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>> AND MAYBE HARD TO BELIEVE OR SOME BUT WHAT YOU -- WE ARE HOURS AWAY FROM 2025 AND THERE ARE QUITE A FEW CELEBRATIONS HERE IN THE CAPITAL.

GOOD AFTERNOON, THIS IS "CTV News" AT FIVE, I AM AUSTIN LEE.

WE ARE INTO THE FINAL HOURS OF 2024 AND THE COUNTDOWN TO A NEW YEAR IS ON AS PEOPLE ACROSS THE CITY GET READY TO RING IN 2025, FROM A SCOTTISH CELEBRATION TO FIREWORKS AND LONG TIME HOCKEY RIVALS AT THE CANADIAN TIRE CENTER -- PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY ALL DAY AND FOR SOME, THE LAST DAY OF 2024 IS ABOUT REFLECTION, FOR OTHERS IS ABOUT LOOKING FORWARD.

AND WITH HOURS TO GO BEFORE THE CLOCK STRIKES MIDNIGHT, RESOLUTIONS ARE TOP OF MIND.

>> TO HAVE MORE DOWNTIME.

>> DOWNTIME?

KNOW, WE WANT MORE HOCKEY! THIS IS FABULOUS, I LOVE HOCKEY.

>> BETTER HOCKEY.

>> EAT HEALTHIER.

>> HANG OUT WITH FAMILY AND HAVE A GOOD TIME.

>> Austin: GO TO THE WORLD JUNIORS TO GET A LOT OF HOCKEY ANSWERS.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A RIDE TONIGHT, TRANSFER IS OFFERING FREE TRANSIT AFTER 6:00 P.M. ON TRAIN, BUSES AND -- IT WILL RUN UNTIL 2:00 A.M., PARA TRANSPHOBIA WILL RUN UNTIL 3:00 A.M.

WITH THE NEW YEAR COMES NEW LAWS THAT ARE SAID TO COME INTO EFFECT THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR POCKETBOOKS THAT AFFECTS -- BEGINNING IN 2025, THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT WILL CAP CHILD CARE FEES HAD TO \$22 PER DAY FOR FAMILIES ENROLLED IN A CANADA WIDE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE PROGRAM.

STARTING JULY, APP BASED GIG WORKERS WILL BE ENTITLED TO A REGULAR MINIMUM WAGE, WORKERS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THEIR EMPLOYER

ABOUT THEIR PAY AND TIPS.
WITH THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION
ALREADY UNDERWAY AND PARTS OF THE
CITY, POLICE ARE ONCE AGAIN
REMINING DRIVERS TO PLAN AHEAD.
OPP AND EASTERN ONTARIO HAVE
CHARGED 103 IMPAIRED DRIVERS
SINCE NOVEMBER 21st.
JACK RICHARDSON HAS MORE ON
THIS, JACK.

>> Reporter: OFTEN ALL OF
THESE CHARGES CAME FROM THE
OPP'S RIDE CHECK, POLICE HAVE
CONDUCTED A SERIES OF RANDOM
STOPS AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF DAY
OVER THE PAST FIVE AND A HALF
WEEKS.

TO CHECK FOR IMPAIRED DRIVERS.
THE PROGRAM IS NOT LIMITED TO
THE HOLIDAY SEASON BUT POLICE
SAY THE NUMBERS OVER THE LAST
FIVE WEEKS ARE ALARMING AND WITH
PARTIES AND GATHERINGS SET TO
TAKE PLACE TO RING IN THE NEW
YEAR, AUTHORITIES ARE ASKING
PEOPLE TO MAKE SMART CHOICES.

>> ONE IMPAIRED DRIVER IS ONE
TOO MANY.

IT'S A TERRIBLE STATISTIC
BECAUSE WE KNOW IMPAIRED DRIVING
CAN RESULT NOT ONLY IN DEATH OF
MAY BE THAT DRIVER WHO IS
IMPAIRED BUT ALSO IT CAN IT CAN
CLAIM INNOCENT LIVES AND PEOPLE
THAT ARE IN OTHER VEHICLES ON
THE ROADWAY.

AS WE COME TO NEW YEAR'S EVE, WE
STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY
HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN.

>> FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE, WHAT
THIS MEANS IS THAT WE HAVE A LOT
OF WORK TO DO IN EDUCATING THE
PUBLIC AND THE DANGERS OF
IMPAIRED DRIVING.

>> Reporter: WHILE THE PROGRAM
HAS A FAT DID -- AFFECTED THE
HOLIDAY SEASON, TO STAY AWAY
FROM THE WHALE IF YOU'RE UNDER
THE INFLUENCE.

BOSTON.

>> Austin: JACK RICHARDSON
REPORTING FOR US THIS AFTERNOON,
THANK YOU JACK.

SHOCKING NEWS IN THE TENETS WHAT
TODAY, LIPID BRONZE MENTALIST
AND OTTAWA NATIVE, GABRIELLA

DABROWSKI SHOWED SHE PLAYED THROUGH THE 2024 SEASON WHILE UNDERGOING CANCER TREATMENT AFTER A MID-APRIL DIAGNOSES.

AS CTV EXPLAINS, IT DID NOT AFFECT HER PERFORMANCE.

>> FINALLY AFTER THIS POINT.

>> Reporter: A REMARKABLE SEASON FOR GABRIELLA DABROWSKI PLAYING SOME OF THE BEST TENNIS IN HER LIFE.

[CHEERING AND APPLAUSE]

>> Reporter: WHEN AFTER WIND, THE 32-YEAR-OLD DOUBLES PLAYERS WENT FROM WIMBLEDON FINALIST TO OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDALLIST, CAPPING OF THE SEASON WINNING THE W-2 A FINE – WTA FINALS.

LEAVING HER THIRD RANKED IN THE WORLD ALL WHILE KEEPING A BIG AND SCARY SECRET, IN A LENGTHY RAW INSTAGRAM POST, DABROWSKI SHARED HER CANCER – BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSIS PUBLICLY FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY.

I KNOW THIS WILL COME AS A SHOCK TO MANY BUT I AM OKAY AND I WILL BE, OKAY,, EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES SHE SAID.

GOING ON TO EMPHASIZE THE LIFE YOU CAN LIVE IF THE DISEASE IS DETECTED EARLY.

DABROWSKI SAYS SHE WAS DIAGNOSED IN MID-APRIL AFTER NOTICING A LUMP IN HER THEY YEAR PRIOR, SHE WENT THROUGH TWO SURGERIES, RECOVERY AND REHAB BEFORE RETURNING TO THE GAME IN JUNE.

SHE DELAYED FURTHER TREATMENT SO SHE COULD COOK PETE IN WIMBLEDON AND THE PARIS OLYMPICS.

IF YOU SAW ME SMILING MORE ON THE COURT IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS, IT WAS GENUINE, SHE SAYS.

HER DOUBLE PARTNER SHOWED HER SUPPORT ON INSTAGRAM, SAME IT'S A GREAT REMINDER THAT YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT PEOPLE ARE GOING THROUGH, HERE'S TO MORE SMILING IN 2025.

DABROWSKI SAYS HER DIAGNOSIS HELPED HER APPRECIATE THAT THINGS SHE HAS AND FIND GRATITUDE IN THE CHALLENGING PARTS OF LIFE.

SHE ENDED HER POST, CURSING
CANCER BEFORE -- "CTV News",
SASKATOON.

>> Austin: CHARITY IS HERE IN
THE CAPITAL WELCOMING OUR NEWS
THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT --
CHARITABLE DONATION TAX
DEDUCTION AFTER THE POST DRUG
PUT A DENT IN THEIR FUND-RAISING
EFFORTS.

LET'S BRING IN KIMBERLY JOHNSON
FOR MORE ON THIS, KIMBERLY, THIS
IS SOMETHING THAT MANY CHARITIES
HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR.

>> Reporter: ABSOLUTELY, THEY
ARE HOPING THAT THE DEVELOPMENT
ALLOWS PEOPLE MORE TIME TO SEND
IN DONATIONS AND ALSO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THE TAX CREDIT THAT
GOES ALONG WITH THE DONATIONS.
THE LEAD UP TO CHRISTMAS IS
OFTEN A LUCRATIVE TIME FOR MOST
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS BUT
BECAUSE OF THE POSTAL STRIKE,
MANY WERE UNABLE TO SEND OUT
DONATION LETTERS TO THE PUBLIC.
AND FOR THE PUBLIC THEY WERE
UNABLE TO SEND IN DONATIONS
THROUGH THE MAIL WHILE THE
STRIKE WAS DRAGGING ON.

ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE OTTAWA
HUMANE SOCIETY SAY MOVING THE
DEADLINE AND GETTING PEOPLE MORE
TIME TO GAIN TAX CREDIT COULDN'T
MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN
HELPING THEM RECOVER SOME OF THE
FUNDS THEY MISSED OUT ON.

>> WE WELCOME THIS ANNOUNCEMENT
BECAUSE WE KNOW, OR WE HOPE
DONORS WILL TAKE THESE EXTRA FEW
WEEKS TO CONSIDER THEY ARE
GIVING AN THING ABOUT IT IN THE
2024 FONT -- TIME FRAME THAT
THEY MAIL THEY -- THAT THEY FEEL
THEY MAY HAVE.

THAT WINDOW IS OPEN FOR A COUPLE
WEEKS AND THEY CAN MAKE THAT
DECISION AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL
DECIDE TO STRETCH FURTHER FOR
THE CHARITY THEY LOVE LIKE THE
OTTAWA HUMANE SOCIETY.

>> Reporter: FOR EXAMPLE THE
OTTAWA HUMANE SOCIETY IS LOOKING
AT A \$250,000 SHORTFALL THIS
YEAR AND HAS HUNDREDS OF ANIMALS
TO CARE FOR.

THEY SAY EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS,
THE NEW DEADLINE IS
FEBRUARY 28th AND ALTHOUGH
THAT IS EXPECTED TO PAST,
CHARITIES ARE HOPING TO GET IT
SOONER RATHER THAN LATER BECAUSE
THEY ARE PLANNING PROGRAMS FOR
THE YEAR.
AUSTEN.

>> Austin: DEFINITELY A DEATH
-- TOUGH TIME FOR THEM, KIMBERLY
JOHNSON REPORTING LINE FOR US
TONIGHT.

EVERY WINTER, OTTAWA FIRE CREWS
RESPONDS TO DOZENS OF CALLS NOT
RELATED TO FIRES OR CAR
ACCIDENTS BUT FOR ICE RESCUE.

THERE WERE FOUR SUCH CALLS THIS
WEEK ALONE, OTTAWA FIRE SERVICES
MAINTAIN GROUPS OF SPECIFICALLY
TRAINED TECHNICIANS AT STRATEGIC
POINTS ACROSS THE CAPITAL ARE
ABLE TO RESPOND QUICKLY WHEN A
PERSON OR PET IS TRAPPED OR HAVE
FALLEN THROUGH THE NICE.

WITH THE WARM WEATHER OVER THE
PAST COUPLE OF DAYS, NO STREAM,
RIVER LAKE OR CANAL IS SAFE TO
VENTURE OUT ON.

>> ARE AVERAGE IN THE WINTER
HISSING ABOUT 44 ICE RESCUE
CALLS, SOME OF THOSE ARE ACTUAL
RESCUES, SOMEWHERE FOR PETS,
SOME FALSE ALARMS.

ESPECIALLY NOW WITH THE
FLUCTUATING TEMPERATURES IS TO
STAY OFF IT ENTIRELY, AT THIS
POINT, NO ICE IS SAFE ICE.

>> Austin: WEATHER ITS EYES
RELATED OR NOT, ON AVERAGE 150
PEOPLE IN ONTARIO DROWN EACH
YEAR.

OTTAWA POLICE INVESTIGATE
REPORTS OF GUNSHOTS, POLICE SAY
THEY RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS FROM
PEOPLE HEARING GUNSHOTS IN THE
AREA OF PERCY STREET AND
CLEBURNE AVENUE AT A PROXIMALLY
820 THIS MORNING.

THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF ANY
ENERGY OR -- ANY INJURY.

AT THE END OF 2024 BRINGS MORE
BAD NEWS FOR JUSTIN TRUDEAU AND
THE LIBERAL PARTY OF CANADA, A
NEW POLL FROM NANO'S RESEARCH
SHOWING WITH A NEW LONG-TERM --

LONG-TERM HIGH.
LET'S LOOK AT THE NUMBERS,
CONSERVATIVES AT 46.6%.
THAT'S NEARLY 26 POINTS AHEAD OF
THE LIBERALS WHO ARE AT 21.3%.
THE NDP RATING ALSO DROPPED
SLIGHTLY BY 1.2% SINCE THEN,
LEAVING THE PARTY WITH 16.6%.
ON THE TOPIC OF PREFERRED
PRIME MINISTER, PIERRE POILIEVRE
GAINED OVER JUST FIVE POINTS IN
THE LAST FOUR WEEKS AT
40 PERCENT, TRUDEAU HAS LOST
MORE THAN TWO POINTS IN THE SAME
TIME PERIOD AT 17.4%.
AND ANDY PETE LEADER, JAGMEET
SINGH DROPPED THREE POINTS DOWN
TO JUST 13.9%.

A NEW EXHIBIT IN THE
OTTAWA VALLEY INSPIRED BY THE
PWOHL IS PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE
HISTORY OF WOMEN HOCKEY.
A DISPLAY LOCATED AT THE
BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM OPENED OPEN IN
AUGUST AND OFFERS A LOOK AT THE
SOME OF THE WOMEN IN CANADA THAT
WERE TRAILBLAZERS TO THE SPORT
-- TRAILBLAZER TO THE SPORT.
THE MUSEUM SAYS IT WILL BE
LOOKING TO RECORD HISTORY AS IT
HAPPENS.

>> HOPEFULLY WITH PUBLICITY WE
CAN GET SOME OF THE PLAYERS
DONATING SOMETHING TO US, YOU
KNOW.

THAT WOULD GIVE US THE HISTORY
AS WE GO ALONG.

>> Austin: WITH THE EXHIBIT
GROWING IN REALTIME, MUSEUM IS
LOOKING FOR MORE SPACE TO EXPAND
AND PUT MORE ARTIFACTS ON
DISPLAY.

THE NHL BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM IS
OPEN THURSDAY TO SATURDAY AT THE
AM WHY FM CENTER IN RENFREW.