

ESL News for March 7, 2016

Story 1.

A 16-year-old boy was taken into police custody at a school dance at the Encore Dance Club on Granville Street following a report of an assault there.

Shortly after 11 p.m., police officers were called to the club where they found an injured woman who had been beaten, said Sgt. Randy Fincham, spokesman for the Vancouver police.

A boy was later detained and arrested in the club. The police are continuing to investigate the assault, he said.

Fincham said the young victim was taken to hospital in stable condition. The age of the victim, and the extent of her injuries have not been released.

Story 2.

More than 100,000 members make Vancouver home to the largest Car2go member-ship city in the world said the company in an announcement last Monday. In total, more than 33 million kilometers which is equal to traveling to the moon more than 80 times – have been driven by their rideshare members since the service launched in the City of Vancouver – equaling about 5.8 million trips.

A new multi-million-dollar bicycle sharing program will also hit Vancouver streets just in time for summer. With 1,000-smart-technology-equipped bicycles available at 100 stations, this company will serve the Vancouver downtown area public.

Story 3.

The federal government says the review of Canada's free trade agreement with the European Union has been completed by their legal team – and the door is now open for the pact to be voted on in Parliament and come into force next year.

The deal, in principle, was agreed upon in October 2013, but had to go through a review process by the Government's lawyers before being approved.

The deal, known as CETA (Canada European Trade Agreement) was negotiated

under the former Conservative government with the 28-member EU, but was supported by the Liberals while they were in opposition at the time.

Story 4.

The State of New York is launching a cross-border advertising campaign to lure Canadian tourists to upstate New York's winter destinations.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said that an additional \$500,000 will be spent for tourist promotion, including newspaper and radio advertisements in French and English in eastern Canada, as well as ad-campaigns across upstate New York to attract more people to ski and holiday locations in the state.

Tourism in New York is suffering due to the drop in the Canadian dollar and the slow-down of the economy in the U.S., and it is hoped that by marketing and introducing many New York state attractions, more tourists will make the choice of visiting the state.

Cross-border shoppers from Canada into the state are down more than 60 percent from a year ago.

Story 5.

Fruit juice is often thought of as healthy because of the word "Fruit" in it.

However, many people don't know is that fruit juice is also loaded with sugar. In fact, fruit juice contains just as much sugar and calories as a soft drink, and sometimes even more. Also, the small amount of vitamins found in the juice is not enough to benefit those who drink it because of the large amount of sugar.

Unfortunately, food and beverage producers aren't always honest about what's in their product. Even when it's labelled "100% pure," the juice, after it has been squeezed from the fruit, is usually stored in massive tanks for up to year while being packaged. The main problem is that this storage removes most of the flavor and color, so the manufacturers need to add things to the juice, to bring back the flavor and color that was lost during the storage period.

Even if you're buying the highest quality juice at the supermarket, it's far from its original state, and some of the lowest quality ones are basically just fruit-flavored, candy-water.