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CHEERS AND JEERS



PROHIBITION BOREALIS: The Northwest Territories government has ordered its 120 drug and alcohol counsellors to totally abstain from alcohol if they want to keep their jobs. No doubt it is a proven fact that a cold beer on a summer evening, or a glass of wine at a wedding, will compromise the credibility of counsellors with people having drinking problems. Such an absurd and unenforceable demand insults the integrity of these professionals.



FROM HOGS TO SMOG IN FUTURES: Grain, pork bellies, pollution permits: they're all just commodities in the United States. The Chicago Board of Trade has organized a market to allow U.S. electric utilities to sell their unneeded permits to emit sulphur dioxide to other companies who have not yet cleaned up their act. Setting a market price on the right to pollute may be the best way to reach companies when their focus is only on the bottom line.



MORE GOLD FOR THE KING: While awaiting the next sighting, Elvis fans can take advantage of a fresh idea from a Toronto company, Legendary Coins, and the Royal Canadian Mint. They're teaming up to issue four commemorative Elvis Presley coins in silver, bronze and gold, including a giant 10-ounce silver coin with three likenesses.



NOT IN MY FRONT YARD: Business owners and residents in Winchester, 50 kilometres southeast of Ottawa, have succeeded in closing a youth centre because teens actually hung around outside. There were complaints of underage drinking, swearing, vandalism and sexually explicit acts, but police and centre organizers say the teens were not a problem. Even if they were, how is closing the centre going to solve anything?

Elvis is alive at Royal Mint

THE Royal Canadian Mint has decided to strike commemorative Elvis Presley coins. Three one-ounce coins show poses from his early, middle and late periods. The fourth is a 10-ounce silver commemoration with three likenesses of The King. The giant 10-ounce Elvis, complete with velvet-lined wooden box, goes for \$325.

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Medallions fit for a King

Canadian Press

OTTAWA — A 10-ounce silver commemoration medallion that reads "Elvis, welcome to my world" is part of a series of four medallions being produced by the Royal Canadian Mint.

The series, which includes three one-ounce medallions as well as the larger one — features Elvis in various incarnations and an engraving of Graceland, the singer's Memphis, Tenn., home until his 1977 death, on the flip side.

Mike Makri, owner of Toronto's Legendary Coins, said he contacted

Royal Canadian Mint is churning out coins honoring Elvis

CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA — Elvis is in the building — and you can take that to the bank.

The Royal Canadian Mint, that bastion of conservative money-makers, is striking commemorative Elvis coins. In four poses.

There's the early Elvis in a pose from Jailhouse Rock. "Rock and

roll reign begins," reads the inscription.

Next is Elvis in Hawaii. "Elvis: today, tomorrow and forever," says the inscription on the second one-ounce silver coin.

Third in the series is a gold record commemoration — Elvis on a coin designed to look like a miniature record.

And the largest coin ever struck

by the mint is a massive ten-ounce silver commemoration with three likenesses of The King surrounded by an American Eagle with its wings spread. "Elvis, welcome to my world," it reads.

Each of the one-ounce coins sells for \$69 while the giant 10-ounce Elvis, complete with velvet-lined wooden box produced by the mint, goes for \$325.

Mike Makri, owner of Toronto's Legendary Coins, came up with the idea.

"I've always been a bit of a coin collector and a lot of my friends are Elvis fans.

"They told me they couldn't get Elvis coins anywhere, no one sells them so I contacted the mint, got the rights from Graceland and that was it."