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Mandatory-minimum rules unravelling into patchwork

Dozens of rulings create varying sentencing standards amid Ottawa's inaction

SEAN FINE JUSTICE WRITER

Canada's web of mandatory-minimum jail terms is coming apart, leaving an uneven set of penalties for offenders, as judges in several prov-

inces declare many such sentences grossly excessive and abhorrent. In dozens of cases, most of them in the past three years, judges have declined to apply the minimum sentences required in a variety of gun and drug crimes and sexual offences against children, The Globe and Mail has found in a review of the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII) national database of court rulings.

Instead, they are setting aside these obligatory sentences for specified crimes, describing them as a form of "cruel and unusual punishprohibited by the Constitution. That has left the judges free in some instances to use house arrest as an alternative to jail.

Only higher-level courts, such as superior courts of provinces and the Supreme Court of Canada, may strike a law down.

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I, Oscar

Allison Janney accepts best supporting actress Oscar for her role as Tonya Harding's mother in 'I, Tonya,' joking she 'did it all by myself.' Sunday's ceremony was a missed opportunity to tackle the #MeToo movement and the muck that is Hollywood, Barry Hertz writes A6



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Roger Bannister, 1929-2018 Four minutes, one mile and a singular athletic feat

DAVID EBNER VANCOUVER

year before Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile in 1954 - one of the towering achievements in athletic history – the young Englishman had given up on running. It was getting in the way of his medical studies.

But the lure of redemption was powerful. Mr. Bannister was a gold-medal favourite at the Olympics in 1952 but finished fourth. Several top runners were chasing the four-minute mile, a barrier that seemingly could not be breached. Mr. Bannister returned to the track to train. The methods were rudimentary. He would skip a class and run intervals at lunch. He didn't warm up before or cool down after. And certainly, there were no performance-enhancing steroids, no scientifically designed shoes, nothing but hard work and perseverance. But he ran into history. Mr. Bannister died on Saturday in

Oxford, England. He was 88. "I knew that I had sub-four minutes

inside me, somewhere," Mr. Bannister said in an interview with The Globe and Mail in 2014, six decades after his record

On May 6, 1954, Mr. Bannister worked a morning shift at a hospital in London and took a train to Oxford. The day was inclement but through the afternoon the rains and winds eased. But on a cinder track, Mr. Bannister stretched the limits of human endeavour by running the mile in 3 min-

The final strides had felt never-ending and he fell into the arms of officials afterward, exhausted. He would later write,



After a disappointing Olympic standing two years earlier, Roger Bannister triumphed in 1954 with a record-breaking, history-making run. ALLSPORT HULTON/ARCHIVE

'the arms of the world were waiting to receive me. If I faltered, there would be no arms to hold me and the world would be a cold, forbidding place because I had been

The news of Mr. Bannister's feat was on front pages worldwide. It was the much the same three months later, in the summer in Vancouver, when Mr. Bannister again eclipsed the four-minute barrier in a fabled race against Australian John Landy, dubbed the Miracle Mile.

Mr. Bannister retired from running at

the end of 1954 and had a long, celebrated career in medicine as a neurologist. "I've had quite an interesting life, doing a number of things, some of them related to sport, but quite another life as a doctor,' he told The Globe in 2014. It is, however, his speed on the track for which he is best remembered.

In the mid-1950s, the four-minute mile was in sight - yet felt out of reach. A record of 4:01.4, run by Gunder Hagg of Sweden in 1945, had stood for almost a decade. RECORD, A10

steel tariff attack is about to test Republicans' mettle

Trump's looming

DAVID SHRIBMAN PITTSBURGH

ANALYSIS

onald Trump said last week that he welcomed a trade war. This week, he will find out if he gets one. And next week he may discover if his initiative to slap tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, motivated as much by domestic politics as by economic poliy, will have the intended effe the ballot box and boost Republican electoral prospects.

This week the United States' largest trading partners, including Canada, will begin to learn the details of the Trump plan, which White House officials originally insisted would provide no carve-outs or exemptions, even for countries with deep and well-established trade relationships. But the insight that Allan Gotlieb, Canada's ambassador to the United States from 1981 to 1989, added to the permanent wisdom of Washington may apply here and could work to Canada's benefit: No decision in the American capital ever is final.

By sheer but significant coincidence, the first political test of the Trump tariff gambit comes a week from Tuesday here in the heart of steel country, where voters will fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives in a very close special congressional election that has attracted keen attention from the President, who visited the district six weeks ago and returns Saturday to campaign for Rick Saccone, the Republican candidate. Mr. Saccone, a state representative, has a slender lead in the district, which gave Mr. Trump a 20-point advantage in the 2016 election, over his Democratic rival, Conor Lamb.

Details of the Trump tariff plan, which generally is to impose levies of 25 per cent on steel and 10 per cent on aluminum, likely are to begin to emerge this week, although the contours of the final package may be weeks away. Mr. Trump announced the tariffs with little or no consultation with his top advisers, much the way he rolled out the US\$1.4-trillion tax-cut plan late last

Like the tax plan, the presidential remarks on the measure were short on specifics and took no account of the complexity of the initiative he was undertaking. SHRIBMAN, A5

Canadian government is fighting on several fronts for a tariff exemption



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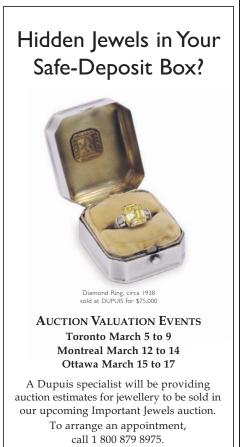




JOHN BELUSHI DIES OF DRUG OVERDOSE IN LOS ANGELES

ew stars shone brighter, or partied harder, than John Belushi back in 1982. At 33, the Sec ond City alumnus was a hot property following four seasons on Saturday Night Live, where he proved adept at both celebrity impressions (Henry Kissinger, Joe Cocker) and absurdist characters (Samurai Chef). Dropped into New York, Belushi quickly earned a reputation as a raucous barfly with a taste for cocaine. Post-SNL, he drew notice for his roles in Animal House and The Blues Brothers. During an extended L.A. stay, Belushi checked into the Chateau Marmont and was spending his nights at seedy Sunset Strip clubs; he also started mixing in heroin with his lines. According to later grand jury testimony, Belushi returned to the Marmont from a night out and had a visit from Robert De Niro and Robin Williams – and at some point in the evening, he was injected with a cocaine and heroin mixture by a singer and sometime drug dealer named Cathy Evelyn Smith, a native of Hamilton. Belushi's body was found the next morning; the official cause of death was "acute cocaine and heroin intoxication." Although initially charged with first-degree murder, Smith plea bargained to involuntary manslaughter and served 15 months.

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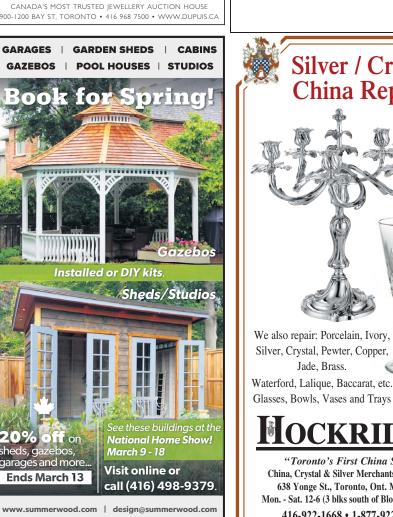


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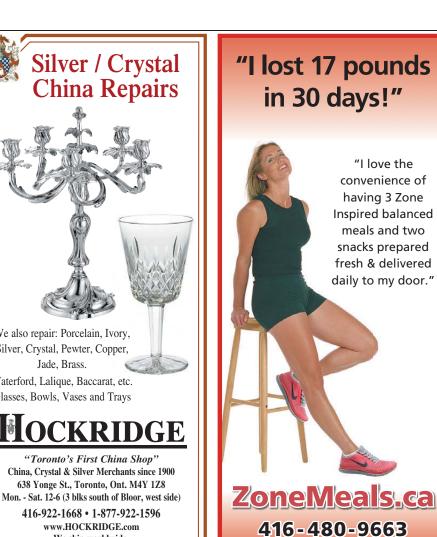
Laurie Brown has thought about death every day in recent months – and it's been a great help to her ■ A16



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Xi charts course for China's dominance

Constitutional changes will allow President to pursue his vision for years to come

NATHAN VANDERKLIPPE BEIJING

It doesn't take much imagination to conceive where Chinese President Xi Jinping wants to be in 2035: at the helm of the largest economy on earth, with the world's most sophisticated system of digital surveillance and social control, a thoroughly modernized military and the latitude to bend international affairs to his own wishes.

Some time in the next week, China's rubber-stamp parlia-ment is expected to pass a constitutional amendment removing term limits from the presidential office, clearing the way for Mr. Xi to remain the country's most powerful leader and statesman.

That is not a guarantee of a life-time term, state media were quick to respond after an outpouring of critical commentary over the decision both outside and inside China, where censors have been unusually active.

But there is reason to believe Mr. Xi would like to remain in office well into the 21st century. Four terms of office would take him to 2032. A few more years brings him to 2035, a red-letter date for the Communist Party, which has set numerous goals for

that year. If Mr. Xi can maintain a grasp on power that at this point seems absolute, he will have time to pursue those goals and continue moulding China according to his image, as he leads the Communist Party to assert a sharper role in regulating the existence of its people and businesses – at home and abroad – all while demanding the international community accede to its territorial claims and national sensitivities.

In Mr. Xi's first five years, Chi-



Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives at Beijing's Great Hall of the People on Monday for the annual National People's Congress, where approval is expected for the removal of presidential term limits some time this week. NG HAN GUAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

na has drawn concern around the world for its rising assertiveness and its emergence as what the Donald Trump administration has termed a "strategic competitor."
Mr. Trump on Saturday ex-

pressed admiration for Mr. Xi, saying: "He's now president for life. ... I think it's great. Maybe we'll have to give that a shot some day."

But confirmation that Mr. Xi intends to remain at the helm far into the future offers new reason to examine the ways he is altering China's trajectory.

"We are already feeling Chinese power everywhere. And so if this is the situation today, just imagine after another 20 years, said Zhang Baohui, a political science scholar at Lingnan University in Hong Kong.

Mr. Xi has been open about his goals for 2035, setting deadlines for China by that date to lead the world in innovation, to have largely solved pollution issues, to have basically achieved "socialist modernization," successfully fostered broad worldwide affection for Chinese culture and completed construction of a modernized military – language that suggests standing toe-to-toe with the United States in the Asian region.

Other changes stand to arrive even sooner. Take China's economy, which is poised to become the world's largest - a process that could take decades or, if current trends hold, much less.

The likelihood that Mr. Xi will stay on long enough to fully pursue those ambitions is prompting a new reckoning at a time when Western countries are already reassessing their relationships with China.

'The question now in capitals around the world is how do we alter the trajectory of China back toward one that is seeking integration and co-operation," said Jude Blanchette, an expert in the Communist Party at The Conference Board's China Center for Economics and Business in Bei-

The alternative is China asserting leadership both by example and fiat, using its gains in economic stature to ensure its demands are met. Already, foreign companies and universities are being forced to comply with Chinese dictates if they wish to continue doing business in a country that is becoming the world's largest consumer market in more areas.
Part of Mr. Xi's mission is to

build a China that can challenge Western conceptions antithetical to his vision of "socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era," a governance model that gives unquestioned control to Communist Party exchange for its pledge to maintain social stability and improve living standards.

"He is saying that we don't have to follow that liberal democratic road, but at the same time we can, certainly for the foresee-able future, do just as well and perhaps better on many issues as well," said Dali Yang, an expert in Chinese elite politics at the University of Chicago. "China would like to be seen as a real model in that regard."

None of this is a foregone conclusion, of course.

China may amass the largest economy on earth, but it will "remain very difficult for us to surpass the U.S. in areas like technical capability," said Shi Yinhong, a scholar at Renmin University's School of Interna-tional Studies.

And "overemphasizing the speed of our economic growth is not good for China," said Wang Zhenzhong, vice-director of the Institute of Economics at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. "We have many problems: financial risks, pollution and the like.'

What China becomes will be influenced not only by what Mr. Xi is able to accomplish, but also "U.S. policies and the actions of many other countries," said Bonnie Glaser, director of the China Power Project at the Center for Strategic and International Stud-

Moreover, the idea that Mr. Xi holds the power to fashion China into a giant of economic and global affairs is "precisely the narrative that the party is trying to push forward," said Mr. Blan-

It is, effectively, propaganda meant to cement Mr. Xi's posi-tion – although it can also serve as wake-up call elsewhere.

"We're not on some deterministic path here," Mr. Blanchette said. "There's a lot of possibility for the U.S., China, Canada, Australia, the U.K., the EU to find a way to ensure that the 21st century is one with peace and prosperity - difficult as that is on the current trajectory."

With reporting by Alexandra Li

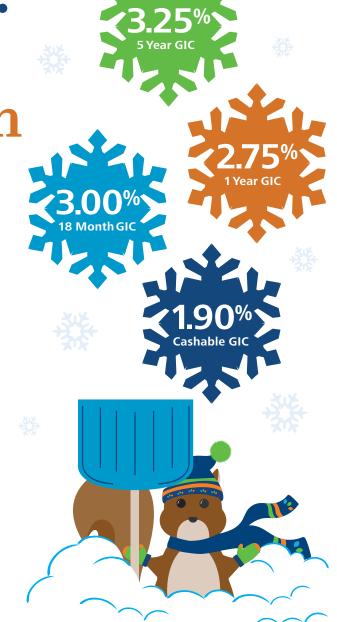
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Coroner's report spurs change at Quebec hospital

McGill University Health Centre revises policies on admissions, billing after being found to have failed to deliver basic end-of life care to Indigenous woman

LES PERREAUX MONTREAL

Kimberly Gloade's final visit to a Montreal hospital lasted 23 minutes - enough time to establish she was in dire need of tests but that she did not have her Quebec health card and would be billed \$1,400 to start, should she choose

Mi'kmaq 43-year-old woman originally from the Burnt Church First Nation in New Brunswick left without knowing she was in the terminal phase of cirrhosis. Fifty days later, her skin jaundiced and abdomen distended from 10 litres of poisonous fluid, her boyfriend found her convulsing and choking. She died in bed.

Montreal's McGill University Health Centre has announced changes to a series of policies on admissions and billing after a scathing coroner's report that found the health system failed to deliver basic end-of-life care to Ms. Gloade.

Her death from cirrhosis due to long-term drug and alcohol addiction was inevitable, Coroner Jacques Ramsay wrote, but it is a case where she should have expected "the minimal accompaniment in the face of death as demanded by decency and a society worthy of the name."

The MUHC says it has changed directives to registration clerks to ensure the main message emphasized to patients is that care will be provided while still informing them about the billing issue, as required by the

Following the coroner's report last year, the hospital investigated how the case and others like it are handled. The investigation could not recreate the precise exchanges between Ms. Gloade and hospital staff during her brief visit on Feb. 6, 2016, but they did find she was assessed, triaged and sent to register where she was informed she would be billed because she didn't have her Quebec health-insurance card

"It's important to point out that the investigation was started more than a year and a half after her visit to the emergency department, so it was difficult to collect all the information pertaining to this case," said a statement from the MUHC summarizing the findings. "From our analysis, it is

unclear why she left."

Ms. Gloade's family said they found an unsent letter in her personal effects where she outlined that her purse with her health card was stolen at a laundromat days before her hospital visit. She wrote that "it would cost \$1400 to see a doctor. Imagine!" She also wrote that she was extremely ill and couldn't walk.

Ms. Gloade's mother, Donna Gloade, says she is convinced her daughter's Indigenous status and occasional homelessness were roadblocks to care during her

"My daughter, she is an aboriginal woman, and homeless on top of that. I am sure her appearance probably wasn't the best when she entered that hospital," she told CBC News. "Who she was and what life she led played a big role in why she never got the immediate attention that she mediate needed."

The MUHC says it has changed directives to registration clerks to ensure the main message emphasized to patients is that care will be provided while still informing them about the billing issue, as required by the province. (While the MUHC does bill patients, in reality, millions in unpaid bills are absorbed in hospital budgets covered by the province each year.)

Any patient who expresses a wish to leave will now be reassessed by a triage nurse. The MUHC said it held sessions with staff to reinforce that care should come before billing. "No one is turned away," the MUHC state-ment said, adding that the event was "upsetting" but has led to better training and practices for staff.

A special report on Canada published in the health journal The Lancet in February called on the country to address unequal treatment for Indigenous people, who suffer lower life expectancy and higher death rates from disease than other Canadians

"Equitable access to high-quality, culturally respectful health services for Indigenous families is crucial to address disparities and bring about necessary transformations in the health of Indig-

enous peoples," one paper said.
"However, concepts like 'culturally respectful' and 'high quality' are difficult to measure, much less to implement cleanly in a complex system of health-care services.

The MUHC summary did not specifically address how Ms. Gloade's status affected her care but stressed the McGill network collaborates with Indigenous communities and is working to boost enrolment of Indigenous students in health-care pro-

The MUHC said the case led to an analysis of the handling of all 3,000 cases it has each year where patients don't have valid health cards, along with the five-to-nine per cent of patients who leave after being triaged but before seeing a doctor or getting treatment. The announced measures are aimed at all of those patients.



Forza Italia leader Silvio Berlusconi looks away as a woman stages a topless protest shortly after he cast his ballot for Italy's federal election in Milan on Sunday. MIGUEL MEDINA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

No clear winner in Italian vote as exit polls show gains for populists

ERIC REGULY

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Italy piled political deadlock on top of economic stagnation to its list of problems after exit polls in Sunday's election indicated that no party or coalition was on course to win enough votes to declare a parliamentary majority.

The exit polls showed that Italian voters

strongly endorsed populist parties at the expense of the established political order. It appears that about 50 per cent of voters picked populist parties, the biggest being the Five Star Movement (M₅S) and the League, indicating

er by former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi, leader of the Forza Italia (Go Italy) party, was leading the polls, although it came up short of expectations. The populist, anti-establishment M5S came close behind after a better-than-fore-

right coalition had taken about 36 per cent of the vote, according to Italian new agency Ansa. Distressingly for Mr. Berlusconi, the populist, openly xenophobic and anti-Europe party the League (former ly the Northern League) was poll-ing slightly higher than Forza Italia, which had billed itself as the coalition's moderately conservative, pro-Europe voice. Forza Italia

M5S, which was founded in 2009 by firebrand comedian and

test party with a strong euroskeptic streak, was polling at about 32 per cent, according to the exit polls, making it the single most popular

reported some time on Monday - shows that M5S has reached 40 per cent, it would be given the right to form a government in the Euro

will lead to messy coalition talks.

Lorenzo Codogno, chief economist in London at LC Macro Advisers, said in a note that "Italy is far from having sorted its long-standing problems, and now it will have new ones. Be prepared for long and complex negotiations that will take months."

hard to form any government without M5S

involved," Mr. Ceretti said.

In its nine-year history, M5S has refused to form coalitions. But Luigi di Maio, the party's 31year-old candidate for prime minister, has suggested he would be open to coalition talks.

An M5S-led government, if formed, would emerge as the first populist government in a large European economy, an unsettling scenario for France and Germany and other supporters of the anti-populist European integration project. Forming a coalition with the League is considered a possibility.

The League's leader, Matteo Salvini, stuck to

an "Italians first," anti-Europe and anti-immigrant agenda, using campaign tactics similar to those employed by France's Marine Le Pen of the National Front. He has said his party would welcome the return of the old national currency, the lira, and promised mass deportations of migrants if he were to win the election. More than 600,000 migrants have reached Italy in recent years, most of whom arrived by boat from North Africa.

The ruling Democratic Party (PD), led by former prime minister Matteo Renzi, who resigned in late 2016 after his defeat in a referendum on constitutional reform, was headed into the wil-

derness, according to the exit polls, with less than 25 per cent of the vote. Its poor showing reflects the broad trend away from centre-left and socialist parties that had dominated the political scene in much of Europe in the decades after the Second World War.

All European eyes were on the election in Italy which was broadly considered a test for Europe's continuing appetite, or lack there-of, for populist parties. While the populists were unable to form governments in France and Ger-

many in elections last year, Ms. Le Pen's antiimmigrant, anti-Europe message easily propelled her into the second round of presidential elections (where she lost to Emmanuel Macron). In Germany, the Alternative for Germany, a vociferously nationalistic, anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim and anti-European party won 13 per cent of the vote, enough to make it the biggest Opposition party.

If no party or coalition emerges with 40 per cent or more after the final vote count, Italian President Sergio Mattarella will have to find a resolution to the hung parliament. Based on the exit polls, Mr. Mattarella might first ask the centre-right coalition to try to form a government. As the single biggest party, M5S would demand to be included in the coalition talks, but probably would not cozy up to Forza Italia, which it considers a corrupt establishment party. (Mr. Berlusconi has been indicted for tax fraud and cannot enter parliament.)

If coalition attempts fail, Italy would find itself rolling into a new election, one that could produce another inconclusive result.

that populism is far from dead in Europe. In a blow to the ruling centre-left Democratic Party, the centre-right coalition cobbled togeth-

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cast showing.

By early Monday morning Rome time, the exit polls suggested that the four-party centre-

and the League dominate the centre-right coalition.

anti-corruption blogger Beppe Grillo as a pro-

If the unlikely event that the final tally - to be zone's third-largest economy (as a note of cau-tion, Italian exit polls are often not reliable). Peter Ceretti, southern European analyst for

the Economist Intelligence Unit, said in an interview that "if the exit poll numbers are accurate, Italy does have a hung parliament" that

M5S's strong showing means that "it will be

Ottawa's planned crackdown on drug-impaired drivers panned by experts

DANIEL LEBLANC OTTAWA

Scientists and lawvers are raising a series of concerns over Ottawa's plans to combat drug-impaired driving, saying the proposed regime is not based on evidence and will struggle to withstand legal challenges.

Bill C-46, which would create drug-impaired driving offences, is currently being studied in the Senate, where there is growing pressure on senators to amend the proposed legislation before it comes into law. The government wants the new rules in place before cannabis is legalized for recreational use, a move expected in late summer.

According to experts, Bill C-46 sets limits for levels of THC, the primary psychoactive compound in cannabis, that do not determine whether a driver is impaired or not. Cannabis acts differently on the body from alcohol and there is no exact link between driving abilities and THC levels, as measured in nanograms per millimetre (ng) of blood.

The "per se" limits for alcohol

(80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood) have been upheld in court, but the limits for cannabis have not been tested in court. Some frequent users have constant levels of THC and are not actively impaired, while others may be impaired with low levels of THC

"As toxicologists, we're not big on 'per se' numbers for drugs because drugs are very different from alcohol on how they impair people, the tolerance and the wide spectrum of tolerance that between different individ uals," D'Arcy Smith, a member of the RCMP's drug evaluation and classification program, told senators last month.

Amy Peaire, who chairs the drugs and driving committee at the Canadian Society of Forensic Science, added impairment depends on a variety of factors, including whether cannabis was smoked or eaten. Cannabis is fat soluble, which means blood concentration levels vary between individuals.

"Unlike alcohol in which you can have blood concentrations which have links to impairment, that's not the same for THC

because there's not a good correlation between impairment and blood concentration," Ms. Peaire

Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould has defended her government's approach, stating it relied on scientific evidence, in cluding the work of Mr. Smith and Ms. Peaire.

"We're moving forward on the drug levels that we have in C-46. levels have been set and based in large part on the advice provided to us by the drugs and driving committee. The science around drug levels is something that continues to evolve and we'll continue to engage with the committee," Ms. Wilson-Raybould told reporters. Under Bill C-46, three new

offences would be created: Having a THC level between 2

and 5 ng, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000; Having a level above 5 ng,

punishable by a fine of \$1,000 for a first offence and escalating penalties for repeat offenders; Having a blood alcohol con-

centration of 50 milligrams per 100 mL of blood in addition to a THC level superior to 2.5 ng, with

the same penalties as the previous offence.

Ms. Wilson-Raybould said the best way to prevent drug-impaired driving is simply to stay off the road after consuming cannabis.

"Until we have definitive scientific evidence around what is a safe level, we're proceeding on a precautionary basis, saying there is no safe level," Ms. Wilson-Raybould said.

But lawvers warned the government the new regime will hard to enforce, with legal challenges guaranteed to clog up Canadian courts already beset by "The [Canadian Bar Associa-

tion] does not view Bill C-46 as offering any significant improvement over the existing legisla-tion, certainly not one that would offset its negative impact on justice efficiencies," spokeswoman Kathryn Pentz told sena-

Ms. Pentz added the new law is bound to be challenged in court and that prosecutors will be hard-pressed to defend the mea-

"It has to be evidence-based.

At this point and time, the experts are saying we really cannot get a correlation between a level of drugs in one's system and a level of impairment," she said.

Conservative Senator Claude Carignan has expressed serious reservations about Bill C-46, saying the best way to determine whether drivers are impaired is through certified drug recognition experts (DRE). However, the process to become a DRE is long and mostly requires training in the United States, leaving Canada with a shortage with only a few months to go before legalization.

'The solution will be to present an amendment to Bill Ĉ-46 to suspend the application of the 'per se' limits up until the moment that scientific evidence backs up their use, and to rely solely on DREs in the meantime, Mr. Carignan said.

Kyla Lee, a Vancouver-based defence lawyer, said the law would be more likely to withstand a constitutional challenge if DREs were used in every case before charges are laid.

"I believe it would be more likely to withstand Charter scrutiny," she told senators.

U.S. mulls company-specific tariff exemptions

Trump advisers hint at procedure for exclusion from levies while vowing that allies won't be exempt

ADRIAN MORROW MEXICO CITY SEAN SILCOFF OTTAWA

Donald Trump's advisers say he does not want to spare Canada and other U.S. allies from punishing tariffs on steel and aluminum – but are also suggesting individual companies can apply for exemptions and no final decision has been made, adding to mounting confusion over the President's looming trade attack.

Canada is seizing on the chaos in Mr. Trump's White House to make a full-court press for an exemption ahead of the final roll-out of tariffs expected this week. And Ottawa has high-powered help within the U.S. government and big business, as even Mr. Trump's own administration is starkly divided between economic nationalists girding for a trade war and free-traders who want to avoid battle.

Mr. Trump on Thursday

announced tariffs of 25 per cent on steel and 10 per cent on aluminum, for reasons of "national security." While the move was seen as targeted at China and other U.S. rivals, it will disproportionately hit Canada, which is the largest supplier of both metals to the United States. Ottawa contends it is absurd to deem Canada, one of the United States's closest and oldest allies, a threat to its national security.

national security.

Mr. Trump, who unveiled the levies on the spur of the moment at a meeting with U.S. steel executives, revealed no further details. Sources in the Canadian government and steel industry on both sides of the border said the White House had given them no answers on how the tariffs would actually work.

Peter Navarro, Mr. Trump's nationalistic trade adviser, told CNN's State of the Union on Sunday that Canada and other U.S. friends, such as the European Union, would be hit with tariffs.

"At this point in time, there's no country exclusions," he said. "As soon as you exempt one country, then you have to exempt another country."

Commerce Secretary Wilbur

Ross told ABC Mr. Trump is "talking about a fairly broad brush"

with "no country exclusions" on the tariffs.

Both Canada and the EU have threatened retaliation if they are not exempted. The President on Saturday threatened to retaliate against the retaliation. "If the E.U. wants to further increase their already massive tariffs and barriers on U.S. companies doing business there, we will simply apply a Tax on their Cars which freely pour into the U.S.," he tweeted.

Despite the harsh words, both Mr. Navarro and Mr. Ross indicated there might still be room to avoid a worldwide trade brawl. Mr. Navarro said there would be "an exemption procedure" for specific instances where foreign steel was necessary for U.S. business.

One steel industry source said Mr. Navarro's idea is to allow companies or industries to petition the U.S. government to have their products exempted from tariffs if they can show that including them is hurting U.S. business or consumers.

The Canadian government is fighting on several fronts for an exemption: Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland pressed Mr. Ross on the weekend and also sat down with a group of U.S. congressmen led by Kevin Brady,

chair of the powerful House ways and means committee, at the Canadian embassy in Mexico on Sunday, government sources said. Ms. Freeland meets on Monday with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer during renegotiations of the North American free-trade agreement in Mexico City.

Ontario Premier Kathleen

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, whose province is at the centre of the Canadian steel industry, was spending Sunday and Monday calling trade-friendly U.S. governors and asking them to lobby the administration on Canada's behalf, one Queen's Park source said.

And Finance Minister Bill Morneau said he had spoken with U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, a more moderate member of the administration.

British Prime Minister Theresa May also expressed "deep concern" over Mr. Trump's plans in a phone call with him on Sunday, according to a Downing Street summary of the conversation.

Canada has a host of allies south of the border fighting on its behalf. Mr. Brady said Sunday that "all fairly-traded steel and aluminum" – including from Canada and Mexico – should be exempted from tariffs. U.S. Defence Secretary James Mattis has also argued that steel tariffs should spare U.S. allies. The U.S. and Canadian steel

The U.S. and Canadian steel and aluminum industries are heavily integrated, with major U.S. players owning portions of

both, including Alcoa and Stelco.
Jean Simard, president of the
Aluminium Association of Canada, said the United States's "contemptuous" attitude would make
the country uncompetitive by
driving up the prices of its products. "It's going to get dirtier
before it gets better. I think we're
looking at a possible all-out trade
war, including Canada, Europe,
Asian countries," he said in an interview.

Other industry players said that, notwithstanding the verbal broadsides of Mr. Navarro and Mr. Trump, there was still hope.

"I don't know that the comments [Sunday] necessarily change much, in that we're going to continue as an industry and in partnership with the government to push for an exemption or an exclusion to these measures," said Joseph Galimberti, president of the Canadian Steel Producers Association.

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It remains unclear, for example, whether the tariff applies exclusively to finished steel or whether semi-finished steel products, used in the production of heavy machinery or in concrete reinforcing bars, are to be affected. Alcoa, based here in Pittsburgh, has smelters both in Canada and the United States and already has indicated it wants its products to be exempted from the Trump measures.

An important element in the weeks ahead will be the congenial relationship between Leo Gerard, the Canadian who heads the powerful United Steelworkers labour union, and Wilbur Ross, Mr. Trump's commerce secretary. Mr. Gerard, born in Creighton Mine, Ont., repeatedly has argued that Canada and the United States have a relatively balanced and stable metals trade. "Canada doesn't cheat," Mr. Gerard said in an interview. "It's important that Trump looks at which countries don't cheat. We're going to push him to do something to fayour Canada"

do something to favour Canada."
Paul O'Neill, the former Alcoa chief who was secretary of the treasury under President George W. Bush, added in a separate interview: "It is important that the President is prepared to take action. But it has to be targeted action, against only countries that

cheat."
Finance Minister Bill Morneau said Sunday on CTV's Question Period that "this is not an acceptable possibility for us to put tariffs on an important commodity like steel and aluminum."

The European Union already has threatened new tariffs on American products, especially spirits and motorcycles – evocative, symbolic products of the U.S. economy produced in the homes of the Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, and the House speaker, Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, respectively.

China's reaction was muted, but Brazil and Asian countries also are contemplating new duties, arguing – as the devoutly conservative editorial page of The Wall Street Journal, long a bastion of free-trade nostrums, did on the weekend – that the Trump decision was "one of the greatest examples of presidential nonsense in history."



A man crosses a road near the U.S. Steel facility in Clairton, Pa., on Friday. Steel executives in the United States applauded President Donald Trump's tariff initiative on steel and aluminum imports, playing down the threat of a global trade war growing out of the plan. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

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Tariffs have been a combustible part of American politics since 1816. A tariff bill passed a dozen years later, known as the Tariff of Abominations, actually led later to the resignation of a vice-president, John C. Calhoun, in 1832. The Smoot-Hawley tariff of 1930 has been popularly blamed for deepening the Great Depression, although some economic scholars now dispute that conviction. Trade issues have been no less controversial in Canada, with the Conservatives defeating the Liberals in 1911 during bitter debates over reciprocity by employing the slogan "No truck or trade with the Yankees."

In a debate Saturday evening in the Pittsburgh area, both candidates in the special congressional election generally backed the President's initiative. Steel executives in the United States applauded the latest tariff initiative, playing down the threat of a global trade war growing out of the Trump plan.

"We're in a trade war already,

and we're losing," said John P. Surma, former chairman and CEO of U.S. Steel, also headquartered in Pittsburgh. "This is a way to strike a balance and stop losing."

Even so, some experts warned that the Trump move would seriously disrupt the global economy.

"This is likely to escalate trade tensions, particularly as it looks likely to apply to a broad group of countries including to some allies of the U.S.," wrote Jan Hatzius, the chief economist for Goldman Sachs who warned that "further disruptive trade developments over the coming months, including stalled NAFTA [North American free-trade agreement] negotiations and potential restrictions on Chinese trade and investment" could be coming.

In his insurgent presidential campaign of 2016, Mr. Trump vowed to bring steel and coal jobs back to areas such as southwestern Pennsylvania, which for a century had a surfeit of both. But many experts believe that those jobs and industries, the victims as

much of automation as of global competition, are unlikely to rebound to their earlier health. The United States today imports about a third of its steel and almost all of its aluminum.

"The integrated steel plants were here because of the waterways and the coal and coke resources," said Christopher Briem of the Center for Social and Urban Research at the University of Pittsburgh. "But the new investment in steel has been in mini mills, and this is not a competitive place for that. I'm sure the intent is to preserve some of the jobs that remain here, but it won't bring back the old days."

Employment in the primary metals industry peaked at 380,000 jobs in this region in 1952. Indeed, there were more steel workers at one plant, the Aliquippa Works of Jones and Laughlin (15,000), in its heyday than the entire Pittsburgh region has today.

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Syrian forces advance on rebel-held region

SARAH EL DEEB BEIRUT

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad vowed Sunday to continue with a military offensive in a rebel-held region near the capital, as troops and allied militias captured a number of villages and towns in the largest advance since a wide-scale operation began last month.

Speaking to a small group of reporters in Damascus, Mr. al-Assad said the five-hour daily "humanitarian pause" in eastern Ghouta would continue, to allow for any civilians wishing to leave the area to do so.

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"There is no contradiction between the truce and the military

operation," he added.
Mr. al-Assad also denied that

the Syrian government carried out toxic gas attacks, describing such reports as part of the Western countries' "dictionary of lies."

Meanwhile, the United Nations said it planned to deliver aid to a total of 70,000 people in the stricken region starting Monday after it received approval from the government to move in. UN officials had said lack of approvals and consensus among the warring parties, as well as the limited duration of the five-hour Russian-ordered humanitarian pause, had made aid delivery im-

pause, had made aid delivery impossible.
Syria's Central Military Media said government forces captured at least six villages and towns along the edge of eastern Ghouta

in the advance that began late

Saturday. The Central Military Media later said the troops continued their movement, reaching the outskirts of Mesraba, in central Ghouta.

The military advances come amid reports of wide-scale internal displacement as civilians flee government forces.

Rebel factions said they launched a counteroffensive Sunday, sending fighters behind government lines in a series of attacks.

Eastern Ghouta, home to some 400,000 people, has been under a crippling siege and daily bombardment for months. More than 600 civilians have been killed in the past two weeks alone.

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1. Sam Rockwell accepts his award for best supporting actor in Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri at the Academy Awards in the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles on Sunday.

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2. Lady Bird director Greta Gerwig arrives at the Oscars. ERIC JAMISON/INVISION/ ASSOCIATED PRESS

3. Eva Marie Saint presents Mark Bridges with the award for best costume design in Phantom LUCAS JACKSON/REUTERS

4. Actress Helen Mirren shows off a jet ski as Oscars host Jimmy Kimmel looks on at the awards ceremony.
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5. Canadian actor Christopher Plummer arrives at the awards show in Los Angeles on Sunday. CHARLES SYKES/INVISION/ ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oscars 2018: What we learned from Kimmel's 'meh' monologue

Sunday's awards ceremony was a good opportunity for the late-night host to shed light on Hollywood toxicity, but how far did he go and was he the right host for an industry in flux?

BARRY HERTZ

didn't have plenty of material to work with. As the 90th Academy Awards rolled out its red carpet on Sunday night – absent the all-black protest ensembles from this January's Golden Globes but boasting quasi-pariah Ryan Seacrest – it seemed that the entire globe had its gaze fixed upon Hollywood and its toxic dream factory. The movie industry generally likes to think that the world revolves around it, but this year, that was actually true - and

o one can say that Jimmy Kimmel

for all the wrong reasons.

From the moment The New York Times and New Yorker published their investigations into awards-season kingpin Harvey Weinstein this past fall, the 2018 Oscars were destined to become ground zero for serious political and cultural outrage. Not just #MeToo and #TimesUp, but also the still distressingly relevant #OscarsSo-White, a talking point that hasn't gone any-

And what did Oscars host Mr. Kimmel offer for this tumultuous era? Mostly, it was material rehashing his slick frat-boy shtick from last year - albeit slightly attuned to the current cultural landscape. The evening's first few minutes were an up and down affair, but the fact that Mr. Kimmel seemed to be trying to dissect the zeitgeist was a minor miracle, given that this is the guy once charged with co-hosting *The* Man Show - a very real thing that today seems as prehistoric an idea as Weinstein

"Oscar is the most beloved and respected man in Hollywood. And it's for good reason. Just look at him: He keeps his hands where you can see them, never says a rude word and, most important, he has no penis at all," Mr. Kimmel said at the beginning of his opening monologue, a solid, if not exactly razor-sharp, attempt at spinning the current social landscape into something resembling comedic catharsis. "He's literally a statue of limitations!"

"Only 11 per cent of movies are directed by women, so we have a very long way to go. Look at what happened with Michelle Williams and Mark Wahlberg," Mr. Kimmel added, referencing the pay discrepancy between the two All the Money in the World co-stars. "What made it especially unfair is that Mark and Michelle are represented by the same agency. This shook me, because if we can't trust agents ...

Still, it only takes a minute of fantasy to imagine what, say, Samantha Bee would have offered instead. Or Wanda Sykes. Or Ali Wong. Or any of the many hilarious and underutilized women who were ignored by ABC in favour of network mainstay Mr. Kimmel.

Audiences were then exposed to about 10 minutes of material that straddled the line: between Billy Crystal ham ("Whose kneecaps did Tonya Harding have to break to get this casting [of Margot Robbie]?"); David Letterman surreality ("Whoever gives the shortest speech tonight will go home with ... a brand-new jet-ski!"); and the fiery heights of Chris Rock brilliance 'We don't make films like Call Me By Your Name to make money, we make them to upset Mike Pence.").

On his late-night ABC talk show, Mr. Kimmel has recently transformed himself into a legitimately galvanizing comic force, delivering poignant calls to action on all matters Trump, especially health-care reform and gun control. If Sunday's Oscars performance was Mr. Kimmel's effort to transfer some of that incendiary political humour to the brighter, shinier and sweatier arena of big-screen celebrity, then he mostly succeeded - albeit miscalculating how much Hollywood wanted to hear about last year's envelop gaffe ("This year, when you hear your name called, don't get up right away").

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The mostly bland sameness of Mr. Kimmel's presence – and of the show's general soft touch – is wholly the fault of telecast producers Jennifer Todd and Michael De Luca. In arguably the most political year of the Oscars' lifetime since, um, last year, the pair had every opportunity and even tacit industry permission to dig deep into the muck that is Hollywood. And while they didn't whiff the opportunity as badly as 2017, when they danced around Donald Trump in the gentlest of hustles, they too often relied on a safety net of soft comedic punches and softer industry hagiography to protect themselves, surely, and the business that employs them, too.

The pair even seemed to be proud of this industrial obedience, with Ms. Todd recently telling the press that audiences this year should expect an "entertaining" production that is a "giant commercial for the movie business, which we all need to keep going." But what happens when that business is exposed as a hostile wasteland in need of complete overhaul, with a flood of testimonials from its own stars as to the various abuses that fuelled it?

Sunday night was a perfect opportunity for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to wittily and furiously rebuke the movie industry's stomach churning history, and prove it has the capacity for change, and the understanding to move forward. Mr. Kimmel tried, and even succeeded at points. But his producers mostly offered a shrug, and insisted that the show must go on.

THE HIGHS, LOWS AND QUESTION MARKS OF THIS YEAR'S OSCARS

THE GOOD

Eva Marie Saint, 93, arguably had the best opening line of the evening when presenting the award for best costume design: "I just realized I'm older than the Academy." Things were moving so slowly in the early going of the evening, though, that the audience collectively aged another 93 years.

THE BAD

Instead of a hacky musical number, the favoured weapon of Oscars destruction by Billy Crystal, Mr. Kimmel looked to another moment of Hollywood's past for the show's opening skit: aping the style of an old-timey newsreel. The black-and-white bit was meant to favourably echo the movie industry's glamorous past, but maybe this year wasn't the best to remind audiences of Hollywood's awshucks-weren't-we-so-great past given it was arguably a cesspool for women and minorities more often than not. But hey, old-timey voices are great.

THE WEIRD

Bryan Fogel's *Icarus*, which chronicles Russia's history of athletic doping, took home the award for best documentary surely to Moscow's chagrin. As of press time, Vladimir Putin's BFF Donald Trump had yet to offer any subtweets – okay, who are we kidding, Mr. Trump only knows how to yell-tweet. More than any sabre-rattling, though, *Icarus*'s win represents a critical victory for the film's distributor Netflix, which can now boast its first Oscar in the feature-length category. BARRY HERTZ

Get Out prevails at rain-soaked independent film awards

CARA BUCKLEY LOS ANGELES

et Out was the big winner at a sodden, rain-swept Film Independent Spirit Awards in Santa Monica on Saturday, winning best feature and best director for Jordan Peele a day before Hollywood's biggest night of the year.

Timothée Chalamet won best male

lead for his performance in Call Me by Your Name, Allison Janney won best supporting actress for I, Tonya, and Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri yielded prizes for Sam Rockwell (best supporting actor) and Frances McDormand (best actress).

Once onstage, dressed in pajamas and fuzzy slippers, Ms. McDormand expressed relief that this was one awards show she

"I continue to be amazed that you let me get to the microphone. What, are you crazy?" she said. "But what I know about today is that I get to swear. Do you know



Director Jordan Peele, centre, along with cast and crew, accepts an award for Get Out

at the 33rd Film Independent Spirit Awards on Saturday in Santa Monica, Calif. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION/ASSOCIATED PRESS

how hard it's been not to swear over the last couple of months? Because this award convention goes on forever," she said, throwing in an f-bomb.

Other winners included Greta Gerwig, who took best screenplay for Lady Bird; Emily V Gordon and Kumail Nanijani who won best first screenplay for The Big Sick: A Fantastic Woman for best international film; and Faces Places, best docu-

Held in a massive tent steps from the Santa Monica Pier, the Indie Spirits are the looser, fancy-free antecedent to Sunday's ultraformal Oscars and generally feature hip, youngish and irreverent hosts this year it was Nick Kroll and John Mulaney - along with cameos from Saturday Night Live performers, past and pre-

This year proved no exception: Kristen Wiig did a bit as a 110-year-old actress, and Andy Samberg sang a send-up of Don't You (Forget About Me), dressed like Judd Nel-

son in The Breakfast Club. This year, thanks to inclement California weather - temperatures were in the 40s and 50s, and it rained for nearly two days, although the sun broke through around midday - it was a wet and chilly

The floor inside was drenched: Janney said the train of her dress was soaked, Mr. Chalamet nearly slipped on his way to the stage (and then appeared to apologize to the floor), and performer after performer warned one another that it was slippery onstage.
"I am so honoured receiving this award

here onstage on this Wakandan laundromat that you see before you," Mr. Peele said after he accepted the director's award from Spike Lee. The Indie Spirits celebrate films with a

budget cap of US\$20-million and are somewhat predictive of eventual Oscar winners. Ms. McDormand, Mr. Rockwell and Ms. Janney are heavy favourites, as are the films A Fantastic Woman and Faces

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Mandatory: 'Shocking' that sentencing has developed this way, Vancouver lawyer says

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Such courts have done so on more than 25 occasions involving more than a dozen different minimum sentences.

The result is a patchwork of sentencing rules across the country. Although sentencing patterns normally vary somewhat in different regions, the Criminal Code is supposed to set out the basic ground rules uniformly across Canada. That is no longer true for sentencing in many drug, gun or sex crimes. Some mandatory minimums no longer exist in some jurisdictions, having been ruled unconstitutional, but are still being applied in others.

Taken together, the actions at multiple levels of court, and in several provinces and territories. amount to a judicial rejection of a key component of the former Conservative government's tough-on-crime agenda.

They also pose a political challenge for the Liberal government. It promised nearly 18 months ago to eliminate some mandatory minimums, or change the way they work so judges have more discretion. Now, more than halfway through its term in office, the government has taken no legislative action, and opponents of the minimums fear it won't because it sees no political gain in taking the

Instead while the government mulls the issue over in a series of "justice round tables" with judges, lawyers and academics, the judiciary has been dismantling the minimums; usually (although not always) federal or provincial prosecutors fight to uphold them.

The judges say mandatory minimums are "grossly dispro-portionate" in a wide variety of cases, such as those involving Indigenous people, the mentally ill, the cognitively impaired, the suicidal, the previously law-abiding and even "a reasonable hypothetical" - an imaginary offender.

Rob Nicholson, the Conservative Party's justice critic, said he is disappointed by the judges' actions. "We always stood up for

victims," he said in an interview. We wanted people to be responsible for the crimes they committed. We wanted to maintain public confidence in the judicial sys-

The Globe reviewed constitutional rulings on mandatory minimums after an Ontario judge struck down a two-year minimum jail term last month for trafficking large amounts of hard drugs such as cocaine, citing the jail term's impact on Indigenous offenders.

In British Columbia, the province's highest court, the Court of Appeal, has ruled mandatory minimums unconstitutional in five cases in the past two years. Its rulings have to be followed by all judges in the province. But there is no uniformity across the country. The B.C. Court of Appeal has upheld the four-year mandatory minimum for firing a gun recklessly in a public place, while superior-court judges in Northwest Territories have struck down a related minimum, and Quebec provincial court judges have ruled the reckless-firing minimum invalid. (Provincial-court judges can't strike down a law, but they can set it aside and use their discretion to set an appropriate sentence.)

"When you think we have a Criminal Code of Canada, it's absolutely shocking," Richard Fowler, a Vancouver criminal-defence lawyer, said in an interview. "You think of something as central to criminal justice as sentencing, it's pretty extraordinary that it's been allowed to develop in this wav.'

In some cases, prosecutors have tried to fight for a mandatory minimum in one court after losing in another court at the same level. One Ontario judge said that is the wrong approach.

"If it was possible for another Superior Court judge to uphold the constitutionality of a law after it has been struck down ... by another Superior Court judge, then there would be the potential for inconsistent findings on the same law," Superior Court Justice Robert Smith wrote last March in R v.



Over 100 offences theoretically require minimum mandatory jail terms, but judicial application is inconsistent. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sarmales (The case involved a one-year minimum for sexual interference - sexual touching between an adult and a child under

Of late, some of the shorter mandatory-minimum sentences - those requiring just a few months in jail - have been struck down.

"These cases, this new breed of mandatory minimums, they're like a year, six months," Eric Purtzki, a criminal-defence lawyer who practises in Vancouver, said in an interview.

"That's what jumps out at me as a surprising trend. It shows robust the constitutional protection is.'

The steady unravelling of mandatory-minimum cases has come mostly after the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the threeyear minimums for illegal gun possession, in R v. Nur (2015), and then the one-year minimum for a second drug trafficking offence in R v. Llovd (2016).

A harsh or excessive punishment is not enough to show a violation of Section 12 of the Charter the protection against government-imposed cruel and unusual punishment. The Supreme Court established what it described as a "high bar:" a sentence that is "grossly disproportionate," and 'so excessive as to outrage standards of decency."

Making it more difficult for

the authority to decide a jail term is grossly disproportionate for a 'reasonable hypothetical" offender, even if the term is fair to the actual offender in front of them. Ontario Superior Court Justice Bruce Glass used a hypothetical offender when he struck down the six-month minimum two

prosecutors to defend mandatory

minimums, however, judges have

years ago for paying to obtain sexual services from someone under 18, in a case called R v. Badali. He said an 18-year-old might pay for a kiss and be ensnared by the sen-

The threading of sentencing law with mandatory minimums is a relatively new feature in Canada, echoing a trend in the United States. In 1982, the Criminal Code had just six mandatory minimums; by 2006 there were 40, and as of 2016, there were nearly 80, plus another 26 in the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, according to Justice Del Atwood of the Nova Scotia Provincial Court. He made the comment in his ruling in R v. Deyoung, a 2016 case in which he ruled the mandatory minimum of one year for the sexual assault of a person under 16 to be invalid. (The Conservatives came to power in 2006 and established or increased mandatory minimums in 60 offences.)

In that case, the provincial prosecution did not present an argument in support of the law's

constitutionality, prompting Justice Atwood to wonder if governments are simply giving up on them.

"If those mandatory imums are circling the drain, from an executive-branch-lawreform perspective, it would be good to know it," he wrote. Prime Minister Justin

deau's mandate letter to Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould instructed her to ensure that "our work demonstrates the greatest possible commitment to respecting the Charter of Rights and Freedoms." He told her to review sentencing revisions from the previous decade, with an eye to reducing the rate of incarceration among Indigenous people.

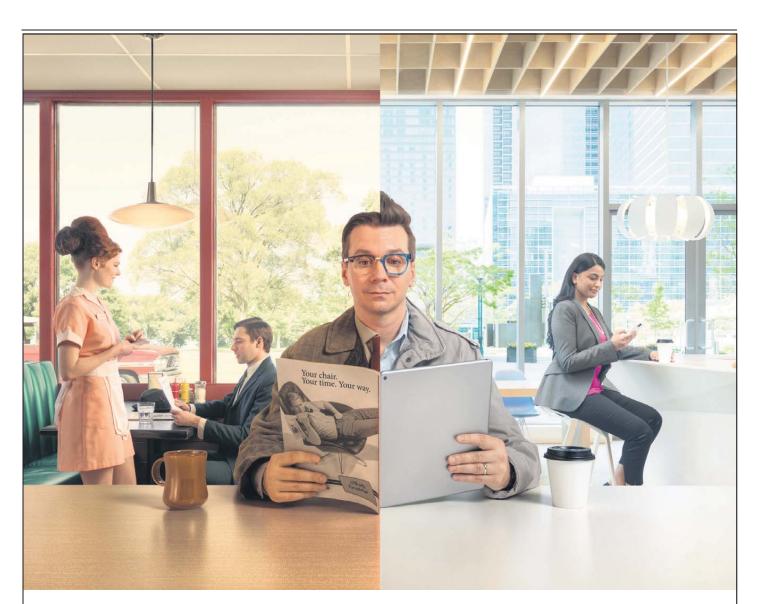
As far back as October, 2016, the Justice Minister told the Criminal Lawyers' Association in a speech that she would change the minimum sentencing laws "in the near future." Days later, she told The Globe that new legislation would be coming soon, "certainly in the early part of next year."

In an e-mail to The Globe this ast September, Ms. Wilson-Raybould took a strong position against mandatory minimums, saying they add to court delays (fewer people plead guilty because there is less chance of a reduced sentence in return), are not necessary to keep Canadians safe, rarely have a deterrent effect (except for impaired drivers) and harm minorities.

"There is absolutely no doubt that [mandatory-minimum penalties] have a disproportionate effect on Indigenous people, as well as other vulnerable popula-

She added that she supports judicial discretion in sentencing. Judges are well-equipped to assess the offender before them and ensure that the punishment fits the crime."

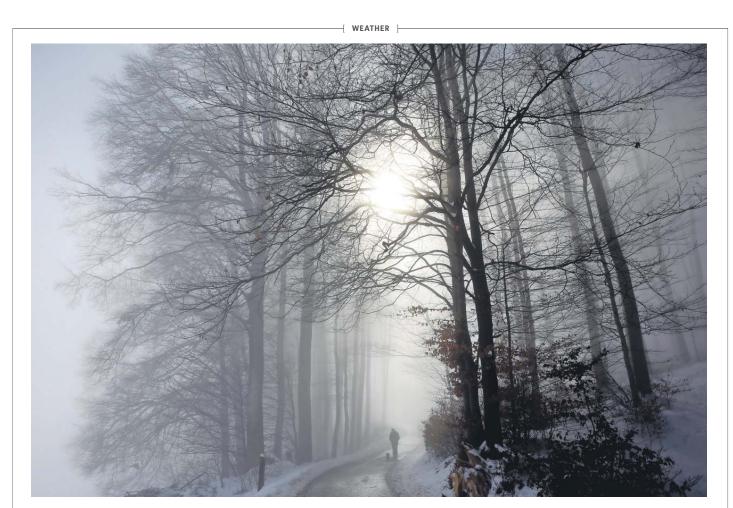
In an e-mail she sent to The Globe on Friday for this story, she said, "The courts have made it clear that MMPs present serious challenges from a constitutional perspective." But she declined to say whether her government will take legislative action.



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Part-time B.C. residents wary of feeling full sting of new property tax

JUSTINE HUNTER VICTORIA

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llan and Jocelyn Shipley have been dividing their time between a small time between Toronto condo and a home in Parksville on Vancouver Island since 2005. The island home is a gathering place for their son and grandchildren, and is filled with collectibles and family heir-

looms. For about five months of the year, the Shipleys do volunteer work in Parksville, sing in the local choir and take part in literary events. Toronto is where Mr. Shipley accesses medical care, including his cancer specialist, and to qualify for health coverage, Ontario is where the Shipleys file their income tax.

This puts the couple among 15,000 homeowners who are expected to pay British Columbia's new tax on vacant homes, which has been branded by the province as a speculation tax.

When Finance Minister Care Iames announced the tax in her budget on Feb. 20, Mr. Shipley was startled to learn that it would apply to his Parksville home.

The tax - one of a number of new measures designed to cool the overheated real estate market is supposed to target foreign and domestic speculators. It is expected to bring in \$200-million a year to the treasury once fully implemented, but it is also intended to encourage owners of empty homes to put those properties into the long-term rental

market to avoid the tax. "It's a speculation tax, and we are not speculators," the 72-year-old retiree explained. "We've lived here for 12 years."

The new tax, which will apply to the 2018 taxation year, is remarkably undeveloped as far as budget measures are concerned.

Although a centrepiece of Ms. James's budget, thousands of homeowners will have to wait for the legislation in the fall to learn whether the provincial tax will apply to their properties, and if so, whether they will qualify for any exemption that will provide some kind of income tax rebate the next year.

The Finance Ministry, in a tax information sheet, states that residential properties in certain urban areas that are not owneroccupied or in a long-term rental pool will be taxed. The first tax bills will be sent out after the legislation is introduced.

However, given the many stillundefined factors, it is difficult to imagine how the revenue forecast was reached.

"Most" B.C. homeowners will not have to pay the tax, and "certain special cases" will be granted exemptions, the fact sheet states. Who gets an exemption? Wait for the legislation. Owners who qualify for an exemption will have to pay the tax and then wait until

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they file their income taxes in 2019 to see how much of it will be repaid. People can avoid the tax if they put the home into long-term $\,$ rental, but the definition of which rentals will qualify is still being drafted.

The new tax will "initially" apply to residential properties in Metro Vancouver, the Fraser Valley, the regions of Victoria and Nanaimo on Vancouver Island includes communities

such as Parksville and the Gulf Islands – and Kelowna in the province's interior. The phrasing suggests it will be broadened to other areas, but that is still up in the air.

The vagueness is unsettling for those who might have to pay a substantial new annual tax. In the Okanagan region, where more than 18 per cent of home buyers last year were from outside of B.C., the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce is questioning why its community has been targeted.

"We fail to see how slapping an additional tax on Albertans (or other Canadians) that own property in this province is somehow going to make housing more affordable for young families or those living on the streets," chamber president Tom Dyas said in a statement, adding that the absence of details is unhealthy for the economy.

Ms. James said in an interview that the tax policy was not rushed, even though the legislation will not come out until the fall. "It was ready for the budget," she said. But because it is an unprecedented tax, there is no way to model the outcome, so more work is needed.

"We want to make sure all of those details are in the legislation

before we go public with the details."

Asked about the circumstances of the Shipleys - and people like them who have lived part-time in B.C. for years – Ms. James expressed sympathy but main-

tained the tax is fair.
"The principle is, if you have a place in British Columbia and you are benefiting from the services in British Columbia, you should pay your taxes in British Columbia," she said.

The term "speculation tax" does not seem to reflect Ms. James's intent.

"I certainly see it more as a fair-ness tax," she said. "We think it is fair for people to pay a little bit more for the services they benefit from, whether we are talking about roads or parks or the com-

munity itself."
For the Shipleys, "a little bit more" is a lot. When the tax is fully implemented at a rate of 2 per cent of the assessed value of the home, the fixed-income pensioners will face an annual bill of

"We cannot afford it," Mr. Shipley said.

He has written to the Finance Minister to suggest an exemption for long-term part-time residents. He will have to wait some long months for an answer.

Unique B.C. partnership set to restore badly damaged forest and waterways

SUNNY DHILLON VANCOUVER

The Haida Nation and the Nature Conservancy of Canada have reached an agreement to restore an area of old-growth forest and salmon habitat that was significantly damaged by a logging operation.

agreement. which The involves the Kumdis Slough area of Haida Gwaii, off the B.C. coast, will see the two organizations coown and co-manage the approximately 60-hectare parcel of land - an arrangement the conservancy described as precedent-setting.

Peter Lantin, president of the Haida Nation, in an interview said witnessing the damage done by the logging operation was an emotional experience.

"That's the history of logging on Haida Gwaii," he said. "It's scarring for the people that call

this place home. Mr. Lantin said the area has

fishing waterways, grounds and culturally modified trees - such as those that have had bark removed to make clothing or baskets.

"It's just one of those places on Haida Gwaii, this beautiful convergence of an area," he said.

Linda Hannah, the conservancy's vice-president for the B.C. region, in an interview said the first order of business will be to prepare a stewardship plan. She said that plan will identify the necessary remediation efforts and initially look at how best to restore streams and habitat. Ms. Hannah said the restora-

tion process is expected to take a number of years. Mr. Lantin said it could take "generations" for the area to heal and a fish stream that was damaged might not recover at all.

Ms. Hannah said this is the first time the conservancy has entered into a co-ownership agreement with a First Nation and she was

not aware of such an agreement anywhere else.

"I think there is tremendous opportunity to apply to take this new governance form - if I can be so bold to call it that - and look at how it can potentially applied elsewhere, particularly where there's been damage or impact to the landscape. Here's a fine opportunity to bring the expertise and the experience of different groups, different organizations, to come together and restore those lands.

A B.C. Provincial Court judge in 2015 found three defendants Gwaii Wood Products Ltd., Howe Sound Forest Products Ltd. and I. Crosby Contracting Ltd. - guilty of offences under the Fisheries Act as a result of the logging. Each of the companies was fined hun-

dreds of thousands of dollars. Justice Michael Brecknell said it was "difficult to accurately and completely express in words the extent of the devastation to the fish-bearing streams and wetlands." He said it would not be an exaggeration to describe the damage as "cataclysmic."

The judge said the ecosystem had been excellently situated for the rearing of fish but I. Crosby Contracting paid little, if any, heed to proper logging practices, resulting in downed trees that clogged channels and impeded fish movement. The judge also said road con-

struction in the area was haphazard and done without regard for stream-flow protection.

Justice Brecknell had said Gwaii Wood Products could, as landowner, make restitution by transferring the title to a nongovernmental conservancy organization. The Nature Conservancy said the land was acquired without compensation.

The 60-hectare plot was re-

ferred to as District Lot 413. The Nature Conservancy said it has also acquired a neighbouring parcel of land, known as District Lot 418. The roughly six-hectare plot will be co-managed by the Haida Nation. The conservancy said the federal government provided approximately \$210,000 to assist in the purchase of that lot.

The conservancy said the lands, in addition to supporting three species of salmon, provide habitat for at least three species listed as at risk. The marbled murrelet and Haida ermine are listed as threatened, while the northern red-legged frog is en-

Federal Minister of Environment Catherine McKenna in a written statement said the federal government was proud to support the conservancy and the Haida Nation in their partnership.

The minister said Ottawa works with its partners to protect biodiversity and conserve wild spaces for the health of our environment.

Ontario mayor faces ire for backing Italian candidate

Endorsement of man linked to Berlusconi's controversial party spurs criticisms

JEFF GRAY

CITY HALL REPORTER

The mayor of Vaughan is facing criticism for his endorsement of a prominent Toronto-area developer running for a seat in Italy's senate on the same ticket as scandal-plagued former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi and two far-right collition partners.

right coalition partners.

Maurizio Bevilacqua, the former Liberal MP who took the mayor's chair in the booming Ontario suburb north of Toronto in 2010, issued an Italian-language robocall and attended the launch last month of developer Mario Cortellucci's campaign to win one of the legislative seats the Italian system reserves for expatriates. A result in Sunday's vote was not expected until Monday.

At issue is the fact that Mr. Cortellucci, who, like Mr. Bevilacqua, came to Canada decades ago as an Italian immigrant, is running for Italy's centre-right coalition, which not only includes Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia (Go Italy) but two far-right parties that have made stirring up anti-immigrant sentiment a centrepiece of their campaigns.

One coalition party leader, Matteo Salvini of the League, or the formerly secessionist Northern League, has called for mass deportations and the closing of mosques. The other leader in the bloc, Giorgia Meloni of the small Brothers of Italy party, has called for a naval blockade to stop illegal immigration, proposed renaming a street after a member of Benito Mussolini's cabinet during her failed 2016 mayoral campaign in Rome and counts a granddaughter of the fascist dictator as a star candidate.

Mr. Bevilacqua says he rejects some of the coalition's views, but supports Mr. Cortellucci as an in-



Maurizio Bevilacqua, mayor of Vaughan, Ont., greets supporters after winning his mayoral bid in 2010. He now faces criticism for backing a Toronto-area developer's Italian campaign. JENNIFER ROBERTS/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

dividual who will bring a Canadian voice to Italy's senate and represent Italians here in Rome, noting that more than 40 per cent of Vaughan is of Italian descent.

"He will himself tell you he is very independent, and that's the reason I also supported him," the mayor said, adding that Mr. Cortellucci was approached by the coalition to run. "Like me, he doesn't support any effort that works against some very basic values of fairness and justice ... There's no question that I disassociate myself with some of the statements made by some members of the coalition."

Mr. Cortellucci's campaign website says next to nothing about the coalition's policies but does show him speaking at a podium emblazoned with the three party leaders' names: "Salvini, Berlusconi, Meloni." However, Mr. Cortellucci says he, too, rejects racism and supports immigration.

In an interview, he said he is

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MARIO CORTELLUCCI CANDIDATE FOR ITALIAN SENATE running only to represent the views of Italian citizens in North America to Italy's government, which he says has eroded their access to Italian health care and pensions in recent years. He said he did not run for one of the parties to the left of the centre-right coalition because they looked unlikely to form a government. And he says he is not beholden to vote with any policy on immigration or anything else with which he disagrees.

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"To me, my mandate is to represent North America," Mr. Cortellucci said. "I hope, if I get elected, I will bring some of our views, some of our Canadian views there."

Mr. Cortellucci, whose Cortel Group has built houses and condominiums across the Toronto area for decades and who has won accolades for his philanthropy, has helped fund many local and provincial politicians' campaigns for years. The developer says that

with three of his adult children now running his business, he hoped to give back to the Italian community by running for this office.

But by asking for support from Mr. Bevilacqua, he has created a potential political headache for the mayor. Mr. Bevilacqua now faces a complaint lodged with Vaughan's integrity commissioner. Filed by a former political opponent and local activist, Richard Lorello, who is also an Italian-Canadian dual citizen, the complaint alleges that Mr. Bevilacqua violated Vaughan's code of conduct by showing an "egregious lack of respect" for Muslims, Jews and other groups with his endorsement.

"It's in stark contrast to what we believe as Canadians," Mr. Lorello said of the coalition's policies in an interview. "It's not who we are."

Mr. Bevilacqua dismisses the complaint as politically motivated: "Unfortunately, it's being politicized to the point where the public service that Mario wants to provide to the Italian diaspora is not top of mind, what's top of mind is the coalition."

While Mr. Cortellucci says he disagrees with many of the views expressed by the coalition, he does say that Italy and other European countries need to do more to deal with the flow of migrants across borders. He said women from African countries are forced into "slavery" and prostitution in Italy and elsewhere in Europe and warned that Italy has millions of people across the Mediterranean from its borders who are "ready to go over" and seek a new life.

"How could Italy handle 10 million people? We need us in North America, in Italy, in Europe, we need to help these people in their homeland," Mr. Cortellucci said. He later added: "If we were in a

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Record: The feat still awes runners who follow in Bannister's footsteps

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Runners such as Mr. Bannister and Mr. Landy were close, and they were undaunted by the idea there was some ultimate barrier.

"It had been talked about for 60 years in all, as a target," Mr. Bannister told The Globe of the four-minute mile.

"As a physiologist, as a medical student, it didn't seem logical to me. If you could find Swedes who could do it in 4:01 2/5s, then you could find somebody to break four minutes.

"But it did seem that [the record] had been stuck. Nobody seemed to be able to beat it."

Mr. Bannister did have science on his mind, even if it was basic compared with current norms. In 1954, after using himself as a test case and measuring his own consumption of oxygen, he published a paper called "The Carbon Dioxide Stimulus to Breathing in Severe Exercise."

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In training, Mr. Bannister would sprint 10 intervals of 400 metres each, a quarter of a mile. He'd take a two-minute break in between. He cut his interval time to 59 seconds from 63 seconds in about half a year of work.

By the standards of a competitive recreational runner today, it was a tiny amount of training. And Mr. Bannister ran in leather shoes with heavy spikes, on a cinder track that would seem like quicksand to athletes these days. The feat still awes those

Briton Sebastian Coe, who set the mile record three times – his best was 3:47:33 in 1981 – has described Mr. Bannister's dash into history as "one of the great

runs of all time."

The speed required to run a four-minute mile is dizzying – a sprint of at least 24.2 kilometres an hour over the mile. A typical treadmill at a local gym cannot even be set at this speed.

Four minutes was a holy grail on the track – until it was broken. Mr. Bannister predicted at the time others would soon follow. From 1957 through 1999, the mile record was surpassed 17 times, by a dozen men, aided with better training and smarter sports science.

The four-minute mark is no longer mythic, nor is the race often run, but it still belongs to the realm of elite runners. Nine-ty-three men went under four minutes outdoors in 2017. The current record is 3:43.13, set by Moroccan Hicham El Guerrouj in 1000

Mr. Bannister's record at Oxford has a Canadian connection. John Turner, who served as prime minister in 1984, was a sprinter as a young man and teammates at Oxford with the captain of the track squad, Mr. Bannister

Bannister.

In 1954, Mr. Turner was home in Vancouver, studying for his

bar exams. He got a call from Chris Chataway, who would be one of Mr. Bannister's pacesetters. Mr. Chataway invited Mr. Turner to Oxford for the race.

Mr. Turner, who couldn't go, offered important advice. Mr. Turner said the Oxford track should be surveyed again, to ensure it was a quarter-mile. He also advised to get six watches from Cartier in London that had been tested for accuracy, so the time would not be in dispute.

Mr. Turner heard of the record by phone when a news recording was played for him. The track announcer said, "The time is three ...," and then came the sound of bedlam on the phone

"It was the crowd, going nuts," Mr. Turner recalled in an interview on Sunday.

Mr. Bannister's record stood for six weeks, until Mr. Landy ran 1.4 seconds faster in Turku, Finland. The new mark set up a titanic clash at the British Empire Games that August in Vancouver.

Sports Illustrated, in its debut issue that summer, described the race as the "most widely heralded and universally contemplated foot race of all time."

In front of a crowd of more than 30,000, Mr. Landy led most of the race but near the end, he looked over his shoulder to see where Mr. Bannister was.

His pursuer passed him on the

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ROGER BANNISTER
SPEAKING TO THE GLOBE AND MAIL
ABOUT THE FOUR-MINUTE MILE

other side. Mr. Bannister won and both men ran faster than four minutes, one of the biggest moments in Canada's sports history.

Beyond the track, Mr. Bannister – he was knighted Sir Roger in 1975 – is remembered as a gentleman. Ray Heard, a Canadian political strategist and journalist, was at a family wedding in London in 1989. Mr. Bannister was seated beside him. "He was very modest," Mr. Heard said. When Mr. Heard asked about running, Mr. Bannister said: "As a matter of fact, I would be preferred to be remembered for my work as a

neurologist."
In the 2014 interview with The Globe, Mr. Bannister asked the first questions, reeling off a series of queries to a reporter, "are you a recreational runner?" among them. After the story was published, and a copy had been sent to Mr. Bannister in Oxford, he responded by e-mail. "If I may say so," wrote Mr. Bannister, "it seems to have come out well, and I hope your editor and read-

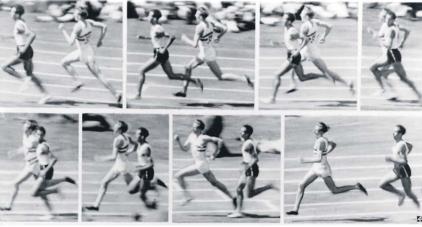
ers were pleased."

This exemplifies Mr. Bannister to his close friends such as Mr. Turner. On the track, Mr. Bannister was one of the greatest in history, but it was only one facet of the man.

"Calm, polite, smart, comfortable to be with," Mr. Turner said.
"Roger was a very fine gentlemen, all the way."

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In this May 6, 1954, file photo, Britain's Roger Bannister hits the tape to become the first person to break the four-minute mile in Oxford, England. The speed required to run a four-minute mile is a dizzying sprint of at least 24.2 kilometres an hour - a typical treadmill at a local gym cannot even be set at this speed.

A gazelle that ran faster than the lion

Tributes to track star Bannister salute a 'pioneering spirit' and his 'incredible legacy'

he world of athletics stopped to watch Roger Bannister run as a black-and-white video was shown on a giant screen at the world indoor athletics championships on Sunday

Mr. Bannister, the first runner to break the fourminute barrier in the mile, died peacefully in Oxford on Saturday at the age of 88.

The video at Arena Birmingham was followed by a photo montage of Bannister through the years, with a voice-over paying tribute to his "achievements and legendary kindness which transcended

sport and inspired generations of athletes."

IAAF president Sebastian Coe and other dignitaries watched from the track in Birmingham as the final photo of Bannister carrying the Olympic torch in 2012 was met with a standing ovation from the packed arena.

A quote from Mr. Bannister helped inspire Andrew Pozzi to victory in the 60-metre hurdles on Sunday. The 25-year-old Pozzi, the British team's co-captain reckoned he went to the Arena Birmingham track with new resolve.

"Roger Bannister was an unbelievable athlete and unbelievable person," Mr. Pozzi said. "I'm very sorry that he has left us but I read one of his quotes today about a gazelle before heading down to the track. It said 'Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up and it knows it must move faster than the lion or it will not survive."

Mr. Pozzi edged out Jarret Eaton by 0.01 to win his first global title.

Tributes to Bannister have included the fol-

lowing:

IAAF president Sebastian Coe: "The world's best runners had been attempting the four-minute barrier for a quarter of a century. It was as much of a psychological barrier as it was a physical barrier. Bannister's assault allowed mankind to enter a world filled with new possibilities. His achievement transcended sport, let alone athletics. It was a moment in history that lifted the heart of a nation and boosted morale in a world that was still at a low ebb after the war."

British Prime Minister Theresa May: "Sir Roger Bannister was a great British sporting icon whose achievements were an inspiration to us all. He will be greatly missed."

Women's marathon world record holder Paula Radcliffe: "Saddened to hear the news that we have lost one of the true pioneers, trailblazers and iconic inspirations of our sport. Sir Roger Bannister showed that barriers are there to be broken and there are no limits.

Olympic and world champion long-distance run-ner Mo Farah: "I met him several times throughout my career and he was always humble, supportive and encouraging. He was an inspiration to so many.'

Commonwealth Games Federation president Louise Martin: "Sir Roger, quite literally, set the pace for all sportsmen and women worldwide ... he will be greatly missed by his peers, friends and the entire athletics community. He was a true gentleman, and an inspiration to us all, young and old. Former mile world record holder Steve Cram: "There was this pioneering spirit around him and Roger was a great athlete ... What he did do, he left this massive, massive legacy. The first person you're taught to look up to is Roger Bannister." Mayor of London Sadiq Khan: "Sir Roger Bannis-

ter was more than simply one of the greatest athletes of all time – by breaking the four-minute mile he redefined what was thought impossible, and inspired the world. He leaves an incredible legacy."



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The subject who is truly loyal to the chief magistrate will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures - Junius

The rise and fall of the Bloc Québécois

he sudden departure last week of seven of the Bloc Québécois's 10 MPs has left the once-formidable sovereigntist party in disarray.

The MPs who quit say the abrasive style of party leader Martine Ouellet and her hard-core views on independence have made it impossible for them to consider returning to the fold. They have since formed their own independent caucus, while Ms. Ouellet has refused to resign and was somehow given a vote of confidence by the party executive over the weekend. It's an utter disaster.

But what seems like the real-time disintegration of the BQ is, in fact, more than that. It reveals problems in the separatist movement that go well beyond the leadership frailties of Ms. Ouellet, who sits in Quebec's National Assembly as an independent and heads the BQ in her spare time.

Born in crisis after the failed Meech Lake Accord, the Bloc has long been beset by internal tensions between damn-thetorpedoes sovereigntists and more moderate members who view the party as a vehicle to promote Quebec interests at the

Over the past three or four years, the hardliners - with their unrelenting focus on Quebec independence and nothing but - have been in the ascendancy, even as opinion polls show support for independence has fallen to its lowest level in 50 years.

That slide in support began two decades ago in the postreferendum Clarity Act era. Since then, sovereigntist politicians in Ottawa and Quebec City have road-tested multiple narratives to arrest it: "winning conditions," cultural diversity, sectoral referendums, "they're robbing us blind" (i.e., the federal sponsorship scandal), and, more recently, full-on nativism.

It hasn't worked. That's not to say Quebec's $ind\'{e}pendantiste$ flame has died out, just that it no longer burns brightly enough to light a new path forward.

As moderates and soft nationalists do their political shopping elsewhere, centre stage is increasingly occupied by hardliners-in-a-hurry. People like Ms. Ouellet, for example, whose two failed runs at the PQ leadership were supported by none of her caucus or cabinet colleagues, and who rose to the Bloc helm by acclamation last year.

Ms. Ouellet and her fellow travellers seem to believe the answer to seducing Quebeckers who have turned a deaf ear is to simply repeat the latest gospel more loudly and incessantly. As well, a discourse of ideological purity has taken root. Yesterday's comrade-in-arms is today's ideological enemy.

For instance, Ms. Ouellet's leadership rise was orchestrated by former Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste president, short-lived Bloc leader and remaining Bloc MP Mario Beaulieu. He, in turn, gained prominence in the 1990s as head of the PQ's rabble-rousing Montréal-Centre wing, pushing hard on language and identity issues.

But Mr. Beaulieu's political tag-team partner from that era, Luc Thériault, now sits among the dissident former Bloquiste MPs, as does one of the party's founders, Louis Plamondon. They are outcasts in their own party.

As well, while the current Bloc crisis is undeniably about Ms. Ouellet's inflexibility, it is also central to a proxy fight at the provincial level involving Mr. Beaulieu, who stepped aside as BQ leader prior to the 2015 federal election because of his flagging poll numbers (the party turned to Gilles Duceppe - it didn't help).

A nomination battle is under way in the east-end Montreal PQ stronghold of Pointe-aux-Trembles that pits current SSJB president Maxime Laporte, an ally of Mr. Beaulieu, against Jean-Martin Aussant, a former MNA and the hand-picked star candidate of PQ Leader Jean-François Lisée.

Mr. Aussant, who bolted the PQ in a huff in 2011 because then-leader Pauline Marois was too squishy on sovereignty, now finds himself painted as the candidate of the mushy establishment middle

Life comes at you fast in today's separatist movement. The ideological nature of the Parti Québécois riding battle mirrors the divorce between the BQ dissidents and Ms. Ouellet.

The bottom line is that the hard-core elements in Quebec's sovereignty movement are out of ideas. They have nothing left to do but tear their parties apart with infighting about who is and who isn't a true believer.

With a provincial general election coming in the fall, it is just going to get uglier.



TERS TO THE EDITOR

STEELED FOR A TRADE WAR

Re U.S. Unveils Steep Tariffs, Raising Peril Of Trade War (March 2): A year ago, United Steelworkers president Leo Gerard stood in the Oval Office supporting Donald Trump's order that the Commerce Department should investigate steel imports to the United States. Did Mr. Gerard think that Mr. Trump was aiming only at China and other Asian countries?

Now Mr. Gerard, whose union represents workers in Canada and the U.S., protests that "Canada's not a problem" as Mr. Trump threatens a 25-per-cent tariff on Canadian steel. Any school child could have told him that, if you back a bully, don't be surprised when the bully turns on you.

A.A. Sayeed

Justin Trudeau says the proposed new tariffs on steel and aluminum imported into the U.S. are

"absolutely unacceptable."

Is it not yet obvious to Trudeau & Co. that this is just part of Don ald Trump's broader plan - and that if he wishes to impose his will, the mouse will have a rather difficult time as it attempts to dissuade the elephant.

I stepped in a puddle in the wake of Friday's snow squalls. The puddle was a metre wide and, oh, maybe a half-centimetre deep. Interestingly, it reminded me of someone. Namaste!

Alan Coates Cambridge, Ont.

T.O.'S SPEEDING ADDICTION

Mayor John Tory says there is carnage on Toronto streets and that we need to reduce speed limits (To Save Lives In Toronto, Slow Down The Cars - editorial, March 2). Lowering speed limits will not achieve anything. Every day, I see numerous cars going right through red lights, so what makes anyone think these drivers will re-

spect lower posted speed limits? The problem is that there is no enforcement of the basic rules of the road (e.g. a yellow light means ston unless already in the intersection, and a red one means stop, no exception). Drivers flout these rules with impunity, knowing there will be no repercussions.

What is needed are red light cameras and speeding cameras. After receiving a few warnings and convictions, these drivers will probably learn to obey the rules, and our roads will be safer. Robert Lachance

I saw an older woman being killed by a car in my Etobicoke neighbourhood 16 months ago. Armed with a long petition to lower the speed limits on my street and constantly referencing the Vision Zero program, I am getting nowhere with my pleas to the city.

A few days ago, I was notified that our case is closed, partly because the Transportation staff do not support us. The process to put health and safety first is exhausting. Prevention needs more attention. It warmed my heart that your editorialists properly see the facts and priorities.

Toronto's speeding culture must change. Mayor John Tory? Lydia Lebed

Virtually every day I drive Toronto's inner city streets. Rarely a day goes by when I'm not angered and frustrated by the speedsters flying by me in posted 40 and 50 km/h zones, often around schools.

Driving home the message to people that they need to respect the posted limits might just make a dent in pedestrian deaths. Drivers don't seem to be listening to reason, so it's time to hit them where it hurts: stiffer fines and vehicle seizures.

Nadine Sabv

Toronto

"Lower the speed limit because the physics says it saves lives" is one of the dumbest ideas presented. One may as well ban cars, or restrict pedestrians from using the road. The speed limits are properly set as they are.

What we need are pedestrians to be more vigilant when using the road, and a higher standard for a driver's test before a driver is allowed to drive.

While pedestrians may have right-of-way, they still need to apply common sense. There are defensive driving techniques, there should be also be defensive pedestrian techniques. Cars and pedestrian share the road, both are equally responsible.

■ Michael Wong Toronto

NOT THE WAY TO DO IT

Re Ontario Is Courting A Home-Care Fiasco (March 2): André Picard's analysis of the government's folly in creating yet more bureaucracy in Ontario's home care system is completely correct. Creating a comprehensive, selfdirected care model that gives choice to patients is the right approach, but the creation of a parallel "agency" that will cost more and leave less money for direct, hands-on care at the front line is not the way to do it.

Successful new, self-directed care models must be fully integrated into the current system of home care or risk system confusion to patients and key referral sources such as hospitals, family doctors, ER physicians and longterm care.

Preparing Ontario's home-care system for the future will require funding, ending rationed care, changing outdated scheduling and strengthening information exchange.

CEO, Home Care Ontario, Hamilton

MAKE IT ILLEGAL

■ Sue VanderBent

"Making the act of paying women less than men for work of equal value illegal would go a long way toward achieving gender equality in the workplace." As someone whose career was spent in the area of compensation manage ment within the HR field, and who was actively involved in the implementation of several pay equity programs with employers in Ontario, I applaud this statement by Prof. Kathleen Lahey (Budget Doesn't Deliver On Child

Care - Feb. 28). In my experience, true implementation of pay equity requires every job in an organization to be valued without reference to gender predominance, or in fact any other characteristic, apart from the value of the job, as determined through the use of a neu-

tral evaluation methodology. Many organizations achieve this by determining a "job rate' for a position and then, in the case of salaried positions, implementing a rate range within which differences in performance, experience and other factors are used to determine individual rates of pay.

Of course, the latter process is still open to discrimination, how-ever, as Prof. Lahey states, the equitable valuing of jobs without reference to gender is a big step in the right direction.

Colin Guenther Aurora, Ont.

CARTOON BRILLIANCE

Globe editorial cartoonist Brian Gable is a national treasure, a trove of humour. He was running hot last week: teaching graduates receiving rifles along with their diplomas, the King Kong-inspired King Kanada take on NAFTA (the beaver is my favourite Gable character) and Friday's panel featuring Indian diplomats dressed as Bob and Doug McKenzie. The tragedy of course is that Gable has too much material to work with. Geoff Moore

Never mind who invited one-time Sikh extremist Jaspal Atwal whose idea was it for the Trudeaus to wear Bollywood outfits? Friday's editorial cartoon said it all. R.W. Pavne

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The problem isn't job-stealing robots – it's us

We need to consider the economic and social impact of jobs that survive the profound technological transformation to our labour market

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OPINION

Studying transportation safety and regulatory policy at MIT's Center for

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ight-hundred million. That's how many jobs could soon ■ be lost to automation. The professions most at risk? Telemarketers, cashiers and paralegals, all of whom perform tasks considered repetitive, routine and predictable. That's the type of work machines fare well at. Machines also don't tire, don't falter and, most importantly, don't demand

While this prospect may thrill employers, it makes politicians nervous. Rising unemployment can cause social unrest ultimately toppling governments. Wide-spread automation is particularly problematic for Canada, where more than 40 per cent of workers could see their jobs handed over to machines.

Ottawa's response thus far? To, in the words of the Prime Minister, "help more unemployed Canadians get the training they need to get a good, well-paying job." Put simply, Justin Trudeau wants workers to learn new skills. That's the right sentiment. Technology kills jobs but it also creates new ones. That workers prepare for

second careers is only prudent.
Mr. Trudeau's idea isn't new. Former president Barack Obama allocated millions toward similar efforts in the United States. So did French President Emmanuel Macron. But this approach offers only partial relief. That's because technology is transforming the

labour market in a more profound way. It's not just killing jobs. It's changing the nature of jobs that survive in ways that could have dire economic conse-

Take London's black cabs. An icon of the British capital, some 20,000 of them weave through the city daily. Driving one isn't easy. Getting a licence means passing the Knowledge, a gruelling exam that entails memorizing thousands of street names, landmarks and routes. Passing the Knowledge was key to earning a living as a London city cab driver at least it was, that is, until Uber came along.

Drivers for the ride-hailing giant have never taken the Knowledge. They don't need to. Uber's mobile app – displayed on a driver's smartphone – provides turnby-turn instructions on where to pick riders up and where to drop them off. Street names, landmarks and routes are all laid out in meticulous detail. The Uber app also shows drivers the nearest gas station along a route, the price of gas at that station and, for good measure, the closest public rest-room. Put simply, when it comes to ferrying riders around, the app not the driver - does the heavy lifting. Therein lies the problem. The

app purges the need for knowledge of London's streets, knowledge that riders have historically paid a premium for. The result? A lower qualification standard for would-be cab drivers, one that ultimately drives down wages. Why? Because if a job is simple, anyone can do it. And if anyone can do it, why pay top dollar? Someone who lacks street savvy can still - thanks to a mobile app get you there on time, every time. Do you really need a knowledgeable but costly cabbie driving you up the River Thames? Or would you prefer someone who is paid (and subsequently charges) considerably less?

Uber's success suggests the latter and understandably so. In the era of smartphones, satellite navigation and precision tracking, memorizing maps is, as The Economist notes, "an increasingly odd use of the human brain.

Yet flexing less mental muscle - courtesy of technology - comes at a price. High-paying jobs, long tied to using brains over brawn, become less high-paying. Why? Because as the market demands fewer skills, workers with anything extra become less valuable It's an economic reality reflected across industries.
It's also one that spells trouble

for Ottawa. The federal budget – which supports multibillion-dollar defence, health and education programs - relies heavily on collecting tax revenue. When wages fall, revenue falls. Lower wages also mean less spending, which leads to sluggish sales. And this all culminates in fragile economic growth.

Averting this scenario demands fresh ideas; ideas that go beyond merely retraining workers for second careers. If Uber's rise shows one thing, it's this. It's not a matter of if technology will force wages to fall. It's a matter of when.

Trump's ignorant steel tariff is a sour taste of what is to come

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OPINION

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onald Trump's tweet that "Trade wars are good, and easy to win" is one of the strangest comments - and there have been many – made by this President since assuming office.

Done in his typically bellicose manner, Mr. Trump's announcement of new tariffs on steel and aluminum imports is another American assault on the rulesbased global trading system and an affront to the international community at large.

It provoked immediate and vigorous worldwide condemnation. The European Union, Germany, Canada and others have threatened retaliation if the United States goes ahead with this. China won't stand idly by without responding.

Details of the tariffs will be issued this week. While we don't know for sure, Canada likely won't be excluded. But even if Canada gets off the hook, the world could be plunged headlong into a global trade war with unpredictable consequences.

All of this follows recommendations made by U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross under an obscure law called the 1962 Trade Expansion Act, the last time it was used being in 2001 when the Commerce Department found that no American security interests were prejud-iced by imports of semi-finished

The report totally ignores any reference to U.S. treaty obligations under the World Trade Organization Agreement, as if none of this matters a wit. This is typical of the disregard shown by the Trump administration toward American treaty commitments, equally reflected in its 2018 Trade Agenda, tabled



Donald Trump's announcement of new tariffs on steel and aluminum imports has provoked immediate and vigorous worldwide condemnation. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

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month, which talks of a "new era" in U.S. trade policy, unapologetically using U.S. leverage and not letting the WTO or any other international body interfere.

The world trade order, what-ever its limitations, has already been weakened by Mr. Trump's

hostile "America First" agenda. Far from making America great again, the U.S. President is destroying faith in American leadership, revealing the United States an unreliable partner, whether it be at the WTO, the North American free-trade agreement, the Paris climate accord, the Trans-Pacific Partnership or other forums.

It will take years to restore that leadership, if that's even possible, as China and Russia, in particular, move strategically into the vacuum.

While not perfect, the WTO is the centre pole for ensuring orderly conduct of global commerce, a system of which the United States was the principal architect and, whatever Mr. Trump and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer claim, its chief beneficiary.

As the product of decades of collective efforts, the WTO's rules aim to prevent a repeat of the beggar-thy-neighbour tariff policies of the 1930s through carefully crafted rules designed to maintain stability and keep global markets open and func-

Good-faith respect for those rules, especially by the world's most powerful country, is fundamental to the preservation of the WTO as an institution.

Mr. Trump's latest foray into unilateralism does damage by unravelling more than 70 years of statecraft, whereby govern-ments carefully avoided trade re-

strictions under claims recognizing national security, the incalculable damage it would do to global business and commerce

There are, admittedly, some exceptions to WTO obligations, ones that Mr. Trump may be relying on. A WTO member can temporarily opt out of legally binding commitments in exceptional cases necessary "for the protection of its essential security interests."

However. that exception applies only in time of "war or other emergency in international relations." Imports of foreign steel and aluminum, even if distasteful to the Trump team, hardly amount to an international emergency of any sort.

The national security off-ramp

employed by Mr. Trump is now one of the most serious challeng-es facing the WTO since its inception, going to the root of its very being. If the United States can opt out of its trade obliga-tions, who's to stop other countries from doing the same thing, dressing up their rationale in the cloak of national security?

A round of clashes at the WTO in Geneva are only part of the responses these new U.S. measures will unleash. As stated, immediate retaliatory actions by China, the EU, Russia and other countries, including Canada, are already being drawn up.

Contrary to what Mr. Trump tweeted, trade wars are never easy to win. In fact, no one comes out a winner.

A foretaste of the destabilizing impact of the U.S. tariffs was seen Friday as stock markets around the world took a hit, a reflection of what's in store in the months – and years – under Mr. Trump's xenophobic world

To make America great again - if that can ever be done - means restoring faith and reliability in U.S. leadership. Sadly, we are heading in the opposite direction, as global order suffers under the chaos and stress wrought by Donald Trump.

First Nations can prosper through resource development

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OPINION

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ocated in northern Alberta in the heart of the oil sands, the Fort McKay First Nation is an outstanding example of community capitalism in action. Its business portfolio generates gross revenue of about \$500-million a year and creates about 2,000 jobs. Only about 5 per cent of its annual net income is derived from government transfers; the other 95 per cent is ownsource revenue from business ac-

And the wealth is shared. Fort

McKay's Community Well-Being Index, based on income, employment, housing quality and education, has steadily risen until it is almost as high as the average for all Canadian communities. The average after-tax income for Fort McKay residents was \$73,571 in 2015 significantly higher than for Alberta (\$50,683) and Canada (\$38,977). This is an outstanding achievement for a First Nation whose people just a generation ago were hunters and trappers in a remote wilderness All this has been done without

producing a drop of oil or earning a dollar in royalties. Fort McKay has prospered by selling services to oil sands corporations, starting with janitorial care, then expanding into truckearth moving, well-site maintenance and work-force lodging. In short, they seized the opportunities presented by one

of the biggest industrial develop-

ments on the planet.

Initially, the people of Fort McKay were skeptical about development. In 1983, they erected a blockade to stop the heavy trucks rumbling through their village. But around that time they also realized that their old way of life based on hunting and trapping was passing away. Faced with the stark choice of pursuing new opportunities or becoming dependent on the Canadian wel fare state, they opted for the path

of self-supporting independence. Fort McKay's story is of national importance because participation in resource development is the most promising road out of poverty for hundreds of First Nations located in remote areas. Urban First Nations can thrive by building casinos, hotels, shopping centres and residential developments. But for many remote First Nations, oil and gas, minerals, forestry and fisheries

are the best hope for prosperity.

Unfortunately, Canadian governments at all levels are now frustrating such opportunities. The federal government has prohibited drilling for oil in the Arctic and shipping oil off the north-ern coast of British Columbia. The government of British Columbia as well as local municipalities are trying to block the Trans Mountain pipeline. British Columbia has also managed to impede the export of liquefied natural gas, even as Americans have enthusiastically entered the field; the government of Ontario has not managed to advance the "Ring of Fire" mining development in the province's north.

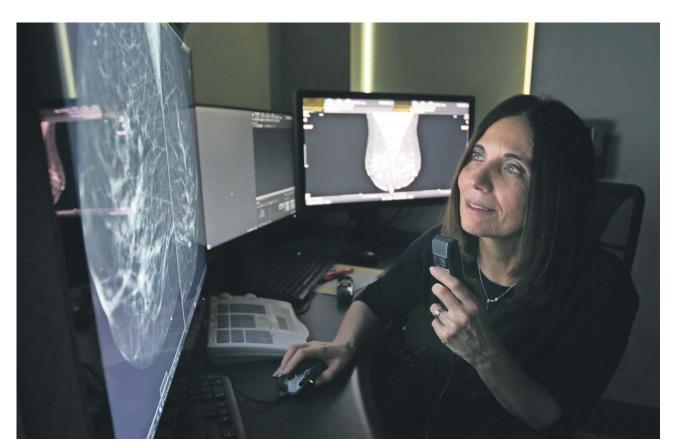
Each of these obstructed developments would benefit dozens of First Nations; together they could make a vital difference for hundreds. The federal government is increasing spending for Indigenous Affairs, but that is small change compared with what the private sector would bring to Indigenous people if given the chance. As Jim Boucher, chief of the Fort McKay First Nation, has said: "The First Nation, has said: government has only a couple of hundred billion dollars in their spending budget and that's small compared to the Canadian economy, which generates trillions of

Opportunity is fleeting. If you don't grasp it, it slips away. Other countries will supply the world's need for natural resources if Can-ada does not. And once again First Nations will be the losers.

Let's give the last word to Niccolo Machiavelli, who was a gifted poet as well as a great political analyst: "Few know me, Opportunity am I / The reason that I never can be still / Is because on a wheel my foot does lie."

The image of opportunity balancing on fortune's wheel is as valid now as it was in Machiavelli's time. Embrace Opportunity or she slips away.

HEALTH OPINIONS PUZZLES WEATHER



Dr. Anat Kornecki, from Ontario's South West Regional Cancer Program, examines scans looking for signs of cancer on Feb. 28. GLENN LOWSON/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

A new focus in cancer screening: tranquility

Health-care companies are increasingly seeking to improve patient comfort when it comes to mammograms, Wency Lueng writes, as hundreds of thousands of Canadian women forgo the sometimes painful procedure

"Screening should be almost like a patient going to get a spa manicure, massage or whatever," savs the London, Ont., radiologist. "This is a treat for ourselves, not a threat.' As the regional breast-imaging lead for Ontario's South West Regional Cancer Program, Kornecki wants to change a commonly held view of mammograms that they're an awkward, anxiety-inducing test, for which one's breasts are exposed and compressed, sometimes painfully, in a

r. Anat Kornecki believes mammograms are not something women should

dread. In fact, quite the opposite.

cold, hard imaging machine. Since last summer, she and the breast-imaging team at St. Joseph's Health Care London have been offering a new screening environment designed for patient comfort. Video monitors in the exam room play nature clips with bird sounds, patients gowns are designed to make it for easy for them to expose their breasts and the mammography machines are quiet and ergonomically friendly.

Their emphasis on providing a tranguil experience is part of a growing effort to encourage women to get mammograms by making them more comfortable. Although mammography is recommended for all women age 50 and older, hundreds of thousands of Canadian women do not undergo this exam, which requires compressing the patient's breasts to

obtain an adequate image.

"The real drive behind trying to ddress comfort is trying to drive patient compliance to make sure that women get their mammogram every time they need to . so cancers can be detected as early as possible," says Tracy Accardi, global vice-president of research and development at Hologic, a maker of mammo machines and equipment. mammography

Having long focused

advancing the technical aspects of mammography, such as image quality and speed, companies such as Hologic and General Electric are turning their attention to improving the patient experi-ence. Hologic, for instance, is awaiting regulatory approval in the United States and plans to seek approval in Canada for its new SmartCurve breast-stabilization system, which involves a curved piece of equipment that is used with the company's 3-D imaging machines and is designed to reduce pinching and allow for better distribution of force over a

patient's breast. Meanwhile, St. Joseph's was the first site in Canada, in July, 2017, to install GE's Senographe mammography machines, which the company touts as engineered "by women for women.

The Senographe Pristina was created with the input of around 1,000 patients, as well as technologists and radiologists, says Heather Chalmers, vice-president and general manager of GE HealthCare Canada, noting these machines have now been installed at various sites in Ontario, Quebec and Alberta.

Among its features are rounded corners and a hand rest, instead of a traditional hand grip, as the latter can cause women to contract their pectoral muscles when anxiously holding on. A separate device that looks like a small, wireless remote control, called the Pristina Dueta, allows patients to control the pressure of their own breast compression with a technologist's help.

When given this device, patients tend to compress their breasts as much or even more than a technologist would on his or her own, and they report less discomfort, says Kathleen Schindler, GE's global mammog-Kathleen raphy clinical product leader. The psychological effect is analogous to pinching yourself rather than having someone else pinch you, Schindler says; you feel less pain when you know what's coming.

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But while some women may avoid getting mammograms because of the anticipated pain and discomfort, there are many other barriers. Shawn Chirrey, senior manager of analysis at the Canadian Cancer Society, says other reasons women report for not getting mammograms include thinking they're not necessary, simply not getting around to doing them, lengthy wait times, language barriers and costs in the form of transportation, child care and taking time off work.

He adds there is a broader push to ensure women are making informed decisions about whether to get the exams. While mammography is considered the best way to detect breast cancer early, women should also be aware of its limitations, such as false positives, false negatives and the issue of overdiagnosis, where cancers that may not spread are treated aggressively as though they are life-threatening, Chirrey says.

"We think it's still the best method currently to detect cancer and it's an important thing that women should do, but [women should be] informed about the benefits and limitations," he says

Back at St. Joseph's, Kornecki, who is the medical director of breast imaging at the health-care organization's Breast Care Program, agrees mammograms are not perfect. For instance, she says, they are not ideal for women with dense breasts. But, she says, they allow doctors to get a baseline of what's going on inside a patient's breasts and are, so far, the best tool available to identify pre-cancerous conditions in the breast and the only proven tool for screening for breast cancer.

Even with her centre's ne machines and serene ambience Kornecki acknowledges mammograms aren't exactly enjoyable, but they don't have to be awful either. Her goal is to ensure women have a positive experience so that they will come back.

"Nobody will say this is heaven," she says. But "it's really not that bad."

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO EASE YOUR MAMMOGRAM **EXPERIENCE**

Regardless of where you get a mammogram or what brand of equipment is used, there are certain measures you can take to make sure it goes as smoothly and painlessly as possible.

Shawn Chirrey of the Canadian Cancer Society offers the following tips:

Avoid using deodorant, antiperspirant, body lotions and talcum powder on your underarms and around your breasts. These products can interfere with the accuracy of the exam. If you do use them, use wet disposable towels to remove

them before the exam.

Wear clothes that are easily removable from the waist up, and remove any jewellery.

Schedule your appointment for when your breasts are less sensitive. For most women, this is seven to 10 days before your period, and within 10 days of your last period.

Avoid caffeine for five to seven days before the exam. Caffeine may make you more

sensitive to pain.

Your doctor may suggest taking mild pain medicine, such as ibuprofen, about an hour before the exam.

Compression of the breasts isn't the only cause of pain and discomfort. If the height of the plate, on which you place your breast, is at the wrong level, this can lead to discomfort.

Awkward angling can also cause neck and back strain. If you feel uncomfortable, be sure to let the technologist know.

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Call My Agent! is a gem about showbiz strangeness

JOHN DOYLE OPINION



TELEVISION

here are certain things you learn when you cover the entertainment racket for more than the length of a TV season. You learn that many actors aren't all that interesting.

Sometimes the most intriguing people you meet are behind the scenes. The agents and publicity people are, often, the truly tortured, driven figures that are memorable. One imagines it's the same in politics. The captivating figures are in the backrooms - the fixers, bagmen and advisers who tell politicians what to do and say.

There have been several good series about the TV and movie industries that feature agents and Entourage made a good stab at satire through the wicked energy of agent Ari Gold (Jeremy Piven), whose paranoia about losing a client drives him to extreme and aggressive behaviour. But Entourage sometimes erred on the side of broad satire in depicting the machinations of a Hollywood

Call My Agent! (streaming on Netflix) is perhaps the most accurate and captivating series about the actual work of agents who handle actors. A French-language series, it's an absolute gem, making the professional and personal lives of agents the focus of humour that is gentle, yet astringent. The series is about a small group of people who work at a boutique Paris talent agency and try to do their best for a number of clients whose success fuels the agency. The original French title is Dix pour cent, which pithily explains the bedrock of the business – the agency gets 10 per cent of what the clients earn. What makes it highly enjoyable is the combination of wry satire about show business and sympathy for these people who are obliged to treat celebrities as family in order to make a living. Real French stars such as Nathalie Baye and Cécile de France appear as characters and you can tell they participate because there is never an overt sense that the humour is meant to be savage about actors and their handlers.

Much of the action in the first series of six episodes is built around what happens in the first episode, a delicious light comedy that gently probes into the dynamics of representing and caring for a star. Cécile de France is up for a major role in a coming Quentin Tarantino movie. It would be a huge break for a French actor and highly lucrative for her agent, Gabriel (Grégory Montel), and his colleagues. When word arrives that the actress is not being hired because she is too old, Gabriel is horrified and hesitates to inform her. She finds out and is furious about not learning the bad news from her agent. She fires him.

What is striking about the storyline is the sympathy expressed for both the actor and the agent. Gabriel is genuinely hurt on her behalf and saddened by the news. The Cécile character is, in the end, neither histrionic nor nasty. She just feels diminished by the cynicism of the industry.

Much of the perspective on the strange antics of the agency comes from the character Camille (Fanny Sidney), who falls into a job as an assistant at the office after she goes to see senior agent Mathias (Thibault de Montalembert), who happens to be her birth father. He had a fling with Camille's mother 20 years earlier at the Cannes film festival.

Camille is neither an ingénue nor an idiot. She's just an ordinary young woman who brings a common-sense attitude to her work.

Call My Agent! can be very witty about the ego and frailties of stars. When Gabriel tells Mathias that Cécile has been rejected, he grasps the situation instantly: "An actress at 40 is very fragile! It's like being 60 for other women." But at its heart, the series - the episodes are an hour in length, rare for a comedy - is very wise about working in show business. The characters are fully rounded, there is no stereotyping and no embracing of the impulse to be vicious about this peculiar world of movie and TV stars.

Awards season is just ending and we've all had the experience of hearing actors thank agents and handlers in speeches. Call My Agent! explains why and has a lot of droll fun doing so.

Find calorie counting cumbersome? Focus on diet quality instead

Study finds eating high-quality foods is a successful weight-loss strategy regardless of what diet you follow

LESLIE BECK OPINION



ver the past decade, studhave pitted low-fat diets against low-carb diets to determine which one is superior for losing weight. Most have turned up similar results: There is little, if any, difference between the two diets in the number of pounds lost after a year.

Within the two diet groups, however, studies have found huge variability in weight loss between individuals, with some people losing as much as 55 pounds and others gaining up to 10 pounds.

Such variable results among people following the exact same diet has led to the idea that there isn't a one-size-fits-all weight-loss diet. Instead, certain diets may work better than others for some people based on their genetic makeup or metabolic differences.

A study published last month in the Journal of the American Medical Association throws water on the notion that a diet matched for your genes, or metabolic pro-file, will enhance your ability to lose weight.
What's more, the new findings

suggest that you'll do quite well at losing weight if you focus on the quality of the foods you eat, rather than how much you eat. And success doesn't seem to matter if you eat a low carbohydrate diet or one that's low in fat and higher in

For the study, a randomized controlled trial, researchers from Stanford University School of Medicine in California assigned 609 overweight adults to follow either a healthy low-fat diet or a healthy low-carbohydrate diet. Participants were not advised to cut calories; they were told to eat as much food as they needed so they didn't feel hungry.
Participants were instructed to



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FOUR WAYS TO BOOST THE QUALITY OF YOUR DIET

Eliminating highly processed foods from your diet may help you lose excess weight, not to mention guard against hear disease, diabetes, certain cancers and other chronic diseases.

Eat vegetables at every meal: Add red pepper, mush-

rooms and baby greens to omelettes, blend kale or spinach into smoothies, pack raw vegetables or green salad with brown-bag lunches and add frozen or fresh chopped vegetables to chili, stew, soups and casseroles.

Replace white with whole grain and low glycemic carbs:

Buy breads and breakfast cereals that contain only whole grains. Swap white rice and white potatoes with quinoa, farro, brown rice, millet, sorghum, whole-grain pasta, sweet potato or beans/lentils.

Snack wisely: Instead of granola bars, refined crackers and pretzels, snack on fresh fruit, nuts and seeds, yogurt, popcorn or raw vegetables with guacamole or hummus

Cut added sugars: Avoid sugar-sweetened beverages (e.g., pop, iced tea, energy drinks, fruit drinks). Limit sugary treats to once or twice a week. Switch to plain, unflavoured yogurt and sweeten it naturally with fruit.

By eating lots of vegetables and limitina hiahly processed foods, participants in both groups ended up eating 500 fewer calories a day without realizing it.

emphasize nutrient-rich, whole and minimally processed foods, mostly prepared at home, maximize vegetable intake and to limit intake of refined flours and added sugars. They were also encouraged to follow physical activity guidelines (e.g., 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity aero bic exercise)

People eating the healthy low fat diet were told to eat high-quality, low-glycemic carbohydrate foods such as beans, lentils, oats, brown rice, sweet potato and fresh fruit. Low-carb followers were counselled to choose highquality fats such as avocado, nuts, seeds, oily fish and olive oil.

Not unlike previous findings,

the low-carb and low-fat diet groups lost similar amounts of weight, an average of 12 pounds after one year. And both groups experienced a wide range of weight change, from losing 14

pounds to gaining almost five.
What's unique about this study, though, is that calories weren't counted and food wasn't measured. Instead, the focus was placed on eating high-quality foods, which turned out to be a successful strategy for weight loss regardless of the diet they followed.

But that doesn't mean that calories don't matter. They do. By eating lots of vegetables and

limiting highly processed foods, participants in both groups ended up eating 500 fewer calories a day without realizing it.

After looking at a number of

genes shown in previous studies to influence fat or carbohydrate metabolism, the findings revealed that having a certain genotype didn't influence weight loss. The researchers also looked at

insulin resistance, a condition in which cells don't respond to the blood-sugar-clearing insulin. As a result, the body tries to lower blood sugar by producing more insulin.

Past research has found that people who are insulin resistant lose more weight on a low-carbo-hydrate diet.

In this study, however, people who had high levels of insulin in their bloodstream didn't do better on a low-carbohydrate diet.

When emphasis was placed on choosing high-quality foods for both low-carb and low-fat eating plans, a diet based on genetic makeup or insulin resistance didn't make a difference. The study does have some lim-

itations. Researchers relied on participants to accurately remember what they ate and how much they exercised, which can be prone to error. Even so, the findings strongly

suggest that eating a diet packed with nutritious whole foods results in weight loss, regardless of the proportion of calories from carbohydrates or fat.

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It's time to let go of the notion you can't be fat and fit

The foundation of

our industry is built

upon the supposed

fact that being

overweight is bad.

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hen it comes to performances in the gym, trainers and coaches love a good contradiction. We celebrate the strong and skinny, the young but skilled. We cheer whenever a woman picks up a weight heavier than 10 pounds, all in a well-meaning – if not patronizing – effort to democratize this thing called fitness. The gym is not the exclusive domain of genetically gifted dudes, is the message. You - yes, you belong here, too.

There's a blind spot, though, in this uto-pian vision. Chalk it up to an endless gale of misinformation and marketing, but fitness pros and gym rats alike can't seem to accept the baffling paradox that a person can be both fit and fat. Fat people are rarely

portrayed in a powerful or competent light, especially when it comes to health and fitness messaging. They're the miserable "before" picture; never content with who they are, their current state of largeness is seen as transitory, a stop along the way to being thin and beautiful.

Prejudices, biases, partialities - whatever you want to call them, we're all guilty of harbouring preconceived notions of one form or another. The foundation of our industry is built upon the supposed fact that being overweight is bad. We've been conditioned to marshal all of our resources to eliminate the scourge of excess adipose tissue at all costs, including the use of manual calipers that clasp on to skin folds so we can measure with surgical focus just how fat you really are. We see an overweight client and the assumption is that person is out of shape, unhealthy and desperate for change.

It's time we change our perspective. According to a study conducted by York University's School of Kinesiology and Health Science, in which 853 obese individuals were subjected to a treadmill test to measure their cardiovascular fitness, even people at the top end of the Body Mass Index (BMI) can have a relatively high level of fitness and present many biological markers of good health as long as they maintain a consistent physical fitness program.

"We have to disconnect body weight from the importance of fitness," said Dr. Jennifer Kuk, the associate professor who led the study. "It can be more difficult for obese people to be fit, but you can still get the health benefits of exercise without losing weight."

As Kuk points out, even meeting the government-recommended guidelines of 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise a week only translates to one or two pounds of weight loss a month.

Trainers have a responsibility to address the legitimate health risks that are associated with being overweight, but what if the overweight person who's hired you presents none of those issues? What if they already eat a healthy diet, sleep eight hours a night, walk 30 minutes to and from work daily and only want to learn some cool weightlifting techniques to add into the mix because they're perfectly happy with their body, thank you very much? Making weight loss the focus of their fitness plan is only going to ensure you lose a client.

Rather than focusing on BMI (an outdated and flawed system), I suggest applying a more practical and universally applicable metric, one that ve appropriated from California-based trainer Chip Conrad: If aliens were to invade tomorrow, leading to a full-scale war of the worlds. would you be a physically useful ally in the fight for hu-

manity? Could you march, lift, push and carry? Could you rise to the occasion and help lead us to victory? It's a lot more fun and engaging to contemplate this scenario than to imagine another dinner of steamed broccoli and grilled tilapia.

This is not to say that aesthetic goals don't matter, but maybe they should mat-ter less than society says they do. Late last year, a Twitter friend wrote a piece for Vice that went viral about how his quest for abs ruined his life. I, too, shared a similar - if less soul-destroying – experience. My training philosophy has since shifted and is now centred on the journey rather than the destination. Focus on that, friends, and your body will change. Or maybe it won't, and that's okay. Sedentary behaviour is the enemy, not some perceived physical imperfec-

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FIRST PERSON

LIVING LIKE I'M DYING



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I'm leaning into death to see if I can change how I feel about it, Laurie Brown writes

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imagine I'm not the only person who's written their own obituary, but maybe I'm the first one to see it in print. Writing my obit was the first task in an exercise that came to an end yester

"Brown, Laurie Jane. (October 7, 1957 - March 4, 2018). Laurie died suddenly yesterday in Toronto at

I feel like Scrooge seeing his own gravestone. I am in perfect health, but having recently turned

60 years old, I am feeling an increasing urgency about, well, everything. Why not give myself the deadline to end all deadlines? On Dec. 4, 2017, I decided I had three months to live. Three months to make more of whatever time I have left.

So for the past three months I have been thinking about death every day. "Is this the last time I hand wash this sweater? Is this the last time I talk with my son?" It was jarring, but I kept going. I wanted to get to a less anxious feeling about my own mortality. By trying to live as if I was dying, would I live each day differently? Might that take some of the sting out of my impending death? Is that even possible?

The first thing anyone with three months to live is told to do is "get your affairs in order." I updated my will and my living will. Next, I collected all my banking and legal information and printed it. (Kids – it's in a bankers box on the floor of my closet, along with the full obituary.)

I started my death exercise without telling anyone. Good thing – I could have ruined a few dinner parties. I did let one girlfriend in on it and her response was, "March is still too cold to stand by your

grave. Can you make it May?'

With two months left on the calendar, I flipped between two very different states of mind. On a good day? I believe I've had a full life, a lucky life and I'm good to go right now. But on a bad day, it's a different story: I want to be a grandmother, I want to create more, I want to grow old. My children need me and my new partner needs me. I couldn't bear to contemplate the end of a love I had barely begun.

I never used to think about death until my mother died at 58 of ovarian cancer. I was terrified that would happen to me. Now, I scroll through my Facebook feed reading chemo updates and news of departed friends. I feel like death is hunting me and my senses are working overtime to hear the approach. I don't want to live in fear - so I'm leaning into death to see if I can change that.

Each morning, I opened my eyes and thought of the day in front of me. I paid attention to the morning light through my window, the luxurious feel of my bed sheets, the realization that I had no pain, and I felt great. My feet hit the floor and I jumped into my day joyously. My mantra became "Say yes until it breaks you." I was sounding like an inspira-tional poster, with kittens. And yet, I didn't feel as if

I was truly living each day like it was my last. Too embarrassed to talk to people about what I was up to, I turned to books. Die Wise by Stephen

Jenkinson struck a huge nerve. Stephen has been witnessing death for decades, both as head of a palliative-care unit in Toronto and as a "grief whisperer," helping the dying and their families navigate death. Stephen has no 10-step plan to a wise death, but talking about it with him on Pondercast, my podcast, was such a relief.

When my mother lay sick and dying, I felt frozen and mute, and she was keeping what she felt to herself. Probably because I didn't ask. I have terrible regret about that. I know I'm not alone in these feelings after a parent dies.

We live in a death-phobic culture. We don't acknowledge the dying, we keep turning the conversation in the other direction, toward life and "keeping up the fight." We institutionalize our terminally ill and our aged and we outsource the task of dealing with our dead. Illness and death are kept as far from the living as possible – it's no wonder we are at a loss to find anyone to talk about it with.

In the same way that women have fought to take back the birth experience – bringing it home, surrounding birth with family and siblings, making it a

human experience instead of a medical one - might we do the same thing with death?

I began to question my motives in taking on this three-month death exercise. It became clear that I was anxious to learn how to handle death. I wanted to bring order to the chaos of feelings I had. I thought I could learn to embrace death just enough to think I had it pegged.

because I didn't ask. My experiment is a pale shadow to the real thing. It doesn't compare to the anxiety and fear felt by those who are truly ill. Nor what I once

felt waiting for a biopsy report.

I can't embrace death, death will embrace me. It will have its way with me. It will be messy and confusing. Death will ask everything of me. Will I be able to accept that? Is it too much to ask that that I might I leave my life loving it?

Perhaps the strangest outcome of this morbid xercise is realizing I have a moral obligation in my final days. Dying will be my last and perhaps most important act of parenting. I need to show my children how it's done. That death carries with it a responsibility is helpful to me, it gives my death some

I have started awkward and halting conversa-tions about death with my father, and have asked him to let me in. I want him to share his coming death with me. It will help me when my time comes.

Keeping death in the forefront of my mind is informing everything I'm doing. It's a funny liminal place to be – but the balance of it feels right.

Laurie Brown lives in Toronto.

FIRST PERSON DIGITAL SHORT

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Grim themes get lost in the noise

MARTIN MORROW

THEATRE REVIEW

After Wrestling FACTORY THEATRE, TORONTO

Written by Bryce Hodgson and Charlie Kerr Directed by Bryce Hodgson Starring Gabe Grey, Charlie Kerr, Libby Osler, Anthony Shim

f you have a hankering to hear the late David Bowie's Let's Dance album, then After Wrestling is the show for you.

This production at Factory Theatre by fledg-

ling indie company Blood Pact Theatre is propelled – not to say, overwhelmed – by a large helping of songs from that popular 1983 release, along with tracks by the likes of Elvis Presley, Talking Heads and even A-ha (remember them?). Often, you're not sure if it's supposed to be a play you're attending or

a listening party for nostalgists.

Oh, there is a play underneath the tunes – if you're able to ignore those colourful Bowie lyrics blasting from the speakers and focus on the dialogue being spoken by the actors onstage. It's a pretty serious play, too – all about mental illness, suicide, grief and unresolved feelings. But its co-writer Bryce Hodgson, who also directed the show, seems to want to smother his own lines with the incessant soundtrack and otherwise distract us with a jagged,

abrasive staging.

True, part of it is the pumped-up style we've come to expect of shows associated with the Storefront Theatre, which presented Blood Pact's previous offering, the amusingly titled Kill Your Parents in Viking, Alberta, and has supported this one. And true, the music has some dramatic justification: One of the play's characters is a DJ at an oldies radio station, while another is a cop with a fondness for karaoke. Still, this variation on in-yer-face theatre – call it "in yer ears" – does no favours to Hodgson and

Charlie Kerr's semi-comic, semi-surreal script.
As with Kill Your Parents, the duo's new play revolves around dysfunctional siblings. Hogan (played by Kerr) has moved into the Vancouver apartment of his single, school-teacher sister, Leah (Libby Osler), after behaving irrationally and being picked up by the police. The ostensible trigger for Hogan's breakdown is his breakup with his longtime girlfriend, but we soon learn that he's also lost his best friend to suicide. Leah insists he seek thera-By, which he does – with the ghost of said friend, Gibby (Anthony Shim).

In his spectral form, the glib Gibby is an advice-

dispensing radio DJ named the Falcon, who sagely counsels Hogan even while still sporting the hole in his temple from the

souped-up starting pistol he used to end his own life.

The depressed Leah, meanwhile, has found unexpected romance with Jaggy (Gabe Grey), the affable cop who arrested Hogan. Jaggy's two off-duty obsessions are karaoke and pro

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wrestling. During their first date in a karaoke bar (cue some of those Bowie songs), he drunkenly reveals his Owen Hart and Chris Benoit tattoos – grim choices, given both those Canadian wrestlers died tragically. Leah, in

turn, confesses to a past life as a drug dealer. At first, Leah's new love and her brother's beyond-the-grave therapy sessions seem to be making them both happy. But Leah is hiding a secret about Gibby that could shatter their fragile peace.

The play fundamentally concerns those unanswered questions left after someone has died by suicide. When Hodgson, as director, finally dials back the frenetic effects in the later scenes, the story grows poignant – especially in flashbacks involving the still-living Gibby, hospitalized and battling psychosis. There are times when it even recalls the quiet sadness of Haruki Murakami's novel Norwegian Wood - another music-drenched work with similar themes

But most of the show is in a higher key, played with a raw vitality that is exciting at best and, at worst, sloppy and undisciplined.

There's an excellent comic performance from Grey as the zealous Jaggy, who is endearing in his wrestle mania and gets some of the funniest lines. Shim is entertaining as the phantom Gibby, the smooth, chain-smoking radio jock, and affecting as his catatonic corporeal counterpart.

Osler's Leah, her short hair dyed blue, looks every inch the funky Grade 5 teacher and has a nice chemistry with Grey. Kerr, however, is annoyingly mannered as the unsteady Hogan, all hunching shoulders and twitching arms.

Hodgson and producer Bri Proke have co-designed a detailed two-level set, filling Factory's Studio stage with Leah's cluttered apartment on the upper level and both the radio studio and karaoke bar on the lower. A "Miss Langley" is credited - or should that be blamed? - in the program with the sound design.

Blood Pact, originally from Vancouver, now transplanted to Toronto, is an ambitious collective and Hodgson and Kerr are clearly playwrights with something to say. But they shouldn't let their love of blunt-force theatricality drown out their own voic-

After Wrestling continues to March 18 (factorytheatre.ca)



Libby Osler and Gabe Grey star in After Wrestling, a musically-propelled play focused on mental illness suicide, grief and unresolved feelings. JOHN GUNDY

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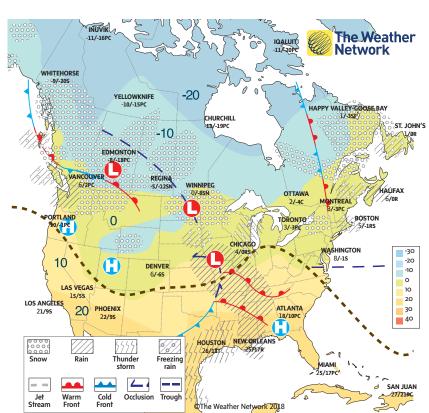
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BY STEVE BECKER MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 [C]	Pass	2 [D]	Pass
2 [H]	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 [C]	Pass	5 [C]	Pass
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NORTII ♦ K 7 3 ♥ 5 2 ♦ Q 9 5 4 ♣ J 7 5 4 EAST ↑ A 10 8 6 2 ▼ 10 7 4 ♦ K 10 8 6 **†**Q ♥AQJ963

Sam Fry Jr. was South in this deal from the 1954 Summer Nationals and got to six clubs on the bidding shown. The slam would ordinarily have gone down one as the cards lie, with declarer losing a heart and a spade, but Fry made it by executing one of the neatest swindles ever seen. West had a tough choice of

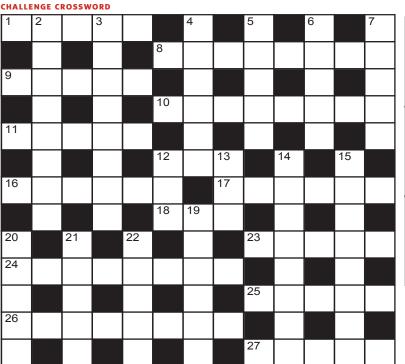
opening leads and, after much soul-searching, chose a diamond. It was immediately apparent to Fry that the slam depended on a heart finesse. The problem was to make the slam even if the heart finesse failed. And so, with precisely that goal in mind, he played the queen of diamonds from dummy faster than you can say "Sam Fry"!

 $East\ played\ the\ king, and\ South$ the ace. Fry then led a club to the jack and took a losing heart finesse. West, after congratulating himself on his sagacity in having chosen a diamond lead, trium-phantly played the jack of dia-

monds, which Fry ruffed. South now drew two more rounds of trumps and ran his hearts, discarding all three of dummy's spades. He then ruffed the queen of spades with dummy's last trump to produce his 12th trick.

One must sympathize with West, who could not imagine Fry's playing dummy's queen of diamonds at trick one when holding the singleton ace. He naturally thought Fry had the A-x of diamonds. Furthermore, West had no way of knowing that East, rather than South, had the ace of spades.

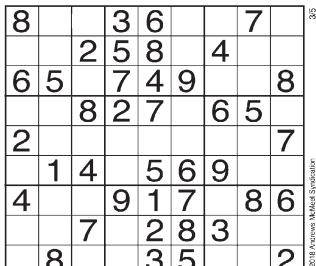
Note that as the final touch in his deception, Fry had care-fully taken the precaution of playing only one trump before attempting the heart finesse, denying East the opportunity to give an illuminating signal in spades.



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INSTRUCTIONS Fill in the grid so that each row of nine squares, each column of nine and each section of nine (three squares by three) contains the numbers 1 through 9 in any order. There is only one solution to each puzzle.

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ACROSS: 1 Oneself, 5 Pedal, 8 Absorbent, 9 Pet, 10 Elbe, 12 Novelist, 14 Arrive, 15 Scraps, 17 Duty call, 18 Beam, 21 Nun, 22 Ideal gift, 24 Arson, 25 Eye test. DOWN: 1 Orate, 2 Ems, 3 Earl, 4 Faeroe, 5 Patience, 6 Duplicate, 7 Litotes, 11 Baritones, 13 Eviction, 14 Addenda, 16 Sleeve, 19 Motet, 20 Aloe, 23 Ice.

FRIDAY'S QUICK

ACROSS: 1 Deficit, 5 Bonus, 8 In general, 9 Woo, 10 Test, 12 Decadent, 14 Plague, 15 Pigsty, 17 One-sided, 18 Myth, 21 Ewe, 22 Impromptu, 24 Rusty, 25 Reputed. DOWN: 1 Drift, 2 Fug, 3 Cone, 4 Tureen, 5 Bulgaria, 6 New jersey, 7 Shortly, 11 Shapeless, 13 Futility, 14 Pioneer, 16 Keeper, 19 Hound, 20 Pomp, 23 Pit.

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Two-directional navigational aid (5)
- To put at risk on purpose is a sin (8) 9
- Exploits that need to be witnessed (5) A desert's transformation 10
- vindicated (8) 11 He goes round a short
- in a hurry (5) A little distance behind (3)
- The French returned many grants (6) 16
- Alien apparently out of hearing (6) 17
- A well-equipped health centre (3) 18
- 23 What a thief may do is a hit (5)
- Worker I surpass as a 24 matter of course (8)
- Speak for the whole 25 people (5)
- See 4 Down
- Solid figure is put right in front in the afternoon (5) 27

DOWN

- 2 The morning help is easily won over (8)
- Without it there would be total ignorance (8)
- and 26 Across: Explorers
- Trainee acted badly (5)
- An entrance that may
- impress in the ring (5) Business deal (5)
- Bottom, for example, of a ship (3)
- A brew the French accentuate (3)
- One has a lot of trouble getting into this (3,5) Arguments upset
- Sid in a way (8)
- Factories that go to pot (6) Colour that's a success in two different ways (5)
- Not flush, but accepted by the social clique (5)
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- Song of loyalty (6) Feel about blindly (5) olutions to today's Sudoku and Kenken can be found in the Life & Arts content ea of the A section. Crossword solutions will be with tomorrow's puzzles. Burning particle (5) Unseemly outburst (5)

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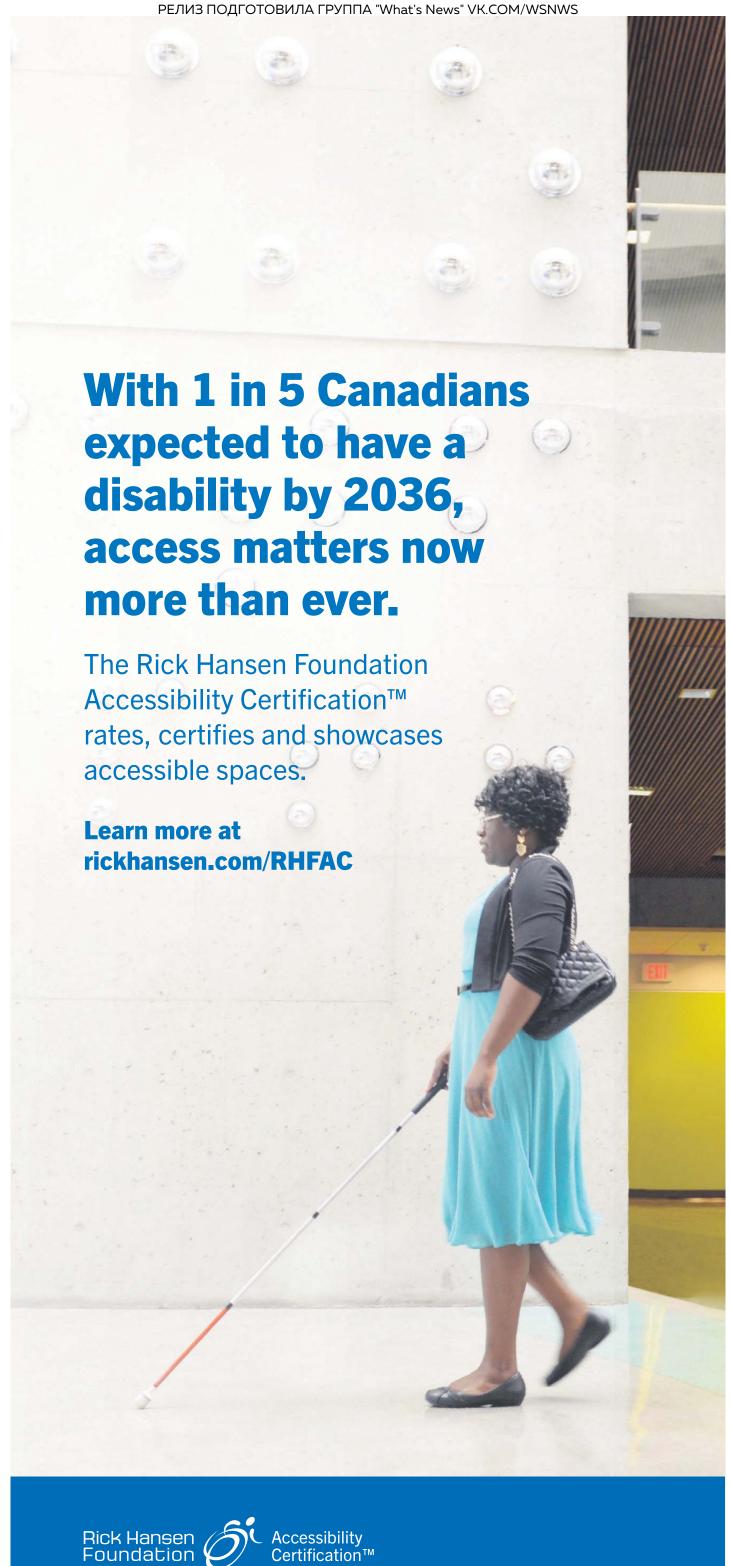
Bay of Naples volcano (8) Dinner jacket (6)

Stuffing for cushions (5)

Mountain pass (3)

Mountain associated with Moses (5)

Mountains of southeast Europe (8)





Cracks showing in Maple Leafs armour, David Shoalts says ■ B11



Canada's Brooke Henderson finishes in tie for second at LPGA tourney in Singapore ■ B15

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Retailers fight for lower credit-card fees as business group strikes deal

CFIB to unveil agreement cutting Amex fees for some members in bid to shake up competition in Canada

MARINA STRAUSS RETAILING REPORTER

Retailers and other businesses are pushing for lower fees from major credit-card companies amid a long standing battle over what many merchants say are inflated Canadian rates.

The two largest credit-card companies, Visa

Canada and MasterCard Canada, charge businesses an average of 1.5 per cent of their transactions for accepting the plastic, with some interchange fees ranging to 2.5 per cent or more.

But business groups counter the Canadian rates are still much higher than those in Europe and

Amex agreement is a sign of the fight ... for more affordable credit-card fees.

Australia, and can drive up consumer prices. In Britain, for example, the rate is capped at just 0.3 per cent; in France, at 0.28 per cent; and in Australia, 0.5 per

For its part, American Express Canada has even higher fees – between 3 per cent and 3.5 per cent for small merchants.

Now the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB,) which represents 110,000 small and medium-sized enterprises, is set to unveil with JPMorgan Chase on Monday a deal to reduce Amex fees by almost 50 per cent – to 1.8 per cent – for some members in a bid to try to shake up the staid Canadian credit-card market.

"We think this will lead to an expansion of American Express coverage in the small-business marketplace therefore creating, we're hoping, some more competition between three major electronic payment companies, as opposed to the two big ones right now," said Dan Kelly, president of

The Amex agreement is a sign of the fight that retailers and other businesses are waging for more affordable credit-card fees, a battle that was highlighted in 2016 when Walmart Canada Corp. stopped accepting Visa in its Thunder Bay and Manitoba stores after the discount giant com-plained the fees were "unacceptably high." RATES, B3

Ontario PC candidates' vow to scrap carbon plan could end in compensation claims

SHAWN McCARTHY OTTAWA

Ontario's Progressive Conservative leadership candidates, who are pledging to kill the province and-trade program, could face billions of dollars in compensation claims if their party wins the June election and moves quickly on that pledge.

PC party members began voting on the weekend to replace former leader Patrick Brown, with the results to be known by

March 10.

All four candidates -

It would take a year or two to get out of cap-and-trade. And there would have to be some

MARK CAMERON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CANADIANS FOR CLEAN PROSPERITY

Christine Elliott, Doug Ford, Caroline Mulroney and Tanva Granic Allen have vowed to scrap the government's Liberal compensation. carbon pricing plan while providing virtualcarbon ly no details about what they would do to replace

Should the PCs win the election, however, they will find it challenging to keep that vow, and it will likely prove expensive for taxpayers and businesses covered by the existing cap-and-trade regulations.

As of last week, Ontario had sold almost \$2.4-billion in greenhouse gas emission allowances, primarily to energy companies in the province that are covered by the cap-and-trade program. The province had four Ontario-alone auctions last year, which raised \$1.92-billion.

CARBON, B8



The oldest privately owned family business in the country, Quebec City-based La Maison Simons is at the tail end of a \$200-million westward expansion. BRENT LEWIN/BLOOMBERG

Simons opens doors to outside investors for bigger push into e-commerce

NICOLAS VAN PRAET MONTREAL

La Maison Simons is in talks to bring in outside investors for the time in its 178-year history as the Quebec City-based department store chain reshapes its strategy in an industry reeling from bankrupt-

cies and shop closings.

The clothing retailer is in advanced discussions with a group of real estate and private equity investors to help finance a new national distribution centre, said Peter Simons, the company's chief executive. He said the closely held company, owned by the Simons family, decided to open up to other shareholders after concluding it did not have the resources to fund the \$125-million project on its own. He

hopes to strike a deal by mid-April. Mr. Simons declined to name the members of the group, citing confidentiality agreements. But he said they are "smart money" investors that are sensitive to the company's storied history. Pension fund manager Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec could be in the mix although its recent investment track record suggests it would be more interested in the hard assets Simons owns than its retailing business, a source said.

"It's obviously a big cultural change for us as an organization," Mr. Simons said in an interview with The Globe and Mail.

"I want to try to continue to hold the independence that's allowed us to make some unique choices that aren't so focused on the next quarter and with a much longer-term vision. You need long-term investors when you're building out brands and building e-commerce."

The oldest privately owned family business in the country, Simons is at the tail end of a \$200-million westward expansion that began in 2012 when it opened its first store

outside its home province.

Backed by the Bank of Montreal and National Bank of Canada, the company has added several stores in that time in its bid to build a national brand, including new outlets in Vancouver and Calgary. It now has 15 stores and will likely open one more, one store short of the initial target of 17 locations by 2019, Mr. Simons said.

We're slowing down our interest in bricks-and-mortar right now" as the e-commerce side of the business grows, Mr. Simons said. The retailer's annual sales currently top \$500-million and internet volumes should make up one-fifth of the total this year, he said. Despite pay-ing its employees salaries that are higher than industry standards and offering benefits and pensions, Simons is profitable, he said.

Still, the company is not immune to the challenges affecting the Canadian retail sector.

Moves by Quebec, Ontario and Alberta to hike the minimum wage are cranking up the pressure on an industry already beset by massive upheaval from the failures of Sears Canada and HMV as well as restructuring taking place at other players such as Hudson's Bay Co.

As more consumerism moves online, e-commerce giants such as Amazon.com Inc. are shaking up the competitive landscape and leaving smaller players in their wake. SIMONS, B8



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A crude awakening: Crescent Point's moves are paying off, but market slow to rouse

JEFFREY JONES

Cott Saxberg has stuck to the script that investors had demanded of Crescent Point Energy Corp. and it's paying off in

the oil company's results. The chief executive officer of the light oil producer is reducing debt through asset sales, and he's stayed away from capital markets as a way to fund more big acquisitions inside or outside Crescent Point's main operations in Saskatchewan, North Dakota and Utah.

But the market isn't rewarding him for it. In fact, Crescent Point shares have dropped to near all-time lows, even after reporting fourth-quarter earnings that largely beat expectations.

'Last year was a big year, probably one of our best years ever from growth of the base of the company and drilling inventory, productivity of that inventory, scale of that inventory," Mr. Saxberg said in an interview. "So you wouldn't see it in and prove that success."

the share price - we've effectively gone in the opposite direction – but that just takes time for us to show This dichotomy comes about a decade of underperformance when measured against most other large companies on the Toronto Stock Exchange, surely giving investors pause before jumping into the story with both feet. The past few years have been particular-

ly tumultuous. Recall Crescent Point

had been the target of investor dis-

pleasure for frequent trips to equity

markets to raise capital, at lower share prices each time. The last one, a \$660-million stock sale in the fall of 2016, set in motion a heavy sell-

Just over a year ago, the company and its shareholders were rattled by the flimsiest of rumours that an activist investor was amassing a posi-tion, and the stock spiked. None surfaced, but Mr. Saxberg pledged to improve Crescent Point's communications with investors so they have a better understanding of its direction. That is, operating within the

confines of its cash flow. Quarterly results, issued on Thursday, showed progress. Production of nearly 179,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day came in slightly ahead of many estimates. Ditto on cash flow per share of 90 cents. Debt fell \$111-million from the previous quarter. Reserve replacement was efficient, and increased by 5 per cent to more than one billion barrels, on a proved and probable basis. Several analysts have maintained "buy" or

outperform" ratings on the stock. The market ignored all that, and instead zeroed in on higher-thanexpected spending in the quarter on land purchases and drilling. The latter was an issue of timing, rather than costs, and Mr. Saxberg said that 2018 spending, currently budgeted at \$1.8-billion, could be reduced by \$50-million as a result. The stock tumbled 8 per cent on the day of the results. On Friday, it rose less than 7 cents to settle at \$8.53, down 40 per cent from a year earli-

■ CRESCENT POINT, B8

Bombardier workers approve Airbus reciprocity agreement

Deal lets employees go to and from Airbus without sacrificing pensions, all seniority

MORGAN LOWRIE MONTREAL

Bombardier Aerospace workers voted overwhelmingly in favour of a new reciprocity agreement on Sunday, as the manufacturer and Airbus SE continue to work toward finalizing their partnership to produce C Series aircraft. The agreement would ensure

that workers who switch from **Bombardier Inc.** to the future partnership, and vice-versa, will not lose their pensions and will keep most of their seniority bene-

It would also ensure that workers who are laid off from one company will be given priority for future jobs at both.

Workers voted 92.3 per cent in favour of the letter of agreement during a meeting in Montreal on Sunday morning.

Union spokesman Dave Char-trand said the agreement will create bridges between the workers' union, Bombardier and the new limited partnership once the



Bombardier Aerospace employees leave a meeting where they reviewed the partnership between the Quebec plane maker and Airbus for the C Series in Montreal on Sunday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

enterprise is split into separate are renegotiatied.

"What was important to us when the announcement was made ... was to sit down with the company and the partnership and make sure that's there's labour mobility, so workers can go work for one company or the other depending on need," he said.

Mr. Chartrand said the letter of agreement will be included in the collective bargaining agreements of both companies, as well as in future agreements once they

In a statement, Bombardier said it was pleased with the outcome of the vote, calling it "another important step towards closing the announced partnership with Airbus for the C Series aircraft."

"This is good news for our unionized employees, who will keep their benefits even if they move from Bombardier to the C Series LP or vice versa," the company said.

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Toronto startup raises \$20-million for software that helps identify heart failure

SEAN SILCOFF

"Internet of things" technology is mostats, manage traffic signals and predict when to service industrial machines before they break down. Toronto entrepreneur Mike Monteith thinks it can also save lives.

On Monday, his software startup, ThoughtWire Corp., will announce it has raised \$20-million in equity and debt financing to expand the reach of its automated early warning system that has helped cut the number of deaths from "code blue" cardiacarrest emergencies in hospitals by 42 per cent in a project with the

Hamilton health system.
"The numbers are earth-shattering," said Salil Munjal, managing partner with Vancouver-based Yaletown Partners, which is leading the financing, along with Business Development Bank of Canada, Round 13 Capital and Epic Capital (lender Comerica is also providing less than \$5-million in debt as part of the deal). "It certainly perked my attention as a Canadian interested in health care for all the policy reasons, but also, if they can do that in the context of one of the most complex, real-time life-and-death environments [I thought], 'Is it portable into things like energy efficiency and smart buildings?' The short answer was, 'Yes.'"

Preventing heart attacks may be a conversation starter, but ThoughtWire has broader ambitions for its Ambiant software platform serving the internet of things (IoT) market in the healthcare, building-management and manufacturing sectors. "We'll take the capital and swing hard' in all three areas by nearly doubling staff to about 100 people in the next year, said Mr. Monteith, ThoughtWire's CEO and a former consultant to governments on digital health initiatives.

ThoughtWire is one of several companies - including General Electric, which bought Yaletownbacked IoT firm Bit Stew Systems for US\$153-million in 2016 - using technology to create software-generated facsimiles of complex systems or processes fed by reams of sensor data. These "digital of sensor data. These twins" are then compared with data sent from real environments over the internet to detect aberrations ranging from spikes in energy use to underperforming machinery, highlighting potential

'We live in seas of data and people in busy environments don't have the time to consider small changes," Mr. Monteith said. "The true promise of IoT is early warn-

ing."
ThoughtWire is already generating more than \$5-million in annual revenue from 20 customers. Most of its business is in health care, but it is used in a range of applications, including automating day and night operation modes for "smart" office buildings, ensuring mentalpatients with wireless identification tags don't wander from health-care facilities, and helping a bottler optimize pro-

Alison Fox-Robichaud, director of medical education for Hamilton Health Sciences, will present results from a study involving ThoughtWire at a health-care in-

duction and minimize downtime.

formation-management conference in Las Vegas this week

Dr. Fox-Robichaud said health services in several countries have long explored how to reduce "code blue" emergencies – car-diac failures that send medical staff running through hospitals to patients. "We've recogrevive critical-care physicians need to be outside intensive care units to prevent critical-care events" by monitoring patients early for deteriorating vital signs that can predict heart failure, she

Heading off such crises would have a huge impact: The survival rate for cardiac arrest is typically less than 15 per cent, and only 3 per cent of "code blue" victims leave the hospital alive. Direct hospital costs from code-blue admissions amounted to \$630million in Canada alone in 2010-

The Hamilton team decided to develop an automated electronic partnering ThoughtWire to create an app to gather, process and push out in-formation using hospital-grade mobile devices. Nurses use the devices to enter data on a range of vital signs at bedside and automatically upload it to the health system's electronic records using the ThoughtWire platform. The software tallies the data and if they indicate alarming conditions, emergency teams are notified.

Using the system at Hamilton General Hospital, the team cut the amount of code blues by more than 42 per cent during the past two years, compared with 2013-14 levels. "The app works," Dr. Fox-Robichaud said.

Parliamentary report recommends modernizing Canada's privacy law

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MEDIA AND MARKETING REPORTER

Canada's privacy law governing much of the business that takes place on the internet - including widespread collection of people's personal information - is in need of an update.

That's the recommendation of a report released Feb. 28 by the standing committee on access to information, privacy and ethics, resulting from its review of PIPEDA (the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act). The $report\ made\ a\ number\ of\ suggestions\ including\ strengthening\ requirements\ for\ consent\ to\ use\ personal\ data, the\ right\ to$ withdraw that consent and the "right to be forgotten" online. It also heeded repeated calls by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada to be given enforcement powers with "teeth," including the right to impose fines and more flexibility to choose what to investigate. The government is expected to respond to the report within 120 days.

The push to modernize privacy laws in this country has become more urgent as the European Union's wide-ranging General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is set to come into force in May. An important aspect of crossborder trade has been the granting of "adequacy status," which allows data to flow freely between jurisdictions that have agreed their respective privacy protections are adequate. In the past year, some privacy advocates have suggested that the GDPR's stricter rules could put Canada's adequacy with the EU at risk, if changes are not made here.

"A smoother regulatory framework between Canada and Europe is a competitive advantage for Canada," said Chantal Bernier, former interim privacy commissioner of Canada, and an adviser in the privacy and cybersecurity practice at law firm Dentons Canada LLP.

One of the key recommendations of the recent report was that the government should work with EU counterparts – as well as Canada's provinces and territories – to maintain that

"It creates impetus, if not pressure, on other countries and economies of the world to at least consider whether the GDPR rules should be adopted in their own jurisdictions," federal Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien said in an interview. "It raises the bar. I don't think Canada needs to adopt exactly the same regime as in Europe, but it sets an important standard.

However, some in the advertising industry are raising alarms about potentially "devastating" consequences of some of the recommendations. Of particular concern is the suggestion of an "opt-in" system becoming the default model for consent to use

personal information.
"The way it is now, there is a reasonable exchange that doesn't require explicit opt-in between the consumer and the online

'devastating' consequences of some of the recommendations.

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experience. To make it the default creates friction," said Sonia Carreno, president of the Interactive Advertising Bureau of Canada. "What we're worried about is, where will this lead?" Mr. Therrien agreed that new consent models would need to find a balance between business interests and privacy.

"Even consumers may not like the outcome if they have to give consent every 15 seconds," he said.

Collecting information is sanctioned under PIPEDA as long as it is used for "legitimate business purposes," such as to fulfill a service. However, the report said the law should clarify what is legitimate. Ms. Carreno said the industry will be advocating for targeted advertising to be included in the scope of legitimate use of data.

People often have little understanding of how their data

are collected and used, and more transparency is crucial to obtaining meaningful consent, the report argues. That includes giving them more information about the complex algorithms that are often used to process their information. Because consent may be a different process for minors, it also urged the government to consider specific rules for consent for collecting, using and sharing minors' personal information. In addition, the report argues that people should have the ability to revoke their consent for the collection, use and

sharing of their personal information.

The report specifically points to "Privacy by design," a concept developed roughly 20 years ago by former Ontario information and privacy commissioner Ann Cavoukian. The concept essentially advocates for privacy considerations being built into every stage of a product's development, design and marketing – that privacy should be protected whether or not an individual takes action to ensure that protection. That is a key concept of the new law being implemented in the European Union, and the committee stressed that it should inform the modernization of PIPEDA.

"Privacy forms the foundation of our freedom," Ms. Cavou-kian said in an interview. "For all those naysayers out there who say, 'give it up, privacy is dead.' I say, 'Are you kidding me? It's about to have a resurgence.

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New parental-leave rules pose challenges for businesses

Five-week period is a difficult amount of time to fill many jobs adequately, some owners say

BRENDA BOUW

S mall-business owners are open to the new parental-leave rules that will encourage dads to take up to five weeks off with their newborns, but worry it could be difficult to cover the short-term staffing gap.

"I love the idea of both parents being able to share five weeks of responsibility together to help the wife transition back to work and ease some of the stress," says Sharon Vinderine, founder and chief executive of Parent Tested Parent Approved (PTPA) Media Inc., which offers certification of family-focused products including toys, baby gear, food and automobiles.

The federal government's latest budget proposes a new fiveweek "use-it-or-lose-it" incentive to encourage new fathers to take parental leave, starting in June,

However, Ms. Vinderine says it will be a unique challenge from a small-business perspective.

When someone goes on maternity leave, you understand it could be 12 or 18 months and you have time to search for someone and train them," she says. "But with five weeks, it's virtually impossible to find someone who is willing to take on that [short-term] role, get trained, and by the time they're trained, it's time

for them to go."
She's also concerned about the strain on the rest of the staff, which has to take on added responsibilities. "My concern is how we would manage ... given that everyone plays such a vital role in the company," says Ms. Vinderine, who has 10 employees, six of them men.

proposed Employment Insurance Parental Sharing Ben-



Parent Tested Parent Approved (PTPA) Media chief executive Sharon Vinderine worries that by the time a temporary fill-in is trained, 'it's time for them to go.' FRED LUM/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

efit increases parental leave to a maximum of 40 weeks in cases where the second parent (typically the father) agrees to take at least five weeks off. The benefit covers 55 per cent of the second parent's income for as much as 12 months (with a weekly EI maximum of \$547 per week). In cases where families have opted for the extended parental leave of 18 months, the second parent would be able to take as much as eight weeks of additional parental leave, paid out at 33 per cent of their income. The benefit would also be offered to adoptive and same-sex couples.

The budget proposal has been a hot topic around the water coolers and in the humanresources departments at car dealerships across the country, says Huw Williams, spokesman for the Canadian Automobile

Dealers Association.

He says the implementation next year will give dealers time to prepare but acknowledges it might be challenging for these businesses to fill certain roles.

"It will be an adjustment," says Mr. Williams. "How do you staff for a position in a highly technical trade? It's not part of the labour work force pattern where you can bring someone in for five weeks to start being a trained technician in an area.

The size of the business will also matter, with smaller ones in rural areas likely finding it more difficult to replace staff as compared to large cities.

Most small-business owners don't have an issue with giving fathers or same-sex partners more time with their newborns, but it will put pressure on their operations, says Dan Kelly, president of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

'The challenge for us, with all of the changes that have happened to parental leave over the years, is that the impact on the employer is always the after-thought," Mr. Kelly says. "It would be nice if any government were to consider that as part of the plan - do some consultation with employers on how to make this work."

And while EI rates paid by employers and employees aren't expected to rise as a result of the change, Mr. Kelly says it is clear that rates that would have other wise dropped won't now as a result of the extended leave. "I'm happy there isn't expected to be an additional tax burden, but it's ... forgoing rate reductions that otherwise would have happened." That's on top of Canada

Pension Plan rates set to rise in 2019, Mr. Kelly says.

In a small business, in particular, each employee is considered important and if one goes on leave for five weeks it could have a meaningful impact, says Justin Thouin, CEO and co-founder of lending-rate comparison company LowestRates.ca.

'But that's a selfish view," says Mr. Thouin, whose company has 25 employees, two-thirds of them men. "Businesses need to be able to find a way to thrive and operate while allowing people to live their lives.

He says it's not much different from giving someone an extended vacation. "It takes some coordination and effort ... but it's very doable."

Åt software firm Zoom.ai, founder and CEO Roy Pereira has had several employees take parental leave, mostly men. He says the dads have been given as much time as needed, within reason. In fact, they had one senior engineer take a leave on his first day of work after his wife had their first child the night

"Being a parent, I understood how much support my wife needed," says Mr. Pereira, who gave that employee paid paternity leave during the three weeks he took off with his new child. "I think we all realize it's not just the woman's role to take care of the child now. It's 2018. I feel it would be quite backward if we didn't offer a policy like that. ... Yes, it could hurt us financially, potentially, but it creates a much better work environment. In this day and age and in our industry, having a great work environment is important to bring new talent. It's so competitive ... I don't think policies like these are exceptional. They should be standard.'

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Rates: 'We continue to believe credit-card fees are excessive in Canada,' Walmart says

FROM B1

The standoff ended in early 2017 when Walmart reached an agreement with Visa to lower its fees to an undisclosed level - less than 1 per cent, according to sources – a far cry from what many small businesses pay and a reminder that they don't have the clout of the big players.

CFIB's deal with Amex follows one the group struck with Master-Canada last year that reduced most CFIB members' fees by 12.5 per cent to 1.26 per cent of the value of a customer's purchase from 1.44 per cent previously – the new levels being ones that are offered to just a small number of the country's largest merchants.

Still, other business groups say they don't want to negotiate special deals for their members with credit-card companies but rather call for federal policy changes to pave the way for broader fee reductions.

Businesses that accept the cards need a "substantial reduc-

tion" beyond the current fees. said Karl Littler, a vice-president at the Retail Council of Canada. "A credit-card duopoly dictates the rates," he said. "It drives up consumer prices."

In response to rising tensions between businesses and creditcard companies over the fees, federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau said in 2016 he would review the Canadian payments system.

A Finance Department spokesman, David Barnabe, said on Friday its officials are meeting with 'several stakeholders including all major credit-card networks, card issuers, acquirers, merchant groups and consumer groups.

In 2014, Visa and MasterCard came to a voluntary agreement with Ottawa to shave their fees to an average of 1.5 per cent from more than 1.6 per cent and 1.7 per cent, respectively. Those rates went into effect for five years beginning in 2015.

The card companies have to do audits of their fees, but Gary Sands, chair of the Small Business Matters Coalition another

group of small businesses - says the audits should be done by third parties rather than internal

Mr. Sands is also counting on the federal government to require lower fees rather than groups cutting preferential deals for their members.

He said credit-card companies provide large businesses such as Walmart and Costco Wholesale Canada attractive rates, resulting in them often charging small businesses higher fees to make up the difference. "Main Street is subsidizing Bay Street," Mr. Sands said. "They put us at a competitive disadvantage.

However, Richard Crone of payments specialist Crone Consulting said businesses should get more innovative and move to digital payments to reduce costs and connect better with customers.

With mobile payments, companies can steer their customers to use low-cost private-label credit cards or debit cards by tying in promotions and rewards, he said.

Walmart launched its mobile

payment south of the border more than two years ago, helping the discounter gather data about its customers to use in its marketing and merchandising planning,

While Walmart Canada doesn't offer the mobile wallet here, it is continually evaluating different programs, spokesman Rob Nicol said. On credit-card fees, he said the retailer strives to "negotiate the best possible terms with any supplier and every penny we save on credit-card fees allows us to lower prices for our customers.

"We continue to believe creditcard fees are excessive in Canada. Canadian merchants pay fees at least three times higher than what all merchants - big and small - pay in the 27 countries of the European Union. Our view is that fees should be lower for everyone. We support and want to work with all merchants that are calling for lower fees."

Under the CFIB agreement for lower fees with Amex, the group is teaming with Chase's merchant services for lower transaction fees for businesses using Amex's Opt-Blue payment processing, which Amex says is aimed at making it easier for small businesses to accept its cards.

The CFIB offer is available to roughly one-third of its current members who already use Chase, but Mr. Kelly said he expects more of them will switch to it and OptBlue to qualify for Amex fee reductions. He said he is still trying to negotiate a fee reduction with Visa. "They haven't said 'No.'

A Visa spokesperson said it reduced fees for food retailers in 2016 to as low as 1.23 per cent and made changes for other small merchants last year "aimed at lowering costs." Visa will "continue to work with the government and other stakeholders to pro-mote a competitive, efficient, innovative and secure payment system in Canada."

The card companies have said they need elevated rates to invest in technology and innovation in such initiatives as chip cards and contact-less payments.

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OPINION & ANALYSIS

Poloz summons his inner Carney, speaks out

It's a welcome change to see BoC officials, known for being quiet, talking about policy





OTTAWA

ormer Bank of Canada governors Mark Carney and David Dodge were never shy about telling governments what they should, or shouldn't, do.

That has not been Stephen Poloz's inclination in his nearly five years at the helm of the central bank. For the most part, Mr. Poloz has avoided inserting himself into public policy debates, preferring the role of analyst over advocate.

There are hints that may be changing. Mr. Poloz and other top Bank of Canada officials have shown uncharacteristic candour in several recent speeches. In December, Mr. Poloz called for an overhaul of on-the-job training to deal with the scourge of youth underemployment and better protection of government and financial computer networks to deal with cyberattacks.

More recently, senior deputy governor Carolyn Wilkins talked about reining in the power of Google and other technology giants in a speech to a gathering of officials in Montebello, Que., preparing for June's Group of Seven leaders summit. Ms. Wilkins character-ized as "interesting" the suggestion that tech companies should be regulated like utilities and forced to pay consumers for the data they collect.

And Lawrence Schembri, another deputy governor, caused a minor stir last month when he suggested there should be "more explicit co-ordination" between the bank's interest rate moves and government spending plans during times of crisis.

In some respects, it's perfectly normal for central bankers to weigh in on important public policy debates. U.S. Federal Reserve officials do it all the time, regularly expressing opinions on every-thing from tax cuts to consumer

protection and labour policies. Not so much at the Bank of Canada

'The Bank of Canada's people have tended to be pretty quiet in the past," acknowledged economist Stephen Williamson, a professor and central banking expert at the University of Western On-

And yet Prof. Williamson and other central bank experts see nothing particularly radical or unusual in the recent statements. Bank of Canada officials may

be reluctant to butt heads with the governments to protect their independence.

"While it's reasonable for the bank, which has deep research capabilities, to express views on all these issues, the obvious con-cern is that their independence could be challenged if they wade in too far, or too aggressively," said Doug Porter, chief economist at the Bank of Montreal.

Being more outspoken may be tied to the Bank of Canada's efforts to lay the groundwork for the renewal of its inflation targeting agreement with the federal government in three years.
"These pro-active speeches

touch [on] longer-term issues fundamentally important for the 2021 renewal of the inflation target," remarked Sébastien Lavoie, chief economist at Laurentian Bank Securities. "There is nothing to lose by having a discussion to see how macro policies could be more efficiently conducted."

The central bank is right to be talking about emerging issues that may affect its ability to control inflation in the future, according to Mr. Lavoie. Ms. Wilkins' concern about the role of technology automation is relevant because these forces may be contributing to income inequality and suppressing inflation.

"It is necessary for the Bank of Canada to be transparent right now about this fundamental issue affecting the well-being of Canadians, firms' competition dynamics, potential output and thus inflation," he said.

And that is as it should be. The Bank of Canada operates the largest economic analysis shop in the country, with the most sophisticated computer models and an unmatched depth of expertise.

Canadians should welcome the Bank of Canada's engagement in

the most important public policy debates – even if it means sometimes being out of step with the government of the day.

Of course, Mr. Poloz and his staff can do that discreetly behind closed doors, in their regular meetings with top government officials.

But they should also have

enough leash to speak out in public on issues vital to the country's

That doesn't come naturally to Mr. Poloz. He has carefully steered clear of offering policy prescriptions. For example, he has repeatedly highlighted the chill on business investment caused by recent U.S. tax changes and the uncertain future of the North American free-trade agreement. And yet he's been silent about what – if anything - Canada should do to counter the threat.

The bank's recent deviation into new policy areas appears to be more happenstance than a strategic shift in tone or communication strategy.

That's too bad. Perhaps it's

time for him to give the Trudeau government a little economic

Hyperbole won't help us address cyberthreats

KEVIN QUIGLEY

OPINION

Scholarly director at the MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Governance at Dalhousie University and co-author of *Too Critical to* Fail: How Canada Manages Threats to Critical Infrastructure

he federal government has just announced that it intends to spend more than \$750-million on cybersecurity. Cyber concerns are on the rise. Each year between 2014 and 2017, the Society of Actuaries's annual survey of emerging risks ranked cyber and interconnected infrastructure as the No. 1 emerging risk, passing financial volatility, demographic shifts, terrorism and retrenchment due to globalization. With increased emphasis on innovation in the federal budget and the recently announced artificial intelligence supercluster, these risks will increase.

There is evidence of serious vulnerabilities in Canada. A new national strategy is coming this year, but this is cold comfort. In February, 2011, and one year after the previous national strategy was announced, a cyberattack infiltrated key central government agencies; the government took several systems offline for weeks.

The problems are not always caused by malicious actors. In 2007, the Canada Revenue Agency uploaded a corrupted patch that forced it to take its systems offline for 10 days, which prevented the government from collecting or disseminating money online, a serious national-security issue

Reliable information about the scope of the problem is hard to come by because security data are cloaked in secrecy. Operators of critical infrastructure are reluctant to disclose the vulnerabilities of their assets because of the risk to their organization's security, liability, share value and public image. Compared with other major threats, however, there is a lack of popular interest in cybersecurity stories. We have a database that tracks media coverage in four national newspapers of record for one year following the start of a major critical infrastructure threat or failure. In a 365-day period, The Globe and Mail, for example, ran 60 stories on the 2014 Parliament Hill shooting, 98 stories on the 2013 Alberta floods, 233 stories on the 2013 Lac-Mégantic train derailment and 340 stories on the 2009 H1N1 outbreak. In contrast, the

paper ran three stories on the 2007 CRA patch mistake.

There is evidence of serious vulnerabilities in Canada.

critical systems.

Cyber events are difficult to write about: They are nameless and faceless; accountability is unclear. When the media can identify an individual as being primarily responsible – such as Chelsea Manning or Jeffrey Delisle - media coverage in-

creases People also trust the IT sector. According to Edelman, while critical infrastructure sectors such as energy and financial services hover in the mid-50s, 71 per cent of people trust the IT sector, four points higher than the second most trust-

ed, the health sector, Regulating IT would seem anti-modern and anti-innovation in many circles. In order to attract attention to the issue, the IT security

commentators exaggerate the problem in popular discourse. They highlight worst-case scenarios, or attacks in the millions, failing to distinguish between the consequential and insignificant. They refer to the sinister capabilities of China and Russia, yet refer less to the inherent resilience of the system, the capabilities of Western democracies to defend themselves or counterattack. When they do refer to other Western countries, it is often

to point out that these other national governments are building up their cyberdefences, and therefore we should do the same. In the United States, for example, Congress has authorized funding for the National Cybersecurity Protection System to an expected total of US\$5.7-billion. We read less of the criticism levelled against the U.S. administration on the matter. In 2016, the Government Accountability Office observed that the Department of Homeland Security's performance metrics do not gauge the quality, accuracy or effectiveness of the system's intrusion detection and prevention capabilities.

Given the lack of reliable data on the subject, these risks are by their nature difficult to address. There are many challenges: the integrity of elections, insider threats, extortion, industrial espionage, the protection of intellectual property

and financial data. We need to move beyond the dramatic claims that typify the cvber discourse and enhance accountability on the subject, focusing more on concrete goals and objectives, balanc-

ing our need for risk-taking for innovation with securing our

B.C. doesn't have to miss the next natural-gas boom

MARK MILKE

OPINION

Calgary columnist and author of a 2001 book on the 1990s-era British Columbia government

ne reason why the government of British Columbia is so vocal in its unconstitutional opposition to federally approved oil pipelines (see: approved Kinder Morgan expansion) is because the NDP is tied at the political hip to the Green Party in the legislature. That is the one where a razorthin majority for the two parties exists with the Greens at three seats, the NDP at 41, with the opposition Liberals at 42 seats and

one for an independent.

The Greens oppose not only oil but also further natural-gas development and exports of the same, a position opposite that of the NDP government. Thus, in political calculations, B.C. Premier John Horgan more fiercely opposes oil to satisfy the Greens – that, and much of Mr. Horgan's own fervent anti-oil base and caucus.

That's politics, and it is driving investment away from British Columbia. Nonetheless, the B.C. government's political calculation does contain the seed of possibility that natural-gas exports could flourish sooner than previously thought, and provide a boom in employment and tax revenue to British Columbians.

That natural-gas bet is more solid with the recent forecast by Royal Dutch Shell that the market for liquefied natural gas (LNG) will soon tighten. The company, which has still not announced if it will proceed with an LNG export facility in British Columbia, pointed out that the market for LNG grew 30 per cent in 2017, more than expected. Royal Dutch Shell forecast that the market for LNG could switch from oversupplied now to a deficit by the mid-2020s.

Shell is not the only entity predicting a potential supply shortage in natural gas. The International Energy Agency's 2017 report on natural gas predicted consumption growth of 10 per cent by 2022 when compared with 2016. The IEA noted developing economies, with China in the lead, will account for 90 per



A truck passes an LNG Canada facility in Kitimat, B.C., in 2015. The province may soon have a chance to profit off the world's growing natural-gas market instead of missing out again. BEN NELMS/BLOOMBERG

cent of the increased demand for natural gas.

China, of course, is across the ocean from British Columbia. The Middle Kingdom, along with the rest of Asia, has long been importing LNG. The problem for Canada is that Australia, and as of late the United States, were both swift in responding to market opportunities for gas exports. Investment in Australian LNG amounted to nearly \$200-billion in the past few decades. In the United States, five new LNG plants will be operational by 2019, including those exporting LNG to Asia.

The problem for Canada is that Australia, and as of late the United States, were both swift in responding to market opportunities for gas exports.

Both countries got the jump on Canada and in part because of domestic opposition that proved to be self-fulfilling, not prescient. For example, BC Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver has slammed potential natural-gas exports as a fantasy, as akin to believing in "unicorns." Last June, he reminded a reporter that he predicted in 2013 that 'LNG isn't going to happen" and "cannot happen, because there's no market for it." Of course, the reason B.C. was unable to develop an export industry in LNG had much to do with a fervent minority of British Columbians such as Mr. Weaver who reflexively oppose oil and gas develop-

ment and exports.

That position is in stark contrast to the reality of a B.C. government that desperately needs to prove to the majority of voters that it does not share Mr. Weaver's unreality on how new employment will be created. The NDP government thus must pay some attention to investment intentions around the world, and to employment and incomes on the North Coast, including that of First Nations who want LNG export plants built. Of course, the government must also consider its own future revenue streams.

B.C. may soon have a chance to profit off the world's growing natural-gas market instead of missing out again. Beyond the medium-term increase in natural-gas consumption to 2022, pointed to by the International Energy Agency, the IEA also forecasts that, by 2040, demand will grow by 45 per cent over 2016 levels. By then, natural-gas consumption will be second only to oil as the fuel of choice. In addition, 80 per cent of the projected growth will be led by developing economies.

British Columbia government can manoeuvre their way past Mr. Weaver's continued negativity, there is another chance for British Columbia to profit from natural-gas exports.

THAT'S HOW IT FELT.

DILBERT



Google eyes expansion of its New York campus

Tech giant is reportedly close to a deal on a building across from its current NYC offices

KAREN MATTHEWS NEW YORK

As New York waits to hear whether it's been chosen as the site for Amazon.com Inc.'s second headquarters, recent moves by another tech giant, Google Inc., to expand its footprint in the city are helping to legitimize New York's

claim to be Silicon Valley East.
Google, a subsidiary of **Alphabet Inc.**, is reportedly close to a reaching a US\$2.4-billion deal to add a landmark Meatpacking District building to its already substantial New York campus. The building – a block-long for-

mer Nabisco factory named after its ground-floor upscale food mall, Chelsea Market – sits across the street from Google's current New York headquarters, a massive, art deco, former shipping terminal that also occupies an entire city block. Google already leases space in Chelsea Market, which also contains offices for Major League Baseball and the local cable news channel NY1, among other tenants.

the sale goes through, it would be among the priciest real estate transactions for a single building in city history. It would also give Google a remarkable Manhattan campus to supplement its still-growing main headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

Representatives for Google did not respond to requests for com-



People walk by Google's office building in New York's Meatpacking District last December. Google is looking to buy a building across the street from its office for US\$2.4-billion. MARK LENNIHAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

ment about the company's New tan's east side. York expansion plans.

Google already occupies another former Nabisco cookie factory just west of Chelsea Market. And, across the street from that factory, it has also announced plans to lease another 320,000 square feet of space at Pier 57, an office and retail complex built on a pier over the Hudson River.

A New York Post real estate writer this week dubbed Google's slice of Manhattan "Alphabet City," a reference to the name of both Google's parent company and a neighbourhood on Manhat-

The pending Chelsea Market deal was first reported by the real estate publication The Real Deal.

The Google expansion comes as other tech companies, including Amazon, Facebook Inc. and Spotify, are also growing in the city. In addition to considering New York among the 20 finalists for its new eastern U.S. headquarters, Amazon recently signed a deal to bring 2,000 employees to a building, formerly occupied by the Associated Press, on Manhattan's far west side.

New York has been pitching

itself as an alternative to Silicon Valley for years. And while tech many never rival financial services and Wall Street as the most important private-sector employer and economic driver in New York, it has established a legitimate footprint that goes beyond a few big-name compan-

A report by state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli found that the city had 7,600 tech firms in 2016, an increase of 23 per cent since 2010. The report found that the average salary for tech employees in New York was US\$147,300

tor of Tech:NYC, a trade association of New York tech companies, said the presence of large com-panies such as Google and Ama-zon has created "a robust ecosystem" where young engineers and others move to New York to work for the large companies and then leave after a few years to found startups.

Tasso Argyros, the founder of three-year-old startup ActionIQ, agreed. "One of the best things that happened for New York was when Google opened up their office here," he said.

Mr. Argyros said people in Sili-con Valley told him he was "a little bit crazy" when he moved to New York in 2013. But his data-focused marketing company seeks to attract big companies as clients and it's helpful to be in the New York area with its high concentra-

tion of Fortune 500 companies. Ms. Samuels and Mr. Argyros said another advantage to New York is that tech isn't the only game in town.

Ms. Samuels said she was pleased to learn that she and her husband are the only parents in her three-year-old son's pre-school class who work in tech.

"That would never happen in San Francisco," she said. When she lived in the city by the Bay, 'everyone I knew was in tech."

Mr. Argyros said there's "a little bit of groupthink in Silicon Valley. There's a lot of people who have similar jobs, they read similar things. But New York is really too big to be dominated by one indus-

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People walk by a branch of Puniab National Bank, India's second-biggest lender, in Mumbai on Feb. 21. The firm is currently the subject of a fraud investigation by Indian officials. DANISH SIDDIQUI/REUTERS

India arrests four more in fraud probe of state lender

MUMBAI, INDIA

The Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) has made four more arrests in the US\$2-billion fraud case involving state lender Punjab National Bank (PNB), widening the investigation of the biggest banking fraud in the country's history.

More than a dozen people have been arrested by the CBI since the fraud at PNB, India's second-biggest lender, came to light in January. The CBI said on Sunday that it had arrested Manish Bosamiya and Miten Pandya, both former employees of Firestar International – a company owned by billionaire jeweller Nirav

Businesses owned by Mr. Modi and his uncle Mehul Choksi have been accused of securing unauthorized loans using fraudulent letters of undertaking from PNB. The former Firestar employees were arrested on suspicion of fabricating paperwork for the fraud, the CBI said.

An auditor, Sampat Rambhia, was also arrested, as was Aniyath Shiv Raman, a former director of M/s Gili India, who the CBI alleges authorized paperwork used in the fraud. Gili is owned by Mr. Choksi.

None of the latest individuals to be arrested

were reachable for comment on Sunday.

The agency has yet to track down Mr. Modi and Mr. Choksi, who left India in January before the fraud came to light. Both have issued statements denying the CBI's charges.

Mr. Modi and Mr. Choksi, owner of Gitanjali Gems, are suspected of colluding with bank officials at PNB to obtain unauthorized loans over a six-year period starting in 2011. Gitanjali has also denied CBI's accusations.



Weekly Appointment Review

The following appointments have been announced by companies and organizations during the past week

All Globe and Mail appointment notices are archived and available online at www.globeandmail.com/appointments



Sue Hutchison to Chief Commercial Officer Payments Canada



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Issue	Record Date	Payable Date	Rate
Common Shares	March 12, 2018	April 3, 2018	\$10.151501
Non-Cumulative Rate Reset Preferred Shares, Series 1 (TSX: EML.PR.A)	March 19, 2018	April 17, 2018	\$0.359375
Non-Cumulative Rate Reset Preferred Shares, Series 3	March 19, 2018	April 17, 2018	\$0.30625

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Issuer	Issue	RECORD DATE	PAYABLE DATE	RATE
Husky Energy Inc.	Common	March 20, 2018	April 2, 2018	\$0.075
Husky Energy Inc.	Ser 1 Pref	March 20, 2018	April 2, 2018	\$0.15025
Husky Energy Inc.	Ser 2 Pref	March 20, 2018	April 2, 2018	\$0.16040
Husky Energy Inc.	Ser 3 Pref	March 20, 2018	April 2, 2018	\$0.28125
Husky Energy Inc.	Ser 5 Pref	March 20, 2018	April 2, 2018	\$0.28125
Husky Energy Inc.	Ser 7 Pref	March 20, 2018	April 2, 2018	\$0.28750

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Longview, DFH strike deal to create leading national communications firm

ANDREW WILLIS

Two corporate-advisory boutiques that spent the past decade tripping over each other on Canada's biggest deals are combining forces, with Longview Communications and DFH Public Affairs announcing a merger on Monday aimed at creating a leading national public- and govern-ment-relations firm.

Vancouver-based Longview and Toronto-based DFH are coming together in a deal meant to add depth to the services they offer corporate clients, and better deal with competition from far larger rivals such as Hill+Knowlton Strategies and RES PUBLICA Consulting Group, owner of National Public Relations.

The merged firm will be

known as Longview Communications and Public Affairs, and be home to 24 professional staff in four cities; Calgary and Winnipeg, along with the existing head offices. The two firms have complimentary expertise: Longview's bread and butter is communications around mergers and acquisitions and activist campaigns, while DFH focuses on both communications and government relations

"This combination brings together two independent boutiques with highly complementary skills and values to create a communications public-affairs firm with experience and capabilities that we believe sets us apart in the Canadian market," said Longview founder and president Josh Pekarsky. Mr. Pekarsky said partners in the two firms played with the idea of combining forces a number of times over the past decade before finally starting

serious merger negotiations five months ago.

The merged company will be owned by four major shareholders, Mr. Pekarsky and DFH partners Bruce Drysdale, Ian Hamilton and Hugh McFadyen, along with a number of employee shareholders. It's relatively common for employee-owned advisory shops to sell their firms to global platforms such as Hill-+Knowlton as a prelude to retirement by senior partners. In this case, the major shareholders are all in their early 50s and plan to keep working at the combined



This combination is about providing a deeper offering of services to our clients.

IAN HAMILTON DFH PARTNER

"This combination is about providing a deeper offering of services to our clients," Mr. Hamilton said. "Neither of our firms has ever been driven by growth for growth's sake."

Longview was founded in 2003, while DFH was launched in 2007. The two firms have worked together for clients such as Manitoba Telecom Services Inc. and across the table from each other on a number of deals. In addition to advising on takeovers, the teams have worked on restructurings, including the wind down of retailer Sears Canada Inc. and crisis-management situations such as last summer's refinancing of mortgage lender Home Capital Group Inc.

Volatility may spur investors to 'scrutinize' advisory fees

DAVID HODGES TORONTO

A return to volatility on global stock markets in early February may be the catalyst needed to warn investors about the impact of fees on returns - a feat that regulators haven't accomplished so far.

"Failing investment values tend to make people scrutinize everything more closely," Dan Hallett, vice-president of High-View Financial Group in Windsor, Ont., said in an interview.

He expects more attention will be paid to how fees affect portfolio returns, "especially if they're negative on the year."

Tough questions about advisory fees had been expected to emerge after the second phase of enhanced disclosure rules, known as CRM2, became mandatory last year.

However, investors and their advisers had little cause for concern in 2017 as U.S. stocks continued a bull run that began in 2009 and continued into early 2018.

The rough patch that hit markets in February, when global markets fell by 10 per cent at times, may force investors to take more notice.

suggests CRM2's Research heightened disclosure requirements have done little to change investor knowledge about fees and, in some cases, have created confusion.

A 2017 study by the BC Securities Commission estimated only 9 per cent of investors were familiar with the indirect fees paid by third parties to firms - up from zero per cent before CRM2 was implemented.

Another 2017 study by Credo Consulting Inc. found that 62 per cent of investors surveyed thought they didn't pay for the financial advice they received down from 67 per cent of investors surveyed in 2016.

A Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada report in January, 2018, found that fee disclosures used by some firms could lead to client confusion owing to different terms used throughout investment statements, as well as instances in which required defi-

nitions weren't used at all. The Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments is

expected to offer other details in a new survey to be released in early March. But even CRM2 only tells half

statements still don't reveal the

portion of management fees

the story, since annual report

retained by the fund company.

"Disclosing the full manage ment expense ratios or MERs should be the requirements for funds," said fee-only planner Jason Heath of Objective Finan-cial Partners in Markham, Ont.

An investor, for example, with a \$100,000 portfolio made up of commission-based mutual funds with a 2-per-cent MER would likely see about \$1,000 in fees and charges on an annual CRM2 report statement. But the total amount of fees and charges would be \$2,000 after accounting for the fund company's portion

of the MER. While not all mutual funds include trailer fees, the ones sold through banks and full-service advisers often do and can make up a sizable portion of investment portfolios. According to the Investment Funds Institute of Canada, there was \$1.49-trillion in mutual funds as of Jan. 31 – about 31 per cent of Canadians' financial wealth.

For portfolio manager John De Goey of Industrial Alliance Securities in Toronto, the only way for investors to really understand how much financial advice costs is to get rid of embedded commissions in mutual funds altogether.

The Canadian Securities Administrators held consultations last September about whether the regulator should ban the use of embedded commissions – a move that Britain and Australia have already taken - following a report it released in early 2017 showing payment of embedded commissions raises investor protection and market-efficiency issues.

The Ontario Securities Commission is expected to publish an update in late spring about how it will proceed with embedded commissions.

Investor advocacy group Fair Canada supports a ban embedded commissions, calling it "an essential step so that Canadians can receive professional objective advice free from damaging conflicts of interest."

Canadian regulators are also taking steps to implement new disclosure regulations for segregated funds - an investment similar to a mutual fund that produces a return with an insurance policy that covers the risk which initially did not fall under the same transparency rules affecting mutual funds under

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BoC's murky outlook thickens on Trump tariffs

As uncertainty around NAFTA looms, central bank must also grapple with President's latest protectionist move

MICHAEL BABAD

ANALYSIS

THE WEEK AHEAD

Stephen Poloz's life just got a lot more complicated.

Not that the Bank of Canada governor was going to tinker with interest rates this week - he wasn't - but an uncertain economic outlook just got a lot more uncertain.

Mr. Poloz, senior deputy governor Carolyn Wilkins and their colleagues were heading into Wednesday's policy announcement already concerned about the potential outcome of talks to renegotiate the North American free-trade agreement.

Now they've got the added threat of U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum import duties to worry about in the wake of President Donald Trump's pledge to hit those products with levies of 25 per cent and 10 per cent, respectively, this week.

Those would hit the Canadian

economy hard, among other things, forcing the Bank of Canada to respond.

You can add to all this, too, to the fact that the economy has downshifted from its earlier surge, growing at an annual pace of 1.5 per cent and 1.7 per cent in the third and fourth quarters of 2017: that the central bank is still watching to see how consumers are handling the previous rate hike; and how the country is adjusting to new mortgage quali-

fication rules. "The so softer-than-expected recent trend in Canadian eco-nomic growth observed in late 2017 and the intensifying risk of a trade war are good reasons for the



Bank of Canada Governor Stephen Poloz, in Ottawa on Jan. 17, isn't expected to offer many hints about this year's rate hikes during a policy announcement on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

BoC to stay cautious, even though the January [consumer price index] report showed further acceleration in consumer inflation,' Laurentian Bank Securities chief economist Sébastien Lavoie and analyst Hugo Lacasse said.

"Following the mid-January hike, we have been expecting only one more 25-basis-point policy rate increase this year," they added in a lookahead to Wednesday's decision. "Given these new disappointing developments for the Canadian outlook, we remain comfortable with our call."

Others expect more than one increase this year from the Bank of Canada, whose key overnight rate stands at 1.25 per cent.
Regardless, don't expect many

hints from Mr. Poloz and Ms. Wil-

kins on Wednesday.
"A distaste for forward guidance will keep the BoC from delivering any clear-cut signals of what lies ahead," CIBC World Markets chief economist Avery Shenfeld said. "They will retain the view that rates will eventually be higher, but will have enough cautionary words about the outlook to justify a stand-pat stance this month."

It's a busy week even without the Bank of Canada.

MONDAY: "NERVES OF STEEL"

There's not much on the econom $ic\, or\, earnings\, fronts, but\, watch\, for\,$ how the markets open in the wake of last week's turmoil.

"Equity markets slumped [last] week on growing risk of a U.S.-led global trade spat," Bank of Montreal senior economist Robert Kavcic said in a report titled Nerves Of Steel, referring to Mr. Trump's tariff announcement and noting the S&P 500's loss of 2

"After amped-up volatility in recent weeks, that leaves the index roughly flat on the year, while most major global indices are looking at single-digit declines," Mr. Kavcic added. "The TSX gave back 1.6 per cent, with tariff concerns overshadowing a solid run of bank earnings, including a wave of dividend increases. The banks dipped 1.1 per cent on the week, but are the second-best performing (or least-bad) sector on the Canadian landscape this year, down 2.1 per cent.'

TUESDAY: WATCH OUR MATES

It's always worth watching what happens in Australia, given the

similarities in our economies.

The Reserve Bank of Australia is expected to hold its key rate at 1.5 per cent today, while Capital Economics projects Wednesday's report on gross domestic product to show fourth-quarter growth of o.5 per cent.

Also on tap is the U.S. measure of factory orders in January, projected to show a drop of 1.2 per

WEDNESDAY: TRUMP'S TIRADES

A busy day, starting with Mr. Trump's focus on trade deficits.

The U.S. trade gap is expected to come in at US\$55-billion or more for January, thus wider than December's US\$53.1-billion.

"The data releases [this] week are only likely to harden Trump's protectionist views, with January's trade figures (Wednesday) expected to show a further widening in the deficit," Paul Ashworth of Capital Economics said.

Statistics Canada releases its monthly trade report at the same time, and economists expect a narrower \$2-billion from December's \$3.2-billion. (Yes, Mr. Trump, blame Canada.)

The federal agency also reports fourth-quarter labour productivi-

THURSDAY: AN EASY ACT TO FOLLOW

Given that Mr. Poloz is expected to have done nothing the day before, the European Central Bank has an easy act to follow when it releases its decision. "It was just in December that

the ECB released its 'substantial upward revisions to GDP' growth forecasts," Bank of Montreal senior economist Jennifer Lee said.

"Although inflation had yet to show convincing signs of an upturn (still the case), the governing council believed that the 'language pertaining to various dimensions of the monetary policy stance and forward guidance could be revisited early in the coming year," "she added. "So when's 'early'? Given the improved outlook, we believe that the March 8 meeting should be that meeting. A rate hike is not even on the radar this year, but the ECB can take one baby step toward ending its [quantitative easing] program that began in

We'll also get to see the latest on the real estate market as Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. reports what BMO expects will be a rise in construction starts to an annual pace of about 218,000 in February. That will be followed 15 minutes later by a Statscan report forecast to show a 2-per-cent decline in building permits in Jan-

FRIDAY: ROLL THE DICE

Go ahead, roll the dice on what you expect Statscan's monthly jobs report to show.

It's always a crapshoot, but, for the record, economists expect the February results to show net job gains of between 2,000 and 20,000, and unemployment holding at 5.9 per cent.
"The full/part time split will be

watched after part-time employment fell by a record 137,000 in January," RBC economists said in a lookahead, noting, too, the focus on wage increases after the most recent report showed an annual rise of 3.3 per cent in average hourly earnings, the fastest in almost two years.

"Part of that increase was due to a minimum wage hike in Ontario, although there appeared to be some acceleration in other parts of the country, as well," RBC said. "Further signs of wage growth beyond a minimum wage impact would provide confirmation to the Bank of Canada that labour markets are operating at least close to, if not somewhat

beyond, long-run capacity limits." Observers expect the U.S. February jobs report to show about 200,000 positions created, with unemployment dipping to 4 per

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WHEN IT COMES TO SELLING YOUR BUSINESS, TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Market factors may change and reduce the value of your business, no matter how hard you've worked to build it

Part two of an MNP series on succession planning

AT A COMMUNITY BARBECUE ON GREEN LAKE, Kelly Cabana reminded her husband Ron what a good decision they had made two years ago to sell their dental

Kelly and Ron met in dentistry school, married after graduation and had three children in quick succession. After six years as associates in a practice, they branched out on their own, renting space and hiring a team to

. The practice flourished almost immediately. The number of clients increased every year and their success continued for two decades.

Kelly and Ron weren't ready to sell but decided to meet with Greg, their MNP advisor, to go over their options. With Greg's help, they soon realized the timing of the offer was good.

Greg pointed out that from a financial perspective, it's always better to sell a business when the timing is right for the buyer rather than the seller. He also asked Kelly in to consider what might happen it they rejected the offer and the company chose another nearby practice as its entry into the marketplace. How would that impact their fortunes? Would it make it harder for them to grow the value of their practice in the years ahead? Kelly and Ron had already started to see increased

competition in their neighbourhood. So far, that hadn't cut into their business; their long-standing clients were extremely loyal. But over time, they might see some attrition among their newest clients, who might decide to start going to a closer, more convenient location.

In addition, the government and the industry's selfregulating authority had just reached an agreement to put in place a new fee schedule that would control and standardize the prices that dentists could charge. As a downtown practice that invested regularly in technology. Kelly and Ron had higher overhead than other dentists. They tended to attract clients with very good benefits programs so they were able to charge prices that were at the higher end of the spectrum. Soon there would be limitations on fees. There was a risk their higher cost structure could make them uncompetitive.

The very presence of a consolidator in the market also caused Kelly considerable concern. What would happen, for example, if they refused to sell and then the consolidator bought up several other practices in the area? Would efficiencies and economies of scale allow



that larger player to hurt their business? Kelly had always thought she and Ron measured up well against other similar-sized practices. But this had the potential to be an entirely different dynamic.

After talking to Greg at MNP, Kelly and Ron decided to proceed a little farther down the path with the consolidating company. The company came back with a very aggressive offer for their practice. They admired the sophistication of Kelly and Ron's operation and also prized their specific location.

Neither Kelly nor Ron were ready to retire, but the consolidating company had made it clear that it would be no problem for them to continue to work in the practice even after a sale. When asked by Greg if they could see themselves working for the company, Kelly noted maintaining relationships with their patients was the most important thing to them. "As long as that continues, I think we can be happy," she said.

In the end, Kelly and Ron decided the offer was simply too good to refuse. They closed the deal and continued working for the new owners. Within a year, they knew they had made the right decision. The level of competition continued to increase. and other downtown practices started asking to be put in touch with

the consolidating company.
"The one lesson we learned in all

chance to sell your business for a good price," Kelly said at the Green Lake barbecue. "For us, it didn't necessarily happen when we planned it, but I'm glad we took advantage of the opportunity when it came up.

of this is that you may only get one

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Record yield looms for Brazil's coffee farmers

Crop-forecasting agency says production could rise by 30%, which has helped take a toll on the commodity's price

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s Brazilian farmer Francisco Cesar Di Giacomo surveys his fields, he plucks a pod off a nearby coffee tree and splits it open with a penknife. He points to the thin husk: a sign that the beans inside will be plump and robust.

Here in southern Minas Gerais, the mountainous state at the heart of the country's coffee belt, there's growing evidence that the looming crop will be

Mr. Di Giacomo, who runs two arabica farms with a combined area topping 130 hectares in Sao Goncalo do Sapucai municipality, expects a harvest of 3,200 bags, each weighing 60 kilograms. That would be a third more than last year. What's more, he's planted new trees recently and expects a crop of 5,000 bags in 2019.

The outlook for a big harvest was shared by farmers and traders during a field survey that spanned four days and more than 5,000 kilometres across the region. After years of higher do-mestic prices, well-funded farm"

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FRANCISCO CESAR DI GIACOMO BRAZILIAN COFFEE FARMER

ers have invested generously in their plantations. Beneficial rains during the country's summer aided bean development and trees are looking green and lush.

Brazil is the world's biggest grower and exporter of the highly prized arabica beans. Growers in Minas Gerais are optimistic for the 2018 season, as most trees enter what's typically the higheryielding half of a biennial crop cycle. The government's cropforecasting agency, Conab, has said the country's total coffee production, which also includes the robusta variety, could rise as much as 30 per cent to a record this year.

The supply outlook underscores why coffee is one of the worst performers in the Bloomberg Commodity Index over the past year. Arabica prices have slumped 15 per cent in the past 12 months to US\$1.222 a pound on ICE Futures U.S. in New York.

Hedge funds are wagering on more declines. In the week ended Feb. 27, money managers had a net-short position of 56,520 futures and options, according to U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission data published on Friday. The figure, which measures the difference between bets on a price decline and wagers on a rise, has expanded 41 per cent since mid-January. The funds were last net-bullish in August.

Farmers are also positioning for lower prices. Mr. Di Giacomo's expectations

for declines prompted him to sell

all the inventories he had from his last harvest, and he's already started forward sales of his 2018 crop. While the prices he's fetching have dropped to about 460 reais (\$182) a bag from 480 reais to 570 reais he got during the 2017 season, it's still a good enough profit margin to lock in prices since his costs are range from 280 reais to 350 reais a bag,

"It is impossible sell every year at high prices," Mr. Di Giacomo said. "It is part of the game."

Mr. Di Giacomo's gamble could pay off since even farmers who ran into problems this year have been surprised by the resilience of their crops.

Take the case of Luiz Alberto Azevedo Levy, who's a fourth-generation coffee farmer in Machado municipality. Some of the one million coffee trees he cultivates got no rain from the end of January through mid-February and an electric failure hampered his irrigation system.

He expects to collect between 4,000 and 15,000 bags this year. But he's been surprised by bigger crops before. During the previous high-yielding crop stage in 2016, he ended up with 3,000 more bags than predicted.

"It is so complex estimating the coffee harvest," said Mr. Levy's son and namesake Luiz Alberto Azevedo Levy Jr. "We always place a bet on the farm to see who is right."

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From left, Tanya Granic Allen, Caroline Mulroney, Christine Elliott and Doug Ford pose for a photo after an Ontario PC Party leadership debate in Ottawa on Feb. 28. All four have vowed to scrap the province's carbon pricing plan. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Carbon: Companies with allowances would need to be compensated if cap-and-trade were to be cancelled, experts say

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In February, for the first time, it participated under the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) in a joint sale with Quebec and California and raised an estimated \$471million from companies in the three jurisdictions.

But it will take time to extricate the province from the WCI and could require compensation for businesses that are holding emission allowances, said Mark Cameron, executive director of Canadians for Clean Prosperity, a think tank that advocates for a revenue-neutral carbon tax.

Mr. Cameron advised Mr. Brown on his plan to replace the cap-and-trade program with a carbon tax. That plan included as much as \$500-million to buyback allowances from money raised under a proposed levy.

"It would take a year or two to get out of cap-and-trade," Mr. Cameron said in an interview. "And there would have to be some compensation."

As well, Ottawa has vowed to impose a carbon tax on any province that does not have one, and the federal levy would be higher than what is currently planned under the Ontario pro-

The WCI set a 2017-2020 comp liance period for the allowances and calls for a 12-month notice of withdrawal. It encourages parties to align their withdrawal with the end of the compliance period. So a new PC government could signal that it would wind

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down the program by the end of Inc., which sells under the Petro-2020 while maintaining the regulations – and thus the value of allowances - until then.

egan to sell allowances for 2021 and took in an estimated \$157million in revenue; it plans to sell more 2021 allowances at auctions in May, August and November. Those would have to be retired if the program is ended.

Under provincial law, the proceeds of the auctions go into programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The revenue is currently being used to fund such programs as energy retrofits of homes and businesses, rebates for electric-vehicle purchases, support for the deployment of charging stations and an effort to switch the GO train system from diesel to electric engines. If cap and trade is cancelled, those programs would have to be cancelled or funded from general revenues, or a possible carbon tax.

Under the cap-and-trade plan, gasoline marketers, natural gas distributors and energy-intensive industries face a cap on emissions and must purchase allowances that allow them to emit greenhouse gases. To address competitiveness concerns, the province provides free allowances to large industrial emitters up to their capped limit, which

declines over time. The biggest energy companies in Ontario have been buyers of

allowances, including gasoline

marketers such as Suncor Energy

Canada brand, and Imperial Oil Ltd., which markets as Esso. lowances – until then. Enbridge Inc. has also been However, in February, Ontario active in the allowance markets with its two Ontario subsidiaries, Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas.

An incoming PC government would face enormous risks if it decided to abruptly end the regulated cap-and-trade system and render those allowances worthless, said Dave Sawyer, an environmental economist who has consulted with governments on carbon pricing.

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Mr. Sawver noted that Ontario's and Quebec's cap-and-trade system is designed to reduce emissions in the most cost-effec-

If Ontario pulls out and does not replace it with a carbon tax as Mr. Brown had planned - the federal government would step in and impose its own carbon tax. In 2020, the price for each tonne under cap-and-trade is expected to be around \$18.50, based on allowances being sold now. The federal tax will be \$30, rising to \$50 a tonne in 2022.

Ottawa has pledged to return the revenue to the jurisdiction in which it is raised, meaning it would likely be sending cheques to households in Ontario to make up for the higher energy costs from the carbon tax.

Crescent Point

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It's pretty clear that some of Crescent Point's weakness is tied to negative sentiment infecting the entire Canadian energy industry, even though it is not affected by most of the funda-mental problems turning inves-tors off. That is, a gaping discount on heavy oil versus benchmark light crude and constraints pipelines that have been backing oil supplies up in Alber-

Meanwhile, Mr. Saxberg said, large institutions are attracted to the large U.S. shale plays and recent corporate tax cuts under the Trump administration.
"I think we do get blanketed

with everything. There's no new money coming in. The ones that are there know," he said.

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As a light oil producer with no oil sands operations, Crescent Point is benefiting from the gains in West Texas intermediate into the \$60s a barrel. Most of its production is downstream from the major pipeline pinch points, due to its location in Saskatche-

A couple of developments are attracting interest, including planned sales of Saskatchewan Viking formation and Alberta Swan Hills oil assets, expected in the coming weeks. Crescent Point is also said to be building up a land position on the eastern side of the massive Duvernay formation in Alberta. Mr. Saxberg is giving away little about either prospect.
"What I would say is, we're

managing our portfolio. We're focusing our asset base, shedding some non-core properties to position ourselves into higher productivity, higher-growth-rate lands and opportunities, and a large majority of that was done last year," he said.

For now, he says, the company is content to go about its plans as advertised, realizing that the market could take time to turn around. Just how long is an open exertise.

"I think 2018 is about being patient, and managing what you can control. And I'm optimistic on the back end of [20]18 and then into [20]19," he said.

Simons: Distribution centre to use automation

Mr. Simons has been among the loudest voices calling for the federal and provincial governments to subject foreign-based online retailers to the same tax regulations as local businesses.

"They're really pushing me, they're stretching me out to the limit," the CEO said of the changing business conditions. forcing us to invest very aggressively. It's forcing us to change our financial structure [and bring in outside capital] to be able to make the investments because, in the end, it all rests on productivity."

distribution Simons plans to build in Quebec City will be heavily automated, putting into practice the latest in robotics technology to speed up order processing, Mr. Simons said. He said he expects to hire about 200 additional people to staff it. Without the heavy automation, he would have needed more than 1,000 people – an impossibility given the city's tight labour market.

Taking on financial partners can change the world for companies, said Maureen Atkinson, a consultant with J.C. Williams Group in Toronto. Assuming Simons can maintain how it does business – particularly its strategy to create an experience for shoppers that goes well beyond just selling goods - it is well placed to succeed, she said.

'They're way ahead of other retailers in terms of doing that," Ms. Atkinson said. "They're perfecting their story where other retailers are just trying to get into it."

GLOBE INVESTOR

Young, self-taught and charging into cryptocurrencies

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ate last winter, John Marzo and Melisa Vong decided to each test the cryptocurrency waters with a small investment. They both chose ethereum; Ms. Vong also added bitcoin. The price of ethereum in early March, 2017: between US\$18 and \$25.

Less than a year later, ethereum prices are currently hovering around US\$864, and Mr. Marzo and Ms. Vong are shopping for two houses with rental units in Kitchener-Waterloo Ontario's region.

Mr. Marzo is 26. Ms. Vong is 23. The young Toronto couple isn't purchasing coins on credit, and they're not being bankrolled by family. They belong to a new class of investor: Young, self-taught and armed with online research, they're utilizing their position as digital natives to capitalize on a burgeoning industry that the general public is largely still struggling to understand.

"I've always had this mentality [that] you have to work hard to get ahead, but you also need to work smarter," says Ms. Vong, co-founder of Namskara, a skincare company that uses natural and sustainable ingredients "Because we grew up in the technology age and have become accustomed to using the internet as a tool, it only makes sense to leverage it. If you can make money off the internet, then why not take advantage of

"I feel like now you can get real control over your financial situation with just an internet connection," says Mr. Marzo, an industrial engineering student at Ryerson University. He has since added to his initial investment and has seen growth of about 20,000 per cent since he first got started last year.

"Our parents grew up with encyclopedias. We grew up with Google. People need to leverage the tools that they have.'



John Marzo and Melisa Vong, seen in their Toronto condo on Feb. 8, are part of a new generation of tech-savvy investors looking to capitalize on the cryptocurrency boom. CHRISTOPHER KATSAROV/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

For Mr. Marzo and Ms. Vong, the foray into cryptocurrency was preceded by a couple years of trading other assets. They started with Forex, trading in the summer of 2015, when Ms. Vong was between her third and fourth years at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont. With a group of friends, they started what Ms. Vong calls a trading house; together, using online resources, the group learned how to read and analyze charts, make trades and maximize profit-earning potential. When the couple's interest in cryptocurrency was sparked, they spent months researching blockchain technology, mainstream and alternative coins, and technical analysis, before buying in.

Michael King, co-director of the Scotiabank Digital Banking Lab at the Ivey Business School in London, Ont., says that cryptocurrency comprises one-eighth of the lab's research, and about 95 per cent of the questions they field.

"[The interest of] students is really high. Students are fascinated by the new technology," Mr. King says. "It provides lots of opportunity for younger people who are smart and technologically savvy. They see it as a way to overturn the traditional financial system to their benefit."

Although the availability of credible data is still slim, studies suggest that the cryptocurrency investor base skews millennial. In an online survey of more than 2,000 U.S. adults in October, 2017, conducted by Harris Poll on behalf of Blockchain Capital, a venture-capital firm investing in blockchain-enabled technologies, 17 per cent of respondents between the ages of 18 and 34 reported being very familiar, owning or having owned bitcoin, compared with only 4 per cent of respondents between the ages of 45 and 54. That, according to Mr. King, is largely due to generational differences in risk aversion.

"Many investors who have been in financial markets for years have experienced business cycles that have been associated with booms or busts in asset prices and, in some cases, spectacular collapses," Mr. King says. "One of the shortcomings for millennial investors is that they may not have lived through those episodes, and so their risk aversion is quite different from someone who's already lost money in one of these previous booms and

Personal experience aside, the skepticism surrounding crypto-currency is valid. With a lack of regulation and security, the prevalence of hoaxes and scams, and the environmental toll, there's good reason to approach crypto-currency with dubiousness. And there are the wild fluctuations in price, like the plunge of bitcoin in mid-January and again in early February. On Feb. 5, the total value of the overall cryptocurrency market plummeted to a more than 60-day low, according to data from CoinDesk.

Tim Chau, 25, agrees that caution is warranted. Though the value of his own investments is up between 30 and 40 per cent (prior to the recent price decline, they had, at points, doubled in value), the Toronto accountant says, "There's merit to what skeptics are saying. There's no doubt that trading right now is based heavily on emotions.

As a result, Mr. Chau has learned to do his homework. "I like to listen to all sides, and make my decisions accordingly. I do think there is inherent value to the idea of decentralized currency that can be traded instantaneously with low fees," he says. "I realize the potential of bitcoin, but I do

also see its many flaws."

Mr. Chau's friend, Jon Ho, agrees. The 25-year-old is a senior growth marketer - a digital-marketing role focused on user acquisition and retention - at Uken Games, a Toronto-based socialgame studio. He has a diversified portfolio of traditional investments, as well as "big three" cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin and ethereum, and cardano, one of the lesser-known coins commonly referred to as an "alt-coin." His strategy: striking a balance between enthusiasm and wariness.

"I'm obviously hoping for financial freedom," Mr. Ho says. "But playing it smart, rebalancing your investments, cashing out when you think something is going to drop and buying back in when things are low, that's the way to reach that point. It's not simply throwing money at it and hoping it will rise."

The gains seen by Mr. Ho, Mr. Chau, Mr. Marzo and Ms. Vong are achieved through well-timed moves; buying a cryptocurrency during a high because of hype is a no-no, as is selling at a low because of the hysteria that ensues during a dip. While the four investors say their friends have also fared well during dips and climbs, the same can't be said for others. A quick perusal of online-forum Reddit reveals investors venting about losses of thousands of dollars, and expressing fears that the market won't recover. "It's all about timing, and the past few weeks have not been kind to crypto investors," Mr. Chau says.

While technical analysis is essential, so is an ability to weather those periods of media hype and hysteria, while maintaining an awareness of the emotional factors that can affect prices.

"No one is saying that you can't speculate on these currencies and perhaps make a gain, but you do have to recognize that you're speculating. You're taking a gamble and you have to be willing to lose everything," Mr. King says.

Mr. Marzo went in knowing the risk. Of his first ethereum pur-chase, he says, "My logic was worst-case scenario, I still have student loans, like everyone else. Or best-case scenario, this pays off and I can buy a yacht." The gamble has, thus far, paid off. Diligently observing the market and voraciously consuming research has helped Mr. Marzo, at only 26, put himself in a financial situation he hadn't thought possible.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the money I have to my name has been created from this crypto space," he says. "I'm not at the yacht yet. But I'm also not worried about student loans.

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Will an investment in wine produce intoxicating results?

McGUGAN OPINION



INSIDE THE MARKET

ith stock and bond markets looking so glum, maybe it's time to stock up on wine.

No, not for drinking. For investment. Wine, art and musical investments have offered better returns than cash or government bonds since 1900, according to the most recent edition of the Credit Suisse Global Investment Returns Yearbook. On the other hand, housing - the favoured investment of most Canadians looks like an outright dog.
The 2018 yearbook, published

by the Credit Suisse Research Institute in collaboration with Elroy Dimson, Paul Marsh and Mike Staunton, a renowned team of professors at London Business

School, offers an extensive look at these non-financial assets. It makes for fascinating reading on this side of the Atlantic, because Canadians are estimated to hold nearly half their net wealth in such assets, most of it in real

Some of the yearbook's most intriguing findings have to do with "investments of passion" or "treasure assets." These are typically beautiful collectibles that don't generate any cash flow, except when they're sold. They're usually pursued for aesthetic or emotional reasons.

The researchers could track only four of these assets - wine, art, stamps and violins - all the way back to 1900. Of those four, wine provided the best return, with an after-inflation gain of 3.7 per cent a vear on average over the past 118 years, while art did the worst, with price appreciation of only 1.9 per cent a year. On average, the real returns

from those treasure assets sur-

passed the real returns on a portfolio of global bonds, although they fell short of the 5.2-per-cent total return achieved by a global portfolio of stocks. Still, that's not bad for a group of assets that also delivers an emotional wallop for dedicated collectors. No matter how much you may love your Amazon.com stock, it doesn't deliver the same jolt as a cellar full of fine wine or a house packed with art you love.

Surprisingly, though, other types of treasure weren't so good at delivering value. Gold, silver and gemstones proved to be lousy hedges against inflation and produced returns lower than simply holding U.S. Treasury according to the researchers. bills.

Real estate was also a lacklustre investment, the professors say. By their calculations, the real capital gain on worldwide housing since 1900 has actually been slightly negative - an annual average loss of 2 per cent, to be precise once gains in home prices are

adjusted to reflect the cost of upkeep and differences in quality between older homes and newer construction. This finding is contentious since other studies have recently produced far more positive results. But what the yearbook and others agree on is that home prices don't rise at a constant rate. For the first part of the 20th century, they barely budged. It was only after 1950 that they began to rise, but most of the gains took place from the mid-1990s onward.

Of course, in some countries the increases ended abruptly with the global financial crisis in 2008. In the United States, for instance, house prices fell by more than 36 per cent in real terms between 2005 and 2012. So should you sell your house

our gold and your bonds, and buy wine instead? Probably not. The professors take great pains to point out that long-run historical natterns may not persist over shorter periods. It's important to consider each type of collectible separately and realize they can produce wildly volatile results. Over the past couple of decades, for instance, vintage cars have produced huge returns for collectors. In contrast, rare books have fizzled. If you want to bet big on any of these long-run findings, it may be the superiority of stocks as a wealth generator. The authors of the yearbook found that stocks produced the best returns of any asset since 1900, beating Treasury bills by 4.3 per cent a year on average, and they expect that advantage to continue, although in reduced form.

Starting from today, a global equity portfolio is likely to outperform cash by about 3.5 per cent year over the long haul, they estimate. If history is any guide, stocks will also beat other assets, including housing and collectibles. Sadly, it still looks as if the best idea is to use the profit from your stocks to buy your wine, rather than the other way around.

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Cybele Negris: 'Entrepreneurs overcome a lot of things ... We don't give up'

BRENDA BOUW

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I was born in Hong Kong and moved here with my family when I was eight years old. My last name is Greek, my father is part Chinese and part Greek.

English is actually my second language. I remember in school in Hong Kong, they segregated the kids with non-Chinese last names from the kids with Chinese last names. I went to a Catholic school and certain classes were in English, such as religion. I learned to pray in English. At first, when I moved to Canada, I didn't want to speak English. Then, within about six months, I didn't want to speak Chinese at all.

Part of the reason we moved to Canada was because of me. I was very stressed out as a kid. The school was very competitive and I was one of those high achievers. My parents used to say, 'Cybele, you have to slow down. Stop doing homework. Go watch some TV.' We also had family in North America - in B.C. and in Califor-

I didn't have a specific career **direction** growing up. When I went to the University of British Columbia I started studying commerce. I was following my dad, who was very entrepreneurial. He knew a lot of people in the business community. I watched him and was inspired.

I used to have a huge fear of public speaking. After a year studying commerce, I realized there would be a lot of public speaking involved and thought, 'There's no wav I can finish this degree.' So I dropped out of commerce and ended up doing an arts degree instead, with a major in psychology. Even though my marks were really good, and I was being encouraged to get my PhD, I realized it wasn't my love.

I worked at various departments at UBC while in school and, when I graduated, I got a full-time job in the human-resources/finance departments. I was then promoted to faculty-relations manager in the president's office in my early 20s. That crazy work ethic that I had from when I was a kid perpetuated. Some nights I would work there until midnight. I would literally scare the security people who



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would say 'you should go home.' After a few years, I decided the **public sector** was probably not the place for me, long term. I started my own consulting business and was doing different projects, including for UBC. It was through a UBC contract that I met my future business partner at Webnames.ca, John Demco.

When we started Webnames.ca in 2000, I took support calls alongside everybody else. It was all hands on deck. There were no job descriptions. We did whatever it took. People slept at the office some nights. It was a grind, but I think I earned a lot of respect working alongside the team and not delegating every-

I was quite a shy person back then. I didn't want to be the face of the company. I would rather work behind the scenes. If I was asked to speak at an event, I would typically try to back away from it or get someone else to do it. It was a big issue for me. There were so many years where I would be driving to a speaking engagement and think, 'I would rather get into a car accident than to have to do this right now.' That's how bad it was.

I have since overcome my fear of public speaking. I've done a lot of it in the past few years. Now I go up on stage and my heart isn't pounding. There are times where I still have a bit of nerves but not to the point where I'd be shaking or my voice is cracking. Entrepreneurs overcome a lot of things. Are we smarter? Probably not. It's the fact that we don't give up. My significant other, George Moen, a serial entrepreneur and past president of Blenz Coffee told me the word 'fear' stands for Expectations Appearing Real. So whether it is public speaking or something new I haven't tackled, I feel pretty fearless these days. I've had so many worse-case scenarios played through my mind and, in the end, things always turn out okay.

We hire for cultural fit. Skills can be learned. We've built a team of people that challenge each other. We have pretty lively debates, but it's always respectful.

My advice for other leaders is to recognize what your strengths and weaknesses are – and then hire the right people to fill the gaps. Because I don't come from a tech background and own and run a tech company, I hire smart people. I don't always understand everything that they're talking about - nor should I. My expertise is in running the business and, in my view, hiring the best people in their role and letting them be leaders and be the best they can be without standing in the way. My role is to motivate and inspire them to do better – and to not mi-

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To challenge the status quo, we need to face our biases

ERIN DAVIS

OPINION

LEADERSHIP LAB

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we look back over the past year, the pace and frequency of conversation around women's rights continues to rise. We've seen the Women's March on Washington, the placement of the Fearless Girl statue on Wall Street, the #MeToo movement and, most recently, the #TimesUp letter of solidarity.

Voices for women's equality, advancement and advocacy continue to gain momentum, but are they making a difference? Are we catalyzing change on a global scale, or are we simply continuing an outdated conversation for women's equality?

Whether or not you believe that the right conversation is happening, it can be argued that the rate of change (if any change at all) is not fast enough for our heightened expectations around equality. Data continue to show us that we are not moving toward equality, despite our best intentions. According to Catalyst research, women currently only hold 26 (5.2 per cent) of CEO positions at S&P 500 companies, but certainly the candidate pool is much larger. So, what is holding us back?

While grassroots movements can create dialogue and spark conversation around gender parity, they have not yet fuelled enough fire to evolve our

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thinking, or pushed through our own discomfort to see substantive change. If we are to challenge the status quo and impact change, we

must consider how our biases, conscious or unconscious, are affecting our daily conversations and practices Research tells us that uncon-

scious bias occurs when our brain creates shortcuts. These shortcuts, while important when we need to make quick decisions, also cause us to make

quick assessments or judgments of people and situations without realizing the unintended consequence. Unconscious bias exists in each person's world view and affects our behaviour from our home to our workplace.

These biases could include the tendency to associate with people who remind us of ourselves, or searching for information in a way that confirms our own perceptions and firmly held beliefs. These actions maintain the status quo within the organization and do not challenge the established norms that may be excluding underrepresented people in the organization.

The facts show us that conscious or unconscious, biases are not moving the dial when it comes to gender parity in the workplace. Perhaps the conversation needs to move to the root cause of inequality - addressing our own biases. We all have unconscious bias, which often creates barriers to

We need to dig deeper to explore our differences and challenge the status quo. This logic can transcend the more practical applications, such as recruiting strategies, hiring practices or promotion criteria, and asks us all to selfreflect.

Are we growing through our daily practices, and forcing ourselves outside of our comfort zones - to lean into the discomfort and take pause in trying something new? We can all sign up for the course, but the most practical first step is self-reflection.

To create this change, the ask is simple - to give others a chance; engage in critical self-reflection; and above all, get to know people by making personal connections.

Let's take the step forward with our own self-awareness -

the one thing under our own control.

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Raptors forward C.J. Miles collides with Charlotte Hornets guard Jeremy Lamb on his way to the hoop during their matchup in Toronto on Sunday. The Raptors won their fourth in a row, 103-98, and improved to 45-17, remaining atop the Eastern Conference two games ahead of the Boston Celtics. Toronto has 20 games to go, and is using them to find out exactly what the team has going into the playoffs, **Rachel Brady** writes R12

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Leafs seek redemption after Caps 'smacked us around'

DAVID SHOALTS TORONTO

OPINION

ontender or pretender?
The Toronto Maple Leafs
can go a long way toward
answering that Monday night in
Buffalo after being run out of the
U.S. Naval Academy over the
weekend by the Washington Capitals.

Going into the last outdoor game of the NHL's regular season on Saturday night at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md., the weakest thing about the Maple Leafs was supposed to be the white-on-white uniforms they wore for the occasion. But the Capitals made



The Capitals' T.J. Oshie closes in on the Leafs' net at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., on Saturday. The Capitals made it a dominant 5-2 win. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

the uniforms the least of it in a dominant 5-2 win. The Maple Leafs, who were without Auston Matthews and, especially, without a stellar game from goaltender Frederik Andersen, are apparently far from the serious contender they appeared to be in January and February.

The Buffalo Sabres may be the second-worst team in the NHL, but in their past three games they have wins over the Boston Bruins and Tampa Bay Lightning – one of which will play the Leafs in the first round of the playoffs. What the Leafs need is a convincing win to show the loss to the Capitals was a one-off rather than a troubling indication they still do not have the defensive depth to advance in the playoffs.

"Obviously, we've got to regroup," an unhappy Leafs head coach Mike Babcock said after Saturday's loss, which left the Leafs 0-1-2 on their four-game trip. "We'll be practising [Sunday in Buffalo]. The work we didn't put in [Saturday] we'll be putting in and get back on track."

The coach also had a warning for his players in case they thought an easy night against the Sabres was in store.

"The league is tough every night, every team you play," Babcock said. "When we go to Buffalo they'll have a whole bunch of people that are battling for their life, for their livelihood, and they're going to play that hard."

■ LEAFS, B16

Raptors narrowly avoid Hornets' sting

RACHEL BRADY TORONTO

The Toronto Raptors continued to experiment with their lineup on Sunday night, as they won their fourth game in a row, 103-98 over the Charlotte Hornets.

DeMar DeRozan led Toronto with 19 points, while Jonas Valanciunas had 18 points and 13 rebounds, as the Raps squeaked out a sloppy close one in the dog days of the season. They improved to 45-17, remaining atop the Eastern Conference, now two games ahead of the Boston Celt-

With 20 games to go, the Raps appear on course to surpass their franchise-best 56-win season from 2015-16, and they're using this stretch to find out exactly what they've got going into the playoffs.

Toronto rookie OG Anunoby was sidelined for the second consecutive game after spraining his right ankle. While Norman Powell started in his place on Friday, the Raptors tried something different this time, tapping little-known NBA rookie Malcolm Miller to start in that small-forward spot.

Toronto coach Dwane Casev said Anunoby – the starting small forward – isn't expected to be out long, but that position may remain fluid, as the team tries dif-

ferent players before the playoffs.
Miller had appeared in just six games for the Raptors this year, most of it in garbage time at the



The Raptors' Kyle Lowry makes a pass around the Hornets' Dwight Howard and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist on Sunday. It was the fourth win for Toronto over the Hornets this season. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

end of the Raptors' blowout victories. That is, except for the seven important minutes he played on Friday in Toronto's tight 102-95

win over the Washington Wizards, where he impressed Raptors coaches with his performance, which included defensive hustle

and a nice three-point basket.
"Malcolm has also played over
in Europe; that's a big plus for
him, too," Casey said. "He's a guy we need to see. We're gonna look at different people in that situa-tion. ... It doesn't mean any-body's ahead of anybody else. ... I get criticized when I don't change the rotation and I get criticized when I do. There's no drama whatsoever."

The 6-foot-7, 24-year-old undrafted guard played collegiately at Holy Cross and has appeared in 32 games with the team's G League affiliate Raptors 905 this season. There, he has averaged 12.5 points - including two

three-pointers – a game.

And so the Malcolm Miller experiment began. The Raptors' loud and flashy pregame introductions began as usual, with the team's in-game host Mark (Strizzzy) Strong introducing "the Lethal Lithuanian," Valanciunas, followed by "Your No. 1 Shot Blocka Serge Ibaka," then the fresh-faced rookie making his first NBA start, "the Mad Dog" Miller.

Miller went o-for-a from the

Miller went o-for-2 from the field in his opening seven minutes, and added one rebound. Valanciunas racked up nine points in that opening quarter including a bucket from beyond the arc – as the Raptors held a 26-21 lead at the end of the first.

It was the first of three games in four nights for the Raptors. The Hornets, sitting two spots removed from playoff position,

were trying to keep their fading postseason hopes alive.
The Raptors continued tinker-

ing with the rotation in the second quarter, inserting little-used big man Lucas Nogueira into the reserve unit during one spurt, in place of Jakob Poeltl. When the starting group returned to the floor late in the second quarter, Powell was back in the small-for-

ward spot.

When the Raptors came back from halftime with a 52-43 lead, it was Miller back in with the starters. He finished with no points and two personal fouls in 14 minutes. Powell was scoreless, too, on o-3 shooting, with two boards in four minutes.

The Raptors allowed the Hornets to chip within a basket late in the fourth before escaping with a narrow win.

Charlotte all-star Kemba Walker had 27 points on 8-of-23 shooting as he led the way for the Hor-

It was the fourth win for Toron-to over the Hornets this season, which completed the series sweep

The Raptors play host to the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday before going to Detroit to face the Pistons on Wednesday, followed by a visit from the NBA-leading Houston Rockets on Friday.

You don't have time to sit and celebrate," Casey said. "If you stop every game and smell the roses, that smell's gonna go away pretty quick."

The Warriors' Renaissance man

Ron Adams runs shooting drills - and pushes players to stay intellectually curious

KURT STREETER OAKLAND

ut on the hardwood, toward a far corner of the gym, crouches a 70-year-old man, thin and bespectacled, with a crook in his back, a hitch in his step and braces on his wrists to protect them from bullet passes. He is drilling a quartet of Golden State Warriors, each young enough to be his grandson.

At 5 foot 11, Ron Adams is in a land of giants. Methodically, he centres and forwards, most of them nearly a foot taller, through defensive manoeuvres and a shooting workout. His boss, Steve Kerr, eyes him intently, then smiles like a gambler admiring someone who is beating the odds. "I could watch him run drills all day," Kerr says. "Seventy years old and still at it!"

Adams was in his mid-6os when Kerr, the Warriors' head coach, hired him away from the Boston Celtics, where he was the lead assistant coach. What Kerr wanted was a venerable wise man, someone who had coached for decades but had no real desire to be promoted. Someone who would thus be free to speak his mind.

In the summer of 2014, Kerr took Adams to dinner at A16, a trendy, red-brick restaurant in Oakland. Adams, who reads literature and poetry and likes fine wine, ordered a bottle of pinot noir for the table. The waiter poured a bit for him to try. He swirled it in his glass and took a sip. "That tastes nothing like a pinot," he said, insisting the waiter bring another bottle.

"He sent the wine back!" Kerr recalls. "Ron is the first and only guy I have ever seen who sent the wine back!"

"I'm thinking," he adds, with an expletive for emphasis, "
'Who is this guy?' "I wanted a truth-teller, somebody to tell me, You gotta do this, and you gotta do that,' completely unfiltered. Kerr says. "Somebody whose experience and wisdom made everyone stand up and listen. I knew right then that we were talking to the right guy, and I'm just thankful we have him because he's been instrumental in all that we've done."

A SUBTLE ACTIVIST

For a sports franchise, the Warriors are uncommonly engaged with the outside world, particularly when it comes to politics and social activism. Kerr and several of his players - superstars keenly sensitive to the hardships faced by black people – have been sharply critical of U.S. President Donald Trump. They have taken public stands against police

shootings, inequities in the jus-



Ron Adams is seen at a Golden State Warriors practice in Oakland, Calif., on Jan. 10. Adams, 70, is an assistant coach with wide-ranging interests such as poetry, politics and literature. He plays a subtle role in his team's activism by goading players to keep reading and learning. JIM WILSON/NYT

tice system and the rise in racist rhetoric

Adams, a Renaissance man in professional basketball, plays a subtle role in this activism. He goads an already intellectually curious team to keep learning, keep reading, keep searching for

Adams is the exacting behindthe-scenes coach known for sending out links to essays about Trump and race. He is the one eager to talk big ideas: philosophy, religion, sociology and especially politics. He is the one concerned about the pitfalls posed by big

"Maybe that's the key to longevity," says a fellow assistant coach, Bruce Fraser, 53. "Here's the guy who has lasted, and he makes sure to always remind us that there is more to the world.

Adams's fascination with the world started early. His parents had a 320-acre farm in tiny Laton, on the plains of central California. The family raised cattle and grew alfalfa, corn and cotton.

Baskethall was how he left the farm. He played guard in college at what is now Fresno Pacific University, where he became an assistant coach after graduation. It was 1969. He was 21.

Adams never played again.

In his late 30s, he became the head coach at Fresno State. He was an unusual blend: professo-

rial, bookish and hard-charging. He grounded his players in the same minutia he now preaches to the Warriors: angles, foot positions, how to spread their hands.

how to be an instigator instead of

lying in wait, how to be flexible

enough as a unit to protect mul-

tiple positions. Fresno State defended well, but it was short of talent. The Bulldogs won 43

games and lost 72.
Adams resigned. "A very tough time for me," he says.

He would never be a head coach again. It was 1990, the year Draymond Green and Klay Thompson were born and Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant

BEATING BACK THE ANGST

The NBA grind, constant change with little job security, became part of life for Adams, his wife, Leah, and their two children.

Still, about every four or five months, he says, he had "an existential crisis about what I should be doing.

He could imagine himself, for instance, in national politics.

There are a lot of needs out there," he says. "So much crap is going on in our country. it's worrisome. Our country is taking steps backward."

What of Curry, Durant, Green and all the other Warriors who are growing more and more comfortable with speaking out? "All of that makes me much prouder done on the court,"

than anything they have ever done on the court," he says. "We have players speaking truth to power. As Adams moved from team to team, he beat back the angst. His

like Ray Allen or a journeyman

love of the game and the people who play it and coach it - their strategies and tactics and vibrant energy - kept him in thrall. "Whether you were a superstar

like me, he invested his life into you," says Kevin Ollie, who played on a pair of Adams's NBA teams and is now a title-holding coach at the University of Con-necticut. "He made you see what you could become."

LOOSENING UP

On June 23, 2014, Adams joined the Warriors.

Kerr was creating a culture unlike any Adams had seen. He remembers his first Warrior practices. The team was jovial and loose.

During Adams's first season with the Warriors, the Memphis Grizzlies broke a 16-game Golden State winning streak. In the lock er room afterward, Adams's fellow coaches did their best to take the edge off.

Adams wanted nothing to do with such lightness.

"He was despondent, and he didn't want to talk to anyone, Kerr says. "I don't like that. I want everyone to be able to commiserate and talk ourselves off the ledge, and Ron was not even looking at us. He was just in the corner, staring at his notebook."

It took time to adjust, but as the Warriors continued their steady walk to their first NBA champi-

onship in 40 years, Adams approached Kerr. "I have an admission," Kerr remembers him saying. "I didn't know if what you were doing would work. I didn't know if play

ing music and being loose and

carefree could cut it. But what

you've got going, it's working, all

right. You've cooked up an inter-

Today, on a supremely tight-knit team, he's like a revered grandfather: wise and beloved, confident enough to let himself be ribbed for his age, still stern and sharp enough to command respect and set a high bar.

Durant, Curry and Thor laud Adams for holding them accountable. "'You could have contested that shot. ... You could have made that guy miss. You've got to use that length of yours. ... Verticality! Verticality!" Durant says, mimicking the way Adams bends his ear.

Golden State, Adams says, is his last stop. For now, though, he is in what he calls "basketball nirvana.

He is the defensive coordinator for a well-oiled troupe that has won two world titles on his watch and is the heavy favorite to take a third. League general managers have voted him the best NBA assistant for three years run-

And though in professional basketball he has never been a head coach, he says, "it probably worked out the way it should."

"I try to be an artisan," he adds. "There is a purity to teaching as an assistant - a virtue in being a craftsman and having a craft. It's the nuts-and-bolts stuff that appeals to me, and the relationships.

"Plus, quite frankly, I don't think, until the last five or six years of my life, I have exhibited the flexibility to be a head coach The level where I've found myself is just perfect."

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Nunavut lead Jeff Nadeau, left, and second Peter Mackey sweep a rock at the Tim Hortons Brier at the Brandt Centre in Regina on Sunday. Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario improved to 2-0 by doubling up winless Nunavut 6-3. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta, N.S. shine at Brier

Bottcher, Murphy lead teams to victory, while defending champion Gushue scores a win against Yukon's rookie skip

REGINA

Alberta's Brendan Bottcher dominated in a 9-2 eight ends victory over Jamie Koe's Northwest Territories rink on Sunday in Draw 4 of the Tim Hortons Brier.

Bottcher scored two points in the second, third and fourth ends and then a single in the fifth to take a commanding lead.

Alberta and the Northwest Territories have identical 1-1 records in the round-robin portion of the Canadian men's curling championship.

Greg Smith of Newfoundland and continued his aggressive

approach, but Nova Scotia's James Murphy fought through the second half of the game with a three-point ender in the sev-enth, a steal of two in the eighth and a steal of one in the ninth to secure a 9-6 win. Smith fell to 0-2 at the tournament and

Murphy is 2-0. It was early handshakes on the remain-

ing sheets in the afternoon draw. Team Canada and Team Wild-Card remain undefeated in Pool A after two games. The 2017 Brier champion Brad Gushue

(2-0) defeated Yukon rookie skip Thomas Scoffin, stealing three out of eight ends in the 8-3 victory

Also, the Mike McEwen rink from Winnipeg, playing in the tournament as the wild card, took control of their game earlier against B.C.'s Sean Geall with back-toback steals in the first and second ends and finishing with a steal of one to take a 9-3

Earlier in the day, Reid Carruthers THE CANADIAN PRESS

skipped his Manitoba rink to its second straight win, defeating Saskatchewan's

Steve Laycock 7-5 in an extra end in Draw 3. Carruthers (2-0) scored a deuce in the 11th after Laycock (0-2) had stolen a single in the 10th to tie the game and force the

Manitoba began the Canadian men's curling championship with a 12-7 win over PEI's Eddie MacKenzie on Saturday.

MacKenzie (1-1) earned his first win of the tournament on Sunday morning, scoring a deuce in the 10th to edge Quebec's

Mike Fournier 7-6. Fournier is 1-1. In other morning-draw action, Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario improved to 2-0 by doubling up winless Nunavut 6-3. The teams shook hands after nine ends.

Ontario's John Epping also needed an extra end in his 8-7 win over New Brunswick's James Grattan. Both teams are 1-1.

Chelsea, Arsenal likely to miss Champions League

STEVE DOUGLAS MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

It is looking increasingly likely that Chelsea and Arsenal will be the teams from the Premier League's "Big Six" to miss out on Champions League qualification this season.

Chelsea lost in Manchester for the second straight weekend, defeated 1-0 at run-away leader Man City to drop five points adrift of the top four with nine games remaining.

Arsenal is eight points further back in sixth after a 2-1 loss at Brighton that capped a miserable 10 days for the London club, during which it lost four straight games across three competitions. Arsenal hasn't lost four matches in a row since

It was always going to be the case that two big-name managers would have their reputations damaged this season by missing out on the top four. Arsenal's Arsène Wenger might have been predicted, but surely not Chelsea's Antonio Conte.

Chelsea finished 15 points ahead of City last season in romping to the league title. Ten months later, City is 25 points clear of the soon-to-be-deposed champions.

Conte's postmatch comments high-

lighted the gulf that has opened up between City, the leader by 18 points, and the rest of the league.

"At this moment, you have to accept every criticism," said Conte, who set up his team so defensively that Chelsea had just 22-per-cent possession in the first half. "But I'm not so stupid to play open and lose 3-0 or 4-0."

Chelsea got through that first half, only to concede within 33 seconds of the second half when David Silva crossed for Bernardo Silva to force in a finish at the far

City needs 12 more points to win the league, meaning the title could yet be clinched at home to Manchester United on April 7. Arsenal conceded twice in the first 26

minutes at Brighton, both following errors by goalkeeper Petr Cech. Lewis Dunk and Glenn Murray were the gleeful recipients. Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang replied for

"It is very difficult, nearly impossible

Arsenal just before halftime.

now," Wenger said of Arsenal's top-four chances, "we are too far behind. We need two teams to collapse, not one."

SILVA SERVICE

Given a run of starts for the first time this season, Bernardo Silva is finally showing why City paid £43-million (\$76.5-million) to Monaco for his services last summer.

The Portugal midfielder backed up his goal in the 3-0 win over Arsenal on Thurs-



Chelsea defender Antonio Rudiger tackles Manchester City midfielder Bernardo Silva during a match at Etihad Stadium in Manchester on Sunday. OLI SCARFF/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

WHITECAPS BEAT IMPACT, TFC FALLS TO CREW

WHITECAPS 2, IMPACT 1

VANCOUVER Teenager Alphonso Davies scored his first career MLS goal and set up another by veteran striker Kei Kamara as the Vancouver Whitecaps opened their season with a 2-1 win over the Montreal Impact on Sunday Forward Mattee Mancosu scored in the 81st minute for Montreal. Davies, who doesn't turn 18 until November, scored in the 70th minute off a pass from Cristian Techera. Just seven minutes earlier, Davies had sent a crossing pass that Kamara headed into the Montreal goal. Kamara was mobbed by his teammates and made the sign of a heart to the cheering crowd of 27,837 at BC Place Stadium.

CREW 2, TFC 0

TORONTO Federico Higuain and Gyasi Zardes scored to help the Columbus Crew beat Toronto FC 2-0 on Saturday, spoiling the defending MLS champion Reds' home opener. Higuain one-timed Milton Valenzuela's cross past diving goaltender Alex Bono in the 44th minute. Higuain has 49 goals and 49 assists in 150 career MLS appearances. Zardes scored a minute into the second half, getting his foot on Pedro Santos's through ball and putting it past Bono. Zardes joined the Crew in an off-season deal with the L.A. Galaxy. Toronto lost just one regular-season game last year at BMO

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day with the winner against Chelsea. This was scruffier, a bundled finish at the far post from David Silva's square ball, but more important in the circumstances.

Bernardo Silva had to be content with place on the bench for most of the first half of the season, with Leroy Sane and Raheem Sterling unstoppable on the flanks. They have both been injured since the turn of the year and Silva has made the most of his chance. Such was City's control of the game that

the team didn't miss injured holding midfielder Fernandinho, who has been a crucial figure for Guardiola this season. Ilkay Gundogan had the freedom of the Etihad, completing more passes (161) than any other single player in a Premier League

CECH APOLOGY

Another defeat for Arsenal, Another apologetic tweet from Petr Cech.

Just like after Arsenal's error-strewn 3-1 loss at Swansea in late January, Cech fronted up on Twitter to own up to his gamechanging mistakes against Brighton

"If you want to win a game away [from] home in the best league in the world," Cech wrote, "your GK can't concede 2 goals like I did today ... it's not possible. ... The team fought back, but the damage was

Cech was beaten to a high ball following a corner to the back post, and Dunk slotted the loose ball home from the edge of the six-yard box in the seventh minute. Murray made it 2-0 in the 26th when his header from Pascal Gross's pinpoint cross

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squirmed under the diving Cech.

Fans mourn after Fiorentina captain Astori found dead in hotel room

UDINE, ITALY

Fiorentina captain Davide Astori was found dead in his hotel room on Sunday at the age of 31 after a suspected cardiac arrest before an Italian league match.

The defender, who also played 14 times for Italy's national team, was discovered by Fiorentina staff when he failed to show up for breakfast at the hotel in Udine. Fiorentina's game at Udinese in northeast Italy was called off, along with all fixtures in the

country's top two divisions.

Astori's body was taken to the
Santa Maria della Misericordia

Hospital for an autopsy.
"The belief is that the player died of a cardiac arrest by natural causes," Udine prosecutor Anto-nio De Nicolo said. "It is strange that such a thing should happen

that such a tring should happen to a professional who is so close-ly monitored without there being any warning signs." Fiorentina said Astori, who had played for the club since 2015, was "hit by a sudden ill-ness." Club president Andrea Della Valle said Astori had been due to sign a new contract on Monday and that it would have tied him to the club "for life."

"For this terrible and delicate situation, and above all out of respect for his family, we appeal to the sensitivity of everyone," the team said in a statement.

Astori leaves behind his wife, Francesca Fioretti, and their twoyear-old daughter.

His wife was informed of the news by Fiorentina directors who visited her personally, while Astori's parents, who live in Bergamo, were told on the telephone

In Florence, fans attached scarves, flowers and messages to the gates of the team's stadium, while banners paying tribute to him were put up outside several other stadiums.

There was an outpouring of shocked reaction across the soc-cer world. The English Football Association said it plans to hon-our Astori when it hosts Italy at Wembley on March 27 in a friend-

Genoa and Cagliari were preparing to play in Serie A's early game when the players were told of Astori's death. Several – many of whom had played with Astori for Italy - walked off in tears. When the match was officially called off, a picture of Astori was shown on the giant screen, leading to applause throughout the stadium.

Cagliari coach Diego Lopez, who played and coached Astori at the Sardinian club, had to receive medical treatment after finding out the news, as did Carlos Sanchez, who is on loan from Fiorentina at Espanyol.

"I'm shocked, it's an absurd tragedy," said Giovanni Malago, the president of Italy's national

Olympic committee. "The football world is deeply affected by what has happened. Words mean nothing, the decision to postpone the matches is

the right one. "Often people say 'the show must go on' but that's not always right for me. Football is the most popular sport, but also the one that has to give special signs at this time.'

Juventus captain Gianluigi Buffon, a former Italy goalkeep-er, posted a picture of himself with Astori on Instagram.

"Ciao dear Asto," Buffon wrote in Italian before going on to say that he rarely talks publicly about people, but was making an exception "because you have a young wife and family who are suffering, but above all your little daughter, deserves to know that her father was in every way a GOOD PERSON. a TRULY GOOD PERSON."

Chelsea coach Antonio Conte, who coached Italy from 2014 to 2016, struggled to hold back the tears as he reacted to the death before a Premier League game at Manchester City. He wore a black armband during the match in

'This is a tragedy," Conte said. "This news really hurt me and it's very difficult in this moment to find the right words for the family. ... He was a great player, especially a fantastic guy.'

Astori made his Italy debut in 2011 and played at the 2013 Confederations Cup in Brazil where he scored against Uruguay.

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Boston		63	40	15	5 6	2	209	158	88	22-7-4-0	18-8-2-2	7-3-0-0	W-3
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Philadelphia		66	34	21	L 5	6	197	193	79	16-10-3-	318-11-2-	36-2-0-2	L-3
Pittsburgh		66	37	25	5 2	2	215	200	78	24-8-1-0	13-17-1-2	7-3-0-0	W-1
WILD CARD													
New Jersey		66	33	25	5 4	4	193	199	74	17-13-2-	116-12-2-	35-5-0-0	L-3
Florida		63	32	25	3	3	189	199	70	19-9-1-2	213-16-2-1	8-2-0-0	W-6
Columbus		65	32	28	3 1	4	172	184	69	19-11-1-	113-17-0-	34-5-1-0	L-2
Carolina		65	29	25	8 6	3	174	195	69	16-11-5-	113-14-3-2	24-4-2-0	W-2
NY Rangers		66	30	30	2	4	189	209	66	18-12-2-	212-18-0-	23-6-1-0	W-3
NY Islanders		66	29	29	9 6	2	213	237	66	16-12-3-	113-17-3-	12-6-1-1	L-6
Detroit		64	26	28	3 9	1	169	189	62	13-13-7-	113-15-2-(04-5-1-0	L-2
Montreal		65	25	29	9 6	5	167	200	61	16-10-4-	49-19-2-1	3-3-2-2	L-1
Ottawa		64	22	32	2 4	6	174	225	54	14-13-2-	38-19-2-3	3-6-0-1	L-1
Buffalo		65	20	34	1 10	1	154	211	51	9-18-3-1	11-16-7-0	4-5-1-0	L-1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Dallas		65	37	23	3	2	193	171	. 79	23-10-2	-014-13-1-	25-4-1-0	W-1
PACIFIC DIVI	SIOI	N											
Vegas		65	42	18	3	2	225	180	89	24-7-1-	118-11-2-1	6-3-1-0	W-1
San Jose		65	35	21	L 6	3	194	180	79	19-9-2-	116-12-4-2	6-3-1-0	W-2
Anaheim		66	33	21	L 5	7	186	183	78	18-9-3-	215-12-2-5	6-2-0-2	W-2
WILD CARD													
Minnesota		65	36	22	2 5	2	200	189	79	22-5-5-	114-17-0-1	6-3-0-1	L-2
Los Angeles		66	36	25	5 5	0	192	165	77	16-12-3	-020-13-2-	06-4-0-0	L-1
Colorado		65	35	24	1 5	1	205	193	76	23-8-2-	012-16-3-1	L 5-3-2-0	L-1
St. Louis		66	35	26	5 5	0	180	176	75	20-14-0	-015-12-5-	02-6-2-0	L-1
Calgary		66	32	25	5 4	5	185	195	73	14-15-3	-118-10-1	43-6-1-0	L-3
Chicago		66	28	30	7	1	188	195	64	15-14-3	-013-16-4-	14-6-0-0	L-1
Edmonton		65	27	34	1 3	1	183	216	58	13-17-2	-014-17-1-	14-6-0-0	L-3
Vancouver		65	24	32	2 6	3	176	214	57	11-15-5	-113-17-1-	23-4-3-0	L-3
Arizona		64	20	34	1 5	5	155	209	50	12-18-1	-38-16-4-2	7-2-0-1	W-2

Note: the top three teams per division and the two next-best records in the conference qualify for the playoffs; a winning team is credited with two points and a victory in the V column; a team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point, which is registered in the respective OTL or SOL column.

Nashville 4 Colorado 3 (OT) Florida 4 Philadelphia 1 Anaheim 6 Chicago 3 Vegas 3 New Jersey 2 Detroit at Minnesota Winnipeg at Carolina Columbus at San Jose

Tampa Bay 7 Philadelphia 6 (SO) Dallas 3 St. Louis 2 (OT) Chicago 5 Los Angeles 3 Pittsburgh 3 NY Islanders 2 (OT) Boston 2 Montreal 1 (OT) Arizona 2 Ottawa 1 Washington 5 Toronto 2 NY Rangers 3 Edmonton 2

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Monday All Times Eastern

Calgary at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Arizona at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
NY Islanders at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

VEGAS 3. NEW JERSEY 2 FIRST PERIOD—No Scoring.
Penalties — Severson NJ (tripping)
3:12.

SECOND PERIOD

 Vegas, Perron 16 (Hyka, Merrill) 4:39.
 New Jersey, Vatanen 3 (Hall, Maroon) 8:44 (pp).

3. Vegas, Engelland 4 (Theodore, Reaves) 11:17.

4. Vegas, Tatar 17 (Perron, Hunt) 17:43

(pp). 5. New Jersey, Hall 30 (unassisted) 17:55.

17:33.

Penalties — Marchessault VGK
(interference) 7:31; Merrill VGK (slashing)
14:21; New Jersey bench (too many
men, served by Hall) 17:33. THIRD PERIOD

No Scoring. **Penalties** — McNabb VGK (delay of

game) 19:56. SHOTS ON GOAL BY

Vegas 8 15 4—27 New Jersey 11 15 9—35 **Goal** — Vegas: Fleury (W, 22-8-3). New

Jersey: Schneider (L, 17-13-6).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Vegas: 1-2; New Jersey: 1-3.
Attendance — 16,514 at New Jersey.
ANAHEIM 6, CHICAGO 3

FIRST PERIOD

1. Anaheim, Rakell 27 (Getzlaf, Montour) 2:23 (pp). 2. Anaheim, Perry 13 (Getzlaf, Manson) 6:14.

– Duclair Chi (slashing) 1:54; Penalties -Ritchie Ana (slashing) 8:59; Montour Ana (high-sticking) 17:52. SECOND PERIOD

3. Anaheim, Pettersson 1 (Bieksa. Grant) 2:09

2:09.

4. Anaheim, Silfverberg 14 (Cogliano, Grant) 6:39.

5. Chicago, Jurco 2 (Murphy, Keith) 14:59.

Penalties — Toews Chi, Kesler Ana

(fighting) 0:08; Sharp Chi (slashing)

THIRD PERIOD 6. Chicago, Schmaltz 19 (Hinostroza)

1:07. 7. Anaheim, Silfverberg 15 (Cogliano,

Kesler) 7:00.

8. Anaheim, Perry 14 (Fowler, Getzlaf)

14:41. 9. Chicago, Schmaltz 20 (DeBrincat, Hinostroza) 17:32.

Penalties — None. SHOTS ON GOAL BY Chicago Anaheim 10 18 12—40 12 8—31 11 Goal — Chicago: Berube (10 shots, 8

Goal — Chicago: Eerube (LU shots, 8 saves), Forsberg (L, 8-14-3). Anaheim: Gibson (W, 24-15-6).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Chicago: 0-2; Anaheim: 1-2.

Attendance — 16,989 at Anaheim.

NASHYILLE 4, COLORADO 3 (OT)

FIRST PERIOD

1. Nashville, Watson 10 (Sissons, Ekholm) 3:09. 2. Colorado, Zadorov 6 (Soderberg, Lindholm) 12:57. Penalties — Zadorov Col (high-sticking) 10:49; Ekholm Nash (cross-checking)

SECOND PERIOD
3. Nashville, Turris 12 (Ellis, Fiala) 8:08

(pp).

Penalties — Hartman Nash (tripping)

Collinterference) 7:3

Penames — Harman Nash (tripping) 2:12; Landeskog Gol (interference) 7:37; Arvidsson Nash (tripping) 9:27; Landeskog Col (cross-checking) 15:40; Arvidsson Nash (embellishment) 15:40; Zadorov Col (roughing) 19:37. THIRD PERIOD

THIRD PERIOD
4: Colorado, Nieto 13 (unassisted) 4:38.
5: Colorado, Rantanen 22 (MacKinnon, Barrie) 14:22 (pp).
6: Nashville, Ellis 6 (Subban, Johansen) 18:54.
Penalties — Watson Nash (tripping) 13:42.

13:43. OVERTIME

7. Nashville, Forsberg 18 (Ellis, Arvidsson) 1:07. Penalties — None.

Penalties — None.
SHOTS ON GOAL BY

Nashville 8 7 14 2—31
Colorado 11 7 6 1—25
Goal — Nashville: Rinne (W, 35-94).
Colorado: Varlamov (L, 18-13-4).
Power plays (goals-chances) —
Nashville: 1-3; Colorado: 1-4.
Attendance — 17,618 at Colorado.
FLORIDA 4, PHILADELPHIA 1

FIRST PERIOD

1. Florida, Barkov 25 (Yandle, Luongo)
2:41 (pp).
2. Florida, Dadonov 19 (Bjugstad,

Ekblad) 14:49. **Penalties** — Gudas Pha (interference) 1:54; Manning Pha (holding) 4:19; Huberdeau Fla (slashing) 4:19; Trocheck Fla (tripping) 5:00; Gudas Pha, McCann

Fla (fighting) 7:59; Manning Pha (slashing) 11:23. SECOND PERIOD

3. Florida, Dadonov 20 (Barkov) 18:06. Penalties — Patrick Pha (hooking) 1:26; Hagg Pha (slashing) 18:53.

THIRD PERIOD 4. Florida, Huberdeau 20 (McGinn, Pysyk) 2:47. 5. Philadelphia, Konecny 17 (Manning,

Giroux) 16:39. Penalties — Gudas Pha (high-sticking) 0:23; Matheson Fla (delay of game)

SHOTS ON GOAL BY Philadelphia 9 14 17—40 Florida 10 9 7—26 **Goal**— Philadelphia: Mrazek (L, 11-94). Florida: Luongo (W. 12-7-1)

Power plays (goals-chances) — Philadelphia: 0-2; Florida: 1-5. Attendance — 14,428 at Florida.

SATURDAY

WASHINGTON 5, TORONTO 2 FIRST PERIOD

 Washington, Kuznetsov 20
(Backstrom, Carlson) 3:50 (pp). 2. Toronto, Hyman 13 (Polak) 5:20 3. Washington, Ovechkin 40 (Wilson, Backstrom) 6:19.

4. Washington, Backstrom 16 4. Washington, Backstrom 16
(Kuznetsov, Carlson) 16:20 (pp).
Penalties — Dermott Tor (holding) 2:43;
Carlson Wash (delay of game) 12:20;
Moore Tor (delay of game) 15:28.
SECOND PERIOD

Toronto Kathi 24 (Madayu Domott)

5. Toronto, Kadri 24 (Marleau, Dermott) 7:22.

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6. Washington, Carlson 12 (Stephenson, Washington, Carlson 12 (Stephens Beagle) 8:05.
 Washington, Vrana 11 (Kuznetsov, Orlov) 10:49.
 Penalties — None.
 THIRD PERIOD

No Scoring. **Penalties** — Niskanen Wash (hooking)

SHOTS ON GOAL BY

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Toronto 7 12 10—25
Washington 12 18 4—33
Goal — Toronto: Andersen (L, 32-17-5),
McElhinney (9 shots, 9 saves).
Washington: Holtby (W, 29-14-4). 12 10—29 Power plays (goals-chances) -Toronto: 0-2; Washington: 2-2.

Attendance — 29,516 at Washington. BOSTON 2, MONTREAL 1 (OT) FIRST PERIOD

1. Montreal, Gallagher 23 (unassisted)

Penalties — Kuraly Bos (slashing) 15:10; Juulsen Mtl (hooking) 17:59. SECOND PERIOD

No Scoring.

Penalties — Carlo Bos (cross-checking)
10:46; De La Rose Mtl (tripping) 13:33; Froese Mtl (tripping) 14:53; Boston bench (too many men, served by DeBrusk) 17:57. THIRD PERIOD

THIRD PERIOD
2. Boston, DeBrusk 13 (Holden, Krug)
17:15 (pp).
Penalties — Reilly Mtl (high-sticking)
1:44; Petry Mtl (hooking) 5:23; Chara
Bos (hooking) 11:45; Drouin Mtl (delay

OVERTIME 3. Boston, Marchand 25 (Krug, Gionta)

2:06 Penalties — None

Penalfies — None.

SHOTS ON GOAL BY

Montreal 12 5 11 0— 28

Boston 10 19 17 4— 50

Goal — Montreal: Niemi (L, 46-3).

Boston: Khudobin (W, 144-44). Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 0-4; Boston: 1-6. Attendance — 17,565 at Boston

NY RANGERS 3, EDMONTON 2 FIRST PERIOD NY Rangers, Kreider 12 (Zibanejad, Gilmour) 0:54.

Penalties — Kassian Edm (boarding)

SECOND PERIOD 2. Edmonton, McDavid 30 (Benning, Talbot) 5:43.

Talbot Js-43.
3. NY Rangers, Zibanejad 19
(Buchnevich, Zuccarello) 7:51 (pp).
4. NY Rangers, Carey 7 (McLeod,
Desharnais) 9:07.
5. Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 17
(McDavid, Sekera) 16:48.
Penalties — Talbot Edm (delay of game)

6:00. THIRD PERIOD

Penalties — Pionk NYR (hooking) 4:33; M.Staal NYR (cross-checking) 17:33; Edmonton bench (too many men, served by Cammalleri) 18:42.

SHOTS ON GOAL BY

New York 8 22

Edmonton 6 16 New York 8 22 4—3 Edmonton 6 16 15—3 **Goal** — NY Rangers: Georgiev (W, 1-2-0). Edmonton: Talbot (L, 22-26-2). Power plays (goals-chances) - New York: 1-3; Edmonton: 0-2.

Attendance — 18,347 at Edmonton.

PITTSBURGH 3.

NY ISLANDERS 2 (OT)
FIRST PERIOD

1. NY Islanders, Davidson 4 (Bailey, Lee) 1:11. Penalties — Nelson NYI (hooking) 2:05;

Brassard Pgh (holding) 13:30. SECOND PERIOD

2. Pittsburgh, Hornqvist 18 (Kessel, Malkin) 18:04 (pp).

Penalties — Clutterbuck NYI (boarding)

17:38.
THIRD PERIOD

3. NY Islanders, Lee 31 (Tavares) 4:59. 4. Pittsburgh, Brassard 19 (Kessel, Simon) 11:29. Penalties — None OVERTIME

OVERTIME
5. Pittsburgh, Crosby 22 (Schultz,
Letang) 3:48.
Penalties — Pittsburgh bench (too
many men, served by Sheary) 1:15.
SHOTS ON GOAL BY

New York 8 7 9 3 — 27
Pittsburgh 19 19 9 3 — 50

Goal — NY Islanders: Gibson (L, 0-0-1).

Goal Nt Islamers. Groson L. 6 o 2, Pittsburgh: Jarry (W, 11-5-2). Power plays (goals-chances) — New York: 0-2; Pittsburgh: 1-2. Attendance — 18,661 at Pittsburgh.

ARIZONA 2, OTTAWA 1
FIRST PERIOD
1. Ottawa, Pageau 10 (Ryan, Stone)

Arizona, Ekman-Larsson 9 (Keller.

Stepan) 18:46. Penalties — None.

3. Arizona, Martinook 6 (Richardson, Cousins) 14:08. Penalties — Connauton Ariz (holding) 4:17.

THIRD PERIOD

PHIBUTERION
NO Scoring.
Penalties — Cousins Ariz (hooking)
0:30) Duchene Off (tripping) 1:23; Smith
Off (unsportsmallike conduct) 8:00;
Duchene Off (tripping) 10:22.
SHOTS ON GOAL BY

Ottawa 8 12 4-Arizona 12 5 10-**Goal** — Ottawa: Condon (L, 4-12-5). Arizona: Raanta (W, 15-15-6).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Ottawa: Attendance — 10,955 at Arizona.

CHICAGO 5, LOS ANGELES 3 FIRST PERIOD 1. Chicago, Oesterle 4 (unassisted)

SECOND PERIOD 2. Los Angeles, Pearson 12 (unassisted)

3. Los Angeles, Martinez 7 (Brown, Kopitar) 6:21. 4. Los Angeles, Iafallo 9 (unassisted)

17:48.

Penalties — Doughty LA (interference) 0:14; DeBrincat Chi (interference) 7:57;

Toews Chi (hooking) 18:50.

THIRD PERIOD

5. Chicago, Anisimov 19 (Toews, Kane)
10:48 (pp).

6. Chicago, Hinostroza 7 (unassisted)

14:24. 7. Chicago, Toews 17 (Kane, Seabrook) 18:02 (pp).

10.02 (pp). 8. Chicago, Kane 24 (Saad, Toews) 19:57 (en).

Penalties — Muzzin I A (holding) 4:54 Doughty LA (hooking) 8:32; Doughty LA (unsportsmanlike conduct) 8:32; Pearson LA (hooking) 17:25. SHOTS ON GOAL BY

Chicago 7 8 10—25 Los Angeles 11 14 7—32 Goal — Chicago: Forsberg (W, 8-13-3). Los Angeles: Quick (L, 25-24-2). Power plays (goals-chances) — Chicago: 2-5; Los Angeles: 0-2. Attendance — 18,230 at Los Angeles.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	Α	Pts
Nikita Kucherov, TB	33	49	82
Evgeni Malkin, Pgh	36	42	78
Connor McDavid, Edm	29	48	77
Claude Giroux, Pha	22	53	75
Johnny Gaudreau, Cgy	20	53	73
Blake Wheeler, Wpg	18	55	73
Phil Kessel, Pgh	27	45	72
Not including last night's	game	s	

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	. GF	GΑ	Pts
ATLANTIC I	IVI	SIO	N					
Lehigh Valley	60	38	15	3	4	212	176	83
W-B/Scrantor	ո56	33	17	4	2	182	161	72
Providence	58	34	19	3	2	168	138	73
Charlotte	60	33	24	0	3	198	174	69
Bridgeport	58	28	22	5	3	155	151	64
Hartford	61	26	27	5	3	163	204	60
Springfield	59	27	28	3	1	168	185	58
Hershey	60	24	27	4	5	162	196	57
NORTH DIVISION								

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Tuesday All Times Eastern Chicago at San Antonio, 8 p.m. Cleveland at San Diego, 10 p.m

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TELEVISION

MONDAY (EASTERN TIME)

BASKETBALL

Detroit Pistons at Cleveland Cavaliers. TSN2, 7 p.m. Portland Trail Blazers at Los Angeles Lakers, TSN2, 10:30 p.m. CURLING

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Pool Play: Sixth Draw, TSN4, 10 a.m. Pool Play: Seventh Draw, TSN4, 3 p.m. Pool Play: Eighth Draw, TSN4, 10 p.m.

Calgary Flames at Pittsburgh Penguins, SNO, 7 p.m. Toronto Maple Leafs at Buffalo Sabres, TSN4, TSN1050, 7:30 p.m. Calgary Flames at Pittsburgh Penguins, SNO, 7 p.m.

Premier: Crystal Palace FC vs. Manchester United FC, TSN2, 3 p.m.

TIM HORTONS BRIER

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Fourth Draw

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Milwaukee	33	29	.532	12			
Miami	33	30	.524	121/2			
Detroit	29	34	.460	161/2			
Charlotte	28	36	.438	18			
New York	24	39	.381	211/2			
Chicago	21	41	.339	24			
Brooklyn	20	43	.317	251/2			
Orlando	20	43	.317	251/2			
Atlanta	20	44	.313	26			

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Orlando 107, Memphis 100 Denver 126, Cleveland 117 Miami 105, Detroit 96

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Monday All Times Eastern

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PGA

MEXICO CHAMPIONSHIP

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Columbia vs. Alberta, Yukon vs.

Seventh Draw, 3 p.m. Manitoba vs. Quebec, Northern Ontario vs. New Brunswick, Saskatchewan vs. P.E.I., Ontario vs. Nunavut.

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Oklahoma City	37	28	.569	13:/2
Denver	35	28	.556	141/2
L.A. Clippers	33	28	.541	151/2
Utah	33	30	.524	161/2
L.A. Lakers	28	34	.452	21
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Dallas	19	45	.297	31
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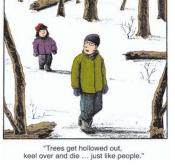
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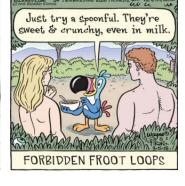


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LIFE IS ABOUT THE CHASE, NOT THE BALL NOW GO GET IT!



Poland edges U.S. to set world indoor record in 4x400 relay

In heptathlon, Warner sets Canadian point record, but comes a close second to France's Mayer

DANIELLA MATAR

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND

Poland set a world indoor record in the 4x400-metre relay on Sunday at the world indoor athletics championships, with the United States also inside the old mark.

The Polish team of Karol Zalewski, Rafal Omelko, Lukasz Krawczuk and Jakub Krzewina won in 3:01.77. That shaved 0.36 which was set by the United States in 2014.

"It is a big shock and surprise for us,"
Omelko said. "We were targeting the Euro-

pean record, but really did not expect a result like this and never dreamed about the world record."

The U.S. team of Fred Kerley, Michael Cherry, Aldrich Bailey Jr. and Vernon Norwood finished 0.2 seconds behind Poland by a different U.S. team.
"I think the last lap with Jakub Krzewina was the crucial one," Omelko said. "He pushed it so hard and he is very, very

strong this year. He helped us to win the

It appeared as if the Americans would take victory - and the record - but Krzewina surged past Norwood in the final straight in Birmingham, Britain.

"The team did a great job, but no comment on my last leg," Norwood said.

Belgium was third, with the three Bor-

lee brothers and Jonathan Sacoor, setting a national record with 3:02.51.

The American women fared better, winning their 4x400 relay in a championship record of 3:23.85, but faced an anxious wait as the jury reviewed a series of appeals. The team of Quanera Hayes, Georganne

Moline and individual 400 gold and silver medalists, Courtney Okolo and Shakima Wimbley, dominated with the second-fast-

est indoor time ever – less than half a second off the world indoor record of 3:23:37.

"We came together as a team, as we always do," Hayes said. "We don't train together during the normal season. But as soon as we put USA across our chest, everything else goes out of the window."

Jamaica crossed the line in second place

but was soon disqualified with an athlete in the incorrect order when waiting to receive the baton.

That saw Poland claim the silver with a national indoor record of 3:26.09 with Britain third in 3:29.38.

The race triggered a blizzard of appeals. Jamaica appealed against its disqualification, while Ukraine asked for Poland to be disqualified and Poland claimed the United States should be as well - both for stepping on the kerb.

All three appeals were rejected with the final order of the United States, Poland, Britain, Ukraine and Italy.
Britain was initially disqualified for ob-

struction but successfully appealed.
Elsewhere, world record holder Renaud Lavillenie won the world indoors pole vault for a third time, but it was his first significant title in two years after an in-



Poland's Jakub Krzewina celebrates as he crosses the line to win the men's 4x400 relay final at the world indoor athletics championships in Birmingham, Britain, on Sunday. The U.S. team finished 0.2 seconds behind Poland. ADRIAN DENNIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Lavillenie was clearly emotional on the podium after being the only competitor to clear 5.90 metres. American Sam Kendricks was second, ahead of Poland's Piotr Lisek after both cleared 5.85 in a competition which lasted more than three hours.
The United States was also narrowly

beaten to the title in the 60-metre hurdles, with Britain's Andrew Pozzi edging out Jarret Eaton by 0.01 to win his first global

Pozzi and Eaton waited side by side after crossing the line to see which one of them had won. Eaton realized first, when the photo of Pozzi's dive for the line appeared on the big screen, and tapped his rival on the arm in congratulations.
"I knew at the fourth hur-

dle I was behind," Pozzi said. "I can't describe how

much I wanted it. I threw everything at the line hoping to get there and I just about got there.

Earlier, there was a tribute to Roger Bannister on the big screen at Arena Birmingham to remember the first runner to break the

four-minute barrier in the mile. Bannister died on Saturday at the age of 88 in

Also, Samuel Terefa became the youngst ever winner of the world indoor 1500

title. The 18-year-old Ethiopian won in 3:58.19, beating Poland's Marcin Lewandowski and Abdelaati Iguider of Morocco.

Teammate Yomif Kejelcha successfully defended his 3,000 title ahead of another Ethiopian, Selemon Barega, and Bethwell Birgen of Kenya. Kejelcha's winning time of 8:14.41 was the slowest in the 32-year history of the championships by more than 10 seconds.

Francine Nivonsaba of Burundi also successfully defended her title, in the 800, beating American Ajee Wilson - just as she had done in Portland two years ago.

Shelayna Oskan-Clarke took bronze.

In a reversal of the top two long jump places in Portland, Serbia's Ivana Spanovic beat Brittney Reese.

Reese was trying to make history by winning her fourth world indoor title to add to the four golds she has won at the world championships.

"I did not execute the way I needed to on the day. Ivana got the better of me," Reese said. "I'm a little disappointed but I

can go home with something.

"I don't feel like I performed to my best today. I beat myself today. It is what

WARNER FINISHES SECOND

Damian Warner of London, Ont., finished second in the heptathlon Saturday at the world indoors athletics championships with a Canadian-record 6,348 points.

Warner's fight for the gold medal with France's Kevin Mayer came down to the final event, the 1,000 metres. While Warner posted the best time in the 1,000 at two

minutes 37.12 seconds, more than two second quicker than Mayer, he came just short and finished a mere five points behind the Frenchman.

Estonia's Maciel Uibo finished third at 6,265 points.

Warner led after the first two events the 60 metres and long jump - before Mayer took over the lead after the shot

While Mayer maintained the lead through the final four events, Warner kept close and didn't let Mayer get comfortable.

In other Canadian results, Alysha Newman of London finished sixth in women's pole vault with a Canadian record of 4.70

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Bo Knows it's good to be back with the Royals

SURPRISE, ARIZ

o Jackson slipped into a Kansas City Royals uniform Sunday for the first time since 1990.
A little bigger, but still a com-

fortable fit with his old team.

"I just had to go up a size, that's about

it," he said. Jackson chatted with former teammate and Royals Hall of Famer George Brett and discussed bow hunting with manager

Ned Yost. At 55, the two-sport star is a guest coach for the Royals in spring train-

His duties? "Anything I want to do," Jackson said, laughing. "I've been told I have diplomatic immunity.'

"It's fun being back here because this is where it all started for me," he said.

The Royals drafted Jackson in the

fourth round in 1986, but few thought they had a chance to sign the Heisman Trophy-winning running back from Auburn. He chose the Royals over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who picked him first overall in the 1986 NFL draft.

A year later, the Los Angeles Raiders took Jackson in the seventh round and he

Jackson last played baseball on Aug. 10, 1994, with the Angels. He got two hits and stole a base against the Royals in that final game - the same week, MLB players went on strike and the season was lost. Jackson's career was shortened after he

was injured in January, 1991, in a playoff game for the Raiders. The setback required hip-replacement surgery.

'Most of these players probably weren't even born when I played or they were babies," Jackson said.

But they likely know the aura of Bo

Knows, his popular ad campaign. "I hope so," he said.

Jackson plans on mingling with minorleague players.

Giving what advice I can, tricks of the trade on how to get from over there to over here," he said.

Jackson said the game has changed drastically since he retired.

"Players aren't the same. The game is not the same. The players are bigger, stronger, faster. The players look like they should be playing for the Chiefs, instead

of the Royals. "Not only that, the technical side of the game has changed a lot. Everything is done on computers now. Computers were in their infancy when we were playing. Everything is analyzed now from the computer," he said.

Jackson was an eye-popping combination of speed and strength. He showed off those talents in the 1989 All-Star Game, when he led off the bottom of the first inning with a 450-foot home run and later stole a base in becoming the MVP.

"I would love to say, if I could go back 25 years from now to get out here to compete with these guys I would wear" them out, Jackson said. "I'm sure if you ask any player that played 25 years ago, they'd probably say the same thing. That's just us old folk talking and reminiscing about

our younger days.' In 1990, Jackson homered in four straight at-bats. He hit three on July 17 at Yankee Stadium, but dislocated his left

shoulder diving in the outfield for a line drive by Deion Sanders and didn't come Jackson returned on Aug. 26 and

homered in his first at-bat.

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"I did it over a six-week period, but I got it," he said.

Jackson had shoulder-replacement sur-

gery last year, the delayed result from diving for Sanders's hit.

TULOWITZKI LIKELY OUT FOR SEASON OPENER

Toronto Blue Jays shortstop Troy Tulowitzki is not expected to be rea the season opener because of a bone spur on his right heel.

Manager John Gibbons said on Sunday the 33-year-old Tulowitzki is making progress, but it might not be enough for him to play on Opening Day,
"I don't expect he'll be ready. But he's

moving in the right direction," said, per Sportsnet.

Tulowitzki has been limited during spring training because of the chronic bone spur. His 2017 season ended on July 28 with a right ankle sprain, and he also sustained ligament damage

Either Aledmys Diaz or Yangervis Solarte will likely replace Tulowitzki in the starting lineup when the Blue Jays open the season on March 29, playing host to the New York Yankees. Tulowitzki hit .249 with seven home

runs and 26 RBIs in 66 games last sea son. He is a career .290 hitter with 224 home runs and 779 RBIs in 12 major league seasons with the Colorado Rockies (2006-2015) and Blue Jays (2015-

PHILLIES 4, BLUE JAYS 2

Danny Ortiz recorded the tiebreaking single in the bottom of the eighth inning as Philadelphia defeated Toronto at Clearwater, Fla. Blue Jays right-hander Marco Estrada struck out three and allowed one hit in three scoreless innings.

REUTERS

Wie wins LPGA tournament, Henderson ties for second

SINGAPORE

Michelle Wie holed a 36-foot putt from off the green on the final hole to win the Women's World Championship by one stroke on Sunday while Canada's Brooke Henderson tied for second. Wie capture her first LPGA

tournament since the 2014 U.S. Women's Open. With four players in contention to win on the last hole, Wie managed to separate herself from the pack when she drained her lengthy birdie putt on the 72nd hole at the Sentosa Golf Club for a final round of seven-under 65 to finish at 17-under 271.

Henderson, of Smiths Falls, Ont., finished 16 under alongside South Korea's Jenny Shin and Americans Danielle Kang and Nelly Korda.

The 28-year-old Wie, who led the tournament after three rounds a year ago before fading on the last day, leaped into the air and clenched her fist in celebra-tion as the ball disappeared into the bottom of the cup. But she still faced an anxious wait before being declared the champion.

"Winning is everything. I mean, there is no better feeling than when you think you sink that winning putt. It's a high, for sure," Wie said. "You go out there, and it's this feeling that gets you going. It's this feeling that makes you practice. It's that winning putt that makes you practice for hours and hours and hours, and even the hard times, it gets you going back. You know that good feeling is on the other

Third-round leader Korda parred her last eight holes in a row. The 19-year-old, who only joined the LPGA Tour last year, hit a superb approach into the 18th to set up a birdie opportunity that would have forced a playoff but missed her eight-foot putt and settled for a final-round 71.

MICKELSON ENDS LONGEST DROUGHT WITH PLAYOFF WIN

MEXICO CITY Phil Mickelson ended the longest drought of his career with a playoff victory on Sunday over Justin Thomas in the Mexico Championship, capping off a final round of lustrous cheers in thin air that included Thomas holing a wedge for eagle

on the final hole of regulation. Mickelson, who closed with a five-under 66, won for the first time since the 2013 British Open at Muirfield, a stretch of 101 tour-

naments worldwide. Adam Hadwin (66) of Abbotsford, B.C., finished in a tie for ninth at 10 under.

'I can't put into words how much this means to me," Mickelson said. "I knew it was going to be soon – I've been playing too well for it not to be. But you just never know until it happens."

Thomas was coming off a playoff victory at the Honda Classic last week, and he delivered the biggest moment at Chapultepec Golf Club. Tied for the lead, his shot to the 18th from 119 yards landed in front of the pin and spun back into the hole for an eagle and a 64.

Thomas, who said on Thursday he had never felt worse over the ball, had a 62-64 weekend and suddenly had a two-shot

Mickelson, who turns 48 in June, responded with a two-putt birdie on the par-five 15th and a 20-foot birdie putt on the 16th to tie Thomas.

Tyrrell Hatton, playing in the final group with Mickelson, was stride for stride. He capped off a 3-3-3 stretch on the back nine with an eagle at the 15th. But on the final hole, Hatton missed the green to the right, chipped 10 feet by and missed the par putt for a 67 to fall out of a playoff. Thomas went long on the par-

three 17th hole and chipped to just inside 10 feet. Mickelson's 18-foot birdie putt for the victory swirled around the cup, more agony for a 47-year-old who has seen plenty of it since his last vic-

tory.

Thomas, however, never got on the right line. his par attempt on the right line. They finished at 16-under 268.

Mickelson won his third World Golf Championships title and, just a month after being on the verge of falling out of the top 50 in the world for the first time in two decades, moves to No. 18 in the world.

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Evert says Williams will top Grand Slam record

MELISSA MURPHY NEW YORK

hris Evert expects new mom Serena Williams will eclipse the Grand Slam record of 24 singles titles, maybe even this season.

The former No. 1 tennis player also says the name of current record-holder Margaret Court should remain on the arena at the Australian Open despite her controversial views on LGBT rights

rights.
"I don't agree with Margaret and her thinking," the ESPN analyst and 18-time Grand Slam singles champion said. "I think it honours her tennis career."
Williams restarts her tennis

Williams restarts her tennis career on the WTA tour next week with 23 major titles. She'll play an exhibition match Monday night at Madison Square Garden in New York, then compete at Indian Wells, Calif., in her first tour event in more than a year.

Williams dealt with serious health issues after the birth of her first child in September and missed the first major in January.

But the 36-year-old Williams has been winning majors at a swift clip. Williams passed Evert and Martina Navratilova's 18 at the 2015 Australian Open, and won four more majors in the next three years.

Evert thinks Williams will win at least one Grand Slam title this

"I just cannot bet against her," she said in a recent phone interview with The Associated Press. "I'd be surprised if she won two; I would bet on her to win one."

would bet on her to win one."
Evert knows a bit about records. Raised in a tennis family and taught by her father Jimmy in Florida, she turned pro at 17 in 1972 and promptly earned the No. 1 ranking two years later after winning the French Open and Wimbledon

Wimbledon.
She won a record seven French
Opens and reached the semifinals or better in 52 of 56 majors.
The tennis Hall of Famer won 157
singles and 32 doubles titles in an
18-year career, which spanned
the eras of Billie Jean King, Navratilova and Steffi Graf.

Her career winning percentage (90 per cent) is better than topranked Roger Federer (82 per cent). It remains the highest for



Serena Williams plays a backhand during a match at the Mubadala World Tennis Championship in Abu Dhabi on Dec. 30. TOM DULAT/GETTY IMAGES

men or women since the Open era of professional tennis began in 1968.

Here are a few more thoughts from the 63-year-old Evert, the publisher of Tennis magazine and mother of three adult sons.

ON SERENA

Evert says Serena's best chance of winning more majors rests on the grass of Wimbledon.

"Who knows how she'll come out of the starting gate," she said. "Wimbledon, that would be her best shot because that favours power, rewards power and the rallies aren't long. She's got the big serve. The U.S. Open is going to be tough because it's on a hard court, it's hot. She'll have to be moving well and be very, very fit."

Incorporating tennis and family becomes the new challenge after marrying Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian and giving birth

to baby Olympia. He recently bought four billboards along the highway to Indian Wells that say "Greatest Momma Of All Time."

"When you have a child, that's an emotional component that you've never experienced before," Evert said. "I keep saying this – whenever anybody doubts Serena, she thrives. That gives her more motivation, more incentive and she always comes out the winner."

ON COURT

Court won 24 major singles titles from 1960-77, including 11 at the Australian Open when most players didn't venture Down Under. She won a combined record of 64 Grand Slam singles and

doubles titles.

Court became an ordained Pentecostal minister in 1991 and has been a constant critic of LGBT rights and same-sex marriage in

Australia. After a national referendum, the Australian Parliament voted overwhelmingly to legalize gay marriage in December

Over the years, Court has singled out gay Australian players and Navratilova, a rival and friend of Evert. Court's remarks last year about transgender youth upset King, who said at the recent Australian Open that Court's name should be removed from the arena. Navratilova wrote an open letter suggesting it be renamed for Australian tennis great Evonne Goolagong.

Evert says she disagrees with Court's opinions and believes in freedom of speech. "She goes by the Bible and she's just very rigid in that."

ON ROGER/VENUS

At 36, Federer recently won the Australian Open and regained

the No. 1 ranking . Evert marvels at his "frame of mind" and relatively injury-free career.

"He's not a grinder like [Rafael] Nadal. Roger wins a lot of free points off his serve, he has shorter rallies, he glides to the ball, he doesn't muscle anything. It's all about timing and finesse with him.

"He's so endearing. When he cried [after the win], I think the whole world cried along with him. He shows his emotion ... that's why people love him so much."

Evert isn't concerned 37-yearold Venus Williams joined several American women making early exits at the Australian Open.

"She had a big year last year -got to the finals of two majors, got to the WTA Finals. You can understand why maybe her body didn't recover as quickly. She can still have a great year."

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Deep pool of 2018 prospects strut their stuff at NFL scouting combine

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Il that's left of the 2018 NFL scouting combine is for the deepest class of defensive backs ever to attend the annual assembly of college prospects to wrap up their testing and timing Monday at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Then, they'll join the other hopefuls in returning home to prepare for their pro days, team visits and the NFL draft in Arlington, Tex., next month.

Here's a look at some of the highlights and lowlights of this year's combine:

BARKLEY BLOWS IT UP

Penn State running back Saquon Barkley exceeded lofty expectations in Indianapolis. His 29 reps on the bench press bested Luke Kuechly's 27. His 4.4 time in the 40-yard dash was better than Ezekiel Elliott's 4.47 and his 41-inch vertical jump was higher than Odell Beckham Jr.'s 38½.

"Oh no, I'm not surprised," Nittany Lions linebacker Jason Cabinda said, saying he's seen that kind of dogged determination every day out of Barkley, who could go anywhere in the top five picks.

top five picks.

"I'm competitive," Barkley said, "but I don't care if I'm drafted 1, 5 or 72 or the last pick, I'm going to come in with my head low, ready to work."

GREAT GRIFFIN

Shaquem Griffin did 20 reps on the bench press with a prosthetic left hand in what was by far the best feel-good story of the combine.

"My goal was six," acknowledged Griffin, who almost doubled his previous high of 11 reps and surpassed the 17 his twin brother, Shaquille, managed at last year's combine before the Seattle Seahawks selected the speedy cornerback in the third round.

Griffin is expected to be a mid-rounder like his brother.

"This is a legitimate football player," NFL Network analyst Mike Mayock said. "He's an energy giver."

JACK OF ONE TRADE

Louisville QB Lamar Jackson showed off a strong arm and excellent footwork but also some inconsistency while throwing to receivers Saturday. What he didn't do was run routes.

Many wonder if the 2016 Heisman Trophy winner might be best suited as an NFL receiver, but he insists he's "strictly a quarterback."

Mayock called Jackson the best and most fascinating athlete in this year's draft, noting that while his passing game needs plenty of polish, he's going to have an immediate impact running the football.

"He's Michael Vick," Mayock said. "He has

"He's Michael Vick," Mayock said. "He has as good a pair of legs as anybody in the history of the game. And he's going to win games with his legs."

DARNOLD'S DODGE

USC quarterback Sam Darnold refused to throw at the combine, preferring to show off his arm at his coming pro day with receivers he's used to playing with.

"I was a little disappointed Darnold didn't throw," Mayock said. "You get a chance to show off a little bit here. This is all about competition."

HURST GOES HOME

You get a chance to show off a little bit here. This is all about competition.

MIKE MAYOCK NFL NETWORK ANALYST Michigan defensive lineman Maurice Hurst Jr., a possible first-rounder, was kept out of drills at the combine after doctors reportedly red-flagged a heart condition. Hurst told Utah defensive lineman Lowell Lotulelei that he had been diagnosed with the same heart condition as Lotulelei's older brother, Star.

Hurst, a 6-foot-2, 280-pound defensive tackle, had 59 tackles and 5½ sacks last season. He also had 13 tackles for loss and has been considered one component of a deep class of defensive tackles in this year's draft.

BAD, BAD ORLANDO BROWN JR.

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The only thing that went well for Oklahoma's massive tackle Orlando Brown Jr. was the vote of confidence from his Heisman Trophy-winning teammate.

"When are you ever going to watch Orlando Brown run 40 yards down the field?" quarterback Baker Mayfield asked. "You can watch last year's tape and see he allowed zero sacks. I'd say that's pretty important for a left tackle."

But measures matter, too, and Brown's wretched week will surely cause him to slide down draft boards: He managed just 14 reps on the bench press, lumbered though the 40-yard dash in 5.85 seconds and put up historically poor numbers in the broad and vertical jumps.



Washington's John Carlson celebrates his second-period goal as the Capitals beat the Leafs 5-2 on Saturday. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

Leafs: Andersen's rare off-night exposes defensive weaknesses

FROM B11

Andersen was the common denominator in the Leafs' strong run, which started Jan. 4 with a win over the San Jose Sharks. The Leafs went 16-5-5 in the 26 games since and the goaltender was usually their best player. In 13 games of that stretch, Andersen faced 35 or more shots.

But when he finally, inevitably, had a bad game on Saturday night, the Leafs' defensive game showed all of its holes. While there are problems with the defence unit itself – Nikita Zaitsev has not played up to his usual standard after coming back from a broken foot on Jan. 31 and general manager Lou Lamoriello was unable to add some talent at a reasonable price by the trade deadline – they go beyond just the six defencemen on the ice every night.

A season-long weakness for the Leafs is the reluctance of the forwards to consistently take care of their responsibilities in their own zone. Apparently the Leafs still think they can score their way out of trouble. This shortcoming is even more apparent without Matthews, who is one of the few forwards who plays at both ends of the ice most

of the time.
When an opponent fore-

checks hard, the Leafs are in trouble. With the Capitals coming hard on Saturday, any memory the Leafs had of giving them fits in the playoffs last spring were gone. Alexander Ovechkin, who was barely visible in that first-round series, was a force all night and the Leafs were fortunate all he went away with was his 40th goal of the season.

The Leafs will have to fix something in a hurry because Andersen has been showing signs for a while of needing some help from his teammates. No goaltender in the league has played close to Andersen's 3,268-plus minutes.

It is no wonder he finally surrendered five goals on 25 shots against the Caps before getting pulled. Andersen gave up three or more goals for the fourth consecutive game and the 10th time in his past 12 games. That is much scarier than losing Matthews, who may be out for at least another week with a shoulder injury.

"They look at us and they still think we're kids," Babcock said of the Capitals. "It looked like we were kids here [Saturday]. I thought they smacked us around and fore-checked us."

Fortunately for the Leafs, they still have time left in the regular season to grow up.

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KINGSBURY ADDS SECOND STRAIGHT WORLD CUP SILVER

TAZAWAKO, JAPAN Canadian Olympic champion Mikaël Kings-bury completed his first World Cup event since the Pyeongchang Winter Games by adding his second silver medal.

The 25-year-old from Deux-Montagnes, Que., finished second on Sunday in the men's dual moguls, a day after scoring 89.27 in moguls for silver.

Kingsbury has won six straight World Cup season titles and is on track for a seventh.

Japan's Ikuma Horishima won gold in both events, scoring 91.03 on Saturday to edge Kingsbury,

while Dmitriy Reikherd of
Kazakhstan placed third in both.
Fellow Canadian Olympic
medalist Justine Dufour-Lapointe
couldn't follow up silver in women's moguls on Saturday, placing 13th in dual moguls. Chloé Dufour-Lapointe was Canada's top finisher in the dual moguls as she placed sixth. American Tess Johnson took gold. Justine Dufour-Lapointe, who won silver in Pyeongchang, scored 81.33, behind winner Perrine Laffont of France for her silver on Saturday.

PHELAN WINS SILVER MEDAL IN SKI-CROSS WORLD CUP

CHELYABINSK, RUSSIA Canada's Brittany Phelan finished second in a ski-cross World Cup race Sunday. Phelan, who won silver at the Olympic Games two weeks ago behind Canadian Kelsey Serwa, finished Sunday's race behind Switzerland's Fanny Smith. Austria's Katrin Ofner took bronze and Sandra Naeslund of Sweden was fourth. Serwa did not make it past the quarter-final.

BRIGNONE WINS WORLD CUP COMBINED EVENT

CRANS-MONTANA, SWITZERLAND Federica Brignone edged Olympic champion Michelle Gisin to win the last women's World Cup alpine combined event of the season on Sunday. Ranked fifth after the super G portion, the Italian posted the third-fastest time in the slalom to finish in 1 minute 46.46 seconds and beat Gisin by 0.03 seconds. The Swiss skier won the Olympic race in Pyeongchang 10 days ago. Petra Vlhova of Slovakia trailed by 0.09 seconds in third place. Sofia Goggia of Italy, who led after the super G run, dropped to eighth.

Wendy Holdener, who won the only other combined event this year, finished fourth to secure the season title in the discipline.

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WOLFPACK BEATS LIONS

SALFORD, ENGLAND Blake Wallace scored four tries as the Toronto Wolfpack bounced back from a lopsided loss last week to down the Swinton Lions 52-12 on Sunday in Betfred Championship rugby action.

The Wolfpack fell 47-16 to the

London Broncos last week for their first loss since earning promotion to the second-tier rugby league. Jake Butler-Fleming had two

ies for Toronto (3-1-1) in Sunday's win, Jonny Pownall, Ouentin Laulu-Togaga'e and Andy Ackers had the others

Mike Butt and Luke Waterworth scored tries for Swinton

Toronto plays the Sheffield Eagles next Sunday.

CANADA LOSES TO FRANCE

LAS VEGAS Tevaughn Campbell scored back-to-back tries as Canada mounted a late rally but came up short in a 26-19 loss on Sunday in the Challenge Trophy final at the HSBC Las Vegas Sevens Series. Canada fought back from a 12point deficit to level the scores at 19-19 in the second half before a late intercept from France ended the rally. The Canadians finished the tournament 10th. Vancouver hosts the next stop on the World Series tour next weekend. Canada advanced to the Challenge Trophy final with a 15-12 victory over Scotland earlier Sunday. Nate Hirayama kicked a last-second penalty to clinch the win for Canada. Canada fell out of contention for the Cup final for first place after dropping its first two pool matches on Friday.

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ROBERT HILLS

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Robert "Bob" Hills on March 1, 2018. He leaves behind his wife, Cynthia; daughters, Jennifer and Michelle; and son, Bobby.

Retired Toronto Police Constable and part-time dog whisperer with a knack for storytelling that will be missed.

Family and friends will be received at the McDougall & Brown Funeral Home - Scarborough Chapel at 2900 Kingston Road on Tuesday, March 6th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. A private family service will take place the next day.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Diabetes Canada.

MARY ELIZABETH McCONNEY

It with sad hearts the family of Mary Elizabeth Maclachlan McConney (nee White) would like to announce her passing on January 25, 2018 in her 90th year at Hospice Simcoe in Barrie after a long illness.

Although she had a long journey with her illness, she met and fought it with her typical strength and resolve which she kept along with her sense of humor until the end. Mary was predeceased by her loving husband, Bob

loving husband, Bob McConney; and her daughter, Judy McConney.

Judy McConney.
She is lovingly remembered by her children, Garnet, Sandy, Fraser and Sheila; daughters-in-law, Michele, Jan; as well her six grandchildren, Kate, Jesse, Duncan, Julia, Alex, Rachel; great-granddaughter, Jude; as well as numerous extended family.Our family would like to extend our hearfielt thanks to Dr. Mills, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Ng and all of their the staff at the Department of Oncology at the Royal Victoria Hospital at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie as well as all of the staff from Saint Elizabeth Health Care. Mom's care could not have been better.

Our special thanks to Hospice Simcoe for all the special loving care over the last month of her life. Mom thought as we do, that Hospice Simcoe is truly a special place for the dying as well as the grieving.

Visitation will be held at Trinity Anglican Church in Barrie on Saturday, March 24th from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., followed by a celebration of Mary's life at 12 noon.

In memory of Mary, donations to Hospice Simcoe would be appreciated.

DEATHS

JUDITH SCHNEIDERMAN

On Saturday, March 3, 2018 at her home. Judith Schneiderman, On Saturday, March 3, 2016 at her home. Judith Schneiderman, loving mother of Michele Schneiderman, Donna Weingarten, and Jill Schneiderman. Dear sister of Marlene Burack. Devoted grandmother of Jessica, and Eric. Loved by her nephews, cousins, and dear friends. At Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel, 2401 Steeles Avenue West (3 lights west of Dufferin) for service on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Interment in the Beth Sholom section of Mount Sinai Memorial Park. Shiva at 145 Cumberland Street, Unit 1301, Toronto. Donations may be made to The Judy Schneiderman Memorial Fund (70 Benjamin Foundation 416-780-0596 Foundation 416-780-0596 www.benjamins.ca.

MORRY SCHWARTZ

On Sunday, March 4, 2018. Morry Schwartz, dear brother and brother-in-law of Betty and the late Max Wolfman, the late Julia and Louis Markowitz. Devoted uncle of David and Faye, Alan and Ilana, and Lorne and Jacqui Markowitz. Marnie Cohen Markowitz, Marnie Cohen, Michael and Wendy, Brian, and Eric and Adrienne Wolfman.

Wolfman.
At Benjamin's Park Memorial
Chapel, 2401 Steeles Avenue
West (3 lights west of
Dufferin) for service on
Monday, March 5, 2018 at
10:00 a.m. Interment in the
Adath Israel section of Pardes
Shalom Cemetery. Shiva at 44
Charles Street West, Toronto.

Memorial donations may be made to Kensington Hospice Foundation, 25 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto, ON M₅S 2L9 416-963-9640.

DAVID USHER

Passed away just short of his gand birthday at home peacefully surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Valentina. Missed by the mother of his children, Barbara Usher. Father to Janice and the late Sidney Burstein, Martin Usher, Howard and Katherine Usher, Cassie Usher, and Michael and Leo Martkovich. Brother to Lil, the late Irving, Jenny, and Robert Usher; brotherin-law to Joyce Usher and the late Jerry Farb; grandfather to Courtney, Corinne, Jamie-Rose, Lara, Melissa, Daniel, Brando, Sage, Alexander, Isabella; and great-grandfather to Ethan and Cade. Loved by family, friends, and Toby, his loving canine companion. At Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel, 2401 Steeles Avenue West (3 lights west of Dufferin) for service on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Interment in the Adath Israel section of Pardes Shalom Cemetery. Shiva at 3 Wyegate Court, Toronto. Memorial donations may be made to Association For Soldiers Of Israel Courr, Toronto. Memorial donations may be made to Association For Soldiers Of Israel 416-783-3053, Israeli Guide Dog Centre 416-577-3600, or Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care

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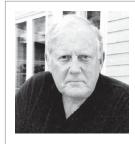
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R. FREDERICK VAUGHAN April 19, 1935 - March 1, 2018

Fred was born at home in Dartmouth, raised in Halifax, Dartmouth. and died at home in Northwest Cove, NS, in the care of his wife, Carol (nee Lawrie). Son of the late James Frederick and Mary (Galway) Vaughan, he is survived by his loving wife, Carol; and two sons, Dr. Geoffrey Vaughan and his wife, Jennifer, of Worcester, MA, Dr. Kevin Vaughan and his wife, Teresa, of Duluth, MN; and five granddaughters. One of eight children, he is also survived by sisters, Joanne McGillicuddy, Oakville, ON, Helen Griffith, British Columbia, and Carol (nee Lawrie). Son of the Griffith, British Columbia, and Dr. Peter Vaughan of Halifax.

He died of cancer at home after a surprise diagnosis at the beginning of February.

Graduate of St. Mary's University (1956), he worked briefly for Imperial Oil. After spending nine grateful years in formation with the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) he returned to graduate school. He received his PhD from the University of Chicago in 1967, taught at the Royal Military College and then spent the rest of his career, 29 years, at the University of Guelph. He also held a variety of visiting positions, including at Oxford University on two occasions and at Osgoode
Hall Law School. Within the city
of Guelph he was President of
St. Joseph Hospital Foundation
and briefly hosted a television
program on politics, among
other activities.

He was a beloved teacher and in his final weeks received beautiful tributes from many students. Teaching continued even upon retirement. For the last ten years Fred enjoyed teaching on Political Philosophy, the Supreme Court of Canada and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms for the Seniors' College of Nova Scotia (SCANS) in Halifax, Chester and Mahone Bay.

His teaching and writing career centered upon Constitutional Law and Political Philosophy, through which he made significant contributions. His work on the history of political hedonism has had an international has had an international influence while his studies of the Constitution will remain a resource for thoughtful Canadians well into the future. He published nine books (including one novel), several of them in retirement. An unfinished manuscript is expected to be published posthumously.

He retired to Northwest Cove with his wife in 1998, continuing his involvement in old timer hockey that began with the Guelph Goodtimers and concluded with the Chester Oldtimers. On both teams he was especially known for garbage goals, which count too. He was a marathoner for several years, the benefits of which lasted until the end.

Fred was well known for his great stories and his good humour. His tales of growing up in Halifax during the War entertained both his sons and his granddaughters. There were few who could resist a laugh and fewer still who could get a word in edgewise once he took the floor. He will be missed by so many.

The family wishes to thank the South Shore Palliative Care Team, VON, Dr. Lori Jones, Father Jose Thomas and Fred's brother, Peter Vaughan, for their care

Visiting hours will be held Friday, March 9, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Ronald A. Walker Funeral Home, Hubbards. The funeral will be held Saturday, March 10, 11:00 a.m., at St. Augustine's Church, 105 King Street, Chester.

Friends may send a donation to the Frederick Vaughan Political Science Scholarship in memory of Frederick Vaughan to Alumni House, University of Guel Ontario, N1G 2W1 or online www.uoguelph.ca/giving or the cancer society. Online condolences can be made to www.rawalker.ca

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MARK WALTERS

It is with deep sadness to gannounce the passing of Mark Benjamin Walters at the age of 59 on March 2, 2018 surrounded by his loving family at Toronto General Hospital. A warm, generous family man, Mark had a huge heart and was beloved by his wife of 36 years, Carole; devoted children, Rachel, Phillip, Alex; son-in-law, Evan Hillman; granddaughter, Edith; mother-in-law, Molly Rosen; brothers, Sam and Linda, and Jeff and Susan. He will be sorely missed by his sisters-in-law, Judy and Lorne Rochwerg, Susan and Sam Taub; and brother-in-law, Jonathan Rosen. Predeceased by parents, David and Marcia. Mark was born in Guelph, ON, on May 16, 1958. His sense of humour was infectious, his love for life and his dedication to his family was indomitable. indomitable.

Indomitable.

He will be fondly remembered and celebrated by all who knew him. At Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Interment Community Section of Pardes Chaim Cemetery. The family will be sitting shiva from Monday, March 5th to Friday, March 5th, 2018 at 128 Burnaby Boulevard, Toronto.

Donations can be made in Mark's name to Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation, 46-946-6560 c/O Head and Neck Cancer Research.

■ FUNERAL SERVICES



ACCARRINO, Maria

Mass Friday 10 a.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help ARMSTRONG, Bertha

Reception Friday 3 p.m. Leaside Room

COMPTON, Dr. Frank H.

FYNNEY, M. Florence

LEWIS, Margaret M.E. Reception Sunday 2-4 p.m.

LINHOLM, Aime

MACPHERSON, Caroline

MANN, W. Irving Service Monday 11 a.m. St Thomas's Anglican Church

MASON, Audrey Jean (nee Prettie)

O'NEILL, Brian "Bo" Thomas

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SMITH, Frederick

SMITH, Peter D.R.

SOPHA, Phyllis Edith

TAYLOR, Edgar C.

Mass Monday 10 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

WALSH, The Honourable George T. Service Friday 11 a.m. Timothy Eaton Memorial Church

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VIRTUOSO WON RESPECT FOR THE ACCORDION



Accordionist Alexander Sevastian, who toured the world as a solo artist and quartet member, was fondly remembered as 'our Belarussian bear.' COURTESY OF QUARTETTO GELATO

A long-time member of the popular Canadian ensemble Quartetto Gelato, he was a four-time world champion on his instrument

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Alex brought the

accordion into another light. He made people

take it seriously.

PETER DE SOTTO
QUARTETTO GELATO CO-FOUNDER

MARTIN MORROW

■ here's an old joke that the definition of a gentleman is a man who can play the accordion and doesn't. It reflects the unfortunate reputation that musical instrument has endured in North America, where for many people it still conjures up visions of polkas, beer halls and SCTV's Shmenge Brothers.

If there was one man capable of shattering that image with

ease, it was Alexander Sevastian. Just hearing – and watching – the fleet-fingered Russian-Ca-nadian accordionist attack a classical chestnut, such as Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor (originally composed for the organ), was enough to kick all those clichés aside and leave you in

awe of both the accordion and the virtuoso.

Mr. Sevastian, who died on Feb. 16 of a heart attack in Ajijic, Mexico, at the age of 41, was an indefatigable accordion ambassador. Touring the world as a solo artist and with Canada's popular Quartetto Gelato, he was known to perform everything from Russian folk melodies to the thorniest avant-garde com-

positions with equal passion and skill.
"We have lost a major talent," said Joseph Macerollo, the distinguished Canadian accordionist and music professor, who was Mr. Sevastian's teacher and, later, a close friend. "There was a wizardry to what he did."

For Quartetto Gelato, the burly Mr. Sevastian, a native of Belarus, was "our Belarussian bear," said co-founder Peter De Sotto.
"He was this big, warm, cuddly guy that everybody loved. You couldn't have a better partner.

Colin Maier, the quartet's oboist, said Mr. Sevastian's personality shone through in his playing: "He was a great accordion player, but it was his honesty and compassion that made his

music special. Maybe he couldn't always ex press what he felt in words, but he could always express it in music."

Offstage, Mr. Sevastian was the solid rock that his colleagues leaned on. He organized the group's international tours and managed things on the road. He possessed a photographic memory that not only allowed him to remember massive amounts of music, but was also an invaluable asset when travelling. "He had the maps of cities memorized,

places we'd been to before," said cellist Liza
McLellan. "I think he could see the picture of the map in his

head. And he knew all the highways across the USA.' Mr. Sevastian was in Mexico with the quartet to open the Northern Lights Festival de Febrero on Lake Chapala, which was to be the kickoff to a South American tour. On the day of the concert, Mr. Sevastian was discovered dead in his bedroom at the home where he was billeted.

Mr. De Sotto, who had known Mr. Sevastian for 16 years, said the loss was devastating. "As a group, we were extremely close. We shared so much," he said. It was Mr. Sevastian who had taken care of Mr. De Sotto when the violinist's wife, quartet member Cynthia Steljes, died of cancer in 2006.

'He was the glue that held everything together," Ms. Mc-Lellan added. "For us, he was like a brother and a father at the same time.

Born on Oct. 2, 1976, in Minsk, Belarus (then part of the Soviet Union), Alexander Mikhailovich Sevastian was the oldest child of Nadya, a computer engineer, and Mikhail (Michael), a chemist and amateur accordionist. Alex, also called Sasha, began playing accordion at the age of 7. He studied at Minsk's Glinka Musical College and then at the Gnessin Russian Academy of Music in Moscow, taking a master's degree in performance under Friedrich Lips, maestro of the Russian bayan, or chromatic

Mr. Sevastian launched his professional career in Russia in 1996, touring as a soloist with the state broadcaster's folk orchestra throughout the country and to Ukraine, Germany, Italy and Japan. He also started entering - and winning - international accordion competitions, eventually becoming a fourtime world champion.

"He was very ambitious, always eager to be the first," recalled his younger brother, Vitali Sevastian. "But he was very humble, very hard-working and goal-oriented."

It was at one of these competitions, in Moss, Norway, in 1998, that Mr. Macerollo first met Mr. Sevastian. Mr. Macerollo was adjudicating and Mr. Sevastian took the top prize. Afterward, the young musician revealed that he was emigrating to Canada and hoped Mr. Macerollo would take him as a student.

Not long after, Quartetto Gelato began seeking a world-class accordionist to replace the retiring Mr. Macerollo. The professor immediately recommended the "amazing kid" he'd met in Nor-

Mr. Sevastian moved to Canada in 2001, settling in Toronto with his parents and brother. He joined Quartetto Gelato the following year and became a Canadian citizen in 2005 – something he was boisterously proud of. Whenever he drove back across the border to Canada after a U.S. tour, Mr. De Sotto said, "he'd blow the horn as hard as he could."

While playing and recording with the globe-trotting quartet, Mr. Sevastian also studied under Mr. Macerollo at the University of Toronto, where he received his Advanced Certificate in Performance. "From both a human and an artistic standpoint, he was a joy to teach," Mr. Macerollo said. "Whenever you suggested something, he could deliver it for you, no matter how convoluted it was.'

That made Mr. Sevastian an ideal interpreter of new music, such as Malcolm Forsyth's Concerto for Accordion and Orchestra, which he performed with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra in 2008. "I worked with him on some of the most difficult works for solo accordion by Canadian composers," Mr. Macerollo said, and he was able to enter fully into the challenges of a piece and deliver a very serious performance."

At the same time, Mr. Sevastian also excelled at the crowdpleasing repertoire of Quartetto Gelato. He brought a heartfelt, theatrical flair to his performances. "Because he was a big guy, when he'd pull out the bellows on his instrument, it was like he was stretching his arm across the stage," Mr. De Sotto said.

'Sasha's playing was beautiful to watch, it was like ballet.' He was always willing to try new things, added Mr. Maier, both musically and in life. Just recently, Mr. Sevastian, who didn't consider himself a singer, performed karaoke for the first

time. The group were in a hotel bar in Lloydminster, Sask., after a gig, when Mr. Maier urged the accordionist to step up to the karaoke machine. "He said, 'Okay, no prob-lem.' And he ended up singing *Hotel Califor-*nia. And it was like, the best," Mr. Maier says, laughing. "He sang it with his Russian accent and the audience loved it, he was so good."

In 2004, Mr. Sevastian went back to Russia to fetch his sweetheart, Anna (Anya) Budennaya. They married in Rome, then returned to Toronto, where they started a family.

Their children are Vladimir, 12, and Maria, 4, Ms. Budennava is an amateur Russian folk singer who occasionally performed with her husband.

To supplement his artist's income. Mr. Sevastian took some students and also ran a driving school, catering to the local Russian community. He had recently begun playing with Toronto's Payadora Tango Ensemble and was also acting as a promoter, bringing in musicians from Russia. On top of that, he continued to practise his instrument six hours a day - sometimes in the middle of the night.

He was a perfectionist, both as a musician and in other aspects of his life, Mr. Macerollo noted. It may finally have taken a toll on his health. "He liked to do everything so that it was done properly," he said. "That starts to create internal stress."

Mr. Sevastian was also carrying an emotional burden. In 2016, his father, Michael, was killed in a car accident while on his way to pick him up from the airport. Mr. Sevastian blamed himself for the tragedy, despite the assurances of his friends that it wasn't his fault.

Regardless of the stresses, his colleagues said Mr. Sevastian was playing at his peak in the months before his untimely death. He leaves behind a recorded legacy that includes five albums with Quaretto Gelato and three as a soloist, not to mention concert videos and countless clips on YouTube. He has also left many listeners with a new appreciation of the instrument he devoted his life to.

"Alex brought the accordion into another light," Mr. De Sotto said. "He made people take it seriously."

Mr. Sevastian leaves his wife, Anna Budennaya; son, Vladimir; daughter, Maria; mother, Nadya; and brother, Vitali Sevas-

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SHEELAGH JOSEPHINE BARRABLE, 93

Athlete. Scholar. Veteran. Grandmother

Born March 24, 1924, in Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.; died Dec. 19, 2017, in Vancouver; of natural causes; aged

Born right after her twin brother, Jack, Sheelagh Ferguson was the sixth of seven children of Robert George Ferguson and Helen Ross. Tragically, her twin died of meningitis in December, 1925. When her brother David was born 14 days later, she never let him out of her sight.

Sheelagh played sports with the boys and at 11 swam across icy Echo Lake nestled in the Qu'Appelle Valley. She said that swimming was like walking to her, that there was no distance she felt she could not swim.

In 1929, history came knocking. Sheelagh's father was the medical director of the Saskatchewan anti-tuberculosis program. That year, a botched trial of badly prepared vaccine killed 77 children in Germany. No one would support its use to prevent tuberculosis. The exception was her father, who had experience prepar ing typhoid vaccine. Against all odds, he garnered support from the National Research Council to conduct a trial. In the days before ethics committees, Sheelagh recounted, "he explained his plan to us at dinner and asked for volunteers, we all raised our hands and became his first recipients. We had complete trust and faith in him." The following trial was a great success and the death rate plummeted.

In spite of her shyness, she was elected class president in high school and graduated as a Lieutenant-Governor scholar. She also developed into the best female hockey player locals had ever seen. In 1941-42, as captain of the University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes, she led the team in scoring while playing defence.

In the spring of 1943, Sheelagh followed her brothers and future husband, Gordon, into the Royal Canadian Air Force. "It was the only way I was going to get to see them overseas but they sent me to Patricia Bay on Vancouver Island!" she would say later. Questions emerged after the war as to what precisely she did while on the Island. Her grandniece, Alisa Smith, cited her aunt as the inspiration for her novel, Speakeasy, which is set on Vancouver Island and features female code-breakers. All we know for sure it that Sheelagh was adept at keeping secrets.

Following discharge in 1945, she returned to the U of S and again led the team in scoring before graduating in economics. She married Gordon in 1948, and they had four children, Sheelagh-Anne, Ross, Robert and Bill. They moved to east to Galt, Ont., in 1957 for Gordon's work and stayed because they loved the commun-

When her eldest left for university, Sheelagh worked in the local library, volunteered as a Sunday school teacher and in the palliative unit at Cambridge Hospital. She inspired others with her compassion and humility.

Gordon died in 2005 and, in 2009, she returned to the West Coast to be near family. In her later years, in spite of dementia, she remained active playing table tennis with her grandchildren into her 90s. Ironically, her humour and wit had sharpened, it was those of us around her that needed to adjust our expecta-

She will best be remembered for her abiding faith, compassion and belief that forgiveness is a key to happiness and anything is pos-

Bill Barrable is Sheelagh's youngest

