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NHL Glance

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS EASTERN CONFERENCE Thursday's Late Game
 Edmonton 3, Nashville 2, SO
Friday's Games
 Detroit 3, Pittsburgh 2 (SO)
 Minnesota 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
 Colorado 6, Chicago 4
 Boston at Arizona, N
 Washington at Dallas, N
Saturday's Games
 Anaheim at Ottawa, 10:30 a.m.
 Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Seattle at N.Y. Islanders, 12 p.m.
 Winnipeg at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
 San Jose at Florida, 4 p.m.
 Edmonton at Montreal, 5 p.m.
 New Jersey at Carolina, 5 p.m.
 Toronto at Detroit, 5 p.m.
 Vegas at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.
 Buffalo at Arizona, 7 p.m.
 Vancouver at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
 Seattle at N.Y. Rangers, 11 a.m.
 San Jose at Carolina, 3 p.m.
 Boston at Dallas, 5 p.m.
 Columbus at Montreal, 5 p.m.
 Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 5:30 p.m.
 Buffalo at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Monday's Games
 Florida at Columbus, 5 p.m.
 Anaheim at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
 Edmonton at Ottawa, 5:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Toronto, 5:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.



Kane asks fans to keep an open mind as controversial forward joins Oilers

STEVEN SANDOR
 The Canadian Press

Evander Kane knows signing with the Edmonton Oilers won't be a move universally loved by the team's fans. Edmonton will be his fifth NHL city, and the Oilers the fourth franchise, for which the 30-year-old has played. There will be questions about his past — from suspensions due to violations of COVID protocols, a bankruptcy and self-confessed gambling problems. His contract was voided by the San Jose Sharks. The biggest headlines of his career, though, came from allegations of abuse lodged by his ex-wife, which were not proven in court. Kane has custody of the former couple's



daughter. The Oilers brain trust and Kane met with the media Friday morning at Rogers Place to officially introduce the winger. Kane is on a deal with the Oilers — with a reported salary of US\$750,000 and \$625,000 in bonuses — that takes him to the end of this season, and nothing more. Kane was asked what he'd say to the segment of Edmonton hockey fans who might not be happy he's joining the team. "I want to clear up a lot of the misinformation, a lot of the storylines painting me in a certain light that are completely untrue, inaccurate and false," Kane said. "I would encourage (fans) to be open-minded, to allow me to do what I do best and get to know me on the ice, off the ice, around the rink, in

the community, and see what I bring to the table. "Every city I've been in, I've always worked in the community and done what I can to help make that city, that community a better place." There's no denying Kane's pedigree on the ice. He's got 506 points in 769 games. But Kane has continually generated headlines for the wrong reasons. In 2021-22, he was suspended 21 games by the NHL for violating COVID-19 protocols. He was investigated by the league for another alleged violation this season that concluded earlier this week, with the league stating there was not sufficient evidence to conclude Kane "knowingly made misrepresentations regarding his COVID-19 status or test results in connection with his international travel."

Five members of Team Canada in COVID protocol

The Canadian Press

Five members of Team Canada's delegation in Beijing for the 2022 Winter Olympics are currently in COVID-19 protocol, the Canadian Olympic Committee said Friday. The COC announced the numbers in a release outlining its plans to share information related to COVID-19 cases. The COC said it will provide an update of the number of team members in protocol as part of its daily recaps starting Feb. 4, when the Games officially open. It will provide updates when possible leading up to the start of the Olympics. The COC said the names of those in protocol will not be shared, unless an athlete who can't compete because of a confirmed positive test wishes to disclose that information.

IN THE NEWS

Some provinces easing restrictions

The Canadian Press

A number of provinces are tweaking their public health protocols to ease restrictions as COVID-19 hospitalizations continue to show signs of stabilizing. Saskatchewan's government said isolation rules would be relaxed Friday as the province transitions to treating COVID-19's highly communicable Omicron variant like other common respiratory viruses such as influenza. The changes include no longer requiring close contacts of people who test positive for the coronavirus to self-isolate. In Ontario cinemas, theatres, arenas and concerts will be reopening Monday, with capacity limits, but also with the ability to serve snacks and drinks. Indoor dining will be back on the menu at restaurants, and Premier Doug Ford said Thursday that some non-urgent surgeries would be resuming. Indoor dining at restaurants, with capacity limits, will also resume in New Brunswick starting Saturday, and students there are to return to in-person classes on Monday. In Quebec, officials reported a significant drop in hospitalizations Thursday, although 56 new deaths were linked to the virus.

Bodies of family that froze to death trying to cross border may not return to India

HINA ALAM & BRITTANY HOBSON
 THE CANADIAN PRESS

A relative of a family that froze to death in southern Manitoba while trying to cross the United States border says it's expected the bodies will not be flown home to India for a funeral. Amritbhai Vakil said family members have decided it would be emotionally difficult to see the couple and their two children and too expensive to transport the bodies. "Can you imagine what will happen to the parents when they see four bodies all at once?" he said. They hope there might be a funeral in Canada, Vakil added. RCMP and diplomatic officials Thursday released the names of the dead: Jagdish Patel, 39; his wife Vaishaliben Patel, 37; their 11-year-old daughter, Vihangi Patel; and their three-year-old son, Dharmik Patel. The family, from the Dingucha village in India's western state of Gujarat, had

travelled to Toronto on Jan. 12, Mounties said. Their frozen bodies were found in the snow, just metres from the border, seven days later. A man on the U.S. side was arrested and charged with human smuggling. U.S. officials allege he is part of an organized human-smuggling enterprise. U.S. court documents allege Steve Shand of Deltona, Fla., was driving a van with two Indian nationals just south of the border on Jan. 19. The documents say five others from India were soon after spotted in the snow walking in the direction of the van. They told border officers that they had been walking for more than 11 hours in the freezing cold and that four others had become separated from the group overnight. One man in the group also said he had paid a large amount of money to get a fake student visa in Canada and was expecting a ride to a relative's home in Chicago after he crossed the border, the documents say.

A statement from India's Ministry of External Affairs said the High Commission in Ottawa and Consulate General in Toronto are working closely with Canadian authorities. Anil Pratham, additional director general of police in Gujarat, said he is waiting on information and guidance from External Affairs to move ahead with his investigation. Pratham said he believes the Patels used a local travel agent to get visas to Canada. Vakil, in a phone interview from Dingucha, said family in India had wondered for several days if the bodies found in Canada were their relatives. Family knew the four had travelled to Canada, he said, but no one had been able to reach them. The family is going through complex emotions, he said. "They knew in their heart of hearts that it was their kids, but they didn't want to believe it," Vakil said. "They had some hope, but knew it was false hope. It's also shocking and sad when what you fear most comes true."

The week that it took for authorities to identify the Patels helped cushion the blow, he added. "It's given time to process our thoughts and emotions." He said the family is holding a 15-day mourning and prayer service in the village. A separate service was to take place Friday night in Winnipeg. The president of the India Association of Manitoba said it worked with local organizations to put together an hour-long virtual one for community members. The group had worked with consulate officials from Toronto to help identify the Patels. Ramandeep Grewal said the wish was to give community members a way to deal with their grief. With COVID-19 restrictions still in place, the groups decided to hold something online. Since news of the deaths, people have been reaching out to share their own stories of immigrating to the U.S. or Canada, Grewal said.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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RESIDENTIAL

2118 HORNE BOULEVARD NE Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 2110447)
 PLDP20211229. Single Detached House.

21 COCKS WAY SE (Lot 16, Block 8, Plan 7510668)
 PLDP20211271. Single Detached House
 (Established Neighbourhood Driveway) Including Alley
 Setback Variance.

COMMERCIAL

680 3 STREET SE (Lots 21-24, Block 14, Plan 1491) PLDP20210701.
 Apartments And Commercial Use.

1500 STRACHAN ROAD SE (Lot 10, Block 1, Plan 0414449) PLDP20211331. Two
 Fascia Signs.

53 PAUL STOBBER DR SE (Lot 9, Block 2, Plan 2011688) PLDP20220007. Motor
 Vehicle And RV Sales.

73 BRIER PARK BAY NW (Lot 8, Block 3, Plan 1210604) PLDP20220050. Self-
 Storage Facility (Additional Storage).

HOME OCCUPATION

1906 7 AVENUE NE (Lot 17, Block 1, Plan 7510086) PLDP20211138.
 Customers To Attend Site. Bookkeeping.

5212 SOUTHLANDS DRIVE SE (Lot 7, Plan 1512722) PLDP20211252. Office With Storage
 On Site. General Contractor/Project Manager.

9 SILCHER STREET SE (Lot 37, Block 23, Plan 9211268) PLDP20211341. Office
 Use Only. General Contractor/Project Manager.

14 SOUTHVIEW COURT SE (Lot 19, Plan 50, Block 8910248) PLDP20220004. Office
 Use Only. Mobile Business Unit (Physical Therapy).

53 SIMPSON CRESCENT SE (Lot 9, Plan 6, Block 7911023) PLDP20220012. Office Use
 Only. Online Sales (Clothing).

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Canadian Pacific Railway grain revenues take hit in aftermath of 2021 drought

AMANDA STEPHENSON
 The Canadian Press

Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.'s grain-hauling revenues took a hit in the fourth quarter of 2021, even as the company increased corn shipments from south of the border to address a livestock feed shortage in Western Canada. The Calgary-based railway company saw freight revenue from grain tumble to \$440 million in the quarter ended Dec. 31, 2021. That represents a 13 per cent decline from the same period in 2020, when grain represented CP's top revenue source at \$508 million. CP says its total grain volumes transported were down 21 per cent in its most recent quarter, a decline the company attributes to this year's widespread drought that affected crop outputs in Western Canada. "The 40 per cent reduction in the Canadian crop is driving this decline in volumes," said John Brooks, CP's chief marketing officer. "The good news is, we've taken the decline in the Canadian grain crop and created an opportunity."

Brooks added CP worked with shippers and receivers to create a new supply chain moving corn from south of the border to Canadian cattle feedlots suffering from a lack of livestock feed in the wake of the drought. "We had an all-time record quarter and year for our U.S. grain franchise," he said. Last week, Western Canadian agriculture groups publicly criticized CP for slow train shipments which they said have exacerbated an unprecedented livestock feed shortage on the Prairies. In an emailed statement Thursday, federal Agriculture Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau confirmed she has since been in touch with the railway company over the issue. "I recently expressed my concerns about the dangerously low feed supply for cattle across the Prairies to the CEO of Canadian Pacific Railway, who recognized the sense of urgency and assured me that this is top of mind for CP," Bibeau said. The Canadian Cattlemen's Association said in an email Thursday that some of the awaited shipments of feed corn arrived over the weekend and more are expected in the coming days. "We appreciate the high priority that CP has placed on addressing the shortage," said CCA spokeswoman Michelle McMullen. "This has put us in much better shape, and we are not aware of anyone who is not able to get the feed they need this week. But the feed supply remains tight."

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