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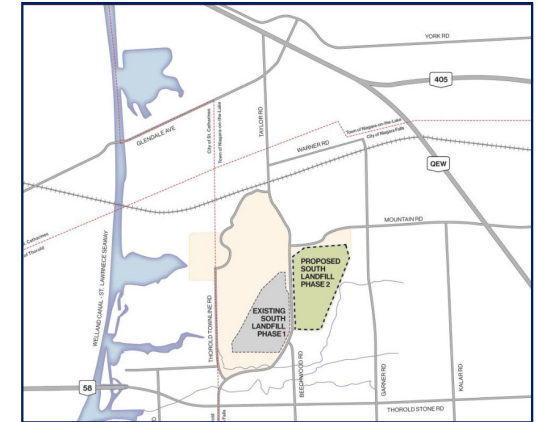
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CANADA

'Convoy' trial continues

Defence lawyers for two "Freedom Convoy" organizers continued to reinforce their position Wednesday in the central question of their criminal trial: whether or not the 2022 protest that gridlocked Canada's national capital for weeks was a legal expression of Charter rights. Chris Barber and Tamara Lich, two of the most prominent leaders of the protest, have maintained that their only objective throughout the convoy was to organize and oversee a peaceful and legal demonstration, and they encouraged people to follow the law. The two are both charged with mischief and intimidation, and also face multiple charges that involve counselling others to break the law.

ONTARIO

All incidents not reportable

Canada's largest school board says it has moved away from communicating every hate- or racism-related incident to school communities after finding that letters about the cases could lead to further harm. Toronto District School Board spokesperson Ryan Bird says the board decided more than a year ago to reduce the frequency of distributing letters to school communities because the communications often led to the "identification, surveillance, and stigmatization of the specific students who may have been involved." He says the board also found that communication about such incidents also had the effect of prompting additional "copycat" incidents. Bird says the board takes all the allegations of hate and racism "very seriously" and it investigates such incidents.

NEWS SERVICES

HOUSING



High immigration worsening Canadian crisis, majority say

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OTTAWA A large majority of Canadians agree that higher immigration is fuelling the housing crisis and putting pressure on the health-care system, a new Leger poll suggests.

New federal voting intention numbers from the polling firm also show that the Conservatives are maintaining their sizable lead over the governing Liberals.

The polling, conducted from Friday to Sunday, found that about three-quarters of respondents agreed the increase in immigrants is adding strain to both the housing market and health-care system.

Nearly two-thirds of respondents, or 63 per cent, said the volume of newcomers is also adding pressure to the country's education systems.

But the poll shows that Canadians see some benefits to higher immigration, too.

About three-quarters of respondents agreed that higher immigration contributes to the cultural diversity of the country, and 63 per cent said the arrival of young im-

migrants contributes to the workforce and tax base, which supports older generations.

Leger polled 1,529 people online. While the results were statistically weighted, they cannot be assigned a margin of error because online polls are not considered truly random samples.

The survey results underline the mixed feelings Canadians have about the effect of immigration on the country.

At the same time, this signals a shift in public sentiment on immigration, as the country grapples with affordability challenges and problems with the delivery of public services.

In 2022, Canada's population grew by more than a million people, a number that included 607,782 non-permanent residents and 437,180 immigrants.

Leger finds that compared to March 2022, the proportion of Canadians who say they want the country to welcome more immigrants than it has the past has fallen from 17 per cent to nine per cent.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Multigenerations living under one roof is becoming increasingly common, Statistics Canada's latest tranche of census data revealed Wednesday.

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THE CANADIAN PRESS
FILE PHOTO

Alleged murder plotter was directed by India, U.S. says

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OTTAWA American prosecutors say a man allegedly involved in a murder plot against a Sikh activist on U.S. soil also discussed the killing of Canadian Hardeep Singh Nijjar, just hours after Nijjar was gunned down outside a British Columbia temple.

The murder-for-hire indictment against Nikhil Gupta, 52, says he told an undercover officer who he thought was a hit man that Nijjar "was also the target," and because he was dead, there was "no need to wait" on the next killing.

The indictment says Gupta was recruited by an Indian government employee to orchestrate the killing of the activist, who isn't named in the document, but has previously been identified by U.S. officials as Gurpatwant Singh Pannun.

The indictment unsealed in Manhattan Federal Court says Gupta told an undercover officer the day after Nijjar's murder in Surrey, B.C., last June that "we have so many targets."

It says the plot was directed by an Indian government employee who has described himself as a "senior field officer" with responsibilities in "security management" and "intelligence."

Pannun, a dual U.S.-Canadian citizen, says in a statement the Indian government wants to kill him because of his role organizing unofficial referendums on Sikh independence, saying it had extended overseas "its policy of violently crushing" the movement.

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Guides' travel goals boosted by **Kinsmen donation**

Dear editor:

Next July, 22 Niagara Pathfinders, Rangers and their leaders plan to take the trip of a lifetime. Thanks to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Kinsmen, that dream is a little bit closer.

To help make that happen, the Kinsmen have presented members of the unit with a cheque for \$1,000.

Youth members previously made a presentation to the club about their travel plans to visit two International Guiding Centres next summer.

The Kinsmen are strong supporters of guiding in NOTL, providing meeting space for Sparks, Embers and Guides in the Kinsmen Scout Hall, and sponsoring youth members to attend the interprovincial LEAP camp in 2019.

While the guiding program is well-known for building skills such as camping and community service, purposeful travel is also an optional part of the program for the older branches.

However, the pandemic put a hold on many youth members' plans and ability



NOTL Kinsmen Ray Hobbs, left, and Ken Slingerland present a \$1,000 cheque to Sophie (Ranger), Shaunna (guider), Daphne (Pathfinder), Samantha (Ranger), Jessie (Ranger), Ollie (Pathfinder), Krystine (guider) and Amanda (guider). SUPPLIED

to participate in this life skill and character-building opportunity – and for many, this is their first opportunity to travel outside Canada.

Over 12 days in July, the group will visit London, Paris, Lucerne, Adelboden, Liechtenstein and Munich, and will experience many cultural, historical and geographical points of interest, including several sites related to the Second World War.

Visiting these places will

help youth to learn about other countries, world history and politics, and how breakdowns in governmental and democratic systems can affect societies.

Youth members will have a voice in selecting and engaging with places that are relevant and of interest to them, with a focus on building life skills such as planning, leadership, independence and exploration of post-secondary education and career opportunities.

Trip participants are taking an active role in researching activities and destinations prior to departure, including similarities and differences to their lives here in Niagara.

In addition, youth will develop a presentation on Canada for sharing at Pax Lodge (in London) and Our Chalet (Adelboden, Switzerland).

At these Guiding World Centres they will meet and learn from other youth

from around the world, which will enable them to experience the sisterhood of global guiding first-hand.

While trip participants are excited and actively working to raise funds for their journey, the cost of such a trip – even travelling economically and with a student tour company – can be prohibitive.

In order to make the trip as accessible as possible, regardless of families' economic circumstances, the

unit hopes to fundraise as much of the cost as possible – a total of \$81,000 for the group.

While this may seem like a challenging target, there are several ways to help these youth achieve their goals – by buying Girl Guide cookies from the unit, or sponsoring a case for donation to social services such as Newark Neighbours.

If you belong to a business or organization, you can also help by providing a space for unit members to sell cookies, or buying cookies to provide to clients or staff as gifts.

If your organization has funds to spare, contributions to the trip are much appreciated, and go directly to subsidizing costs for youth members.

For more information or to purchase cookies, email 1notlpathfinders@gmail.com.

We appreciate the support of our community, including the NOTL Kinsmen, and we can't wait to share tales of our travels in 2024

Megan Gilchrist
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