**Chart Watch**

1. Iran seized a British-flagged tanker
2. US oil inventories fell by 3.1 MMB
3. US cooling degree days hit a high since 2016
4. The Canadian rig count is 38% below last year
5. Industry paid $6.8 MM at the last AB land sale

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**Spot Prices**

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**Performance of Oil and Gas Equities Year-to-Date**

1. **Broad Equity Markets Year-to-Date**
   - Indexed to 12 Months Ago
   - Daily Index Values; Rolling 12-Month History
   - Performance of Canadian and US oil & gas equities are compared against each other.
   - Source: Bloomberg, ARC Financial Corp.

2. **Performance of Oil and Gas Service Equities Year-to-Date**
   - Indexed to 12 Months Ago
   - Daily Index Values; Rolling 12-Month History
   - The performance of Canadian oil and gas service equities are plotted in tandem with the corresponding US index.
   - Source: Bloomberg, Petroleum Services Association of Canada

3. **Canadian Currency Exchange**
   - Indexed to 12 Months Ago
   - Daily Close Values; Rolling 24-Month History
   - Much of Canada’s oil and gas production is sold in US dollars. As such, the exchange rate significantly impacts corporate revenues and profits.
   - Source: Bloomberg

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North American crude oil prices can sometimes disconnect from global prices depending on regional supply and demand dynamics.
Source: Bloomberg

The differential should reflect quality differences and transportation costs. Greater discounts can result from infrastructure or refinery outages.
Source: Bloomberg

Rail is expected to grow as the pipelines have hit the limit for moving additional barrels of crude oil, and supply is still growing.
Source: National Energy Board

The advancement of drilling and completion methods is increasing US crude oil production.
Source: Bloomberg, U.S. Energy Information Administration
Most of Canada’s oil production comes from Alberta; split between oil sands and conventional production. 
Source: Alberta Energy Regulator

OPEC’s production levels relative to its sustainable and spare capacity influences global crude prices. 
Source: Petroleum Intelligence Weekly

Negative numbers indicate a global crude shortfall, while positive numbers indicate an oversupply. 
Source: International Energy Agency

Long contracts take the position that WTI oil price will increase, while short contracts expect a decline. 
Source: Bloomberg, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Crude oil imports from Canada are taking market share from overseas imports. 
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

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Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration
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North America has an integrated natural gas market. Prices are determined by regional supply and demand, and pipeline flows.
Source: Bloomberg

Pipeline Flows Out of Western Canada
Daily; Historical Tracks and Current Year Levels

The ability of gas producers to move gas out of the WCSB to eastern markets and the US is a major factor in local natural gas prices.
Source: Various Pipeline Companies

US Natural Gas Exports – Excluding Canada
Daily; Historical Tracks and Current Year Levels

Between exports to Mexico and LNG shipments, the US is growing as a natural gas exporter. Robust US supply growth has driven this trend.
Source: Bentek
Weekly natural gas demand is directly tied to the weather. The current year is in dark blue.
Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Total US demand fluctuates in the summer and during the winter as weather is an important driver of consumption.
Source: Bentek

US production started ramping up in late 2007 and continues to grow year over year.
Source: Bentek

Weekly gas storage reports provide a snapshot of supply and demand. Current year changes are represented by the blue line.
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

The EIA reports changes in US natural gas inventories held in underground storage facilities on a weekly basis.
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration
Alberta natural gas demand has grown steadily in recent years, largely driven by new oil sands demand and power generation projects.  
Source: TransCanada Pipelines

Canada’s natural gas storage level provides a good metric if the country is well stocked. Abnormally high or low storage can affect the basis.  
Source: Bloomberg

Unlike US drilling activity, Canadian rigs are dispatched seasonally. Capital allocation by operators is driven by views of future oil and gas prices.  
Source: CAODC

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Land prices are an important component of F&D costs. In Alberta, sales of petroleum and natural gas rights are held every two weeks.  
Source: Alberta Department of Energy

Relative year-over-year drilling activity is highlighted in this chart. Cumulative well completions for the current year are shown in blue.  
Source: Daily Oil Bulletin/JWN
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