

HAPPY LUNAR
NEW YEAR



It's the Year of the Snake.....party!

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WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER! TCA Goldline Curling Pool B Champs!



[Photo courtesy of Hello Canada]

They came, they curled, they drank, and they conquered. Representing Royals and Riverdale, **Tyler Hyvarinen**, **Patrick Tackney**, **Eric Fleury**, and skip, **Jan Viljoen** swept their way to victory in the B Pool of the TCA Goldline Novice playoffs! Well done, boys!

AND A CHICKEN DINNER FOR KEVIN FLEWELLING!

Congratulations to **Kevin Flewelling**, who along with his provincial teammates, has qualified for the Ontario Men's Curling Championships, January 19th - 26th in Cobourg. Also known as the Ontario Tankard, the winner will represent Ontario in the upcoming Brier Championships in Kelowna at the end of February.

JUSTICE FOR HARRIS!



Following up on our previous report on Briane Harris' doping controversy, the gods at the Court of Arbitration in Sport have spoken and Briane's suspension has been overturned! No word yet on when Harris will be rejoining the Einnarson team.

ROYALS HAS A 50/50 DRAW!



That plastic jug you see on the bar is the piggy bank that Royals members pay into to be eligible for the weekly 50/50 draw. **All Riverdale members are also included.** In fact a

couple of RCL members had their names drawn this season but because they didn't pay their \$2 they lost out. So remember to drop a toonie into the jug. The most recent pot had over \$2,800!

GRAND SLAM OF CURLING IN GUELPH!

About an hour down the road from Royals, some of curling's elite teams are playing in the WFG Masters event. The **Rachel Homan team** is riding a 26-game winning streak. On the men's side, competitors include **Korey Dropkin** from the U.S. and the **Joel Retornaz team** from Italy. Enough said.

IN OTHER CURLING NEWS.....



Congratulations to skater **Deanna Stellato-Dudek** who recently received her Cdn citizenship. It means the 41-year old pairs world champion will now be allowed to represent Canada at the 2026 Olympic Games.

The next RCL Sunday Social and 50/50 draw will be next week, January 26th!

THE PLACES YOU WILL GO.....



The NY Times recently released their list of the 52 places to travel in 2025. Included on the list were the Thai island of **Koh Samui**, where S3 of White Lotus was filmed; **Delphi, Greece**; and a rejuvenated **Detroit**.

The travel destination that landed at number 1 is the UK region of **Hampshire**, that will be hosting the 250th anniversary of the birth of Jane Austen. *[pictured above]*.

YOUR DADDY AND DIVAS MINUTE!



EAT LOCAL!



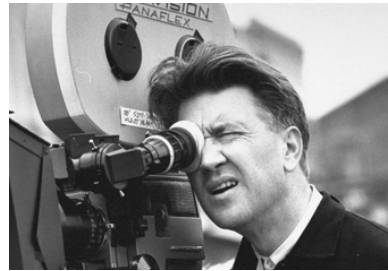
A new addition to the pub scene is Duke's Refresher at the corner of Queen and Broadview. Weekend brunches, Think and Drink Trivia night, and late night deals after 8pm every night are just a few of their offerings. dukesrefresher.ca/riverside/

"I'D LIKE TO KEEP IT ON, PLEASE!"



Masked country music thirst trap, **Orville Peck** will be taking over the role of the Emcee in the Broadway production of **Cabaret** starting **March 16**. Will he be ditching the mask? Peck says "You will have to buy ticket to find out."

ESSENTIAL DAVID LYNCH!



Earlier this week, trailblazing director **David Lynch** passed away at 78. Few filmmakers grasped the complexities of Los Angeles and its distinct, otherworldly mix of beauty and disaster, sunshine and noir. And although Lynch was straight, there was always a queer/outsider thread running through his films. If you are unfamiliar with the the films of David Lynch, this list is a perfect primer to understand his unique vision:

- **Blue Velvet (1986)**
- **Mulholland Drive (2001)**
- **Eraserhead (1977)**

IT'S THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE!



If you were born in the years 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001 then 2025 is going to be your time to rock out! People born in the Year of the Snake are considered rational, calm, thoughtful, and loyal to loved ones.

NEXT SUNDAY THERE COULD BE BLOOD!

Curling fans, join us at 4:30pm next Sunday for a curling match to end all curling matches. It's the final day of the current session and as luck would have it, **Rock Bottom** will be taking on **Rock Bottom 2** for bragging rights on which team is the real rock bottom! They have been trash talking each other all season. To quote Rock Bottom lead, **Binn Yoon**, "Those guys make me sick! People are always confusing our teams. It's definitely going to be a battle. Hopefully, I won't wet myself!"

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