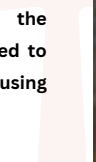


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Monique Forster
President
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Election campaign begins, as leaders start making their pitches to Canadians



CTV News reports that, Prime Minister Mark Carney has called an early federal election for April 28, 2025, six months ahead of schedule. This decision aims to secure a mandate to continue his economic agenda and strengthen Canada's position against U.S. President Donald Trump's trade threats.

The New Democratic Party (NDP), Bloc Québécois, and Greens also launched their campaigns, seeking to boost their parliamentary presence.

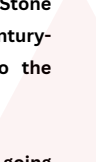
Canadians must now decide who is best prepared to lead the country through economic uncertainty.



Carney became Liberal Party leader on March 9 and is now seeking his first seat in the House of Commons, running in the Nepean riding. Despite Conservatives leading the polls, the Liberals have gained ground since January, with some polls now placing them slightly ahead.

Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre blamed the Liberals for the cost-of-living crisis and promised to scrap the industrial carbon tax and lower housing costs.

The campaign kicks off amid trade tensions with the U.S., where Trump imposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods and threatens further actions.



Trump threatens to acquire Canada, Greenland while next to NATO chief



Global News reports that U.S. President Donald Trump reiterated his desire to acquire Canada and Greenland on Thursday, this time with NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte by his side during an Oval Office meeting. Trump said such acquisitions would be crucial for international security, while Rutte declined to involve NATO in the discussion, though he acknowledged the importance of Arctic security and northern countries working together to counter China and Russia.

In Greenland, Jens-Frederik Nielsen, the likely new prime minister following parliamentary elections, rejected Trump's proposal, stating that Greenlanders do not want to be Americans.

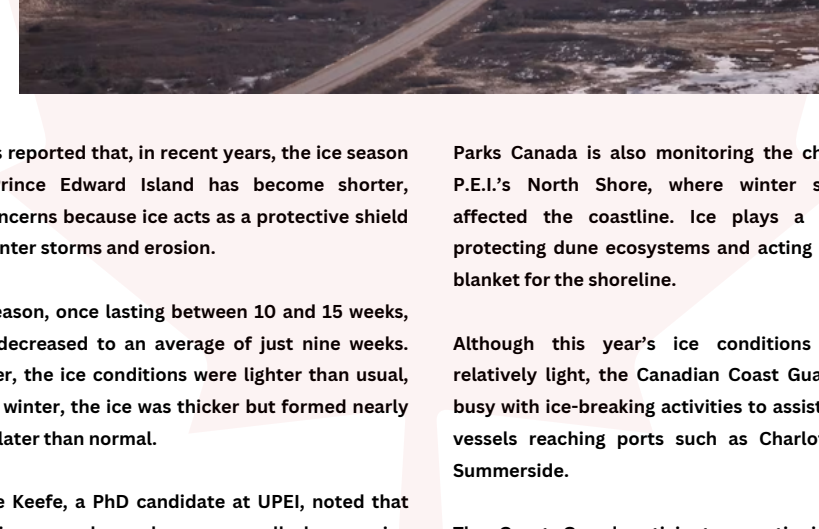
Trump continues to push NATO members to increase defense spending to 5% of GDP, a target no country – including the U.S. – currently meets.

Canada, which has fallen short of the 2% target for years, claims to have a plan to meet that threshold by 2032, though it has not provided specific details.

Trump also restated his idea of making Canada the 51st U.S. state, arguing that the border is an artificial line that "makes no sense." Meanwhile, Canada's new Prime Minister, Mark Carney, has reaffirmed that Canada will never become part of the U.S., a position supported by the majority of Canadians.



U.S. limits Canadian access to iconic Stanstead, Que., border-straddling library



CBC News reported that, The U.S. government has made it harder for Canadians to access the Haskell Free Library and Opera House, an iconic building that straddles the Canada-U.S. border, according to local officials and residents.

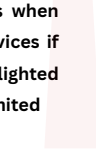
U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) cited a rise in "illicit cross-border activity" as the reason for the change. Only library members will be allowed temporary access until October 1.

Built in 1904 and declared a heritage site in both countries, the library has long been a symbol of cross-border collaboration. Stanstead Mayor Jody Stone criticized the decision, saying it undermines a century-old agreement that allowed shared access to the building.

The decision has sparked outrage in both communities. American resident Penny Thomas expressed embarrassment over how the U.S. is treating Canada.

Stanstead resident and library member Clément Jacques emphasized that both countries contributed to building the library. He voiced concern over rhetoric suggesting Canada could become the "51st state."

Until now, Canadians could enter without going through regular border procedures, but as of October 1, all visitors from Canada will need to present themselves at a U.S. port of entry to access the library from the American side.



Canadian Gynecologists Concerned Social Media Is Reshaping Perspectives About Effective Contraception Methods



The Globe and Mail informs that, on social media platforms like Instagram and TikTok and young influencers promote non-scientific contraception methods, such as cycle tracking through apps, instead of using hormonal contraception.

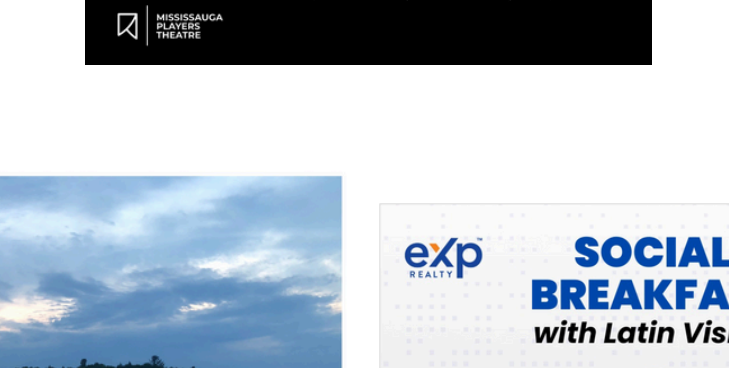
The Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC) expressed concern about the promotion of fertility tracking apps, arguing that they are unreliable for preventing pregnancy due to the unpredictability of menstrual cycles.

These methods, like fertility tracking, are portrayed as safe alternatives, despite lacking scientific support. Some influencers declare using hormonal contraception unsafe and toxic.

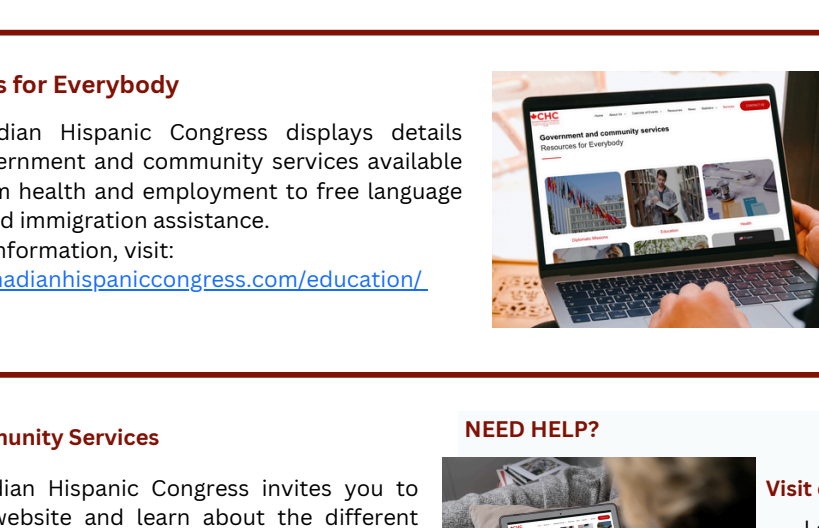
This shift in attitudes toward traditional contraception comes at a sensitive time for reproductive cycles, both in Canada and the U.S., where abortion restrictions are tightening.

Canadian gynecologists warn that this content is reshaping conversations in clinics, particularly among young people, with concerns that it may lead to unwanted pregnancies.

Sexual health professionals fear that misinformation on social media, especially among youth, may result in unwanted pregnancies, highlighting the growing threat of medical misinformation.



How Changing Winter Ice Conditions Around P.E.I. Are Letting the Sea Eat into Its Shores



CBC News reported that, in recent years, the ice season around Prince Edward Island has become shorter, raising concerns because ice acts as a protective shield against winter storms and erosion.

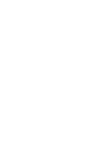
Parks Canada is also monitoring the changes along P.E.I.'s North Shore, where winter storms have affected the coastline. Ice plays a key role in protecting dune ecosystems and acting as a thermal blanket for the shoreline.

The ice season, once lasting between 10 and 15 weeks, has now decreased to an average of just nine weeks. Last winter, the ice conditions were lighter than usual, while this winter, the ice was thicker but formed nearly six weeks later than normal.

Although this year's ice conditions have been relatively light, the Canadian Coast Guard has been busy with ice-breaking activities to assist commercial vessels reaching ports such as Charlottetown and Summerside.

Genevieve Keefe, a PhD candidate at UPEI, noted that the last five years have shown unusually low sea ice levels, which is a major concern for coastal erosion.

The Coast Guard anticipates continuing to assist fishing vessels, especially as the snow crab and lobster fisheries open across Eastern Canada.



Updates Travel Advisories for the U.S. and China Amid Recent Tensions



CBC News reports that Canada has updated travel advisories for two of the world's largest economies, the U.S. and China. The advisory for the U.S. now urges travelers staying for over 30 days to register with the U.S. government.

The warning follows the execution of four Canadian nationals in China, who were reportedly involved in drug and criminal activities. Canada condemned the executions, emphasizing the irreversible nature of the death penalty.

Failure to comply with this registration requirement could result in penalties, fines, and misdemeanor prosecution. Visitors can check if they need to register or if they have been automatically registered by reviewing their I-94 admission form on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website.

The advisory also warned that financial crimes in China could lead to severe punishment, and travelers may be subject to an exit ban if involved in any ongoing civil or criminal investigations.

Canada also updated its advisory for China, urging dual citizens to present Canadian credentials when entering, as they may be denied consular services if using a Chinese passport. The advisory highlighted that a Chinese consular assistance in China is limited

The government urged travelers to be aware that an exit ban may not be clear until they try to leave China, causing potential issues at immigration controls.

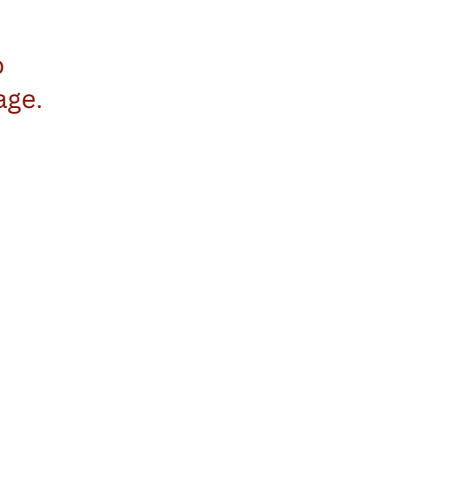
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