canada, it may be about getting to see their country leaders up close. "It's very exciting for them to see their heads of state being invited to Canada," she said.

Hovey-Smith says once they move from planning to hosting, it will be the same as any other event. The goal remains the same — "To make sure that people are leaving here with a great experience and, you know, ready to tell all their friends about the great time they just had in Canada," she said.

For Rachel Ludwig, CEO of Tourism Kananaskis, the prospect of world leaders visiting the region is encouraging. "We're actually trying to attract more international visitors to the area because we know they are spending more money and staying longer," she said.

The region has been seeing growing popularity since 2019, she said, a trend that she hopes "will continue."

"It's the mountains that really defines us as an area," she said. "We're not only in the mountains but we are with the mountains, and those mountains transform the way we live."

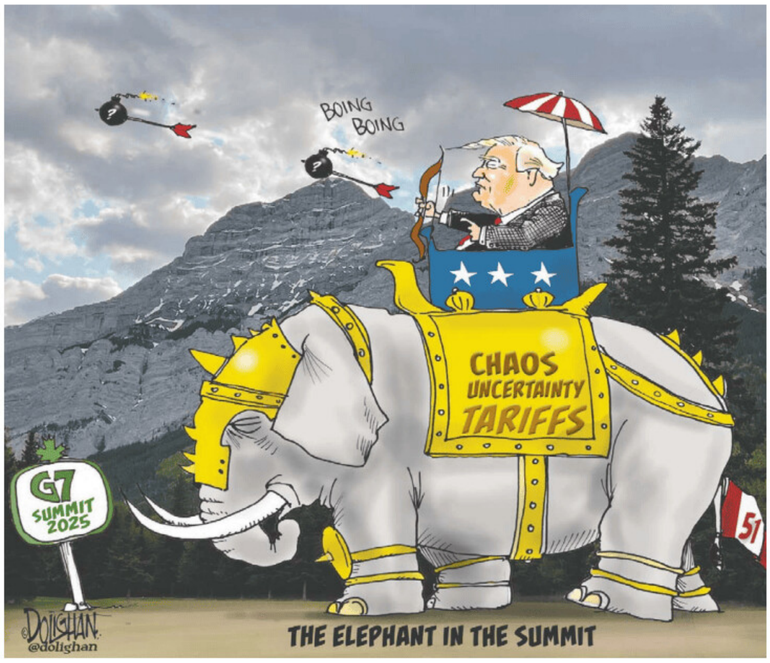
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EDITORIAL



We can't afford the $10-trillion error of ignoring girls' education

THOMAS TRI AND LINDSAY GLASSCO

Disease. Malnutrition. Conflict. Child marriage. $10 trillion.

These are just some of the costs we pay when girls are denied a basic right to education.

With 122 million girls currently out of school around the world, it is more important now than ever for the G7 leaders to address education inequality at the upcoming G7 Leaders' Summit.

Supporting girls' education is one of smartest investments we can make in our shared global future, directly addressing some of our largest international challenges. But education remains chronically underfunded and deprioritized at a time when the world simply cannot afford it.

Among the issues the G7 leaders will discuss in Kananaskis are international peace and security, economic stability and growth. The research is clear, the evidence is abundant, backed by no less than the World Bank, World Economic Forum and UNESCO: educating girls is consistently shown to improve these very issues.

International peace and security? Countries with higher rates of girls' education experience correlated decreases in "violent conflict at the global level" by a "substantial" amount.

Economic stability and growth? According to the UN's 2024 Gender Snapshot, the world could unlock $10 trillion in economic gains every single year — simply by closing the gender gap in education. Each additional year of school can increase a girl's future earnings by up to 25 per cent.

Health? Educated women raise healthier families. Infant mortality could be cut in half if all women had a secondary education.

Ultimately, investing in girls' education doesn't just change lives, it transforms societies. In countries where girls are educated, we see a reduced reliance on foreign aid, a decreased need for military intervention and a decrease in the spread of disease. Investments in education today will scale up to global peace, economic stability and prosperity, creating exponentially better outcomes for everyone.

The G7 nations control almost one-third of global GDP, but education receives barely five per cent of global development funding. This must change. Areas where girls can't access school see higher rates of child marriage, substantially more violent conflict and increased spread of disease.

Things only get worse in a crisis — whether from conflict, displacement or climate emergencies. When disaster strikes, education is often the first thing to go and, for girls, the stakes are even higher. Girls are the first to be pulled out of school, the last to be fed, and the most vulnerable to exploitation and violence by armed groups.

But in a crisis, education provides critical support for children, creating a sense of normalcy and maintaining routine, helping alleviate the psychological consequences associated with conflict or other traumas.

Canada is not immune to the effects of education inequality.

Many immigrant and refugee youth arrive here having already experienced conflict, disaster and prolonged interruptions to their schooling, only to encounter further challenges within the Canadian education system. From language barriers to incorrect grade placement, this educational exclusion often results in diminished confidence, increased vulnerability and a growing sense of disconnection from learners' former aspirations.

The key to addressing each of these challenges is a renewed commitment to investing in education, especially for girls, and especially in a crisis. The evidence is there — all that remains is the courage to act.

For the G7 leaders, this means taking bold, practical steps to reaffirm commitments to international aid with dedicated investments to strengthen public education systems.

The good news is that we know exactly what this looks like. Teacher training, ensuring access to quality education, and promoting community- and school-level initiatives that build social cohesion all work to support girls' education and success.

At this year's G7 summit, we ask the world's leaders to remember that the answer to many issues on their agenda is girls' education.

Continuing to ignore it is a $10-trillion mistake we cannot afford to keep making.

Thomas Tri sits on Plan International Canada's Youth Council and G7 Education Advocacy Campaign. He was recently awarded the Alberta Council for Global Co-operation's Top 30 Under 30 Award.

Lindsay Glassco is the president and CEO of Plan International Canada.

OUR VIEWS

CARNEY'S BIG BOOST ADDS TO CBC BLOAT

It's tempting to suggest that, as Canada's state broadcaster, CBC has a conflict of interest in covering federal elections and should recuse itself from such coverage.

During our most recent election, Prime Minister Mark Carney pledged not only to add $150 million to the $1.4 billion CBC gets in tax dollars, but to ensure CBC retains the right to advertising. And he wants to expand CBC's role, making it some kind of arbiter of what is and what is not government-approved reporting.

Under the previous government of Justin Trudeau, the minister responsible for CBC, Pascale St.-Onge, had proposed to increase funding for CBC but reduce its reliance on advertising.

Carney's proposal, however, provides both advertising and a funding boost, all of which, when fully implemented, could provide a substantial increase in overall CBC funding.

In May, CBC announced it was eliminating controversial bonuses paid to senior executives and would instead hike salaries to compensate.

Last year, the Canadian Press reported that CBC paid out $18.4 million in bonuses to 1,194 employees, including $3.3 million to 45 executives. This came during a plan to eliminate hundreds of positions and lay off as many as 800 staff. CBC backed off on most of the cutbacks when the government magically discovered extra funds to keep the staff employed.

There's no indication whether the salary hikes will compensate for the eliminated bonuses dollar-for-dollar.

This comes after the furore over revelations that former CBC president Catherine Tait, who was appointed by cabinet through an order-in-council, was paid between $468,900 and $551,600 plus a performance bonus. That's a big salary for a mediocre network.

Carney's mid-election pledge put employees of the state broadcaster in an awkward position. It's a brave CBC reporter who will bite the hand that feeds the broadcaster, given Carney's lavish pledge to back up the armoured money truck to the CBC loading dock and unload the cash once the vote is over.

At a time when private news organizations are scrambling for advertising dollars, the government is putting a massive thumb on the scale and giving CBC a huge business advantage over its private-sector competitors.

Israel just did the West a favour

ARSEN OSTROVSKY
GUEST OPINION

In the early hours of Friday morning, Thursday night in Canada, Israel launched a pre-emptive military strike deep inside Iranian territory — targeting nuclear infrastructure, military sites and senior officials.

First, let's be clear: This was not an act of aggression by Israel, but a lawful act of self-defence and a last resort against the genocidal regime in Tehran, which has, for decades, vowed to destroy the world's only Jewish state — and now stood on the cusp of doing so.

Under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, every nation has the inherent right to defend itself. Iran is the only UN member state that openly calls for the annihilation of another, Israel. This is not rhetorical flourish. Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has called the Jewish state a "cancerous tumour" that "must be eradicated." That genocidal intent has also been matched by action.

For years, Tehran has funded and armed a global terror network: Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad in Gaza, the Houthis in Yemen and militias in Iraq and Syria. These are not mere "proxies," they are tentacles of the same regime in Tehran that have also attacked American troops, disrupted global shipping and attacked western allies in the Mediterranean, South America and Europe.

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Then came Oct. 7, 2023 — the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust. This atrocity was carried out by Hamas, with Iranian money, training and weapons. Just as the Nazis sought to annihilate the Jewish people, the Islamic Republic of Iran has vowed, repeatedly, to annihilate the Jewish state.

Through it all, Israel showed remarkable restraint. It absorbed blow after blow, responding proportionately while Iran raced toward nuclear breakout. In the meantime, satellite imagery and intelligence confirmed that Tehran was enriching uranium to near-weapons grade, testing long-range missiles and constructing fortified underground facilities. This week, the International Atomic Energy Agency formally declared Iran in violation of its nuclear non-proliferation obligations. The writing was on the wall, and Iran was racing toward the point of no return.

U.S. President Donald Trump has repeatedly vowed that Iran will never acquire a nuclear weapon. While his administration has rightly prioritized diplomacy to avert conflict, he also warned that military action would be inevitable if Iran did not agree to a deal. Immediately after the strike, the president reiterated that, "I gave Iran chance after chance to make a deal. I told them (if they don't) it would be much worse than anything they know. ... It will only get worse!"

Ultimately, Israel acted not out of choice, but out of necessity. Although the cost of action may be high, the price of inaction for the world's only Jewish state would be existential.

But let's be clear: this is not just Israel's war. Iran's goal has never been limited to wiping the Jewish state off the map. Its aim is to challenge and destabilize the entire western-led world order. It doesn't just chant "Death to Israel" — it chants "Death to America," too. It arms and directs terror groups that have attacked U.S. forces, targeted European interests and disrupted global energy and trade routes.

For years, Israel has taken the hits so others wouldn't have to. It has fought Iran's terror proxies on its borders, absorbed missile fire and exposed nuclear violations — all while the rest of the world looked the other way and lectured the pesky Jewish state.

Now, with Iran on the verge of the point of nuclear no return, equivocation is not an option. In moving to eliminate the Iranian threat, Israel was not acting alone, but in defence of the West. And it is doing what much of the world has lacked the will to do: Confront a genocidal regime before it is too late.

Israel just did the West a favour. The least the West can do is say "thank you."

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SPORTS

BAT DOG MAKES HIS MLB DEBUT

The dog days of summer arrived Saturday at Nationals Park. Bruce, a 21-month-old golden retriever, fetched a bat during a ceremony Saturday before Washington's 4-3 loss to Miami as part of a Pups in the Park promotion. Bruce, wearing a bandana with an MLB debut patch, was presented a commemorative bat. He then took a circuitous route from the dugout toward first base after Nationals reliever Zach Brzykcy dropped the bat in foul territory before the bat dog collected his quarry to the delight of a crowd. He retrieved bats the last two seasons with the Rochester Red Wings, Washington's triple-A affiliate. "Look at this dog and try not to smile," said Josh Snyder, Bruce's owner. The dog, who the Nationals said worked his tail off to earn the promotion, didn't work during the actual game. He was returned to triple-A duties afterward.



The Associated Press

Spaun survives brutal test at Oakmont to win U.S. Open

OAKMONT, Pa. — All week long it was Oakmont vs. Golfers and on the 72nd hole of the 125th U.S. Open, J.J. Spaun won it for the golfers.

"As bad as things were going, I just still tried to just commit to every shot," Spaun said, seated beside the trophy. "I tried to just continue to dig deep. I've been doing it my whole life."

In the last hour of what passed for daylight on a miserable rainy day outside Pittsburgh, with a war of attrition claiming leader after leader, Spaun impossibly went on the attack.

It all ended with a 64-foot birdie putt on the final hole, a putt that took Spaun to one-under par, a symbolic win after a week of brutal punishment dished out by the most unforgiving of golf courses.

"Just to finish it off like that is just a dream. You watch other people do it. You see the Tiger chip, you see Nick Taylor's putt, you see crazy moments. To have my own moment like that at this championship, I'll never forget this moment for the rest of my life."

Spaun celebrated the Father's Day victory with his wife and two daughters in attendance.

"My daughter always asks me, every time dad goes golfing, she's like, 'Were you the winner today?' " Spaun said. "So today she's like, You're the winner today. She got to see it. She didn't have to ask me."

Tied for the lead, Spaun did what every other contender couldn't do at the par-4 17th. With danger left, right and long, the 34-year-old from L.A. drove the green from 314 yards away, setting up a two-putt birdie to give him a one-shot lead at level-par.

Nothing is easy at Oakmont though, and after finding the fairway and the green at the 18th hole, Spaun had two putts to claim his first major. He somehow needed just one, pouring in the long birdie putt to put an exclamation mark on his first major championship win.



J. J. Spaun celebrates with the trophy after winning the 125th U.S. Open at in Oakmont, Pa., yesterday. *ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES*

It is just second win of his career after winning the 2022 Valero Texas Open. Spaun lost the Players Championship in March in an agonizing playoff against Rory McIlroy, misjudging the wind and making triple bogey at the famed island green 17th.

"His game this year has been great in big-time events. He's one of the more underrated players, and this year he's showing that," said the aforementioned Canadian Taylor, who shares a trainer with Spaun. "He's showing his true talent now."

Jon McCarthy



Jalen Harris of the Winnipeg Sea Bears goes to the hoop against Saskatchewan Rattlers guard Cody John in CEBL action on Sunday. *CEBL PHOTO*

HARRIS DROPS 32 AS SEA BEARS SINK RATTLERS

Former Toronto Raptor says, 'it was due time, that is how I feel'



GORDON ANDERSON
Sea Bears

Jalen Harris paced the offence with 32 points as the Winnipeg Sea Bears beat the Saskatchewan Rattlers 91-84 in CEBL action in front of 9,620 fans on Sunday afternoon.

"It was due time, that is how I feel," Harris said. "In the last few games, I have been able to get a feel for it. I got some easy ones early and, based on my teammates, I think that helped me (get to my game)."

The ex-Toronto Raptor scored two points in the first period. By the completion of the third quarter, he was up to 21 points.

"He was extra motivated with his family arriving from Dallas and playing against his former team," Sea Bears head coach and general manager Mike Taylor said. "I had a feeling he was going to have a big day, and you could see it in his preparation, and you could see it in his work."

Harris played for the Rattlers last season. He appeared in 11 games and averaged 24.5 points, 4.5 rebounds, and 4.6 assists.

Harris went 7-for-10 from long distance and 11-for-23 from the field. He scored four points in his previous start against the Montreal Alliance last Wednesday.

"We knew he would get it going at some point," Taylor said. "It was great to see. He made so many great plays for us, especially with their game plan as they were double teaming him, so he picked his spots well and that type of production was a difference in the game."

The Sea Bears held a 72-59 lead heading into the third quarter, but the Rattlers narrowed the lead to 82-79 at target time.

The home side extended the lead to 86-82 on two free throws by Tevian Jones, extending when Harris knocked down a three-point shot.

With five missed shots and one turnover in target time, the Sea Bears gave the visitors a road map back into the game, but six defensive rebounds and one offensive board held the Rattlers at striking distance.

Fittingly enough, a Terry Roberts offensive board set Harris up under the Saskatchewan basket for the two-handed slam to end the game.

Winnipeg outrebounded the Rattlers 50-41. They gave up five offensive rebounds in the first period and eight for the remainder of the game.

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> *SEA BEARS HEAD COACH AND GENERAL MANAGER MIKE TAYLOR*

"This is something we have been working on all week," Taylor said. "If we pick out certain points of our game the rebounding, defensive rebounding stopping possession was a point of emphasis for us."

They also grabbed 33 defensive rebounds. Simi Shittu led the team in rebounds with 11. Jaylin Williams had seven.

"That is a testament to the players," Taylor said. "When we are able to get stops and finish possessions, then that is going to turn into offence for us. We really liked that."

"They did a great job down the stretch of getting one shot stops," Harris added about the defensive rebounding. "That was a big contributor to the win."

Winnipeg (4-5) leads the all-time season series against the Rattlers 5-3.Winnipeg extends its win streak to three games as they head out for a two-game road trip, starting Friday night against the Western Conference leading Vancouver Bandits. The Sea Bears are in Edmonton to play the Stingers on Sunday.

Shittu added 18 points. Roberts finished with 15 points, going 5-for-10 from the field.

Saskatchewan (2-7) is now on a three-game losing streak with the Bandits and the Scarborough Shooting Stars beating them in previous games. The Rattlers are last in the Western Conference.

Jamir Chaplin led the team with 22 points. Cody John scored 20 points and Nate Pierre-Louis chipped in with 19.

The score was 25-24 after one quarter and 49-43 at the half for the Sea Bears.

Sea Bears power forward Williams and his team-first attitude

There are valuable six-man moments made for Winnipeg Sea Bears power forward Jaylin Williams.

"Williams has adapted really well to the six-man role," Sea Bears head coach and general manager Mike Taylor said. "It may be the role that is there for him, or it may be changing, depending on the opponent and situations."

In Sunday's victory over the Saskatchewan Rattlers, the No. 10 contributed eight points off the bench in 18:27 as the Sea Bears extended their win streak to three games.

"Whatever the game plan is, I will follow it through with coach Taylor," Williams said.

Williams also came off the bench last week against the Montreal Alliance and went 6-for-6 with 15 points in 17:04 of floor time in last week's triumph.

"It was fun, and we got the win and that is all I am here to do," he said.

With point guard Jalen Harris and centre Simi Shittu now inserted into the starting lineup, in conjunction with the league's rule of four import players maximum on the roster, regular minutes for the American may be impacted.

Taylor envisions Williams as a game-changer in this role.

"Williams is a talented, starting level player, and he really (gives) us a lot of impact off the bench," Taylor said. "He is a team guy and whatever we have asked him to do, he has done. I love him. He is playing great, but we will see whether we start him or bring him off the bench in the next few games."

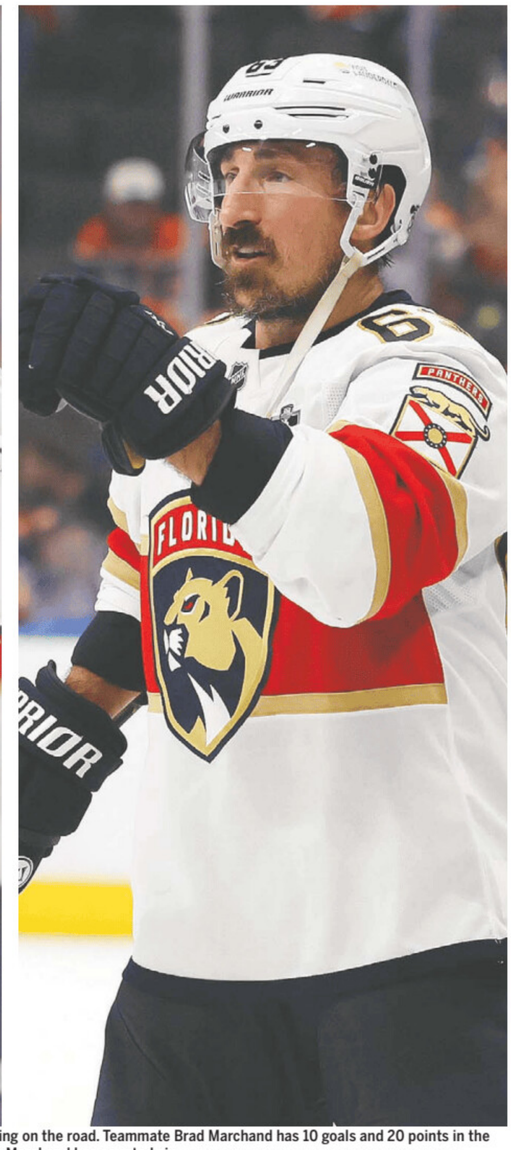
Williams has started five games, averaging about 16 points per game. Combining his 15-point performance against the Alliance, and his two points contribution in the week three loss to the Calgary Surge he has 25 points in the sixth man role.

The 24-year-old should be given a lot of credit for playing the long game and putting the team's needs above his own.

"I don't look at the game any different," Williams said when asked about the role. "I see it as an advantage to see how the game is flowing and, if the game plan is for me to come off the bench, then you have to be prepared for it. There is no reason for me to pout about it or feel down about it, because then our team isn't a team."

Gordon Anderson





Sam Bennett has 22 points in 22 playoff games, with 13 of his 15 goals coming on the road. Teammate Brad Marchand has 10 goals and 20 points in the playoffs. Bennett has scored five goals so far in the Stanley Cup Final, while Marchand has counted six. *PHOTOS:BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES*

PANTHERS VETERANS LOCKED IN BATTLE FOR CONN SMYTHE

Agitators Marchand, Bennett have scored 11 of Florida's 23 goals in Stanley Cup Final



JIM MATHESON

If the Florida Panthers close out the Edmonton Oilers in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final on Tuesday, either Sam Bennett or Brad Marchand will be named the playoff MVP.

Bennett has scored five goals in the first five games of the Final, while Marchand has six.

They're the first teammates in 52 years to each score at least five goals in the Final. The last were Hall of Famers Frank Mahovlich and Yvan Cournoyer with Montreal in 1973 against Chicago. And the last player to pop six in the final before Marchand was Edmonton's Esa Tikkanen in 1988 against Boston.

Bennett, who had 51 points in 76 league games, has 22 points in the 22 Panthers' playoff games, with 13 of his 15 goals coming on the road — six games in a row away from Florida. His playoff leading 15th goal Saturday put him four back of Jari Kurri and Reggie Leach's all-time post-season best.

And, of course, Bennett has also spent most nights in the kitchen of whichever goalie he's dining on.

Marchand, at 37 and unsure where he would fit in with Florida after the Bruins captain was moved at the trade deadline for a first-round draft pick, has 20 points and 10 goals.

Two of those goals came in Florida's 5-2 win Saturday. The came on dazzling rushes, the first saw Marchand beating Mattias Ekholm with an inside move before lifting one over the glove of goalie Calvin Pickard after a sloppy Oilers centre ice faceoff. The second one was a McJesus sleight-of-hand play where he jumped past Jake Walman to beat Pickard — forehand, backhand, five-hole.

On the first Marchand goal to open the scoring, his linemate Anton Lundell was agog at the skill level on display.

"Those are the goals you look at on YouTube as a kid, then you go out and practice that yourself," said Lundell.

But the second to make it 3-0 was filthy stuff usually reserved for No. 97, not that Marchand was crowing about it.

"To be honest, I don't really know what happened there. I have to see the replay. The puck just found its way in," he said.

He's making it sound like it was a paint-by-numbers play instead of a work of art.

"I have no idea how he did that. We're going to watch that clip a couple of times and I'll ask him to teach me that," said Bennett.

Bennett's 15 goals are out of character for him, but not quite the same storyline as Oiler Fernando Pisani's 14 in their magical run to the Cup Final in 2006, because Bennett did play with Marchand at the 4 Nations in February. He scored 25 goals this season.

But Bennett has never been this hot. Same with Marchand, who is matching the heroics with his 10 goals and three game-winners. Marchand's five road goals in the final hasn't been done in more than 100 years. It includes that double overtime breakaway winner in Game 2 at Rogers Place.

On a night when the Oilers didn't look like they had their legs on a short turnaround after Game 4, when they rallied from three goals and down on Leon Draisaitl's OT winner, Marchand's feet were moving just fine.

Give the playoff MVP edge to Bennett because he has five more goals. But Marchand, the NHL's No. 1 rat who won his only Stanley Cup in 2011 when he was barely into his 20s, is closing fast in the Conn Smythe voting if the Panthers win their second straight championship. He's the engine driving the Panthers' terrific third line with Lindell and Eetu Luostarinen. They have 55 points in these playoffs.

Marchand had five goals in the 2011 Cup Final against Vancouver, but he's better that in 2025. What would the 23-year-old say of the 37-year-old's work?

"Man, that guy's looking good ... that would probably be it," said a joking Marchand, only the second player in the last 59 years to score at least five goals in a final series twice — Mario Lemieux did it in 1991 and 1992 for Pittsburgh.

But it's not just Marchand who is killing the Oilers. It's a tag-team effort with Bennett.

Why are both so good that they have 11 of Florida's 23 goals in this Final?

"If I knew that, I would have played in the NHL," said Florida coach Paul Maurice, who lost vision in his right eye when a puck hit him as a junior.

"They're both capable of processing the context of the game. They don't get too high, they don't get too low. Their energy levels are very focused on the game. There's a mental toughness to both, a mental capacity to stay within the game and not try to break it open. Just wait, patience.

"Patience is a funny word in hockey, too. It doesn't mean sitting back. These are two aggressive men with patience coming from their experience."

At 29, Bennett is a younger version of Marchand. Both are villains, both have enough skill to play for Canada with McDavid.

McDavid and the Oilers have to find a way to drag the Final back to Edmonton for Game 7, but not if they can't stop the two rats.

Maurice keeps turning sentences into paragraphs on Marchand.

"He's closing in on 1,000 points. He's got good hands, but I didn't fully appreciate the small area things he does, what he does under duress in small areas. It's world class," said Maurice.

Marchand says he doesn't fumble in the spotlight. Nervous? Not really.

"It's going to play out the way it's going to play out," said the philosopher king Marchand.

Bennett is just glad he's along for the ride.

"He's just a natural born leader. He's a guy we all follow. He speaks up when he needs to speak, then goes out and does the hard work," said Bennett.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	42	28	.600	–
Tampa Bay	38	32	.549	3.5
Toronto	38	33	.535	4.5
Boston	36	36	.507	6.5
Baltimore	29	40	.429	12

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	46	27	.630	–
Minnesota	36	35	.507	9
Cleveland	35	35	.500	9.5
Kansas City	34	38	.479	11.5
Chicago	23	49	.319	22.5

West	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	41	30	.577	–
Seattle	36	34	.514	4.5
Texas	36	36	.500	5.5
Los Angeles	33	36	.471	7.5
Athletics	29	44	.397	13

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	45	27	.625	–
Philadelphia	42	29	.592	2.5
Atlanta	31	39	.443	13
Washington	30	41	.423	14.5
Miami	28	41	.397	15.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	44	28	.611	–
Milwaukee	39	34	.534	5.5
St. Louis	37	35	.514	7
Cincinnati	37	35	.514	7
Pittsburgh	29	44	.397	15.5

West	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	42	29	.592	–
San Francisco	41	30	.577	1
San Diego	39	31	.557	2.5
Arizona	36	35	.507	6
Colorado	14	57	.197	28

BRIEFS

Canada's Diallo claims first ATP Tour crown

Gabriel Diallo has won his first ATP Tour title.

The 23-year-old Montreal native defeated Belgium's Zizou Bergs 7-5, 7-6 (8) to win the Libema Open tennis tournament on Sunday in the Netherlands.

Diallo was down 6-4 in the tiebreaker before rallying for the win.

"It's something that you dream of for your whole life since you were a little kid, to get an ATP Tour title," Diallo said.

The 6-foot-8 Diallo was the first Canadian men's singles finalist in event history.

Diallo will rise 11 spots to a career high No. 44 in the ATP rankings on Monday.

Elsewhere, Felix Auger-Aliassime of Montreal fell 6-4, 7-6 (5) to American Taylor Fritz at the Stuttgart Open.

The Boston Red Sox traded slugger Rafael Devers to the San Francisco Giants on Sunday in a deal that could shake up pennant races on both coasts.

The Giants sent right-hander Jordan Hicks, lefty Kyle Harrison, outfield prospect James Tibbs III and minor league righty Jose Bello to the Red Sox for the 28-year-old designated hitter, who had bristled at his demotion from third base this year.

A three-time All-Star who signed a 10-year, $313.5 million contract with the Red Sox in 2023, Devers is batting .272 with 15 homers and 58 RBIs in 73 games,

The fans broke a record, but Canada came up just short in Volleyball National League action on Saturday at Centre Videotron.

More than 12,030 spectators watched Canada fall to France 3-2 in the best-of-five match, including the 15-6 tiebreaker. The fan count is the largest audience the Canadian senior men's team has entertained on home soil, and is a VNL North American record.

Brodie Hofer and Xander Wassenaar Ketrzynski led the scoring for Canada with 15 points apiece.

France won the VNL title last year.

The Orlando Magic wanted to find scoring and shooting this summer. Desmond Bane was their answer and the first big move of the NBA summer has arrived.

The Magic are acquiring Bane from Memphis in a deal that sends Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, Cole Anthony and plenty of draft capital to the Grizzlies.

Going to Memphis are three of Orlando's future first-round picks, including the 16th selection in the draft set for later this month, according to ESPN.

Bane averaged 19.2 points this season for the Grizzlies.

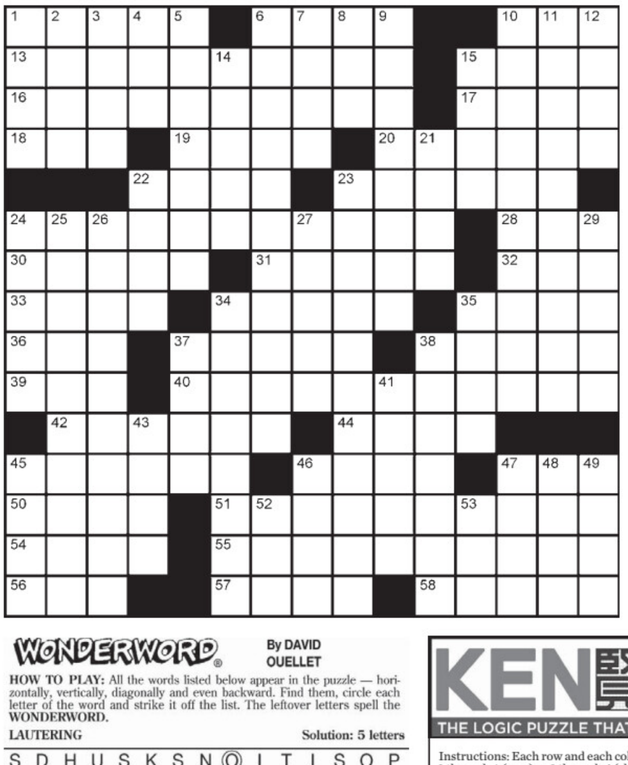
Willson and William Contreras became the second pair of brothers to homer in the same inning as opponents in baseball's modern era on Saturday.

Both went deep in the ninth inning of the St. Louis Cardinals' 8-5 win over Milwaukee.

They're the first to homer in the same inning as opponents since Rick (Boston Red Sox) and Wes Ferrell (Cleveland) accomplished the feat on July 19, 1933, when Rick's home run came off Wes.

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Summer 2025 Themeless Week, Puzzle 1 by Leo Tsai, edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

1 Temporary currency
6 Stretch across
10 Only three-letter chemical element
13 One might go undercover
15 Wavy trig function
16 They're sometimes shooting stars!
17 Taiwanese computer company
18 Muscles worked by laughter, briefly
19 Person from Ankara
20 Broke into, digitally
22 Stare with an open mouth
23 Washed
24 Hideout for one going undercover?
28 Faucet
30 Rapscallion
31 Real estate transactions
32 Colombo, ___ Lanka
33 12/24 and 12/31, for two
34 Objects used in contact juggling
35 Pixy ___ (candy)
36 What a spider spins
37 Tennis tie
38 Chopin's "Black Keys" or "Waterfall"
39 Round Table title
40 Motown, for one
42 Spoof's genre
44 Shoulder muscle, briefly
45 "Li'l Abner" cartoonist
46 Name hidden in "maybe later"
47 French friend
50 Streaming device maker with a purple logo
51 What divas sing
54 St. crossers
55 "You're SO far off!"
56 Casino action
57 Australian opener
58 Apple devices that received the Calculator app in 2024

DOWN

1 Pet adoption org.
2 Animal that sidles
3 Drum edges
4 "___ seen enough"
5 Join (in)
6 Hidden key to success
7 Job benefit
8 Yes vote
9 They're just getting started
10 Concert souvenir, maybe
11 "Pick me up, please!"
12 Geek
14 Brownish gray
15 Pouches
21 Picnic pests
22 Wildebeests
23 Sport where the star player has a star on their helmet
24 Makes, as tea
25 Phrase affirming all kinds of relationships
26 13-19 or 65+
27 Edie of "The Sopranos"
29 ___ art (graphic style for "Celeste" and "Stardew Valley")
34 Drinking game in which players take shots
35 "Like, NOW!"
37 Sound of a stalactite forming or a faucet leaking
38 Grammy-winning singer of "Boo'd Up"
41 Stall for time
43 T's, in sorority names
45 United ___ Emirates
46 Game version that's a work in progress
47 Only four-letter continent
48 Like comfortable weather
49 Tends to, as a bruise
52 Group of orcas
53 MLB official

WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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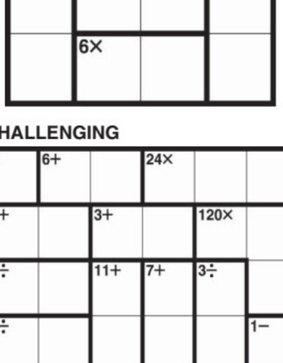
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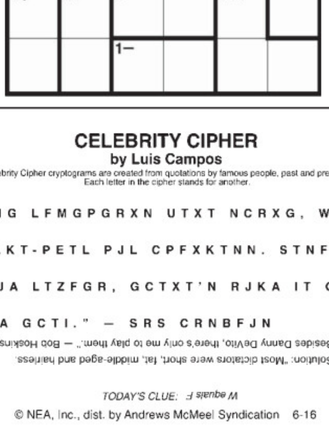
THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

Instructions: Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

EASY



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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"IRNG LFMGPGRXN UTXT NCRXG, WPG, IFLLKT-PETL PJL CPFXKTNN. STNFLTN LPJJA LTZFGR, GCTXT'N RJKA IT GR HKPA GCTI." — SRS CRNBFJN

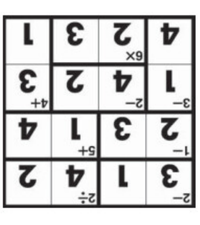
TODAY'S CLUE: W equals F

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Solution: "Most dictators were short, fat, middle-aged and hairless. Besides Danny DeVito, there's only me to play them." — Bob Hoskins

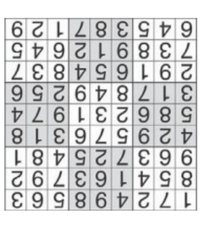
TODAY'S SOLUTIONS:

WONDERWORD: LEVEL









7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 helper in committing a crime (10)	_____
2 separated (5)	_____
3 four quarters (4)	_____
4 enormous IMAX feature (6)	_____
5 nachos and wings (10)	_____
6 not to be trusted (10)	_____
7 Kim and Rob (11)	_____

OMP	ACC	APA	SCRE	BU
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HIA	DAS	LICE	AP	ERS
NS	UNRE	BLE	PET	CK

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Answers: 1. ACCOMPLICE 2. APART 3. BUCK 4. SCREEN 5. APPETIZERS 6. UNRELIABLE 7. KARDASHIANS 6/16

LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

HOROSCOPE FOR JUNE 16



BY EUGENIA LAST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Explore the possibilities. Expand your mind. Communicate, educate and visit places you've never been before. Take on an adventurous attitude.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get the lowdown, figure out what you need and only deal with reputable individuals. Take care of domestic issues before they can spin out of control. State facts, verify the information before passing it along and handle matters yourself to avoid being misrepresented. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep your inner thoughts to yourself. You'll gain access to more information if you are benevolent, attentive and curious. Refuse to let the changes or decisions others make lead you astray. You'll learn the most by being on your guard. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Focusing on what matters will help you reap the rewards. Build an environment around you that enables you to flourish and meet people who share your dreams, and you'll discover the path that makes your adventure easier to achieve. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do things for yourself, and you won't be disappointed. An offer will leave you with mixed emotions. Do your homework, ask questions and consider the long-term effects. Take a strong position regarding what concerns you the most and stand up for your beliefs and rights. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Gather information, and consider how to put your fingerprint on something that interests you. Having a unique approach will differentiate you from any competition you encounter. Get a second opinion if you don't like what someone tells you. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Reach out to the people you know you can count on to support your efforts. Reiterate the facts passionately, and you'll captivate your audience. If you connect with someone who shares your concerns, an unexpected alternative will come your way. Personal growth is apparent. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): When uncertainty sets in, step back and take a wait-and-see attitude. It's better to be safe than sorry. In the meantime, focus on gathering information, preparing for your next move, and changing your living space to suit your needs and make your life easier. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Explore and expand your options to include cheaper ways to live. Sharing expenses, investing more in self-improvement or using your skills to bring in extra cash will pay off. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spend time rearranging your space to accommodate your needs. The better the flow, the more you'll achieve. Put your energy into networking and connecting with people who are as eager to get ahead as you are, and together, you'll reach your goals in record time. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Set boundaries and distance yourself from those most likely to get in your way. Join groups that connect you to the latest trends and can help you master your skills to fit what's most likely to spark interest and help you establish yourself in a savvy and optimal manner. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dedicate more time to how you earn and invest your money. Emotional interference is apparent if you allow someone to have a say or access to your possessions or cash flow. You can't buy love or pay for someone else's mistake. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are wise to distance yourself from anyone who is a bad influence or likely to take advantage of you. The best way to maintain stability is to isolate yourself from anyone trying to sell or talk you into something you don't need. 3 stars

BIRTHDAY BABY: You are optimistic, entertaining and curious. You are aggressive and pioneering.

TV WATCH

Art imitates life for pair of actors

Danson's wife Steenburgen will play his love interest

MELISSA HANK

Art is imitating life for Ted Danson. The actor, who stars in the Netflix series A Man on the Inside, will welcome his wife Mary Steenburgen to the cast for season 2 of the show. Details about her character are now available, months after the news first broke.

Danson said on his podcast, Where Everybody Knows Your Name, that he and Steenburgen will play a couple.

"It's just magical," he said, per People magazine. "We're falling in love. The story evolves, but I'm just head over heels.

"My character is in love with her, and to sit there on camera and look into your wife's eyes — and we're nauseatingly in love in private life — and just disappear into her eyes in front of a camera is pretty astounding."

Danson then joked about their work onscreen.

"By the way, if we suck, it's her fault," he said. "I just want to go on the record."

Danson, 77, and Steenburgen, 72, have previously acted together in several projects. They started dating while they played a married couple in the 1994 movie Pontiac Moon.

The two later teamed up for other films, such as It Must Be Love (2004), and the TV miniseries Gulliver's Travels (1996). They also played versions of themselves in recurring guest roles on HBO's Curb Your Enthusiasm.

"There was a long time where we couldn't work together because, 'where's the surprise?' kind of thing," Danson said on his podcast.

He noted that the storyline on A Man on the Inside, though, seemed like an ideal opportunity.

"But this story is perfect," he said. "It's about second chances, and somehow it works. Or it doesn't, (but) it feels like it's working and I'm too old to be superstitious."

On A Man on the Inside, Danson plays a retired man who becomes an amateur private investigator.

Based on the 2020 documentary The Mole Agent, directed by Maite Alberdi, it debuted in November 2024. Mary Elizabeth Ellis, Lilah Richcreek Estrada and Stephanie Beatriz also star.

Danson and Steenburgen first met in 1983, but they were married to other people at the time. They wed in 1995.

"I think we have angels that are putting us together," Danson said on his podcast.

"There's no reason. I was such a hot mess when she met me, there's no reason she should have taken a second look. And somehow, here we are. And we work at it, you know? But anyway, very lucky."

The KING and I

Filmmaker Flanagan connects to optimism in horror writer's work

MARK DANIELL

Stephen King might be a master of horror, but underneath the scares lies the beating heart of a writer in love with being alive.

That's on display with The Life of Chuck, Mike Flanagan's film adaptation of King's novella of the same name, which was featured in his 2020 short-story collection If It Bleeds.

Told in three parts, The Life of Chuck, which is playing in theatres now, casts Tom Hiddleston as an ordinary accountant named Charles (Chuck) Krantz who leaves his mark on seemingly everyone as the possible end of the world eerily grows nearer.

With a supporting cast that includes Chiwetel Ejiofor, Mark Hamill, Mia Sara, Karen Gillan and Jacob Tremblay, the film was a surprise winner at last year's Toronto International Film Festival, where it took home the People's Choice Award.

The prize is considered an early predictor for Oscar attention. Previous winners have gone on to be nominated in key categories at the Academy Awards, with past People's Choice picks like Green Book, 12 Years a Slave and The King's Speech taking home best picture awards.

"With The Life of Chuck, people reflect on their own lives and the lives of people they're close to," TIFF CEO Cameron Bailey said after its win. "When you come out of a movie having that kind of emotional reaction, that's what often prompts a vote."

King, who doesn't always weigh in on the cinematic adaptations of his books, described the movie as "a happiness machine."

Flanagan, who has twice before adapted King's work — with Doctor Sleep (a sequel to The Shining) and Gerald's Game — says he grew up loving the author's writing because he thought he liked being scared right before bedtime. It was as he got older that the 47-year-old filmmaker says he realized King is a storyteller whose works are filled with love and empathy.

"He's always writing about love, even in the scariest stories," Flanagan tells Postmedia in an interview from Vancouver, where he is in the midst of shooting an Amazon series based on King's horror novel Carrie.

The Life of Chuck, he says, resonated with him because it encapsulates what matters most in life, which is remembering to be joyful, always having gratitude and most of all, finding the time to dance. "This was one that hit me right in the heart," Flanagan says.



Director Mike Flanagan's new collaboration with Stephen King brings the horror author's life-affirming novella, The Life of Chuck, to theatres with Tom Hiddleston in the lead role. *EMILY BERL/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST*

Flanagan, who has made a string of horror hits on TV, including Netflix's The Haunting of Hill House and The Fall of the House of Usher, spoke more about his adaptation of The Life of Chuck and why his upcoming version of King's Dark Tower series might be the most ambitious thing he's ever tackled.

Q You've had a lot of success in the horror realm with your Netflix shows and your adaptations of Doctor Sleep and Gerald's Game. Life of Chuck is a more sentimental story. What made you want to adapt it?

A I was so in love with the story. I read it in April 2020, right after the lockdown, just as the world was falling apart, but it made my heart leap with optimism and joy and this bittersweet appreciation and gratitude for my life. We live in a scary, cynical world and this story comforted me so much during such a scary time when I read it. I wanted this to exist in the world for my kids because I knew at some point they might need this, too. So I dreamed of trying to create the feeling that I had when I read it for someone else watching it in the theatre.

Q You're in the midst of a Carrie revamp. You're going to do the Dark Tower. What's the appeal for you about King's works?

A Stephen King is my favourite author, bar none and by a mile, and has been since I was a kid. When I was younger, I thought it was because it was so scary and so visceral and so entertaining, but as I got older, I realized he's my favourite author because he is, at his heart, an optimistic humanist who writes stories about empathy. I realized that It is one of my favourite books, not because of the scary clown but because of the friendship of these kids. Stories like Stand By Me and Shawshank Redemption, which have changed me as a person, come from the same beating heart of a man who is known for terrifying people but who is not writing about horror ... Pet Sematary is one of the most terrifying things I've ever read, but it's about parental love and grief. The Stand isn't about the virus or Randall Flagg or evil — it's about the courage and bravery of ordinary people standing up against all odds with no witness and no hope for victory. That's Stephen King to me. Stephen King is a profoundly optimistic person who writes beautiful stories that are cloaked in darkness. That's a fascinating landscape. It's been a real joy to love his work my whole life and now get to translate it as many times as he's allowed me to. It's been very, very cool.

Q Do you have a dream book of his you'd like to tackle?

A It's the Dark Tower ... that's the big one. It's the one that ties it all together. It's the journey of a life and existence. That's the No. 1. There are so many of his that live in my heart. A sentimental favourite that I've always looked at is Hearts in Atlantis. The one that got away was Revival. I wrote an adaptation of that one that I loved. I wish it could have made its way to the screen. I hope someday that it does. But yeah, Dark Tower — 100 per cent.

Q And you're going to adapt Dark Tower next. It is King's magnum opus. It's encompassed eight books and ties into many of his other works. So what will that look like?

A It's got to be a series, then it also has to have movies. The perfect way to do it is five seasons and two movies, but there are a lot of different ways it can go. It's such an intimidating undertaking, but we're setting it up now to begin as a series and we'll see where it goes.

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The naked truth about Liz Hurley

British actor marks a milestone birthday by posing nude on Instagram

MARK DANIELL

Elizabeth Hurley marked her 60th birthday by professing her love for new boyfriend Billy Ray Cyrus and celebrating the milestone occasion in her birthday suit.

"Happy birthday to me! This year has already been a wild ride," Hurley wrote alongside a nude photo of herself on Instagram. She went on to namecheck her long-standing business partnership with beauty brand Estée Lauder, the 20th anniversary of her eponymous swimwear company, and being "in love" with Cyrus, whom she went public with back in April.

"Feeling very blessed and grateful for having the best friends & family in the world," Hurley continued, adding that the snap was "taken this afternoon ... in my birthday suit."

In the photo, Hurley beamed happily as she was captured sitting in a sun-drenched grassy field with her legs crossed.

Cyrus shared a photo of himself cuddling Hurley and called the actor "the love of my life."

Meanwhile, Hurley's celeb pals and fans also took an opportunity to wish her a happy birthday.

Her son, Damien, commented on her post "Hahahah I LOVE YOU Happy Birthday mama xxx."

Actor Patsy Kensit called Hurley "the most beautiful kind human being" and said she was happy to see her friend finding joy again with her "true love Billy, who is so fabulous."

America's Got Talent judge Heidi Klum called Hurley "beautiful, smart and funny" as she shared her best wishes.

"I have never seen a more gorgeous 60-year-old," one fan praised, while another added, "Birthday suit suits you."

A third commenter wrote, "Amazing woman. Amazing face. Amazing body. You spread positivity. Happy Birthday."

After going Instagram official over the Easter weekend, Hurley and Cyrus shared a pair of images on social media, showing their infatuation with one another is real.

Hurley, who met Cyrus while filming the 2022 holiday movie Christmas in Paradise, shared the snaps to her Instagram, captioning the head-over-heels photos: "Tennessee weekend."

"Liz spent a beautiful couple of weeks in Tennessee with Billy Ray," a source told People. "She loved being surrounded by nature in a more laid-back environment. She had a great time with Billy Ray."

Cyrus and Hurley "appreciate each other's love and friendship," the insider added. "They have a very special connection."

According to a source speaking to Us Weekly, the Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery star and the Achy Breaky Heart singer, 63, had been dating in secret for about four months.

"Liz's friends have known about it for a while. It's not a new thing," another insider close to Hurley told the outlet. "She had sworn them to secrecy, and they didn't tell anyone outside her tight circle." Another confidante said that after being "friends for years ... it turned romantic recently. Things are going well."

One source told Page Six that the relationship is the real deal.

"This is not a hoax," a friend spilled. "Liz is not a hoaxy person; she's very sincere, very bright and I think she likes him."

After making their social media debut, the pair walked the red carpet at the Orizzonti/Rosso exhibition in Rome last month.

The duo's glam appearance in Italy came as a source told People that Hurley "doesn't care" that fans don't understand her romance with the musician.

"Liz doesn't care that skeptics don't get it. She's focused on the special things that they have in common, like country music," the insider said. "She loves his Southern vibes. He's very calm and happy around her."



Elizabeth Hurley

In an interview with Apple Music's The Ty Bentli Show in April, Cyrus opened up on how the two reconnected after filming together.

"We did very few scenes together but the couple times we were in the same scene there was a chemistry there," Cyrus told Bentli, according to excerpts of the interview that were published by People and Entertainment Tonight. "We just laughed, and it was at a time I wasn't laughing a lot."

After splitting from his wife Tish, Cyrus went on to marry singer Firerose in 2023. When that relationship ended, Cyrus said that he received a text from Hurley out of the blue.

"'Hey, it looks like life might be a little bit tough and just wanted you to know I'm in your corner. You've got a friend in your corner,'" the message read, as told by Cyrus to Bentli.

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