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AirCan, WestJet axe fuel levies

Flyer costs fall with fuel price

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Canada's top two airlines are giving flyers a break by eliminating fees and surcharges introduced this spring, as record oil and jet fuel prices return to more normal levels.

On Thursday, WestJet Airlines Ltd. dropped its fuel surcharge, which added up to \$90 to trips within North America.

"We're all taking a big sigh of relief that fuel is going the other way and, with respect to WestJet and consumers, this is a good day," said Bob Cummings, WestJet's executive vice-president of guest experience and marketing.

Air Canada also said Thursday it would axe two levies.

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Tory slips of lip trip momentum

Tasteless jokes, insensitive words are hurting campaign, columnist Don Martin writes.

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Bystander shooting fails to sway premier



Brazilian student Neto Ribeiro, 24, was left blinded when hit in the face by a bullet while walking near Chinatown on Tuesday.

City rejected in new pleas to help police fight gangs

STEPHANE MASSINON AND KIM GUTTORMSON
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Premier Ed Stelmach continued Thursday to reject calls for more police funding as the city's Brazilian community rallied behind a 24-year-old student left blinded after being shot in the face.

Friends say Neto Ribeiro, whom they described as funny and outgoing, came to Calgary to improve his English.

Victim felt safe in Canada — the type of person you enjoy spending time with," friend Pedro Rodrigues said. "He's really funny."

Jose Ribamar Ribeiro Neto, his full name, is originally from Fortaleza, in northeastern Brazil. His family, including two brothers, still live in that country.

"My parents have already spoken with him, but the situation is terrible," Neto Ribeiro's 23-year-old brother, Ravi, told the Brazilian newspaper O Globo. "(Neto) is well, is aware, but for what I know, the doctors said he lost an eye and may also lose the other, but is not sure yet."

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Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall.

A native of Clairton, Pa., Lancaster was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1982 and the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame three years later.

"It is with sadness that we learned today of the passing of Ron Lancaster," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a statement offering condolences.

"A Saskatchewan and Canadian sports icon, he brought joy to more than a generation of Canadian football fans in Saskatchewan as well as in Ottawa, Edmonton, Hamilton and across Canada."



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A Hall-of-Fame player, Ron Lancaster was also coach of the year in Edmonton in 1996.

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