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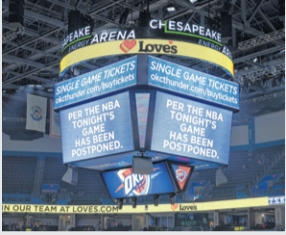


SUMMERSIDE, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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SPORTS



Calendar in limbo

The global sporting calendar has been shredded by the coronavirus pandemic with the NHL and NBA suspending play until further notice, men's tennis shut down for six weeks, top European soccer leagues shutting down.

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COMMUNITY Wile E. Coyote sighting

All her life Kim Desroches has roamed the woods and paths of rural P.E.I. without a second thought, but a recent close encounter with a coyote has her rethinking old habits and resulted in the precautionary closure of a West Prince walking trail.

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THINGS TO know

GAS GOES DOWN

Gas prices dove seven cents overnight, bringing gas prices below a dollar for the first time since February last year and only a handful of times since 2007.

The Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission approved the petroleum prices decreases effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, March 13. At self-serve outlets, regular unleaded gasoline will range from 94.8 to 95.9 cpl.

The price of furnace oil and diesel have also decreased, by four cents per litre each. Diesel prices now range from 101.7 to 102.8 cpl and the maximum price for furnace oil is 75.1 cpl.



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WILDLIFE



Caws for concern

Stephen Hurst lives on Convent Street in Summerside and recently had a large, noisy and messy flock of crows spend a week roosting in the trees outside his home. It's a problem he's never had in 27 years on his property and he's concerned whether it will become a regular occurrence. COLIN MACLEAN/JOURNAL PIONEER

Summerside residents noticing more crows this winter

COLIN MACLEAN
JOURNAL PIONEER

SUMMERSIDE – Having recently forced Charlottetown to surrender, Island crows might be moving to conquer Summerside next.

There are anecdotal reports of a larger than normal flock of crows (also called a murder) in Summerside this winter. The birds can frequently be found hanging around Leger Park in the evenings and various other places in the city and on the bay ice during the day.

Social media posts showing areas dotted black with the feathered creatures, and the mess they leave behind, have started popping up as well.

Coun. Norma McColeman recently brought up the issue during a city council meeting, saying some residents in the downtown had asked her if anything could, or should, be done about the birds.

McColeman has been on council for about 18 years and this is the first time she has received a complaint about crows.

"I think people have tolerance if it's not great big crowds or murders of crows, but when it gets to be really high numbers like that it does become a problem because of their droppings and the noise, their cawing in the very early morning," said McColeman.

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A sizable flock of crows routinely gathers in the Leger Park area of Summerside and some residents believe the birds are more prevalent this year for some reason. CONTRIBUTED BY ELEANOR MACDONALD

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Bittersweet return

Montague man's wife happy to be back in Canada after being in lockdown

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A woman with P.E.I. ties is happy to be home – and healthy – in Canada after surviving the coronavirus pandemic in Wuhan.

However, Daniela Luo can't help but think of the family she left behind in Wuhan.

Daniela and her daughter,

Dominica, returned to the family home in Coquitlam, B.C., two weeks ago where they were reunited with Daniela's husband, Montague native Monte Gisborne. Previously, they had been in lockdown in Wuhan since Jan. 19.

Daniela and Dominica had gone to China to celebrate the Chinese new year, but it was also a chance to spend time

with her parents, her extended family and to say goodbye to one of her uncles.

"My uncle is very sick with cancer," Daniela told said in a telephone interview on Wednesday. "I wanted to see him off."

"He's terminal. I didn't get that chance. By the time I arrive in China, the situation (had) become so dire and there weren't any visitors (allowed) at any of

the hospitals. He's all alone in the hospital. It has been really tough (on me). We were very close."

When Daniela and Dominica arrived back in Canada, they were given a clean bill of health from Health Canada following a two-week quarantine at CFB Trenton in Ontario.

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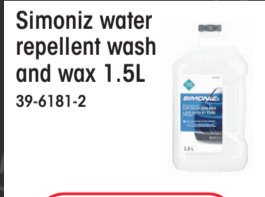
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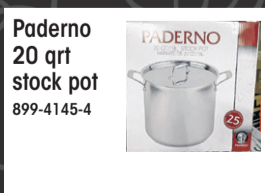
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