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Master of his craft

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander second Canadian to win NBA MVP award **B4**



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Oklahoma City Thunder point guard from Hamilton won the most valuable player title over Nikola Jokic on Wednesday.

STAR INVESTIGATION

Dogs died in care following animal welfare seizures

Critics say deaths reveal flaws in provincial protection system

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On a rainy morning in September 2021, a small fleet of government vehicles rolled into a rural plot north of Barrie. As the provincial animal welfare inspectors dispersed on the property, one of them spoke to the owner, who ran a controversial sled dog business. “We’re here to remove your dogs,” the inspector said. The mushing company had previously been ordered to improve the living conditions for its sled dogs that lived outside. But it failed to do so, the inspector said, and now the province was there to remove more **SEE HUSKIES, A8**

MIDDLE EAST

Israel fires shots near Canadian diplomats

Carney calls West Bank incident ‘totally unacceptable,’ demands an explanation

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OTTAWA Prime Minister Mark Carney said Wednesday that it is “totally unacceptable” and demanded an “immediate explanation of what happened” after the Israeli military fired shots near a delegation of diplomats that the federal government says included four Canadians. Speaking after a two-day closed cabinet retreat with ministers in his minority government, Carney told reporters the incident was “another example” of unacceptable occurrences in the region. It comes just days after Canada, the United Kingdom and France issued a joint statement condemning Israel’s renewed military offensive into Gaza, as well as the blockade that the

United Nations says has prevented food and other aid from entering the occupied Palestinian territory, fuelling fears of spreading famine and further civilian death. Carney also referenced how Foreign Affairs Minister Anita Anand has summoned Israel’s ambassador to Canada, Iddo Moed, to address her “serious concerns” about how the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) fired shots near the diplomatic delegation on Wednesday. International media reports from earlier in the day, including from the Associated Press, said the diplomatic delegation was visiting the West Bank city of Jenin when Israeli soldiers fired warning shots in **SEE WEST BANK, A6** CANADA IN TALKS ON U.S.-LED GOLDEN DOME FOR ‘FEW YEARS’ **A11**

CANADA POST STRIKE

New offer made to postal workers

Contract includes 13% wage hike, weekend delivery

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Just over a day before 55,000 Canada Post employees could be back on the picket line, the Crown corporation presented its workers Wednesday with a new contract — but it might not be enough to avoid another strike. The offer was presented to the Canadian Union of Postal Workers at a meeting in Ottawa with a mediator. Earlier this week, CUPW gave Canada Post 72 hours’ strike notice, and workers could be back on the picket line as of 12:01 a.m. Friday. The four-year contract offer includes the creation of new, part-time carrier job categories to help Canada Post extend parcel delivery to weekends, as well as the use of “dynamic routing” at 10 mail-sorting facilities. Dynamic routing means carriers could see their routes shift daily to accommodate changes in volume. In a press release, Canada Post said the offer also includes total wage increases of 13 per cent for existing employees, with a six per cent increase in the first year, followed by increases of three, two and two per cent. “Canada Post today presented new global offers to the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), demonstrating a commitment to reach agreements and maintain **SEE CANADA POST, A6** INSIDE Bell users hit with web outage Nearly 140,000 people across Canada were left without internet and cell service **B1**

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