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NEWS HEADLINES

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International demand for Canadian maple syrup surges amid U.S. trade war

A quintessential Canadian product is finding its way to more store shelves and breakfast tables around the world. Canadian maple syrup exports are trending upward, generating $844.2 million in 2025, up 17.2 per cent over the previous year, according to Statistics Canada. Hutchinson Acres in Aylesford, N.S., is the province's largest producer of maple syrup. It's been seeing more frequent orders from its international customers, as well as an uptick in domestic sales. "Normally we wouldn't be shipping many containers out this time of year. We've got three containers we're trying to get out in the next month and a half," said co-owner Chris Hutchinson. "And it's all going overseas." Hutchinson said they generally see increased sales whenever Canada-U.S. trade talks are in the headlines. He said Canadians want to support local businesses and international tourists want the classic Canadian product. He also said that their international buyers, such as the Netherlands, Costa Rica and Saudi Arabia, are using maple syrup as an alternative to processed sugars. "People are being more concerned about what they put in their bodies," said Hutchinson. "A big thing in Saudi Arabia is their coffee: now they want to put maple syrup in as a sweetener." Hutchinson's is the primary international maple syrup partner in Nova Scotia, which accounted for 0.2 per cent of all maple syrup produced in Canada in 2025. Quebec remains the major producer in the country at 90 per cent for the same year.

Student offers tours of climate solutions hidden throughout Vancouver

Yunfei Li stands in the centre of Robson Square, a pedestrian plaza in the heart of downtown Vancouver, and one of the most widely used public spaces in the city. At lunchtime, the plaza is full of food trucks and local artists. It's also the starting point for many marches and protests. But Li explains to the walking group she's leading that this wasn't always the case. It was a temporary decision during the 2010 Winter Olympics to turn the road into a pedestrian plaza. Then, the city worked to keep it that way. She explains that this is a bigger shift away from car-dominated urban design toward communities where people can move freely and sustainably. That was the first stop of a two-hour guided walking tour through Vancouver where Li has taught hundreds of participants about green infrastructure, from climate-adapted architecture to green transit systems. The goal is to turn all the doom and gloom surrounding climate discussions into something positive and interactive that would spark conversation instead of anxiety. Li leads these in-person and virtual tours as part of her PhD research at the University of British Columbia's Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability. Urban Future Walks is something she designed alongside her supervisor, climate scientist Simon Donner. The participants fill out surveys before and after the tours, and the goal is to see how their emotions and attitudes toward climate change shift – and whether in-person experiences affect that. While she included tourists in her research, locals also reported gaining a deeper understanding of the city that they live in and the buildings they pass every day. One stop included some bricks in the pavement on Richards Street. Li showed how the water goes through the permeable bricks and drains into an underground rainwater trench system that diverts around 11 million litres of rainwater a year. Participant Alex Guanzon said it was something he didn't know about before. Li explained how it's specifically engineered to be functional, esthetically pleasing and unintrusive to pedestrians.

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Funeral Service: Tuesday, September 15 at 2:00 PM
Turtleford Community Centre, Turtleford, SK
Donations: Riverside Health Complex - Long Term Care

Doris Ask passed away at the age of 92 years.
Graveside Service: Wednesday, September 16 at 11:00 AM
Mervin Cemetery, Mervin, SK
Donations: Heart and Stroke

Nikolaus Winterhalt passed away at the age of 95 years.
Mass of Christian Burial: Friday, September 18 at 1:30 PM
St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Lloydminster, AB
Donations: Heart and Stroke or Alzheimer Society of Canada

Valerie Anderson passed away at the age of 74 years.
A Private Family Service will be held at a later date.
Donations: Moose Lodge

Patricia Keinick passed away at the age of 82 years.
Donations: Maidstone Health Complex

Patrick Saunders passed away at the age of 33 years.
No Service will be held at this time.
Donations: Lloydminster Men's Shelter

Donald Kerr passed away at the age of 91 years.
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Freddie Mercury's ex on complexities of leaving her vast inheritance

When Queen frontman Freddie Mercury died, he left half of his estate – estimated to be worth around £20m to £30m at the time – to Mary Austin, his best friend and former fiancée. Now, Austin has finally spoken out about receiving millions from the rock star after his death and how the vast inheritance has actually "been really difficult" to manage over the years. The now 80-year-old became engaged to Mercury in the 1970s, but the pair split when Mercury told her he was gay. They stayed friends, with Austin taking on the job as Mercury's personal assistant, and the pair remained close until the Queen star's death aged 45 from bronchial pneumonia related to his AIDS diagnosis in 1991. In a new interview, Austin admitted that she initially refused to live in Mercury's Kensington home, known as Garden Lodge, when he placed it in his will. "I said, 'I don't want the house, I've worked hard for you to live in this.' And he said, 'If everything had gone to plan you would have been my wife, and this would have been rightly yours,'" she said, later saying of the inheritance: "Mostly, it's been really difficult." She therefore moved into Garden Lodge, which forced Mercury's partner Jim Hutton to move out. He was left £500,000 by Mercury and given three months to leave the property, despite claiming that Mercury had told him he could continue to live there. Addressing the awkward situation, Austin said: "It had *nothing* to do with me. It was all down to the executors of the will." She inherited 50 per cent of Mercury's fortune and future royalties, and moved into Garden Lodge. When asked whether Mercury left her the substantial sum out of love or as an apology, Austin said: "I don't know. There's more on that list than you realise, I'm afraid. Could be [guilt], but I think not. If you put your thinking cap on, you'll get there." Austin also revealed that she has continued to keep the location of Mercury's ashes a secret, as per his wishes. "I think if I was Freddie's parents, Freddie's sister, and I wasn't allowed to know where his ashes have been scattered, I would be upset and offended, but that's the job he asked me to do," she continued. "And I did it. I kept saying to them, 'I'm really, really sorry – I can't tell you,'" adding that his mother did accept that. Austin has lived in Mercury's home since his death but recently placed it up for sale, asking for a £30m purchase price. She added that upon her death, the inherited funds will go to the Elton John AIDS Foundation and her two sons, who knew nothing about her connection to Mercury, or that they had grown up in his home, until they were in their late twenties. Last month, it was announced that a number of Mercury's belongings, including a piano and microphone he used as well as early drafts of his songwriting, would be auctioned in October. The piano carries a pre-sale estimate of £200,000–£400,000, with the auction taking place on 1 and 2 October. Meanwhile, a selection of his costumes will be on display at the V&A next month to mark what would have been his 80th birthday – with Austin helping to create the exhibition.

U.S. federal officials declare end to cyclospora outbreak that sickened thousands in 21 states

The largest cyclospora food poisoning outbreak in U.S. history is over, U.S. health officials said Friday. U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials said they are confident that all recalled iceberg lettuce related to this specific outbreak is off the market. Nearly 13,000 reported cyclospora cases were tied to the multistate outbreak, federal officials say. While Canada has seen small, sporadic clusters of cyclospora cases in recent years, there were no known Canadian cases related to this specific outbreak. Even with the outbreak deemed over, several questions remain, including about its origin. The parasite is spread through human feces, and it still isn't clear how sewage could have contaminated enough food to sicken so many people. "This contamination can happen if produce is grown in soil or comes into contact with water that has been contaminated," said Ellen Shumaker, director of outreach for a North Carolina State University food safety program, Safe Plates. Since May 1, the government has received reports of nearly 20,000 lab-confirmed cases, or more than 16 times the number reported during the same period last year. More than 6,100 suspected cases also have been reported. The worst previous year in the U.S. for infections was 2019, when about 4,700 illnesses were reported nationally.

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What novel was the basis for the 1979 Apocalypse Now, a film about the Vietnam War?
a. Heart of Darkness b. Finnegan's Wake c. The Stranger d. The Sorrow of War

Answer to last issue's Trivia Question:
Where do lamingtons (little cakes) originate from?
a. England b. Australia c. India d. France

B. A lamington is a dessert of Australian origin. It consists of squares of sponge cake coated first in a layer of traditionally chocolate icing, then in desiccated coconut.

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Bingo held at the Moose Lodge on Mondays and Wednesdays (except holidays). 5213-57 Street, Lloyd, AB. Doors open at 5 pm and regular games begin at 7 pm. Must be 18 years old to play.

Sept. 17 - Spades Tournament at the Legacy Centre. Play begins at 10am. Cost is $10/person to play & $12/person for lunch. Everyone welcome! Call Legacy office for more info at 780.875.4584.

Sept. 20 - Annual Terry Fox Run/Walk at Bud Miller All Seasons Park. Registration 9:00 am. Start at 10:00 am. 'Give for Cancer Research'. Online registration: run.terryfox.ca/lloydminster.

Sept. 20 - Lloyd Moose's Kaiser Tournament at 1:00 pm. Entry: $20 each. Prizes to top teams. *Entries close Fri, Sept. 18.* Drinks & snacks provided. If you need a partner, we can team you up. More info: Arne at 306.821.7459 or Bruce at 780.522.6972.

Sept. 21 - General Meeting of the Lloyd Senior Citizens Society at the Legacy Centre. 10:30am in the Boardroom. All members encouraged to attend! Call Legacy office for more info at 780.875.4584.

Sept. 23 - A few seats still available for our Day-Trip to the Mayfield Inn in Edmonton. The Show is "Marvelous Marvelettes - DREAM-ON". For more info call Legacy office at 780.875.4584.

Sept. 24 - Economic Partnership Summit from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at Lloyd Ex Grounds. Optional Pipe Ceremony at 7:45 am. The summit brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous businesses, communities, and leaders across Treaty 6 for economic and social development. Keynote speakers: Ian Gladue and Chief Robert Louie. More info & registration: www.economicpartnership.ca.

Sept. 24 - Registration Deadline for Hope after Loss: Audra's Legacy - a program for grieving youth experiencing loss due to a death of a special person. Ages 6-11 years and 12-18 years. 10 weeks (Sept. 29 - Dec. 1) Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Gayle at 780.808.1645 or email: childrensprogram@wtgsociety.org.

Sept. 24 - Registration Deadline for Changing Families - a program to support youth impacted by divorce and separation. Ages 5-13 years. 10 weeks (Sept. 30 - Dec. 2) Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm. $20 per family, subsidy available. Contact Gayle at 780.808.1645 or email: childrensprogram@wtgsociety.org.

Sept. 24 - Cribbage Doubles Tournament at the Legacy Centre. Bring your partner and spend the day around the Legacy Card tables! Play begins at 10am. Cost is $10/person to play & $12/person for lunch. Everyone welcome! For more info call Legacy office at 780.875.4584.

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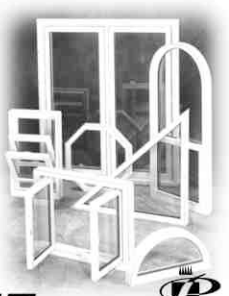

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