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Ottawa flouted contracting rules in deals with McKinsey: audit

Firm was frequently hired without open competition or proof of value for money, watchdog finds

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Federal departments and Crown corporations showed a frequent disregard for contracting rules as they awarded global consulting firm McKinsey & Company more than \$200-million in contracts since 2011, often without an open competition, Auditor-General Karen Hogan reported Tuesday.

The audit found that federal contracting practices involving the New York-based multinational often did not demonstrate value for money and officials did a poor job of tracking whether the government actually received everything that had been promised.

Speaking with MPs on the public accounts committee shortly after tabling her report, Ms. Hogan said that while the audit focused on contracts awarded to McKinsey, it highlighted the need for procurement officials to follow basic requirements and good practices.

"Federal contracting and procurement policies exist to ensure fairness, transparency and value for Canadians -

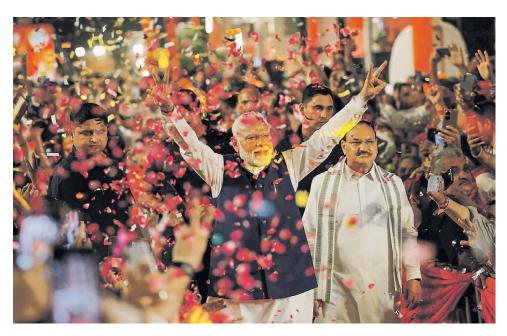
but they only work if they are followed," she said.

Opposition parties called for the audit after The Globe and Mail reported that the annual value of outsourcing contracts awarded to McKinsey by the federal government has climbed steadily under the Liberals.

The House of Commons unanimously approved a motion in February, 2023, endorsing a request by the Commons committee on government operations calling for an audit of federal contracts

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Supporters shower Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi with petals as he arrives at his party's headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday, Mr. Modi reiterated his election promise to turn India's economy into the world's third largest, ADNAN ABIDI/REUTERS

MODI'S MUTED VICTORY

PM retains power for third term with election win, but sees support slip as party loses seats to stronger-than-expected opposition ■ A3

Thunder Bay man pleads guilty to Morrisseau forgeries as Crown outlines massive art-fraud operation

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At its heart, one of the world's most audacious art frauds amounted to a paint-bynumbers operation, scarcely more sophisticated than a child's colouring book.

Thunder Bay resident David Voss, aged 52, pleaded guilty on Tuesday to his central role in a multimillion-dollar counterfeiting ring that produced upwards of 1,500 works attributed to Norval Morrisseau, the international renowned Ojibwe painter.

A statement of facts read before Ontario hired painters to lay on the prescribed col-

Superior Court in Thunder Bay revealed the broad contours of the forgery ring for the first time since police made eight arrests in the case last March and labelled it the "biggest art fraud in world history" owing to the sheer number of counterfeited pieces involved.

Crown attorney John Corelli detailed how Mr. Voss sketched out drawings meant to mimic Mr. Morrisseau's distinctive style and then annotated each section with letters indicating their ideal colour – 'G' for green, 'B' for blue, 'LR' for light red and so on. He would pass the sketches to ours, before the works were signed with the Cree syllabic autograph Mr. Morrisseau was known for and backdated, usually to the 1970s.

It was a scheme arranged in an efficient assembly-line manner that netted millions of dollars between 1995 and the mid-2010s.

In court, Mr. Voss pleaded guilty to one count of forgery, for creating hundreds of fake paintings, and one count of uttering forged documents, relating to the fraudu-lent documentation he provided to authenticate the forgeries.



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Freeland vows internal review into alleged collusion with foreign actors

STEVEN CHASE

SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER OTTAWA

Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland said the Liberal Party will conduct an internal followup after a watchdog's report said some parliamentarians are wittingly aiding foreign interference, but the government offered few indications any effort will be made to name or prose-

the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians, which was set up by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to provide increased civilian oversight on security matters, said a number of federal politicians, whom it declined to identify, are collaborating with countries such as India and China.

Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc, however, declined to even comment specifically on the revelations in the report. He was repeatedly asked Tuesday whether the government would ensure those parliamentarians colluding with foreign governments would be identified or face charges

Mr. LeBlanc said Canadians should trust authorities working hard.

"I have a lot of confidence in Canadians. And I believe they fully understand that there are professionals in our security and intelligence agencies, and at the RCMP, that are constantly working hard to protect Canadians, and detect and dismantle any organizations that are trying to interfere with our democracy in a concerning way, or who try to get involved in our democratic processes," he told reporters. OTTAWA, A7

New Brunswick seeks to exit travel nursing contracts after critical report

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The New Brunswick government says it is seeking to end current contracts with private nursing agencies after the release Tuesday of a report by the province's Auditor-General about the exorbitant fees, questionable billing and lack of oversight associated with those arrangements.

Much of Auditor-General Paul Martin's report focused on con-tracts between the Vitalité Health Network, which runs the province's francophone public medical services, and the Toronto based agency Canadian Health Labs. CHL supplies temporary health care personnel, known as travel nurses, from other parts of Canada to places that are short-handed, a booming industry because of the pandemic.

The audit found that Vitalité so far has paid CHL more than \$98million, the largest share of the more than \$173-million New Brunswick spent on temporary nurses between February, 2022, and February, 2024.

The sum is more than one-

tenth of Vitalité's \$899.5-million budget for the fiscal year ending March. The network has blamed travel nursing expenses as the cause of its \$100-million budget overrun this year. CHL, A6

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t took several years for Elvis Presley to become known as the King of Rock 'n' Roll, but just 21/2 minutes to cement another enduring moniker: Elvis the Pelvis. A handful of small-town newspaper columnists had used the term (along with "Pelvis Presley") derisively to describe the rising star from Tupelo, Miss., likening his act to a cheap bump-and-grind show. Mr. Presley hated the nick-name and complained to interviewers that all he did was shake his shoulders and legs a bit. Early in 1956, the singer broke across the United States with Heartbreak Hotel and was boosting his exposure

through appearances on television. In guest spots, he would be seen usually in close-ups, singing ballads or with a guitar strapped around his neck. But in his second appearance on comedian Milton Berle's weekly variety show on this day in 1956, Mr. Presley sang *Hound Dog* with just a mic stand in front, slowing down the last verse while shaking, shimmying and – most scandalously of all – punctuating lines with abrupt thrusts of his hips. The teenage audience was electrified. Parents were horrified. Popular music would never be the same. IAN MORFITT (2021)

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CORRECTIONS

A Tuesday news article about progress made on calls from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls incorrectly attributed a quote to NDP MP Leah Gazan. The statement, about high numbers of First Nations children in foster care overdose deaths, suicides and poverty, was from Grand Chief Cathy Merrick.

A Tuesday Opinion article about the political outlook in South Africa incorrectly stated that an estimated 60 per cent of eligible voters did not register in the 2024 South African national election. The correct figure is 33 per cent.

SERVICE DOGS HELPED RELIEVE PTSD SYMPTOMS IN U.S. MILITARY VETERANS: STUDY

Specially trained service dogs helped ease PTSD symptoms in U.S. military veterans in a small study that the researchers hope will help expand options for

service members. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides talk therapy and medications to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and runs a pilot program involving service dogs. The VA can prescribe service dogs to certain veterans diagnosed with a visual, hearing or substantial mobility impairment, including eligible veterans with PTSD, and will cover some costs associated with having a service dog.

The agency continues to review the research "to evaluate the effectiveness of service dogs," said VA press secretary Terrence Hayes.

Study co-author Maggie O'Haire, of the University of Arizona, said one of the researchers' goals was "to bring evidence behind a practice that appears to be increasingly pop-ular, yet historically did not have the scientific base behind it."

For the study, service dogs were provided by K9s For Warriors, a non-profit organization that matches trained dogs with veterans during a three-week group class. The dogs are taught to pick up on a veteran's physical signs of distress and can interrupt panic attacks and



Dave Crenshaw, a veteran who served in Iraq, met his service dog, a pointer-black Lab mix named Doc, in 2019. MARY CONLON/AP

nightmares with a loving nudge. Researchers compared 81

veterans who received service dogs with 75 veterans on the waiting list for a trained dog. PTSD symptoms were measured by psychology doctoral students who didn't know which veterans had service dogs.

with the Army National Guard After three months, PTSD in Iraq and was diagnosed with symptoms improved in both groups, but the veterans with PTSD in 2016, met his service dog, a pointer-black Lab mix dogs saw a bigger improvement named Doc, in 2019. He immedion average than the veterans on ately felt what he described as the waiting list. The study, fund-"joy and wholesomeness." ed by the National Institutes of Health, was published Tuesday in JAMA Network Open.

PTSD is more common

"It's the greatest medicine with the least amount of side effects," he said.

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among veterans than civilians,

the VA says, affecting as many as

29 per cent of Iraq War veterans over their lifetimes. Symptoms

include nightmares, flashbacks, numbness or the feeling of

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Modi claims victory in Indian election

PM vows to continue with his agenda despite winning fewer seats than expected

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared victory Tuesday for his alliance in India's general election, claiming a mandate to push forward with his agenda, even though his party lost seats to a stronger-than-expected opposition, which pushed back against his mixed economic record and polarizing politics.

"Today's victory is the victory of the world's largest democracy, Mr. Modi told the crowd at his party's headquarters, saying Indian voters had "shown immense faith" both in his party and his National Democratic Alliance coalition.

Official results from India's Election Commission showed the NDA won 286 seats, more than the 272 seats needed to secure a majority but far fewer than had been

Mr. Modi's win was only the

second time an Indian leader has retained power for a third term af-ter Jawaharlal Nehru, the country's first prime minister. But also, for the first time since his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party swept to power in 2014, it did not secure a majority on its own, winning 240 seats - far fewer than the record 303 it won in the 2019 elec-

That means Mr. Modi will need the support of other parties in his coalition – a stunning blow for the 3-year-old, who had hoped for a landslide victory.

The party may now be "heavily dependent on the goodwill of its allies, which makes them critical players who we can expect will extract their pound of flesh, both in terms of policy-making as well as government formation," said Milan Vaishnay, director of the South Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International

More than 640 million votes were cast in the marathon elec-tion held over a span of six weeks in the world's largest democratic exercise.

In the face of the surprising drop in the BJP's support, challengers claimed they had also won a victory of sorts, with the main opposition Congress Party saying

the election had been a "moral

and political loss" for Mr. Modi. "This is public's victory and a win for democracy," Congress Party president Mallikarjun Kharge told reporters.

More than 640 million votes were cast in the marathon election held over a span of six weeks in the world's largest democratic exercise.

Despite the setback, Mr. Modi pledged to make good on his election promise to turn India's economy into the world's third biggest, from its current fifth place, and not shirk with pushing forward with his agenda.

He said he would advance India's defence production, boost jobs for youth, raise exports and help farmers, among other

things.
"This country will see a new chapter of big decisions. This is Modi's guarantee," he said, speaking in the third person.

Many of the Hindu nationalist policies he's instituted over the past 10 years will also remain locked in place.

Before Mr. Modi came to power, India had coalition governments for 30 years.

The opposition INDIA coalition won 225 seats and was leading in five others yet to be called early Wednesday morning.

Congratulations for Mr. Modi from leaders of regional countries including neighbouring Nepal and Bhutan flowed in, while the White House commended India for its "vibrant democratic process.

In his 10 years in power, Mr. Modi has transformed India's politi-cal landscape, bringing Hindu nationalism, once a fringe ideology in India, into the mainstream while leaving the country deeply divided

His supporters see him as a selfmade, strong leader who has improved India's standing in the world. His critics and opponents say his Hindu-first politics have bred intolerance while the economy, one of the world's fastestgrowing, has become more unequal.

For Payal, a resident of the northern city of Lucknow who uses only one name, the election was about the economy and India's vast number of people living

"People are suffering, there are

no jobs, people are in such a state that their kids are compelled to make and sell tea on the roadside," Payal said. "This is a big deal for us. If we don't wake up now,

when will we?' Rahul Gandhi, the main face of the opposition Congress Party, said he saw the election numbers

as a message from the people. "The poorest of this country have defended the constitution of India," he told a news conference. Mr. Modi's popularity has out-

stripped that of his party's during his first two terms in office, and he turned the parliamentary election into one that more resembled a presidential-style campaign, with the BJP relying on the leader's brand.

"Modi was not just the prime campaigner, but the sole campaigner of this election," said Yamini Aiyar, a public policy scholar.

Under Mr. Modi's government, critics say India's democracy has come under increasing strain with strong-arm tactics used to subdue political opponents, squeeze independent media and quash dissent. The government has rejected such accusations and says democracy is flourishing.

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The measures affecting migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border will have exceptions for unaccompanied children, people who face serious medical or safety threats and victims of trafficking. JOSE LUIS GONZALEZ/REUTERS

U.S. imposes new measures to bar migrants from asylum at border

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Migrants caught illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border could be denied the chance to claim asylum and quickly deported or turned back to Mexico under new restrictions announced on Tuesday, part of a sweeping enforcement effort by U.S. President Ioe Biden.

The new measures will take effect immediately and will have exceptions for unaccompanied children, people who face serious medical or safety threats and vic-tims of trafficking, a senior official said on a call with reporters.

Mr. Biden, a Democrat, has toughened his approach to border security as immigration has emerged as a top issue for Americans in the run-up to Nov. 5 elections where he will face Republican Donald Trump, who has vowed a wide-ranging crackdown if re-elected.

Mr. Biden took office in 2021 vowing to reverse some of Mr. Trump's restrictive immigration policies but grappled with record levels of migrants caught crossing illegally, a trend that has strained U.S. border authorities and cities receiving new arrivals.

The new deterrent measures "will significantly increase consequences for those who cross the southern border unlawfully," the official said, requesting anonymity as a condition of the call.

The new asylum restrictions are not permanent, the U.S. official told reporters. They are activated when the daily average of border arrests tops 2,500 over a week and will be paused when arrests drop below 1,500 a day, the official said.

The last time crossings fell to that level was in the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic in July, 2020, when global travel was at historic lows. U.S. border arrests averaged 4,300 a day in April, according to the most recent government statistics available.

Key operational questions about how the new measures will

be implemented remained unclear, however, including how the administration would quickly deport migrants from far-away and unco-operative countries and how many non-Mexican migrants Mexico would accept under the new enforcement regime.

The new restrictions resemble similar policies implemented by Mr. Trump and use a legal statute known as 212(f) that served as the underpinning for Mr. Trump's travel bans blocking people from several majority-Muslim nations and other countries.

The new restrictions are expected to trigger legal challenges from immigrant and civil rights groups who have criticized Mr. Bi-den for adopting Trump-like policies and backtracking on U.S. legal obligations to asylum seekers.

"We intend to sue," said Lee Gelernt, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union who helped block Trump-era asylum restrictions. "A ban on asylum is illegal just as it was when Trump unsuccessfully tried it."

When it comes to immigration policy, registered voters prefer Mr. Trump over Mr. Biden by a 17 percentage point margin, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll conducted in mid-May.

The measures were attacked from both sides of the political spectrum.

In advance of the announcement, Mr. Trump's campaign issued a statement criticizing Mr. Biden for high levels of illegal immigration and said the move to exempt unaccompanied minors would encourage child traffick-

Republicans criticized Mr. Biden's new restrictions as politically motivated and insufficient, while some Democrats slammed Mr. Biden for undercutting access to asylum.

"President Biden has undermined American values and abandoned our nation's obligations to provide people fleeing persecution, violence and authoritarianism with an opportunity to seek refuge in the U.S.," said Senator Alex Padilla, a Democrat

from California. Mr. Biden has pushed unsuccessfully for months to pass a Senate bill that would toughen border security, including with a provision that resembles his latest moves by executive action. The bill was crafted by a bipartisan group of senators but Republicans rejected it after Mr. Trump

came out in opposition.
"Legislation is still the only way to permanently address border security and immigration reform," White House deputy press secretary Andrew Bates said in a

memo on Tuesday.

The number of migrants caught crossing the U.S.-Mexico border illegally dropped in recent months, a trend U.S. officials partlv attribute to increased Mexican enforcement.

Claudia Sheinbaum was elected as Mexico's first female president in a landslide victory on Sunday and will take office on Oct. 1. Mr. Biden's border restrictions could put pressure on Ms. Sheinbaum, the successor to current President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, to keep illegal border crossings down.

Mr. López Obrador said at a daily press conference that he expected to speak with Mr. Biden over the phone as soon as Tuesday and that the countries "have been making good progress" on the issue of immigration.

Under the new measures, migrants who demonstrate a fear of being returned to their home countries will be screened for other types of humanitarian protection but could be deported if denied, the Biden official told reporters. Those who are removed will face at least a five-year bar to re-entry and potential criminal prosecution

"These steps will strengthen the asylum system, preventing it from being overwhelmed and backed up by those who do not have legitimate claims," the U.S. official said.

China cracks down on Tiananmen memorials during 35th anniversary

KEN MORITSUGU KANIS LEUNG BEIJING

Beijing's Tiananmen Square had checkpoints and police vehicles on Tuesday as China tried to silence the 35th anniversary of a bloody crackdown on pro-democracy protests. Hong Kong police arrested four people and swarmed a handful of others who tried to protest or commemorate as the effort extended beyond the mainland.

China has long quashed any public memory of the military crackdown on months-long protests at the heart of its capital. An estimated 180,000 troops and police rolled in with tanks and armoured vehicles and fired into crowds trying to block them from advancing on the student-led demonstration in the square. Hundreds, if not thousands, are believed to have been

killed in an overnight operation that ended on the morning

of June 4, 1989. It was a turning point in modern Chinese history as Communist Party hardliners embraced control instead of political reforms.

The economy boomed in the ensuing decades, turning a once impoverished country into the world's second largest economy, but societal controls have been tightened since party leader Xi Jinping came to power in 2012.

Across China, the anniversary remains a taboo subject that is heavily censored. Any mention on social media is quickly erased.

Life appeared as normal in Beijing on Tuesday, with tourists lining the streets leading to gates to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, the former imperial palace across from it. The closest subway exit was closed, as was a viewing point atop Tiananmen Gate, according to a visitor regis tration website.

"As to the political disturbance that occurred in the late 1980s, the Chinese government has long had a clear conclusion," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said without elaborating. Asked about Western government statements on the anniversary, she added, "We are firmly opposed to anyone using this as a pretext to attack and smear China and interfere in China's internal affairs."

Tiananmen Mothers, a group formed by families of the victims, made an online appeal to the Chinese government to publish the names and total number of those who died, grant compensation to the victims and their relatives, and pursue legal accountability for those responsible.

"The June 4 tragedy is a historical tragedy that the Chinese government must face and explain to its people, and some people in the government at that time should be held legally responsible for the indiscriminate killing of innocents," the group said in a letter signed by 114 family members and published on its website, which is blocked in China.

Tiananmen memorials were also scrubbed out in Hong Kong - for years the only place in China where they could take place. A carnival organized by pro-Beijing groups was held Tuesday in a park that for decades was the site of a huge candlelight vigil marking the anniversary.

Police officers were out in force.

An elderly man was seen being taken away after holding up two handwritten posters. One read: "Remember 89! Mourn 64!" Hong Kong media said that activist Alexandra Wong, popularly known as "Grandma Wong," was also removed after she chanted slogans.

An AP journalist saw another woman taken away after being searched, and an online Hong Kong media outlet reported a fourth person taken in a police vehicle. In both cases it was unclear why.

'It's different from the past," Hong Kong resident Keith Law said. "Many people seem to act as if there's nothing happening, including myself."

After darkness fell, one person who lit a candle and two others who turned on their smartphone lights were quickly cordoned off by police and questioned in three separate incidents outside the park. They were eventually released.

"My heart hasn't died yet," said one, former vigil-goer Edward Yeung. A woman who wore a T-shirt with the numbers 8964 in

Roman numerals was taken away by police, however.

Late Tuesday, police said they arrested four people aged between 23 and 69. Among them was a 68-year-old woman detained on suspicion of sedition under the city's new national security law. Police said she had chanted slogans in

Two others were accused of assaulting police officers and disorderly conduct in a public place. The remaining suspect was arrested for alleged common assault. Police didn't iden-

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First Nation sues governments over mercury poisoning

Grassy Narrows in lawsuit demands Indigenous control over future projects in the traditional territory

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A First Nation that has lived the past five decades on a river contaminated with mercury from a nearby pulp and paper mill is suing Ontario and Canada over what band members say is the governments' failure to protect their right to live safely on their traditional territory.
The lawsuit demands Indige-

nous control over future projects in the traditional territory of the Grassy Narrows First Nation, including two gold mines and the nuclear-waste storage site at Ignace, Ont. This control would go far beyond the standard legal framework that requires governments to consult First Nations, said Adrienne Telford, lawyer for the First Nation.

"This is one of Canada's worst environmental and rights catastrophes," Ms. Telford said at a news conference outside Ontario Superior Court in Toronto on Tuesday morning.

The First Nation in Treaty 3, also called Asubpeeschoseewagong Anishinabek, is about 90 kilometres northeast of Kenora, Ont., with around 1,000 people living there. The community sits on the English River, downstream from the English-Wabigoon water system, where pollutants discharged from the Dryden pulp and paper mill have long been blamed for poisoning the people of Grassy Narrows.

The lawsuit says the failure by the Crown to stop the contamination and clean it up continues to violate the community's Anishinaabe way of life, which includes laws, cultural practices and beliefs that protect the lands and waters in a sustainable way.



Grassy Narrows First Nation Chief Rudy Turtle was refused entry to Queen's Park Tuesday, where he had hoped to hear discussion on the issue, owing to a rule on protesters. ARLYN McADOREY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ms. Telford told The Globe and Mail the issue has underlined the urgency of the band having greater control over future projects on its traditional territory than current legislation provides.

"We're way past that [duty to consult], because of the longstanding failures and the particular vulnerability of this community. And so something more is needed," she said.

"It's been over five decades of gross neglect, denial and disregard for Grassy Narrows people that continue to have to fight the mercury and new contamination in their waters. They continue to have to fight clear-cut logging in their territory, and they face increasing threats from mining and even the possibility of a nuclear waste disposal site in their headwaters."

A new study from Western University found the mill is dis-charging effluent that exacerbates the existing mercury contamination

None of the allegations have

been tested in court.

Chief Rudy Turtle of Grassy Narrows was at the news conference to launch the lawsuit in Toronto on Tuesday morning with a small group of supporters.

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This is one of Canada's worst environmental and rights catastrophes.

ADRIENNE TELFORD LAWYER FOR GRASSY NARI FIRST NATION ARROWS

"We are doing this for our children, our grandchildren, there's a new generation of young peo ple being born everyday and they are being born to a contaminated river with contaminated fish. They have to live with that and it's not fair," Mr. Turtle said.

After the news conference, Mr. Turtle was denied entry into Queen's Park, where he had honed to witness the NDP bring up the issue in Question Period.

The Legislative Protective Service told Mr. Turtle that the Ontario legislature bars anyone who takes part in a political protest from entering for 24 hours, leaving him with several other sup porters to sit outside the building.

The lawsuit claims throughout the 1960s and 1970s, tonnes of mercury a year were being dumped in the water that flowed downstream into communities such as Grassy Narrows, poisoning their freshwater fish source and making people sick.

"By at least 1978, Ontario was aware that authorizing further industrial activities in, around, or upstream of Grassy Narrows' Territory would or was likely to exacerbate the impacts of the contamination on Grassy Nar-rows' Treaty Rights," the lawsuit

Mercury contamination has plagued the English-Wabigoon River system in Northwestern Ontario for half a century, since a paper mill in Dryden dumped 9,000 kilograms of the substance into the river systems in the

Researchers have previously reported that more than 90 per cent of the people in Grassy Nar-rows and Wabaseemoong First Nation show signs of mercury poisoning.

The lawsuit notes a report in 1984 by federal and provincial scientists revealed that although mercury pollution levels were gradually decreasing in the river system, mercury levels in fish, in the absence of intervention, would remain "unacceptably high for many years."

Greg Rickford, Ontario's Minister of Northern Development and Minister of Indigenous Affairs, said the province enforces compliance of the highest environmental standards within its resource development sector.

Mr. Rickford, who represents the Kenora-area riding that includes Grassy Narrows and Wa-baseemoong, said the province in 2018 increased payments from the mercury disability fund, nearly doubling payments for recipients.

He said people from Grassy Narrows and the neighbouring Wabaseemoong First Nation, who are also living on the mercury-contaminated waters, will "get the benefits that they deserve for those historical damages."

Patty Hajdu, the federal Minisfor Indigenous Services, pointed to her government's proposed legislation for drinking water standards in First Nations, saying the bill would prevent future poisoning of water systems.

The federal government has also committed to funding a \$146-million treatment facility Grassy Narrows and others suffering long-term ailments related to the mercury poisoning.

She called the original and continuing contamination an absolute failure to protect the health of Indigenous people.

'We have to work with the rovinces and territories. They have jurisdiction over protecting this water," she said Tuesday.

Ottawa won't release secret internal analysis of economic effects of carbon pricing

MARIEKE WALSH

SENIOR POLITICAL REPORTER OTTAWA

The Liberal government is declining to release its internal analysis of the economic effects of carbon pricing and refusing to say why it is keeping the data secret, even as it criticizes the federal budget watchdog for an error in its analysis of the policy.

Parliamentary Budget Officer Yves Giroux disclosed to a House of Commons committee on Monday that the government has internal analysis of the economic effects of its consumer and industrial carbon pricing programs that it is keeping under wraps. He said the federal government's findings are largely in line with those of his office: that there is overall a net negative impact from the pricing regimes.

Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault's office has repeatedly declined Globe and Mail requests to explain why it is keeping its internal analysis secret. It also did not respond to a request for the documents.

on the issue Tuesday during ment online. In April, the Parlia-Question Period, where Consermentary Budget Officer request-

and four of his MPs repeatedly accused the government of a cover-up and muzzling the budget watchdog and demanded the minority Liberals release their internal findings.

However, rather than addressing those questions, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his colleagues responded by pointing out that Mr. Giroux has belatedly acknowledged an error in his own report and deflected by accusing the Conservatives of gagging their MPs on the abortion is-

Mr. Trudeau maintained his government's position that eight out of 10 Canadian households are better off with the carbon price system because the rebate they receive is greater than what they pay for the fuel charge.

"We will continue to put money in people's pockets and fight climate change," the Prime Minister said.

Mr. Poilievre responded that, "if that was true, he would simply release the report with the real costs of the carbon tax that he's been hiding."

Mr. Giroux's office posts its The Official Opposition seized correspondence with the governvative Leader Pierre Poilievre ed the government's data looking at the economic impact of carbon pricing on each province and territory and by sector to the end of the decade, as well as the impact on investment and in-

The government provided Mr. Giroux's office with the data in May under the caveat that the information "is used for your office's internal purposes only and is not published or further distrib-

The government has previously released cost-benefit analyses of its industrial carbon pricing system through the Canada Gazette. Mr. Giroux's office said the data the government sent him are not included in that publica-

In an interview Tuesday on CTV's Power Play with Vassy Kapelos, NDP House Leader Peter Julian said the government should release the internal report.

"The Liberals should not be hiding information that has been developed with taxpayers funding," Mr. Julian said, as he accused the Liberals of "showing the same kind of disrespect" to Mr. Giroux's office as the Conservatives did when they were in government.

The Parliamentary Budget Officer has faced immense criticism from the Liberals since The Canadian Press reported last week that he quietly notified Parliament about an error in his impact analysis of the consumer carbon price.

His office mistakenly included the effects of the industrial carbon price in its economic analysis of the impacts of the consumer carbon price. The result was that it overestimated the negative impact of the consumer carbon price, though it remains unclear by how much.

The distinction is significant because, while the Conservatives have criticized the consumer carbon price, they have been mum on the industrial system and whether they would keep it if they form government.

Mr. Giroux is expected to release a corrected report on the issue in the fall.

University of British Columbia professor Kathryn Harrison said she is watching for whether the revised report opens up the debate on industrial carbon pricing.

"So far, Pierre Poilievre has been side-stepping that one," Prof. Harrison said.

Accused believed he was on a 'mission from God,' psychiatrist tells Winnipeg murder trial

BRITTANY HOBSON WINNIPEG

Jeremy Skibicki killed four women and knew it was wrong but did it because he was under a psychotic delusion that he was on a mission from God, a Winnipeg murder trial has heard.

Sohom Das, a forensic psychiatrist from Britain, testified the killings came after years of violent acts by Mr. Skibicki stemming from mental illness.

"I believe the delusions and the psychotic symptoms caused by schizophrenia directly motivated those killings,' Dr. Das, testifying for the defence, told court Tuesday.

'He believed in his mind that he was on a mission from God. He felt compelled to carry out the killings.

Mr. Skibicki, 37, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the 2022 slayings of the four Indigenous women in Winnipeg: Rebecca Contois, 24; Morgan Harris, 39; Marcedes Myran, 26; and an unidentified woman an Indigenous grassroots community has named Mashkode Bizhiki'ikwe, or Buffalo

The Crown has so far presented evidence from video surveillance, DNA, computer files and witnesses to argue Mr. Skibicki had the mental capacity and awareness to plan and cover up the slavings.

Prosecutors say the killings were racially motivated and Mr.

Skibicki preyed on the victims at homeless shelters.

The trial has heard Mr. Skibicki assaulted the women, strangled or drowned them and disposed of their bodies in garbage bins in his neighbourhood, Ms. Myran and Ms. Contois were dismembered.

Mr. Skibicki's lawyers admit he killed the women but are arguing he should be found not criminally responsible owing

Dr. Das said he interviewed Mr. Skibicki twice and studied the killer's medical files, criminal record and social-media posts. Based off their interactions, Dr. Das told court Mr. Skibicki knew what he was doing at the time was legally wrong but he lacked the capacity to know that it was morally wrong.

Court heard Mr. Skibicki has a history of mental illness, including depression, borderline personality disorder and thoughts of suicide.

During cross-examination, prosecutor Chris Vanderhooft said no other psychiatrist has written a report diagnosing Mr. Skibicki with schizophrenia even though the man was hospitalized about 20 times

'If there were frequent flyer points for going to a hospital,

he'd be going on a big trip," Mr. Vanderhooft said.

The closest diagnosis was of Mr. Skibicki having schizoid personality traits, which is a form of anti-social behaviour.

Court heard Mr. Skibicki was first assessed in his early teens after his parents reported aggressive outbursts and an incident where he put his arms around a female cousin's throat while sleepwalking.

During one assessment with Dr. Das, Mr. Skibicki said he

believed he was on a "mission from God, and God was controlling his actions" at the time he killed the four women.

The prosecutor also questioned Dr. Das about whether he considered other motives for the killings, including Mr. Skibicki's alleged desire to control women or if he had paraphilia, which is a form of abnormal sexual behaviours or impulses.

The trial has also heard Mr. Skibicki committed "vile, sexual acts" on the women's bodies before disposing of them.

Dr. Das testified Mr. Skibicki told him he committed the acts because he believed it would "sanctify" their souls.

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The calm before the storm

Workers set up a marquee at the construction site of La Concorde Urban Parc for the coming 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. As part of setting up for infrastructure for the Games, the police headquarters closed the largest square in the city to all traffic

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Jagmeet Singh tries to seize the moment with his week of grocery-price anger

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OPINION



agmeet Singh did his best to look into the TV camera and deliver an ultimatum to grocery-chain companies: "Lower your prices. Or else."
On Tuesday, the NDP Leader told reporters in the

foyer of the House of Commons that something had to be done about high grocery prices – and that his party was going to do it. He mustered something of a fervent expres-

But by now, grocery-chain executives must know he's a stick-up man with a pop gun.

Mr. Singh is a partner in a supply-and-confidence agreement with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, but he's unlikely to get the Liberals to sign on to a system of price caps on groceries.

But he also knows Mr. Trudeau's government doesn't want to look soft on the big grocery chains.

This week, Mr. Singh has been ramping up the rhetoric

about grocery prices because he knows ordinary folks are burning with anger over the high prices at the supermarket. He wants to propose tough things the Liberals and Conservatives wouldn't do.

If he could propose a bill to put grocery-chain chief executives in stocks on Parliament Hill and have them pelted with overpriced tomatoes, it would probably be popular. That might seem a tad medieval, but the NDP Leader still turned to an idea that hasn't had currency in Canadian

politics since the 1970s: price controls. What Mr. Singh's New Democrats are proposing is, in truth, more of an ultimatum. If grocery chains don't lower prices, they will be forced to do it, with price caps, and only

on a basket of essential goods.

It wasn't clear from the NDP's Commons motion for price caps how the ultimatum would work – how prices would be capped and what products would be subject to price con-

And there's some waffling words in it that suggest grocery chains could be forced to lower prices not by caps but unspecified "other measures."

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As it turns out, Mr. Singh's proposal is a little late to combat food inflation, anyway. It has already decelerated. Food prices rose 21.4 per cent over the past three years, but only 1.4 per cent in the past year, up to this past April, according to Statistics Can-

Yet people are still angry about prices that are a lot higher than they used to be, especially at a time when major grocery re-

tailers have earned big profits. Some consumers have organized a boycott of Loblaw Cos. Ltd. stores, which NDP MP

Blake Desjarlais described as a pursuit of justice. "This is the kind of justice that these corporations should

be subjected to," he said.

Even if the NDP's price-cap gambit probably isn't going

anywhere, there is still a moment in politics where there is an impetus for some kind of comeuppance for the grocery sector. Mr. Singh tabled a bill last September calling for changes to competition law, including tougher penalties, and the Liberals replicated several of its measures in government legislation.

When the social democrats in Canada's political system are pushing for more lively economic competition between companies, you know it's a moment of popular sentiment for some change. And the moment is not over yet.

Mr. Singh appeared at a parliamentary committee on Monday to defend his bill, and in particular the elements the Liberal government has not adopted, such as fines for price-fixing that could rise to 10 per cent of a company's He pointed to the biggest fine - \$50-million - issued to

Canada Bread Co. Ltd., which was implicated in the bread price-fixing scheme involving seven companies accused by the Competition Bureau of Canada of collusion. He called it a "slap on the wrist" for a scheme that he said garnered \$5-billion in benefits for the companies. "In the case of Loblaws, [with] \$60-billion in revenues,

they should be able to impose a fine of \$6-billion," he said.

The language Mr. Singh used to propose tougher compe-

tition law only included references to a grocery-store chain, and it borrowed from the kind of rhetoric that Conservatives use to argue for stiffer sentences for violent criminals.

"If corporations are doing the crime, they have to pay the

fine," he told the committee.

With so much anger aimed at grocery chains, the NDP is keen to look like it's leading a crackdown.

New hospital program aims to boost care for at-risk patients

Toronto's University Health Network will help connect individuals with social supports and government assistance

CARLY WEEKS

If a patient misses an important medical appointment, but can't be contacted to reschedule because they don't have a phone, standard procedure dictates that a doctor or nurse will write that the individual was "lost to follow-up" in their chart.

When a person with diabetes can't afford their medications or forgets to take them because they are moving around the shel-ter system, they will often be la-belled as "non-compliant."

It's a reality that prevents many of the most vulnerable individuals, such as those living in poverty or those without housing, from getting care they need, leading to a cascade of worsening outcomes as a result. It's one of the reasons why life expectancy for people experiencing home-lessness is decades shorter than the average person in Canada.

Now, a program at Toronto's University Health Network is hoping to break down some of those long-standing access bar-riers by pairing at-risk individuals with a dedicated team to help them access health care as well as social supports, such as cellphones, government assistance or transportation to appoint-

The new program, created and led by the Gattuso Centre for Social Medicine at UHN, will roll out this summer and will see a nurse practitioner and a social medicine navigator work together to provide support to people with the highest needs. The program will use data from Toronto Western Hospital and Toronto General Hospital to identify the highest users of the system and work to get them help. For instance, people who have visited the emergency room six or more times or who have had two or more hospital re-admissions in the past year will be among those targeted by the program.

What this is about is prioritizing these patients to ensure that we're bringing different options and opportunities around social needs that are integrating social factors in the way we deliver health care," said Andrew Boozary, a primary-care physician and the Gattuso Centre's executive

Unlike a traditional social worker, the social medicine navigator role is designed to be more flexible, visiting individuals in their homes or shelters and connecting them with a variety of supports, which could include help accessing provincial drug benefits so they can afford medication, or accompanying them to medical appointments.

The social medicine naviga-tors are already working with patients in the community, and this summer they will start working directly in teams with nurse practitioners.

UHN social medicine navigators such as Evelyn Cheung, left, and Samera Mahamoud will help connect patients with supports, including help in accessing provincial drug benefits. SAMMY KOGAN/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

The nurse practitioners will play an integral role, Dr. Boozary said, helping people get medication renewals so they don't have to go to the emergency department for refills, and a host of other primary-care supports at UHN and with other community part-

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Evelyn Cheung, one of the program's social medicine navigators, said the role is an opportunity to make a difference during some of the most challenging moments in an individual's life. She recalled the story of a patient who was recently diagnosed with liver disease that advanced quickly, causing her to lose her job and almost get evicted. Because she couldn't pay her bills, the woman lost access to her cellphone.

Ms. Cheung connected the woman to a local organization that provides financial assistance to people facing eviction, which helped her with rent payments so she didn't lose her home. Unfortunately, her disease contin-ued to progress and the woman

"These are the types of people that we're working with," Ms. Cheung said. "They are high-intensity and they need support right away."

Samera Mahamoud, another social medicine navigator, re-cently connected with a man living in the shelter system who was once a law student, but dropped out after experiencing racism at school. Ms. Mahamoud helped the man get access to medical care.

Dr. Boozary notes that the program can't address many of challenges in the system, such as the lack of affordable housing, but that this initiative is poised to make a tangible difference for some of the most at-risk patients.

"This is not a silver bullet," he said. "It's just trying to will different options for people."



CRTC failed in duty to report potential cybercrimes to police: Auditor-General

Karen Hogan notes the airwaves regulator did not relay a 2021 tip it received regarding child pornography

COLIN FREEZE TORONTO

The Auditor-General of Canada has accused the federal telecommunications regulator of lax enforcement and of refusing to pass along data to police that it collects about suspected criminals.

In a 35-page report released Tuesday, Karen Hogan said a "risk averse" culture, combined with organizational infighting that caused "delays and missed opportunities," means the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission has failed in its mission to address serious cyberthreats.

The watchdog's allegations led Opposition MPs at the House of Commons public accounts committee to question the CRTC's investigative mandates and to accuse it of breaking the law.

In her report, Ms. Hogan noted the CRTC failed to relay to police a 2021 tip it received involving an individual allegedly seeking to buy child pornography. The report also said that, during a different probe, started by the CRTC in 2019, the regulator falsely told Quebec detectives it had de-



Auditor-General Karen Hogan holds a press conference at the National Press Theatre in Ottawa on Tuesday. Her 35-page report focuses on how several federal agencies are disjointed in their fight against cybercrime. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

stroyed data on seized cellphones that police were also seeking to access for their own criminal probe.

But the larger critiques in the Auditor-General's report are that "thousands of cybercrime reports were not acted on by the CRTC" and that "the CRTC does little to protect Canadians from online threats."

Cybercrime is a growing threat to all Canadians that is now said to be costing victims hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

In response to the allegations, the CRTC issued a statement saying it is trying to improve its investigations but it has no lawful authority to partner with police.

"There are clear legal and privacy constraints to disclosing information from civil regulatory bodies to criminal law enforcement agencies," CRTC spokesperson Leigh Cameron said.

While the report focused on the failings of several federal police and intelligence agencies, it noted that the CRTC also plays a key, if obscure, role in the cybercrime fight that stands apart from its duties as an airwaves regulator.

The CRTC's electronic-commerce enforcement division was created a decade ago to fight spammers and hackers under federal anti-spam legislation. According to the Auditor-General's

report, the regulator's Spam Reporting Centre received more than 335,000 tips from Canadians in 2022. But the CRTC's enforcement unit instigates only a couple of follow-up investigations into cybercrime-linked incidents each year.

One of them was the 2019 investigation in which the CRTC and the Granby Police Service in Quebec were investigating the same suspects for different offences. The CRTC seized the suspects' devices and then handed over some data from them after police obtained a production order from a judge.

But then the municipal police force told the air-waves regulator its investigators intended to get a search warrant to allow police to take custody of the devices themselves for police searches. Investigators with the CRTC told the police, falsely, that they had destroyed the data before they actually did so.

"In an expedited fashion they did accelerate cleaning the devices or deleting the contents of the devices and returning them," Ms. Hogan said when she appeared before the Commons public accounts committee Tuesday.

The Auditor-General's report says the CRTC did this with the consent of a suspect and wrongly relayed to police the data was destroyed before this actually had happened.

"What we observed was that this was false information. The

cellphones had not yet been wiped," she said at the commit-

Conservative MP Frank Caputo asked Ms. Hogan to supply the committee with the names of CRTC investigators involved in these decisions. And Bloc MP Nathalie Sinclair-Desgagné likened the scenario to obstruction of justice.

"Could you talk a bit about possible criminal conduct on behalf of the CRTC?," Ms. Sinclair-Desgagné asked of Ms. Hogan.

Ms. Cameron said in her statement to The Globe that the regulatory body's actions were rooted in law. The statement did not explain why it would expedite the deletion of data on seized devices that police wanted to obtain.

Ms. Cameron would only say that the regulator "will continue its work to improve its procedures and will implement the Auditor-General's recommendations."

The Auditor-General's report also faults the CRTC's investigative unit for failing to pass along to police a 2021 a tip it got about a spam text message sent from someone who said they were seeking to buy illicit child-sexual imagery

imagery.

The regulator refused to relay this information to authorities. Officials with Ms. Hogan's office called police themselves. That happened as the watchdog completed its review in April, three years after the message was sent.

Morrisseau: Infrared photography uncovers distinctive pencil marks in fake paintings

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After the proceeding, a lead investigator in the case, Thunder Bay Police Detective Sergeant Jason Rybak, called Mr. Voss the "architect of this whole scheme."

Once called Picasso of the North, Mr. Morrisseau died in 2007 having earned a reputation as one of the country's greatest artists.

His work featured X-ray depictions of people and animals outlined in thick black lines, a style that came to be called the Woodland School.

In the years before his death, Mr. Morrisseau identified dozens of counterfeit works. But buyers who tried to sue galleries for selling them suspect Morrisseaus ran into legal hurdles trying to prove a painting was a definitive fake.

One plaintiff, Margaret Hatfield, a retired schoolteacher, bought Wheel of Life for \$10,350 in 2005, and sued the seller in 2009. Two courts ruled against her, finding that the painting was a Morrisseau original.

Mr. Voss now admits it was a fake. Investigators submitted Wheel of Life to digital infrared photography at the Canadian Conservation Institute, which revealed Mr. Voss's distinctive pencil outlines and letter codes beneath the overlying paint.

"I'd love to see Margaret's face as she finds out that everything she argued, and that I argued on her behalf, has been confirmed," said lawyer Ionathan Sommer.



Forged paintings said to have been the works of Indigenous artist Norval Morrisseau have been found across Canada, including at McGill University's Visible Storage Gallery in January. ALEXIS AUBIN/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

who argued Ms. Hatfield's case and as well as a similar lawsuit brought by Barenaked Ladies member Kevin Hearn that was the subject of a documentary called *There Are No Fakes*. For years, Mr. Sommer tried in vain to get police to pursue the counterfeiting ring.

Police finally heeded those calls in 2020, when the Thunder Bay Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police launched Project Totton.

Infrared photography provided the break they needed. Investigators analyzed 30 suspect paintings and found that 26 had the distinctive pencil marks underneath.

An infrared analysis of authentic Morrisseaus found no such pencil marks.

Once he'd finished a canvas, Mr. Voss consigned or sold the fakes to distributors and auction houses. Randy Potter, who ran Kahn Country Auctions and Randy Potter Estate Auction in Port Hope, Ont., was the main destination, according to the agreed statement of fact read in court. Mr. Potter, who died in 2018, took a 30-per-cent commission for the 1,500 to 2,000 Voss-produced works he auctioned. He once testified in a civil case that average

Morrisseaus fetched between \$1,200 and \$7,000, but some reached \$30,000.

Mr. Voss told distributors that he'd acquired the works directly from Mr. Morrisseau and provided faulty documentation to authenticate the pieces. In the Hatfield case, gallery

mitter father tease, garlery owner Joseph McLeod testified that Mr. Voss's father had acquired numerous Morrisseaus while working in a Kenora jail that incarcerated Mr. Morrisseau for a time. In reality, Mr. Voss's father never worked in the jail and never "met, acquired artwork from, or otherwise interacted with" Mr. Morrisseau, according to the statement.

The statement mentions two Voss fakes that The Globe and Mail identified as suspected forgeries earlier this year.

In January, Salmon Life Giving Spawn was removed from a room at the Ontario Legislature and seized by police after a Globe story on the painting. The same month, the National Capital Commission announced it was working with police after The Globe identified Circle of Four as a suspected forg-

Det. Sgt. Rybak said the painting was donated to the NCC collection by now-former senator Serge Joyal who acquired the piece at auction in the 1990s. He called both Mr. Joyal and the Government of Canada victims of the Morrisseau art fraud.

Mr. Voss's sentencing is scheduled for September.

CHL: Audit finds discrepancies in invoices billed to Vitalité Health Network

FROM A1

It also found that Vitalité's three contracts with the Toronto agency weren't reviewed by lawyers and lacked documentation to support its selection of CHL as a provider of temporary nurses and orderlies.

Mr. Martin said he is considering seeking a court order to force Vitalité to turn over three internal audits of its contracts with CHL, the first time he has sought such a step in his 2½ years in the job because of resistance from a government body.

In a statement, Vitalité said that it is in a legal dispute with a nursing agency and that the three documents are covered by attorney-client confidentiality. "Sharing those documents could harm certain ongoing negotiations," it said. (The statement didn't identify the agency, but according to Mr. Martin, the three documents deal with CHL contracts.)

During Question Period in the legislature, Social Development Minister Jill Green said the government is trying to end the current private nursing deals. "We are working with our partners at the Attorney-General's office to look at how these contracts can

be severed in a legal way."

Ms. Green, Vitalité and CHL did not provide more details.

In presenting his report before a legislature committee on Tuesday, Mr. Martin said Vitalité failed to acknowledge the problems he identified. "I find it very difficult to understand why Vitalité is not saying, 'Oh my goodness, we need to fix this,' " he said, adding that he was met instead with an "aggressive response."

CHL was the subject of a Globe and Mail investigation published in February. The audit confirmed many of The Globe's findings, including the fact that the company charged much higher rates than those of its competitors.

Vitalité's deals with CHL have features that are "quite scary," Mr. Martin told the committee, alluding to a clause that allows CHL to invoice for staff who weren't needed, and an autorenewal clause if bilingualism and overall staffing targets were met

"I bet a lot of people would love to get a contract like this, and I would challenge government to do better - way better. This is not good," Mr.

Martin said.

CHL has said in past statements that its contracts are "fair and transparent" and reflect the "extraordinary logistical challenges" of recruiting and retaining health care workers in rural Canada. The company did not respond to a request for comment Tuesday.

But committee members expressed outrage at the audit's findings. "This is scandalous that the taxpayers are on the hook for such large sums," Liberal MLA Richard Losier said.

"Canadian Health Labs is laughing all the way to the bank. They have had quite a lucrative time in New Brunswick so far," said Megan Mitton of the Green Party.

Vitalité has said that it retained CHL because it could supply bilingual nurses. In fact, auditors found that, while CHL accounted for 80 per cent of Vitalité's travel nursing costs, the ability to speak French was only required at two facilities and "there were concerns with the level of French language services provided."

Furthermore, CHL didn't pay for the agency's liability insurance, requesting instead that Vitalité supply coverage under a government-sponsored plan. However, that plan excludes third-party contractors, the audit

found.

CHL charged for nursing services in 12-hour increments, but the report found cases where Vitalité paid more than \$18,000 for a 12-hour period when some of the nurses only worked 3½ hours.

The Globe investigation found that CHL billed Vitalité for meal allowances for its personnel, even though the company told the nurses that they had to pay for their own food. The audit found that "meal allowances were often paid for double or triple what the support provided would have allowed for."

The report also looked at the fact that CHL charged Vitalité for the rental of electric vehicles from a firm called Canadian EV Labs, which was linked to the agency's CEO, Bill Hennessey.

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Labs up to \$345 a day even
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rental firms at less than \$83, the audit found. Mr. Martin told The Globe he may investigate travel nursing further, including whether agencies overcharged for accommo-

dations.

The audit also looked at \$2.7-million that CHL invoiced the Department of Social Development to staff nursing homes in 2022. Nearly half of CHL's travelrelated invoices were not properly supported, the report said. This included a hotel room billed twice, rooms booked for the same person at different hotels on the same day, flights to Newfoundland with no evidence of work done in New Brunswick and \$6,405 in gift cards.

CHL signed similar contracts with authorities in Newfoundland and Labrador. Those are part of a continuing review being conducted by Newfoundland Auditor-General Denise Hanrahan. Mr. Martin said his office has been in contact with their counterparts in Newfoundland.

Paula Doucet, president of the New Brunswick Nurses Union, said she was "appalled" by the lack of oversight. "New Brunswick had never utilized private, for-profit travel agencies before 2022 and now we're spending \$173-million in a two-year period?" she said. "That's mindblowing."

McKinsey: Report finds 71% of examined contracts did not have open competition

The committee has held extensive hearings into federal contracting practices.

Throughout their study, MPs have heard from policy experts who question why Ottawa is spending billions more per year on outsourcing while also growing the size of the public service in recent years. Several other independent watchdogs, such as the Privacy Commissioner and the Public Sector Integrity Commissioner, are also investigating concerns related to how Ottawa manages private contractors.

Over the years, federal departments have turned to McKinsey for a wide range of issues, including health and welfare services, IT support, management consulting, scientific and research servic-

es, and temporary help.
Tuesday's report said nine out
of 10 departments and agencies and eight out of 10 Crown corpo-rations failed to properly follow all aspects of their procurement policies and guidance on at least one contract. It also found that out of a sample of 33 contracts, 19 had one or more issues that prevented the organizations from demonstrating the contracts delivered value for money.

The report stated that auditors "found frequent disregard for procurement policies and guidance and risk to value for money across the contracts awarded to McKinsey & Company both by departments and agencies and by Crown corporations."

It also found that 71 per cent of the 97 contracts were awarded without an open competition. The report expressed concern that some departments and agencies were not able to demonstrate that individual consultants had the necessary security clearances.

Ms. Hogan said at a news conference that one of the audit's key findings was the frequent lack of justification by officials for awarding contracts without com-petition. "Competitive procure-ment processes should be the de-fault and are there to ensure better value for Canadians," she said.

In addition to the report on McKinsey contracts, Ms. Hogan also released a report focused on spending by Sustainable Development Technology Canada and a third report on whether laws against cybercrime activities are effectively enforced.

The Auditor-General reviewed 97 professional services contracts to McKinsey between 2011 and 2023. The value of the contracts totalled \$209-million and \$200million was spent.

The contract spending has attracted considerable attention from opposition MPs in light of the company's connections to the Liberal government under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

In its early days, the Trudeau government relied heavily on policy advice from Dominic Barton while he was the global head of McKinsey, and then later named Mr. Barton as Canada's ambassador to China from 2019 to

Throughout 2016 and 2017, Mr. Barton served as both the head of McKinsey and the chair of a federal economic advisory council to then-Liberal finance minister Bill Morneau. Mr. Barton has denied any connection between his volunteer advisory work and the growth in federal contracting with McKinsey.

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The advisory council was an influential voice in Ottawa, making recommendations such as the creation of an infrastructure bank and calling for significant increases in immigration that were ultimately adopted in whole or in

The government released a review last June that said there was no evidence of political interference in the awarding of contracts to McKinsey.
The Auditor-General's report

on McKinsey contracts did not specifically examine the issue of political interference and the report made no comment on that area, Ms. Hogan told reporters that "we didn't see any ministerial involvement that would have directed contracts to McKinsey &

Company."

The report did call on departments and Crown corporations to strengthen policies related to identifying actual or perceived conflicts of interest in the procurement process.

Ms. Hogan's report follows a recent review by Procurement Ombud Alexander Jeglic, who flagged concerns about "a strong perception of favouritism" in contracts awarded to McKinsev.

The Auditor-General's report provided a breakdown of annual federal spending with all professional services providers. It said spending was steady at about \$4.6-billion from the 2011-12 fiscal year until the 2015-16 fiscal year, when spending started to increase. Annual spending on all professional services providers reached \$8.4-billion in the 2021-22 fiscal year and then decreased to \$8.3-billion in 2022-23. Those amounts do not include Crown corporations and only cover categories that included contracts awarded to McKinsey.

Specifically with respect to McKinsey contracts, the report said spending by departments, agencies and Crown corporations increased from \$817,000 in the 2011-12 fiscal year to a high of \$55.1-million in the 2021-22 fiscal year, and then decreased to about \$46.8-million in the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The federal Treasury Board and several Crown corporations said they accepted the report's findings and recommendations.

McKinsey said in a statement

that the company stands by its

"Consistent with prior reviews, the Auditor-General does not sug-gest that McKinsey & Company Canada pursued its contracts in an inappropriate manner or did anything other than follow the government's procurement rules and respond to the government's requests," the company said in a statement provided by spokesperson Alley Adams.

Conservative MP Stephanie Kusie said in committee that the report illustrates the close ties between the Liberals and McKinsey.

'The infiltration of McKinsey in this Liberal government runs deep," she said. NDP MP Blake Desjarlais point-

ed out that the Auditor-General's report shows rules were not fol-lowed under Conservative and Liberal governments.

Federal Procurement Minister Jean-Yves Duclos said the government accepts Ms. Hogan's find-ings. He said the recommenda-"will continue to guide the work already under way to ensure procurement activities are effective and well-managed."

He also said in a statement that the standing offer with McKinsey, which allowed several depart-ments to access McKinsey services, expired in February, 2023, and no standing offer is being renewed. He said his department has updated the training for contracting officials and the government is also strengthening the conflictof-interest code for public servants.



A report released Monday by a national-security committee with MPs from all major parties details collaborations between federal politicians and foreign governments. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa: Report says criminal charges are unlikely

FROM A1

The national-security committee report Monday is the latest to outline deficiencies in how the government addresses meddling by foreign powers in Canadian democracy. The committee, made up of MPs from all major parties as well as senators, detailed collaborations between federal politicians and foreign governments, in-"communicating frecluding quently with foreign missions before or during a political campaign to obtain support from community groups or businesses which the diplomatic missions promise to quietly mobilize in a

candidate's favour." Ms. Freeland, asked whether she was comfortable sitting in the same caucus room as an MP who might be collaborating with foreign powers, talked of a "great battle" taking place in the world today between democracies and authoritarian leaders. "And this battle exists in our country, too. There are countries that want to compromise our democracy," she said, speaking in French. "It is a serious, serious problem that there are MPs in our House of Commons who are part of this."

She said it's incumbent on her political party, the Liberals, to conduct an internal review. "It must be a question of national interest, of national security, and for me and for us, obviously as a political party, we must and we will follow this up internally."

ing to commit to removing MPs in the Liberal caucus if they were found to have colluded with foreign powers. "The guarantee I can give to Canadians is our government takes foreign interference very, very seriously," she said.

Mr. LeBlanc declined to elaborate on Ms. Freeland's remarks, suggesting reporters talk to her for details.

immediately respond to a request for further information. NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh said

anyone who knowingly worked

Still, Ms. Freeland was unwill-

Ms. Freeland's office did not

with a foreign government should be removed from Parliament.

The national-security committee also reported Monday that some parliamentarians are "accepting knowingly, or through willful blindness, funds or benefits from foreign missions or their proxies which have been layered or otherwise disguised to conceal their source."

It said some federal politicians are giving foreign diplomats information on the work or opinions of fellow parliamentarians, knowing it will be used to put pressure on MPs to change their positions. And it said some parliamentarians are following the direction of foreign officials to improperly influence colleagues or parliamentary business, or giving information learned in confidence from the government to a foreign intelligence officer.

Conservative foreign affairs critic Michael Chong called on the government to supply details of alleged wrongdoing to his party. He said the Conservatives would investigate any information they received.

"We strongly condemn any parliamentarian that would betray Canada in favour of a foreign state. Parliamentarians' duty is to the people of Canada," he said.

Conservative MP was asked whether his party will conduct an internal review of the allegations. Mr. Chong noted that his party does not have access to the names of parliamentarians collaborating with foreign powers. However, he noted, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau would have access to their names. "If individuals involved are brought to our attention, we will take appropriate action," Mr. Chong said.

Stephanie Carvin, a former national-security analyst and associate professor of international relations at Carleton University, said all party leaders should request classified briefings on the national-security watchdog's report and then use the information to conduct internal reviews of their par-

"Parties should be informed if there are these concerns. I don't think it is unreasonable for parties to tap certain parliamentarians on the shoulder and ask if they are aware of the origins or consequences of their actions. Ultimately, they decide who the candidates are, not national-security agencies.

Monday's report was the result of the watchdog examining 4,000 documents totalling more than 33,000 pages, and briefings with officials from organizations such as the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Communications Security Establishment, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the de partment of Global Affairs, as well as interviews with people including the Prime Minister.

The report said the instances of federal politicians collaborating with foreign states may be illegal but they are unlikely to lead to criminal charges because of a "long-standing issue of protecting classified information and methods in judicial processes."

Ward Elcock, a former director of CSIS between 1994 and 2004, said there are numerous reasons why Canada might not prosecute parliamentarians colluding with foreign powers. He said he could recall at least two cases during his tenure where MPs were aiding foreign powers but did not end up being charged. In one of these instances, "we were pretty dead sure that in fact the individual had accepted money for activities."

But intelligence, Mr. Elcock said, is not enough if it does not meet strict rules for evidence. Lack of evidence, therefore, is one reason for not prosecuting. Or, there may be a fear of using evidence that would expose its sources or methods.

"If it's information you derived from, say a foreign diplomat who has been turned, or it's implants that have been put in an embassy that give you communications from that embassy, you also have to weigh whether losing those sources of information justifies a prosecution."

TEEN GIRL PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULT IN DEATH OF HOMELESS TORONTO MAN

A teen girl charged in the death of a homeless man in downtown Toronto has pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily harm and assault with a weapon.

Eight girls between the ages of 13 and 16 were initially charged with second-degree murder in the December, 2022,

death of Kenneth Lee.

A judge recently committed six of the teens to stand trial on second-degree murder and two on the lesser charge of manslaughter.

Police have alleged Mr. Lee, who was 59 and living in the city's shelter system, died after he was swarmed and stabbed by a group of girls.

One girl pleaded guilty to manslaughter last week Three other girls are expected to plead guilty in the case one to manslaughter and the others to charges that have not yet been specified before the court.

The remaining three have chosen to be tried by a jury. A trial date has not yet been set. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SUSPECT IN 2023 UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO STABBING PLEADS GUILTY TO MULTIPLE CHARGES

A man accused of stabbing a professor and two students in a University of Waterloo gender studies class carried out his attack because he believed postsecondary institutions were "forcing ideology" on people, court documents show, as he pleaded guilty to four charges in the case.

Geovanny Villalba-Aleman was initially facing 11 charges

over the attack that took place on June 28, 2023, with federal prosecutors saying all those charges constituted terrorism offences.

The former University of Waterloo student, who was 24 at the time of the attack, pleaded guilty in a Kitchener, Ont., court on Monday to two counts of aggravated assault, one count of assault with a weapon and one count of assault causing bodily harm.

The Public Prosecution Service of Canada said those offences constitute terrorist activity in his case.

An agreed statement of facts filed with the court said police found a "manifesto" on Mr. Villalba-Aleman's phone that seemed to reference infamous mass killers in Norway and New Zealand.

Court heard that Mr. Villalba-Aleman walked into the classroom, asked the professor for the subject of the class and then called her a "Marxist" as he pulled out two large

knives from his backpack and chased after her.

The professor was stabbed in the nose and on the right bicep, causing injuries that required reconstructive surgery. Two fleeing students were also slashed in the attack

Mr. Villalba-Aleman's sentencing hearing is scheduled to take place in October. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Largest bridge ever built between Canada and the U.S. nears long-awaited completion

Years of planning, engineering know-how and a dash of style pay off with the Gordie Howe International Bridge

IVAN SEMENIUK WINDSOR, ONT.

The design of the Gordie Howe International Bridge is meant to evoke the bend of a hockey stick making a slap shot. But as the mammoth project nears its biggest milestone to date, a more apt comparison would be Michelangelo's The Creation of Adam - or perhaps the movie poster for E.T.

For nearly six years, the largest bridge ever built between Canada and the United States has grown in two separate parts, extending toward each other from opposite banks of the Detroit River. In recent weeks, the vast and gracile structure has come to resemble a pair of outstretched fingers that are almost but not quite touching. Visible from miles around, the scene embodies drama and demands closing.

Now, the moment of contact is

close at hand. By late May, the space separating the two halves of the 2.5-kilometre-long bridge had shrunk to a mere 11 metres. Project managers say the final section of bridge deck destined to fill that gap will be bolted into place before the

end of June.

When that feat is accomplished, the bridge will form a continuous span over the majestic waterway that flows between Detroit and Windsor, Ont. While the bridge is still more than a year away from opening, the imminent union of its two halves signals a new reality. For the first time in nearly a century, North America's busiest border crossing is expanding - and it is doing so in grand style.

Paid for entirely by the Canadian government, the \$6.4-billion infrastructure project promises to improve the flow of people and goods in a region that has been economically integrated since before the existence of either Canada or the United States. But beyond its practical value, the bridge has already delivered something the river has not seen in more than a generation: a

sense of sheer, architectural awe.
"This is our passion," said Jaime Castro-Maier, lead engineer for the Canadian side of the project, whose bridge-building résumé spans five continents. "I go chasing these types of bridges because I take joy in them. Many of

my colleagues do the same.' This part of the process, in which the bridge deck grows segment by segment from both sides, is like a marathon of construction cycles, he said: "very repetitive,

but also very intensive."
All the while, engineers have



The two sections of the Gordie Howe International Bridge will connect Windsor, Ont., and Detroit. The bridge was paid for entirely by Canada and cost \$6.4-billion, with the goal of improving the flow of goods and people. PHOTOS BY PATRICK DELL/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

measured, monitored and used the tension on the cables to steer the two ends of the bridge toward their eventual meeting point some 10 storeys above the water-

"We are within a few milliwe are within a few minimetres of where we were expecting to be,"Mr. Castro-Maier said of the alignment. "If you look at the magnitude of this construction site and the size of the deck - to talk about millimetres is very rewarding.

BEAUTY MEETS UTILITY

After delays caused by the CO-VID-19 pandemic, much still remains to be done to complete the bridge and its associated ports of entry in time for a projected opening in the fall of 2025. But the steady progress of the past year and the near completion of the bridge deck has heightened public interest and created a growing sense of anticipation on both sides of the

seeing social-media

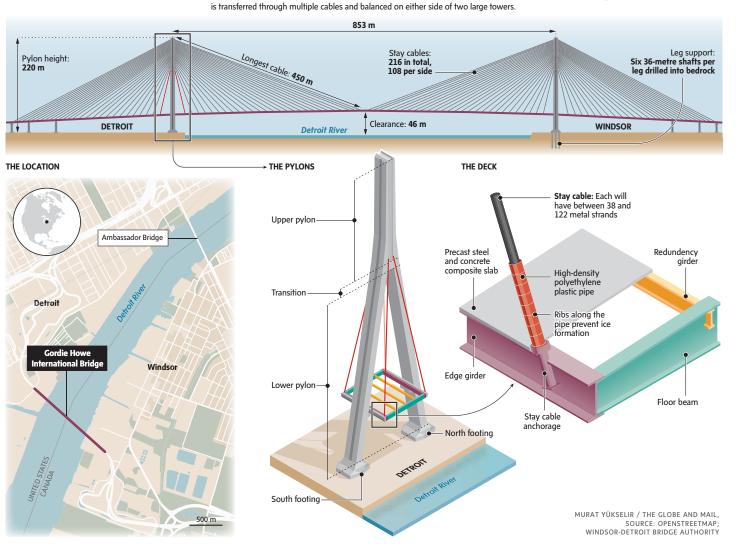
comments, we're seeing how excited the community is about the bridge deck connection taking place. That's a real inspiration for us," said Heather Grondin, chief relations officer for the Windsor Detroit Bridge Authority, the Crown corporation that the federal government created a dozen ears ago to oversee the project.

One reason for the good vibes is ure aesthetics. The Gordie Howe bridge isn't just big; it is undeniably striking. Named for the Sas-

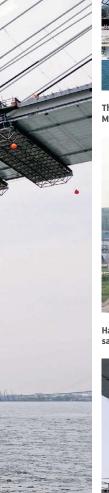
katchewan-born hockey legend who played 25 seasons with the Detroit Red Wings, the structure is supported by towers that rise 220 metres above the surrounding terrain. While the shape of the towers is the supposed nod to hockey, the visual metaphor is not obvious. What does jump out, however, are the fans of 216 stay cables that extend from the towers to the bridge deck. These give the bridge a remarkably airy feel

A fine balance

When completed, the Gordie Howe bridge will be the largest in North America to feature a cable-stayed design. In this style, the load of the bridge deck







nomic downturns and other challenges since the glory days of the North American auto industry, it is a monument to optimism.

STRAIT AHEAD

The word "river" is almost a misnomer for the broad and flowing conveyor belt that separates Windsor from Detroit. Only 50 kilometres long but as wide as the Mississippi, it is also a strait - the meaning of the word détroit, in French - and a conduit between the vast reservoirs of the Upper and Lower Great Lakes.

Long used by Indigenous people, who have lived along its banks for millenniums, the river has been a gateway, a highway, a trade route, a conflict zone and a physical and cultural crossroads.

It is the New World's Bosphorus. French explorers who plied the river in the 17th century were taken with the bounty they saw crowding its banks, including forests filled with game, timber and wild fruits. Compared with Quebec, with its harsher northern climate, the warmer and lush climate of the region made it a veritable garden of Eden.

impression venturer Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac to seek permission from the French crown to establish a fort on the river in 1701, marking the start of the settlement that would become Detroit. In a description penned the following year, Cadillac wrote: "This country, so temperate, so fertile and so beautiful that it may justly be called the earthly paradise of North America, deserves all of the care of the King to keep it up and to attract inhabitants to it."

Cadillac failed in his bid to cre-

ate a personal fiefdom on the river and was later demoted to governor of Louisiana. But the appeal for colonists brought more settlers over the next several decades. The French influence continued even after Quebec fell to the British in 1759, and it is evident today in family and place names found up and down the river.

Another profound came in the aftermath of the American Revolution when Michigan, once claimed by France and then held by Britain, became part of the United States. The bustling waterway that had served as a thoroughfare for Indigenous peoples and for settlers with ties on both sides of the river was to become the dividing line between



The gap between the bridge's Canadian and U.S. sides is seen in late May, with just 11 metres separating the span's two sides.



Habib Tabatabi, a professor of civil and environmental engineering says cable-stayed bridges tend to become 'iconic structures.'



The design of the Gordie Howe International Bridge's support pillars is meant to evoke the bend of a hockey stick making a slap shot.

But the need to cross it would remain.

BRIDGE OUT OF WATER

Ferries were once a signature feature of life and trade on the De $troit\,River.\,Their\,importance\,grew$ once the Great Western Railway reached the Windsor shore in 1854. Here, where the river is at its narrowest, boats were the sole means of transporting railcars back and forth to Detroit for the next 50 years. The pattern changed when the first tunnel under the river was completed by the Michigan Central Railway in 1910. But even as trains began crossing the border below ground, the growing prevalence of the automobile made the idea of a bridge an increasingly appealing proposition.

The challenge then, as now, was building a bridge tall enough to allow for commercial ships going up and down the river. The answer then was to make it a suspension bridge. This design relies on a pair of giant metal cables to support a steel bridge deck. But bridging an expanse as wide as the De troit River is not a trivial exercise. When the privately owned Ambassador Bridge was completed in 1929 it was the largest suspension bridge in the world.

The quest for a new bridge has been a local epic. Long a topic of discussion in the region, it was officially explored in 2001 when federal, state and provincial governments in both countries joined forces to study potential improvements to cross-border transportation. Among the options rejected in the study was one promoted by the Michigan-based owner of the

Bridging the waters

The Great Lakes region currently includes ten large bridges, nine of which cross the Canada-U.S. border. When completed, the Gordie Howe International Bridge will mark the first new crossing in over 60 years.



- A International Bridge (Sault Ste. Marie) 1960
- **Mackinac Bridge** (Lower and Upper Michigan) 1957
- Blue Water Bridge (Sarnia-Port Huron) - 1938
- Ambassador Bridge (Windsor-
- Detroit) 1929 Peace Bridge (Fort Erie-Buffalo)

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- Rainbow Bridge (Niagara Falls) 1941
- Queenston-Lewiston Bridge
- Thousand Islands Bridge (Ivy Lea-Alexandria Bay) - 1938 Ogdensburg-Prescott
- International Bridge 1960 Seaway International Bridge (Cornwall-Massena) - 1958

North Channel portion replaced

Ambassador Bridge to twin that structure and join it more directly to Ontario's Highway 401. This would have required cutting a swath through several Windsor neighbourhoods. Instead, a less disruptive crossing point was selected in 2008, winnowed down from several candidates. Despite a lawsuit and campaign by the old bridge's owner to thwart the plan the legal path for the new bridge was cleared by 2013.

Now, the question was what kind of bridge to build.

According to Barry Chung, a bridge specialist with AECOM, the engineering company whose design was selected, the key decision that dictated how the project would unfold was to keep it out of the water entirely. That choice averts the need to construct supporting piers within the riverbed, as was done for the Ambassador Bridge a century ago.

"You can imagine the obvious advantages," he said. In addition to reducing the overall cost of the bridge, "we don't have any issues with vessel protection or any-thing like that, because it's out of the navigation channel."

The collapse of Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge when it was struck by a container ship earlier this year illustrates the hazard to bridges whose supports are in the water.

For designers, the trade-off was having to span the full width of the river with towers positioned just more than 850 metres apart. This is approaching the upper limit for a cable-stayed design, which is considered to be about 1,000 metres. A suspension bridge can go longer, but a suspension bridge requires more material and additional anchorage for its cables, which introduces more cost. Instead, AECOM proposed what will be the longest cable stayed bridge in North America.

ON DECK

One breezy afternoon last month I visited the construction site of the Gordie Howe bridge in Windsor and ascended through a temporary lift to the bridge deck. There, I could walk out over the river as far as the gap, where I watched workers on the U.S. side a

mere stone's throw away. "You see them closer and closer every day," said Manuel Bello, a field engineer. "It's pretty rare to work on a project that's in between two countries.

Once the connection is made the two separate worlds of the bridge will become one - a change that will see border agencies from both countries setting up shop at the project, and require workers to have their passports or other suitable identification at hand.

The bundled stay cables that hold up the deck are still partly exposed. Each consists of dozens of finger-thick strands that would stretch across the entirety of Canada if laid end to end. In addition to giving the bridge its signature look, the close spacing of the ca-bles is an important structural feature, said Mamdouh El-Badry, a professor of civil engineering at the University of Calgary.

"That is unique for cable-stayed bridges," Dr. El-Badry said. "They allow for a longer span while at the same time t for a shallow deck."

The bulk of the Gordie Howe bridge deck is made of a steel and concrete composite material that sits within a girder frame only 2.7 metres in depth from bottom to its top surface. The overall effect is a bridge that looks ribbon-thin from a distance and seems to hov er above the water.

Far below, small fishing boats cluster near the bridge, looking to see what is biting under the vast overhanging structure that has fast become a part of the local landscape. Patrol boats associated with the project nudge them away if they get too close to being under the active construction site up on the deck.

During the Industrial Revolution, the construction of large truss bridges made of heavy steel girders became a symbol of humanity's conquest over the barriers imposed by geography. They convey a sense of bringing order to an unruly world.

For those who are among the first to cross the Gordie Howe International Bridge when it opens next year, the experience of looking down over the grey-blue wa ters of the ancient river and the cities on either side may evoke a different feeling - one not unlike the exhilaration of flight.



Thanks to improvements in materials technology, bridges that employ this form, known as a "cable-stayed" design, have become increasingly common since the beginning of the 21st century. Because the load of the bridge deck can be transferred directly to the ground using a large number of relatively narrow cables that descend symmetrically from tall towers at either end, this approach requires less material to build than more traditional-looking suspension bridges, such as the 95-year-old Ambassador Bridge located five kilometres up-

stream from the new project. In addition to greater structural efficiency – or perhaps because of it – a cable-stayed bridge also

tends to elicit positive reactions. "From the public standpoint, it becomes an iconic structure," said Habib Tabatabi, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. "It really is a beautiful sight to see."

In the case of the Gordie Howe bridge, the other reason for enthusiasm is a pragmatic one. According to a 2021 report by the University of Windsor's Cross Borprivate Ambassador Bridge, which is four lanes wide, accounts for 30 per cent of all truck trade between Canada and the U.S., and 19 per cent of bilateral trade over all. Nearby, the Windsor-Detroit tunnel offers only two lanes - one in each direction - and lacks the ceiling height for large trucks.

To say this situation presents a bottleneck would be an understatement. The problem is further magnified in a trade environment where materials and components can cross multiple times on the way to becoming finished prod-

With six lanes of traffic, the Gordie Howe bridge will effectively double the size of the region's cross-border pipeline. It will also shorten the connec-

tion between major highways on either side of the river, offering trucks an alternative to trundling through local streets on their way to the nearest crossing.

In its report, the Cross-Border Institute estimates the cumulative time savings for truck traffic at 850,000 hours a year. This is why the structure about to be joined over the Detroit River "is not an ordinary bridge," the report's authors note.

For the cities on either side of the river that have endured eco- 1927

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

It should not take a crisis to fix our courts

vear ago, Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard Wagner issued a dire warning to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau about the many unfilled judicial jobs across the country - an "untenable" situation that could "result in a crisis for our justice system."

At the time, there were upward of 90 judicial vacancies out of 995 full-time jobs on federally appointed courts.

Today, the situation isn't resolved, but it is improved. There are now 57 vacancies. Chief Justice Wagner, in his annual press conference on Monday, expressed confidence in his prepared remarks that the federal government would continue on that trajectory. He didn't declare the crisis averted but in an answer to a question, he repeated: "I am confident now that the situation can be corrected."

Canada's courts, like many institutions in the country, have operated under considerable strain for years. Judicial vacancies are one of several factors that have exacerbated the problems of delivering timely justice. Other major issues also addressed by Chief Justice Wagner on Monday - include inadequate funding from the provinces of their courts and the continuing struggle to ensure cases are heard within the strict deadlines set out by the Supreme Court's 2016 Jordan

The three challenges are entwined. Too few judges and too little funding make it more difficult to meet the Jordan deadlines of 18 months for trials in provincial court and 30 months in superior court.

This space argued in 2017 - amid a rash of serious cases being stayed because of delays - that Jordan should be reconsidered. Jordan was, then and now, unduly prescriptive in its remedy. It was a 5-4 decision, in which dissenters included then-chief justice Beverley McLachlin and Justice Wagner. But the fact is Jordan remains in place. As Chief Justice Wagner said on Monday: "Jordan is the law." And he rightly underlined the reason why delays must be minimized: "It's not fair for the accused, it's not fair for the victims, it's not fair for the witnesses, it's not fair for society."

No one disagrees with the Charter right for a trial within a reasonable time but with the problematic inflexibility of Jordan locked in place for the moment, the two obvious levers of change circle back to human resources and money. The legal system wasn't ready for what Jordan unleased - hundreds of cases were tossed - and eight years later the struggles continue. Quebec courts, for one example, stayed or dropped more than 300 cases from early 2021 through late 2023 be-

On judicial vacancies, Ottawa has to ensure the problem doesn't get out of control again. The governments of both Stephen Harper and Mr. Trudeau allowed vacancies to spike higher after they had managed to reduce the number of unfilled jobs. This year, Justice Minister Arif Virani has appointed or elevated 59 judges, on pace for more than 100 judges in 2024. It's a mark the Trudeau government hit in 2017, 2018

There are issues in recruitment - Chief Justice Wagner cited working conditions and pay - but keeping judicial benches as close to fully staffed as possible has to be a permanent priority rather than one motivated by recurring emergency scrambles.

Ottawa has taken most of the criticism for challenges in the courts but the provinces cannot escape blame. Chief Justice Wagner's letter last year had frank words for provincial premiers, pointing at "chronic underfunding by the provinces and territories."

He made the argument again on Monday, saying "in some provinces there's not enough funding."

More money is an easy answer. The difficult question is putting resources to good use. Chief Justice Wagner and Mr. Virani co-chair the Action Committee on Modernizing Court Operations. It was started in the earliest days of the pandemic, to deal with the crisis at hand, and last fall was given its current name. It could be an important venue to lead on improved processes across the country. Chief Justice Wagner cited Manitoba tackling delays in family courts and virtual bail hearings in British Columbia.

Last year's warning of a potential crisis in the courts from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court was jarring. That the worst outcome has been avoided is good news - but it is lasting improvements that will mark real success in the bolstered functioning of the judicial system for all Canadians.



TERS TO THE EDITOR

CANADIAN WAY

Re "Some parliamentarians collaborated with China and India to further their own interests, report says" (June 4): I have been a volunteer in various political parties for many years.

I have recently concluded that they exist primarily as private employment agencies for politicians, staffers, advisers, professional op-eratives and pollsters, and are autocratic groups which seek to govern a democracy. Now I see that some among them also seek to promote the interests of foreign countries.

Canada has been – perhaps still is, and can become again - a wonderful country, notable for its harmony, peace and good government. Let the desirable and unusual qualities of Canada prevail and be improved upon, but without making this country a mere battleground for other countries

to fight on.
■ Glenn Brown Pickering, Ont.

BUILD AWAY

Re "Could Canada's underused public land be the key to solving the housing crisis?" (June 1): "Unlocking more cheap land can allow for co-ordinated projects on multiple sites across a city," an EllisDon executive suggests. "The circumstance we are living through demands big ideas and new approaches," the Housing are living Minister says.

These quotes translate to me as top-down planning. Doesn't anybody remember the disastrous redevelopments, now mostly demolished, that this kind of thinking produced during the Second World War?

Elsewhere, contributor John Rapley extols the virtues of planning Tokyo-style ("What Canada can learn from Japan in solving its housing and productivity crises" Report on Business, June 1), where there are virtually no limitations on what can be built where, no zoning bylaws like we have and the resultant NIMBY

Bottom-up development produces mixed-use, dense, vibrant, walking-oriented neighbourhoods that make mass transit feasible and cost-effective.

So yes to unlocking "cheap land," but not to give it to developers with top-down plans. Subdivide this land into small, cheap lots designated for housing. Zone none of it.

Let 1,000 houses bloom. No. make that 100,000.

Alan Ball New Westminster, B.C.

SOONER, BETTER

Re "Down and out" (Letters, June 3): Interesting to read a Toronto letter-writer's view on a new hospital for Windsor, Ont.

Hospital services for the Wind-

sor-Essex region are woefully lacking. The current proposal for "shovel-ready" project is in place and expected to start in 2026. Infrastructure to support it is well under way.

Downtown Windsor doesn't

have the room to support this. Renovations to existing facilities would take a full generation and extraordinary cost. Our current mayor, city council and MPPs have been elected based on their support for the current plan.

Nice to have the Toronto perspective, though. ■ David Gorick Windsor, Ont.

NEW PRESCRIPTION

Re "B.C. drug developers get boost with government funding for new manufacturing facility" (June 1): While the university-industrial complex shows glowing enthusiasm for new drugs and vaccines, the additional benefits to most peoples' lives have been found to be so small as to be mostly negligible. And they always involve new and unknown harms.

This is not my opinion, but that of most scientists who independently study contributions made over the past two decades of "medical innovation." Most advances in population health come from improving conditions that afford better nutrition, sufficient exercise and social connections which are not strong sources of patentable discoveries.

One researcher at the University of British Columbia said the lack of an on-campus manufac-turing facility "was pretty embarrassing." What I find even more embarrassing is that we graduate medical students with little understanding of the basic pharmacology, clinical evidence and safety of drugs they will prescribe every day, an education that has largely been outsourced to the pharmaceutical industry.

Embarrassing indeed. Alan Cassels

Drug policy researcher: Victoria

OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Re "Women deserve better breast cancer screening - and that doesn't just mean more of the same" (June 4): Columnist André Picard wisely suggests that "we have to use our cancer dollars wisely, especially focusing on preventing cancer in the first place rather than just finding tumours and treating them."

Prevention of any disease, rather than treatment, is a cost-effective, common-sense strategy that has often been undervalued in medical research, education and practice. Prevention of illness is also a critical demand management strategy.

Healthy Canadians, at any age, would require fewer services from our health care system, which currently looks like a 10-tonne crane trying to lift 20 tonnes.

■ Chris Crapper Vancouver

COMING UP SHORT

Re "Detox beds in B.C. routinely sit empty because of staff shortages" (June 3): This is outrageous. We have lost more than 14,000 mostly younger people over the past eight years.

Is this how we respond to a public-health emergency worsening by the year? Is this how we value younger generations?

There is life after addiction. These people are not disposable, not hopeless. Many can and will recover, given timely and sufficient detox and treatment.

Alcohol and tobacco still cause far greater economic harm than opioids, yet we reserve contempt for those we label drug addicts. How is that working so far?

Detox and treatment is the hope tens of thousands of families are clinging to. Meanwhile, too many loved ones die on interminable wait lists.

Grace Golightly Duncan, B.C.

HOUSE OF CARDS

Re "Ontario must fold on glitzy gambling ads" (Editorial, June 4): Gambling ads, with or without sports stars, should never have been allowed.

Be it tobacco, booze or gambling, human addicts generate profit for a finite time and are often, sadly, curtailed by the prod-uct itself. To attract replacement addicts, corporate pushers have aimed to get governments hooked on their cut of the cash.

With Ontario, it seems that was pretty easy.

Mike Firth Toronto

I'm not bluffing when I promise to ante up \$2 for the first reading of legislation outlawing gambling ads, raise it to \$5 upon passage and \$10 for closing the deal.

However, at the end of the day, I'll bet \$100 that our politicians will succumb to the stacked deck: that is, the power of the gambling industry.

Ross Hollingshead Toronto

I've never been a sports gambler, nor a casino gambler. Zero interest. I do regularly buy lottery tick-

Considering my heart condition (quadruple bypass) and my ever-advancing years, going to sleep at night is a gamble. If I wake up in the morning, I figure I'm a

Dan Marchand Windsor, Ont.

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OPINION

B.C. enters a new, tumultuous political era

Unexpected moves have thrown support for the former BC Liberals into disarray – a gift for the province's Tories



efore we get to the current state of B.C. politics, we need to take a trip back in time. In 1986, the centre-right Social Credit Party rode to another victory under the audacious leadership of one Bill Vander Zalm. Electing Mr. Vander Zalm to head the party over a field of what were surely more qualified, level-headed alternatives proved to be a fatal mistake.

Mr. Vander Zalm, a social conservative, would be gone before the next election, undone by scandal and controversy in a departure that would precipitate a seismic victory by the New Democratic Party in the 1991 election. The NDP won 51 seats to 17 for a reborn BC Liberal Party and only seven for the Socreds. After 1996. the Socreds were no more.

In 2001, the Liberals won in a landslide. When the last ballot was counted, the party had 77 seats, the NDP two. The Liberals would rule continuously before being bounced in 2017 through a power-sharing agreement between the NDP and the Green Par-

Now, the province finds itself closing in on an election this fall just as another cataclysmic restructuring of its political dynamic is playing out.

The BC Liberals are no more. After Kevin Falcon was elected to lead the party in February, 2022, he initiated a move to change the Liberal name. It was long felt by some that it was confusing, since the Liberals were a coalition of moderates and conservatives. It was thought that an amorphous. big-tent name would be more advantageous, and so BC United was

It was a name seemingly dead upon arrival.

It's been all downhill for the party since the name change occurred in April, 2023. Last year, Mr. Falcon kicked John Rustad out of his caucus for being a climate denier. In turn, Mr. Rustad decided to join the B.C. Conservatives and, against all odds, has led them to a miraculous revival as leader. In the past several days, in fact, a couple of big-name BC United MLAs have crossed the floor to join Mr. Rustad and the only other Conservative on the Opposition benches.

The latest, announced on Monday, was Elenore Sturko. It can't be overstated what a blow this is to Mr. Falcon and his party.

Ms. Sturko was a star for BC United. A former RCMP officer and a prominent member of the LGBTQ+ community, Ms. Sturko is a natural politician and became one of United's most effective critics, especially around provincial drug policies. Her decision is all the more shocking given the past conflicts she has had with the To-

A B.C. Conservative Party candidate recently had to resign his position for describing LGBTO+

Pride Parade participants as "degenerates," and "perverts" who expose themselves to children for kicks," Another candidate described Ms. Sturko, before her defection, as a "woke, lesbian, social justice warrior.'

And this suddenly became a party Ms. Sturko wanted to join?

Anyone seeking clues as to why need only peruse any of the polling that has been published in the past year. Almost all of them have the Conservatives in second place behind the NDP, and BC United at a very distant third. On one level these polls make no sense: The Conservatives have been in the political wilderness for years. Mr. Rustad is hardly a known entity in the province and most of the publicity that the party has generated since he's taken the helm has hardly been flattering.

Which maybe tells you just how badly Mr. Falcon and his recast party have done in connecting with the public.

What the Conservatives have going for them is their name. They are likely drafting behind the momentum Pierre Poilievre has given the conservative brand

in Canada. Happy Slappy could be leading the BC Conservatives into taking second-party status - an event unheard of in modern B.C. politics.

The turmoil among the freeenterprise forces in the province is manna for NDP Leader and B.C. Premier David Eby. Given his own political problems - a decriminalization experiment that has gone off the rails among them - a wellorganized and focused Opposition could be problematic. Instead, the centre-right in B.C. is in

According to a poll published last week by Angus Reid, the NDP holds an 11-point lead over the Conservatives – 41 per cent to 30 per cent. BC United was at 16 per

Perhaps Jas Johal, a former BC Liberal MLA and now radio host, said it best about the state of the free-enterprise movement in British Columbia: "It's a speeding car hurtling toward a brick wall, driven by a baby boomer with poor eyesight, sketchy brakes, bald tires and air safety bags that expired in 2017," he posted on X.

Sounds about right.

An author's banning shows some arts organizations rushing to judgment

MARSHA LEDERMAN

OPINION



here was only one book for sale on Miriam Libicki's table at the Vancouver Comic Arts Festival (VanCAF) last month. But I Live: Three Stories of Child Survivors of the Holocaust is a collaborative project pairing graphic novelists with survivors, telling their stories in poignant detail.

Days after the event, VanCAF announced it was banning Ms. Libicki in a statement referencing "important public safety concerns" about an exhibitor's prior role in the Israeli army. The board apologized "for the harm we have caused by our negligence" in allowing her to partici-

While Ms. Libicki was not named in the post, it was clearly about her. The U.S.-Israeli artist, now a permanent Canadian resident, volunteered for the Israeli army in 2000. Two months into her service (as a secretary), the Second Intifada began. She tells the story in her autobiographical comic jobnik!

VanCAF's statement came out on a Friday, as Ms. Libicki was preparing Shabbat dinner for family and friends who had travelled to the Vancouver area for her daughter's bat mitzvah, taking place the next day.

After that weekend, Ms. Libicki's lawyer sent a cease-and-desist letter to VanCAF, claiming defamation and human-rights violations. The statement disappeared from the website. Then on June 2, VanCAF issued a for-

mal apology. VanCAF did not respond to



this year, But I Live, which tells survivors' stories in poignant detail. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

several e-mails; it does not list its board members on its website neither statement signed by an actual name. I attempted to contact VanCAF director Jarrett Evan Samson, who has reportedly stepped down, but was unsuccessful.

But here, briefly, is what happened, according to Ms. Libicki: În 2022, two young women dropped by her table, where she was selling her work, including jobnik! and another autobiographical book with IDF content, Toward a Hot Jew. The women asked if the books were anti-Zionist. Ms. Libicki answered that they were not. Before she could say anything else, the women left.

Ms. Libicki later learned that women aggressively

pressed their concerns about her to a volunteer.

Fast-forward two years to 2024 and Ms. Libicki was told by Van-CAF not to sell those books or display IDF imagery at her table. "It is definitely a double stan-dard," she said in an interview. "They're not checking the national origin of other cartoon-

She sold But I Live, some zines and T-shirts. But the same two women, according to Ms. Libicki, complained about her and things escalated.

The following Friday, VanCAF issued its "accountability post," unsigned, criticizing itself for 'the oversight and ignorance to allow this exhibitor in the festival," and saying that having the artist attend the event disregarded "all of our exhibiting artists, attendees and staff, especially those who are directly affected by the ongoing genocide in Palestine and Indigenous community members alike.'

"I'm dangerous to Indigenous people also?" Ms. Libicki says. "It was super, super upsetting to see that announcement. And it was really hard to have it not colour my whole weekend and focus on my daughter. She worked so hard, working for months to prepare for her bat mitzvah.'

Ms. Libicki had been a VanCAF exhibitor since 2012, when she attended with that same daughter, then not quite two weeks old. She has a lot of friends and admirers in the comics community, and many made their displeasure known to VanCAF. Members of the Jewish community also chimed in. With little information, it ap-

peared that Ms. Libicki was being banned for serving in the Israeli army. She did so voluntarily, but military service is compulsory for most Israelis – so such a ban would effectively discriminate against Israelis based on nation-After the backlash, VanCAF's

subsequent "formal apology" explained that the safety concerns were instigated by "activists protesting the individual's presence at the festival" and that Ms. Libicki (unnamed) posed no security threat. "We should never have allowed this individual to be scapegoated like this."

It is vindication for Ms. Libicki, but not enough. "Once you defamed somebody, you can't really take it back and I won't really know the long-term consequenc

Ms. Libicki would like some sort of formal and public reconciliation process to take place with VanCAF, whoever they are.

And sensitivity training.

Just imagine if the unnamed organizers of VanCAF had taken a breath, given things some thought, reached out to Ms. Libicki before publicly shaming her.

With Israel and Hamas at war, there has been so much screaming at one another, across a widening divide. What could be accomplished by having actual conversations?

This isn't the only instance of selective targeting of Israeli, Jewish or Palestinian artists by arts organizations. With festival and awards season approaching in the fall, there is reason to fear more exclusions to come.

If the Conservatives have a 'hidden agenda' on abortion, it's a mess

ROBYN URBACK



anadians who are staunchly pro-choice should listen to Conservative MP Viersen's appearance on Uncommons, a podcast run and hosted by Liberal MP Nate Erskine-Smith. They will - or should - walk away reassured.

Hear me out. I know the instinctive response for those concerned about abortion access in Canada will be of alarm: Here's this socially conservative MP from Alberta talking about "preborn rights" and possible changes to Canadian law, and noting that he has introduced petitions in Parliament calling for abortion restrictions 19 times. This guy is saying the quiet part out loud, or so certain Liberals who have seized upon the audio have helpfully concluded.

I will grant that Mr. Viersen is pretty much the physical manifestation of the caricature the Liberals paint of the Conservatives every election. As Mr. ErskineSmith pointed out during their conversation, Mr. Viersen celebrated the overturning of Roe v. Wade in the United States. He is a regular fixture at anti-abortion rallies across the country. When Mr. Erskine-Smith posed a series of rapid-fire questions about whether he would support legislation to restrict or abolish certain rights or freedoms (gay marriage, legalization of marijuana, abortion). Mr. Viersen responded as any good Conservative caricature would: vote them all down, live in presumed utopia. But here's the thing: If you ac-

tually listen to Mr. Viersen on Uncommons, you'll realize his performance was absolutely dreadful. Painful. Embarrassing. He was awkward, stumbling and evasive. And he couldn't articulate a single argument or coherent thought.

As an example: Mr. Erskine-Smith asked Mr. Viersen if he wants abortion "restricted such that it's not available."

Mr. Viersen replied: "I don't, I don't, like I don't, again like the premise is quite off," and then proceeded to talk about the "humanity of the preborn."

He was then asked what he sen could have used the opportu-

means when he says he wants to 'strengthen protections for the preborn in Canada.

"Well, there would be a recognition of their humanity," he replied, then posed a rhetorical: Where does that flow from there?

'Yeah," Mr. Erskine-Smith said, where does it flow, how does the law change?"

Mr. Viersen didn't answer, instead stammering out something about how Canada is the only country in the world "with no preborn protection rights." It went on like that for nearly 20 minutes.

Mr. Viersen complained to Mr. Erskine-Smith after the appearance that he felt ambushed: he says he was invited on to talk about Bill C-270 (which is about online exploitation) and that the conversation they did have was "not a good-faith discussion."

Perhaps that is so. But one would think if a parliamentarian has spent his political career advocating for abortion restrictions, he would be capable of navigating a few straightforward questions about his stand. Indeed, Mr. Viernity to talk about sex-selective abortion or late-term abortion, which are facets of the abortion debate that are, generally speaking, more palatable to a wider Canadian audience. But instead, he slowly turned into a turtle, then whined about the interview after the fact. Worse yet for Mr. Viersen, he

was frog-marched out after the podcast was released to deliver a statement clarifying that his comments didn't "represent the positions of the leader, nor the policies passed by Conservative Party members themselves."

"On these issues," he said in the statement, "the status quo will remain under a Conservative government."

So to summarize: A Conservative MP went on a political podcast where he was asked about abortion. He bombed. And then he was forced to deliver a message distancing himself from his own party - a party whose members, according to the Toronto Star, are now furious with him.

This is the hidden Conservative agenda to abolish abortion that we're supposed to be worried about?

Granted, some will argue that just because Mr. Viersen was inarticulate on a podcast, that doesn't mean that the Conservatives are incapable of rolling back abortion access. But articulation is very much the point: Canadians by and large support the status quo (more than 80 per cent, according to an Ipsos poll from 2023) and they would have to be convinced otherwise for legal action on abortion access to be politically expedient for the Conservatives.

Pierre Poilievre is not stupid. He knows the game the Liberals play every election. For him to move on the "hidden agenda" that Stephen Harper never got around to in his near-decade as prime minister, he would need, for starters, better ambassadors and a plan that doesn't include sloppy frog-marches and embarrassing climbdowns.

So $\bar{\text{for}}$ now, Canadian women should be reassured that one of the most outspoken anti-abortion MPs currently in the CPC caucus can't spit out a cogent sentence on his stand, and hides in his shell when challenged.

ANDREW COYNE will return.

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Explore Kigali before heading to the mountains

Museums and memorials capture the culture but Kimironko Market immerses a visitor into the heart of the Rwandan capital

BIANCA BUJAN

ike many, I've come to Rwanda to see endangered mountain gorillas and experience the wild wonders of the "Land of a Thousand Hills," as the country is called. But the purpose behind my pilgrimage is deeper in this destination. As an adoptee of mixed race, I was pleased to discover my African roots through an ancestry test, and those recently revealed results led me to Rwanda, one of the African countries of my ancestors

I wasn't searching for specific family members, I just wanted to see if I felt a connection with the culture and the place. I've come to Kigali for a deep dive into the history, culture and cuisine as a way to connect with the people, and my roots.

This type of travel is common, explains Morgan Westcott, associate dean of marketing management at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. "Because of the DNA component, some people are now connecting to a culture from scratch. They might not have stories [recipes, songs, customs] to go from, so they are building an itinerary based on their own interests, however these intersect with their ancestru."

try."

To immerse myself in Kigali's contemporary culture, I knew I first had to develop a deeper understanding of the country's recent past. My first stop was the Kigali Genocide Memorial, a site inspired by the National Holocaust Centre in the U.K., and created by Rwandan authorities and the Aegis Trust for Genocide Prevention. There, I read details of the genocide against the Tutsi, shed tears as I watched video testimonials from survivors and walked through rooms filled with photos of the many lives lost in the 1994 killings.

The memorial not only honours the lives lost but provides a safe space for survivors to mourn at the burial site where over 250,000 Rwandans are buried. It also acts as an educational tool, showcasing evidence-based causes of conflict and what helps to build peace.

As I exit the indoor exhibits, a docent offers a solemn smile and hands me a long-stemmed rose. I stroll through the seven botanical gardens that encircle the site



Rwanda is considered to be one of the safest African countries for tourists. VISIT RWANDA

- each with a theme: unity, reconciliation, reflection, protection, life, memory and movement – and I read about the significance of each stone placement and plant display. This lush landscape is sectioned into small spaces for contemplation, the floral fragrances and noiseless nooks leave me feeling overwhelmed with emotion. Before I leave, I place my rose on a grave and take a moment to honour the lives lost.

For more Rwandan history, I head one kilometre outside the city to the Ethnographic Museum, the oldest and largest museum in Rwanda, where artifacts provide rich insight into the country's culture. I walk through the exhibits, reading about the historical significance of each element – from clothing to crafts to the eye-catching Kagondo hut (a life-sized replica of precolonial housing). I step into the doorway of the small shack and picture my ancestors occupying the small space.

Kigali comes alive at Kimironko Market, the country's largest farmers' market, housed in a massive red warehouse that stretches the length of two city blocks. Local residents come for everything from tomatoes to textiles, but it's also a social meeting spot and a one-stop shop for household goods.

I arrive early on a Monday morning, escorted by my guide and our small group of travellers, and as I step out of the vehicle, I am immediately overwhelmed. Around me, the street is buzzing as people rush inside to shop, and as we follow, all eyes are on us. It is clear we're not from here. As I approach the entrance, a man



The Kigali Genocide Memorial allows for a deeper understanding of Rwanda's recent past. JEAN BIZIMANA/REUTERS

meanders past me carrying two live chickens by their feet in one hand, while pushing a bike piled high with three bags of rice tied to the seat – with the other.

A vendor offers to make me a dress in one hour ... she flips through pages of different styles and pattern choices made with the Kitenge fabrics that surround me.

Inside, a swarm of sweet salespeople are eager to sell me handmade garments. Colourful fabrics decorate the walls in a rainbow of traditional East African patterns, and I'm overwhelmed with options.

A vendor offers to make me a dress in one hour, and I am

tempted. She flips through pages of different styles and pattern choices made with the Kitenge fabrics that surround me. I can't resist, and point to a yellow-and-orange pattern hanging above my head, then an image of a knee-length dress in her booklet. She quickly takes my measurements, and I pay her the requested U\$\$60 (I learn later that it's customary to barter for a better price). Then I move deeper into the dark market. Later, I tried on my new purchase. It fit perfectly and becomes a precious keep-

I do a little more shopping at Nyamirambo Women's Center, a co-operative that educates and trains women. Over 50 work in the building's connecting rooms, some as seamstresses, others teaching important skills so women can develop their own streams of income, such as hair braiding or guiding community

tours. I choose some handmade gifts for my kids, and the women gush with gratitude as I wave goodbye.

For a taste of Kigali cuisine, I find a seat on the patio with my tour group at Repub Lounge, a modern eatery serving up East African fare as I take in views of downtown Kigali and the rolling hills that stretch to the horizon.

I try an array of Rwandan dishes, such as salty Sambaza (tiny fried fish from nearby Lake Kivu), skewers of Beef Mishkaki cooked over coals, Ibishyimbo (boiled Rwandan red beans), and fried Mizuzu (plantains). The dishes are simple and savoury (Rwandans use few spices). On another day, I will discover my new favourite beer: Virunga Gold at Boho Restaurant, a newer Afro-fusion spot, where I sipped and nibbled on plantain chips with a creamy curry and herb sauce.

I need some caffeine before my long drive to the mountains and pop into One Cup Roasters, a cafe that supports local farmers. There, I sip on a foamy cup of cappuccino and chat with Andrew Gatera, the CEO, who explains how coffee has evolved in his country. While coffee is a cash crop in Kigali, coffee culture is still emerging, as most locals prefer tea. As a lifelong tea drinker myself, I wonder if this is another uncovered connection.

As I depart Kigali toward the volcanoes in search of mountain gorillas, I reflect on my journey through the country's capital. My newfound understanding of its history, appreciation for local cuisine and immersion into the welcoming community allowed me to feel a sense of belonging and pride in my African heritage.

IF YOU GO

Canadians can visit visa-free. It is a good idea to carry cash. Rwandan Francs are your best bet (if you can find them) but U.S. dollars are accepted almost everywhere.

Custom-made clothing at Kimironko Market makes for a great keepsake, but take time to shop around and explore your options, and be sure to barter for the best price.

Rwanda is considered to be one of the safest African countries for tourists, however you'll want to travel with a local guide because of language barriers and for access to restricted areas (national parks require an armed guard). You can book a tour directly through Visit Rwanda (visitrwanda.com).

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Curated itineraries help bring D-Day history to life for Canadians

ANDREW WILLIS

t's difficult for this generation to imagine the bravery demonstrated by more than 14,000 young soldiers from across Canada as they stormed ashore in Normandy, France, 80 years ago.

Kimberley Walker is making it easier to revisit the triumphs and horrors of Juno

Ahead of the D-Day 80th anniversary memorial ceremonies this week, Walker launched the Canada Remembers Guide (canadaremembersguide.com), a free on-line planner for anyone visiting the Canadian war cemeteries and many memorials paying tribute to soldiers' sacrifices in Europe during the First and Second World Wars. She is travelling to Juno Beach for Thursday's ceremonies at the invitation of the government.

In Normandy, the guide lays out oneand two-day itineraries for exploring the stony beaches, stone-walled villages and hedgerow-lined farms where Canadians fought fierce battles to begin the liberation of France. The guide also highlights multiple tributes to the Canadian navy and air force's contributions to the invasion in the small towns dotting the shore and on windy country roads.

A one-day tour begins at the Juno Beach Centre, opened by the Canadian government in 2003 and the site of Thursday's ceremony, then moves to the cemetery in nearby Bény-sur-Mer, where 2,044 Canadian soldiers are buried.

Visitors then travel inland to sites such as the memorial for "Hell's Corner" in the town of Villons-les-Buissons, where the North Nova Scotia Highlanders and



Canadian soldiers stand on Juno Beach in western France in June, 2019. The new Canada Remembers Guide begins one-day tours at the Juno Beach Centre.

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Sherbrooke Fusiliers fought off counterattacks from German SS troops. The day concludes at the Bretteville-sur-Laize cemetery, where people can visit the grave of 16-year-old Gérard Doré, believed to be the youngest Canadian soldier to die in war. The graveyard is the final resting place of 2,873 Canadians.

The guide speaks to the achievements of Canadian soldiers. Only one Allied unit reached its objective on D-Day: The 1st Hussars regiment from London, Ont., which fought its way to a point 15 kilometres from the beach and took the strategically important Caen-Bayeux

highway intersection.

Operation Overlord, the military's name for D-Day, was the largest seaborne invasion ever attempted, with 150,000 Alled troops crossing the storm-tossed English Channel. It opened a three-month campaign to liberate Normandy. Canadians played a central role on all fronts: The navy deployed 124 vessels and 10,000 sailors in the channel on D-Day, while the air force had 39 squadrons of planes in the skies. More than 5,000 Canadian soldiers died in France that summer.

The two-day Normandy itinerary adds a visit to the port town of Dieppe, the site of a

bloody 1942 raid and final resting place for

765 Canadian soldiers.
Elementary school Remembrance Day programs planted the seeds for the guide. "When I was a kid, I was very moved by the In Flanders Fields poem and I loved the line, "To you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high," Walker said in an interview. "I feel like maybe I am helping in some small way to hold that torch high, by showing Canadians how to find the cemeteries and memorials in Europe so that they can go, learn and pay their respects."

To honour the soldiers of First World War battles, the guide provides one-, two- and three-day itineraries to memorials at Vimy, Cambrai and Ypres. While the National Memorial at Vimy is fittingly known as the country's most poignant and memorable tribute to its armed forces, the guide also explores four other Canadian memorials in France at Bourlon Wood, Courcelette, Dury and Le Quesnel, as well as three in Belgium at Hill 62, Passchendaele and Sint Juliaan, site of the striking Brooding Soldier sculpture.

Walker first visited the D-Day beaches and Dieppe in the 1980s, during a one-year study abroad program in France. She looked at headstones and recalled: "At the time, I was 23 years old – and I had outlived many of the soldiers buried in that cemetery."

The Canada Remembers Guide's nine

suggested tours build off Walker's visits to 44 cemeteries and dozens of memorials in France and Belgium. She plans to add more itineraries to the website, including tours of Canadian battlefields and memorials of Second World War campaigns in the Netherlands and Italy.

Real travel experiences can be uncomfortable, but are always memorable

FIRST PERSON

At a Turkish spa in northern Cyprus, I transcended stage-managed tourism with a rare moment of authenticity, Emilie K. Adin writes

he Turkish spa smells like chlorine and relaxation. Everything's highly managed, shrink-wrapped in comfort, temperature-controlled. No (hot) stone is left unturned in this resort spa on the northern coast of Cyprus

How better to extoll a middle-aged birthday than to have old skin scraped off your body? My husband's gift is perfect. I'm keen to get an authentic hammam treatment but I'm going into the experience blind.

At the appointed hour, I'm greeted warmly and brought into the back rooms. Then the special hammam attendant – known as the *natır* – asks if I already have my bikini on or if I need to change into it. Uh-oh. No one said I needed one.

I take a deep breath and look into her face. I shrug, gently toggle my head. For a moment, the face looking back at me appears dismayed, eyes narrowing, top lip twitching. "Is she supposed to give her clients that look?" I wonder.

I'm handed a mid-size towel and told to undress and wrap it "securely" around my-

The natur indicates I'm to join her inside the hammam room once I've undressed and entoweled myself. I'm to walk what she calls "the hallway" and what I'll later remember as "the gauntlet." Barely covered in my towel I walk past the gym, the lounge full of spa clients and the busy pool area that opens directly onto the one-room hammam.

Arriving without incident, the attendant takes away my towel and has me lie on my back on a marble dais - the elevated circular platform called the gobek tasi - that sits in the centre of the room. Then she leaves me, waiting for my treatment to begin. For the next 10 minutes, I'm splayed out, "enjoying" my birthday in my birthday suit, no sheet or towel in sight. Time moves like a $faucet\ with\ an\ almost\ imperceptible\ drip.\ I$ take deep breaths and try to relax into my vulnerability. Instead, I find myself wondering how wide my attendant will open the door when she returns.

She sweeps in sporting a modest swimsuit. Using a clay bowl, she scoops water from a marble sink, launching it over my



ILLUSTRATION BY MARY KIRKPATRICK

body. Next she's scrubbing at my skin.

"Too much! TOO MUCH!" she calls out. I follow her gaze to see large grey skeins of skin rolling off me like sigara boregi - the ubiquitous cigarette-shaped Turkish cheese rolls I've been enjoying. I nod, ubiquitous smile-wincing in embarrassment.

More "Too much! Too much!" and then the natir bids me to turn over. More scraping and exfoliation. The buckets of water she launches at me sweep the muddle of skin off the marble slab and out of sight. I picture the dead skin rolling across the floor of the hammam and down the drain.

I am lathered up and buried under a foamy mousse. Gentler now, she begins to massage. Her breathing slows. By this point we're both exhausted. Her battle with my

In the changeroom, I'm bathed in feelings of discomposure, shame and self-consciousness. I consider making a complaint about what I felt were snide looks and rude remarks. But I don't. In a flash, I'm struck by

the real gift of this day; beyond the sloughing of my skin, beyond the kindness of my husband: I realize I've experienced a moment of authenticity in a sea of mostly managed tourist experiences that so many travellers experience today.

In the late 1800s, Baptist teetotaller and innkeeper Thomas Cook heralded himself as an excursionist who would, with a firm hand on the tiller, organize railway tours of continental Europe for middle-class Britons. Cook was keen that people should have access to wholesome entertainments such as (booze-free) tourism. He set in motion a mass-tourism machine that has grown, over the past two centuries, ever standardized, ever codified.

Now, so many travellers are looking at the same sights from the same viewpoints, taking photos of the same statues, getting sweet-talked in the same managed way, having the same "authentic" traditional experiences, including, yes, the Turkish

But just as my (impressively prodigious)

layers of skin proved to be a barrier be $tween\,me\,and\,the\,world, managed\,tourism$ experiences are cushioning us from authentic interaction. Take every spontane ous or offbeat moment out of travel, and we may as well be turning our trips over to AI tour guides - the natural next step in the proliferation of mass-tourism

The value of travel is making contact with strangers, having quirky habits laid bare, hearing off-putting remarks, seeing a flash of temper or sarcasm, discovering an odd sense of humour and, sometimes, having things go horribly wrong. Real travel experiences transcend any discomfort they may give us in the moment. So I relished my brusque hammam attendant. Authentic tourism moments are no skin off my back - they're a gift.

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Dear Zachary Quinto: Restaurants don't need your bad attitude

COREY MINTZ

OPINION

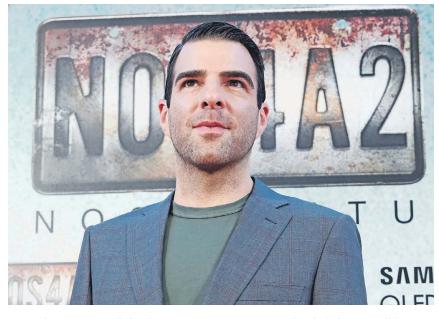
here's nothing unusual about a VIP behaving badly in a restaurant. A century of telling customers they are always right has empowered the worst kind of diners. That's partly why every stressed out diner, who's already angry because they couldn't find parking nearby, feels entitled to transfer their hostility onto hosts, servers and bartenders - workers trying to do their jobs in stressful environ-ments, where their income depends on tipping and subservience.

So, when I heard about actor Zachary Quinto, who has starred in the TV series Heroes and multiple Star Trek films, allegedly yelling at staff at Manita in Toronto, I was not surprised. What's less common is what followed - a restaurant publicizing the incident through social media.

"To all the other Zachary Quintos out there, on behalf of restaurant workers everywhere: We aren't above criticism, but we are above being demeaned," read Manita's Instagram post about the incident.

According to the post, which generously identifies Quinto as "an amazing Spock, but a terrible customer," the actor didn't respond to texts informing him his table was ready, then took his frustrations out on the host when he was told the empty tables in the restaurant weren't available to him. This is a frequent conflict; people want their tables, when they want them, and are unwilling to devote mental energy to imagining the restaurant is holding those seats for

This type of diner might see a busy restaurant and imagine the business is printing money, but every eatery is currently struggling with skyrocketing food and labour costs. They are fighting for profitability even while there is a perception that their menu is too expensive. Between 2019 to 2023, menu prices in Canada rose an average of 18.5 per cent, while the



Actor Zachary Quinto was called out by Toronto restaurant Manita on social media for berating staff during a recent trip. CARLOS ALVAREZ/GETTY IMAGES

average cheque for full-service restaurants only grew by 12.7 per cent. So even if diners are paying more, revenue has failed to keep pace with increasing costs.

Every no-show is money out of restaurant pockets, regardless of how important the guest thinks

Though banning Quinto has drawn international attention, Manita co-owner Ian McGre-naghan says he's more concerned with drawing a red line for entitled, abusive behaviour from customers. "I'd gladly trade all this public-

ity to ensure that none of my staff are reduced to tears by being yelled at," McGrenaghan tells me.

Plenty of old-school restaurateurs believe they owe diners a hotelier's discretion, that even the most reprehensible behaviour from guests deserves to be kept in confidence, Personally, I wish more felt comfortable informing troublemakers they shouldn't come back. Too often, restaurateurs feel under the thumb of unpleasant diners who

treat staff badly or leave spiteful online reviews.

I'd like to see retaliation like McGrenaghan's more often, but understand why it can't happen. Though anyone can legally post a hurtful and financially damaging restaurant review on Yelp or Gooa restaurant that publicly criticizes a customer exposes itself to a defamation suit.

It's sad when these conflicts boil over because most customers are wonderful and appreciative. A small portion are monsters whose favourite part of dining is paying for the right to be cruel to service staff. But there's a sizable contingent who don't know they're behaving badly -the would-be Larry Davids.

Curb Your Enthusiasm character Larry David (played by the creator of the show of the same name) seems to find endless conflict in the rules enforced by restaurants and never considers that a server is not in a position to playfully argue with a wealthy, famous diner. Recently, while re-

searching a piece about why the

character hates restaurants, I catalogued 38 restaurant feuds from the show, and that was before I finished watching the last season.

The show has keenly identified common frustrations diners have, such as being told they can't have a table that looks empty or be seated unless their whole party has arrived or pick up food from the pass because they think it's theirs. I think these stories click with audiences because res-

tween people who love to hate Larry, a puppet-show villain we can jeer as he treats employees with a rudeness we never would, and people who are just like him, those who subconsciously hold restaurants and their employees in contempt for daring to ever say

taurant diners are divided be-

Here's the reality check: When they text that our table is ready and you've got a 15-minute grace period, they mean it. Every time I write about restaurant economics, I hear from people who re-fuse to believe the numbers: the 74 per cent turnover rate of staff, the 3-per-cent to 5-per-cent average profit margin. If that were true, the skeptics argue, why would anyone be in this business? These are the people who think nothing of making three reservations on a Saturday night and ghosting on two, or who speak rudely to servers when everything is not as they expect. These are the people who leave those spiteful one-star reviews. Whenever I hear from this cohort, the commonality is that, like Larry, they perceive restaurants are somehow cheating them.

McGrenaghan's Yes. about Quinto taps into our col-lective smugness of feeling morally superior to a poorly behaved celebrity. But it also sends the message to diners that spending money doesn't buy them the privilege of demeaning people who serve them.

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W WINDY

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

The bidding:

South West North Pass 3 NT 1 NT Opening Lead - six of spades.

NORTH ♠ A 7 **♥**8532 ♦QJ5 **♠**KJ74

WEST **EAST ♦** J 9 8 6 2 **♠** K 10 4 **♥**64 **♥**AJ97 **♦**743 ♦ 10962 **♣**53 ♣A82 **SOUTH**

♦ Q 5 3 ♥ K Q 10 ♦ A K 8 **♣**Q 10 9 6

Consider this deal between Argentina and the United States.

B. Jay Becker and Sidney Silodor were East and West, and Silodor led the six of spades against three notrump. The Argentine declarer followed low from dummy, whereupon Becker played the 10 instead of the king!

South took the 10 with the queen and led a club to the king, won by Becker with the ace. Becker then returned the king of spades (!) to dummy's ace, establishing three spade tricks for Silodor. When declarer later led a heart from dummy, Becker rose with the ace and returned a spade, and three notrump went down one.

The same contract reached at the other table, and West also led the six of spades But here the Argentine East took the king and returned the 10 to dummy's ace.

East also took the club ace at trick three and returned a spade, won by South with the queen. West's remaining spades thus became established, but since he had no entry to cash them, the U.S declarer made the contract.

The spade 10 was the better play at trick one, and Becker rose to the occasion by resisting

the natural urge to take his king. Dummy's 11 points and East's 12 points left South with at most 17 points for his one-notrump bid.

West could not have more than point in his hand and given that Becker could see the other three jacks in dummy and his own hand, it could only be the jack of spades. Assuming West was leading fourth-best, the only three spades he could have higher than the six were the eight, nine and jack. It followed that the 10-of-spades play at trick one was far more likely to defeat the contract than the play of the

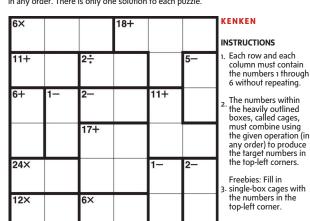
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INSTRUCTIONS Fill in the grid so that each row of nine squares, each column of nine and each section of nine (three squares by three) contains the numbers 1 through 9 in any order. There is only one solution to each puzzle.



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ACROSS: 1 In store, 5 Riffs, 8 Feels the pulse, 9 Ruler, 10 Respect, 11 Penned, 12 Cattle, 15 Rubbish, 17 Theft, 19 Short circuits, 20 Loser, 21 Shelley. DOWN: 1 Infer, 2 Spelling books, 3 Observe, 4 Exhort, 5 Ropes, 6 Filled the bill, 7 Sceptre, 11 Perusal, 13 Article, 14 Chains, 16 Inter, 18 Testy.

YESTERDAY'S QUICK

ACROSS: 1 Gastric, 5 Stung, 8 In no time at all, 9 Titan, 10 Intrude, 11 Demean, 12 Beaten, 15 Panache, 17 Verge, 19 Sooner or later, 20 Taste, 21 Tepidly. DOWN: 1 Guilt, 2 Sanctimonious, 3 Rotunda, 4 Commit, 5 Start, 6 Unadulterated, 7 Galleon, 11 Deposit, 13 Envelop, 14 Resort, 16 Crepe, 18 Early

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Game and butter put in cob perhaps (6)
- It makes a very fine trap (6)
- Polish girl with German complaint (7)
- Doctor gets behind the plan (5) 10
- Ring an agent back at Covent Garden? (5) 11
- It's said I watched 12 something unpleasant (7) Adam and I grammatically
- 13 speaking (5,6) 18 Gives the fellow a
- different seat (7) Disordered defeat (5)
- 22 A fuss about showing
- Nothing to fasten? That's what you think! (7) 23
- 24 Discontinuation of issued order (6)
- 25 Ineffectively it's reported every seven days (6)

DOWN

- Rewarding variety
- of vegetable (6) Blame fracture for mount's pace (5)
- Dance and unusually sad songs (7)
- The chaplain
- home again (5) Derisive roar in Irish assembly ruined
- top game (7)
- He's a right beast! (6) Weapon used to
- liquidate people? (5,6) Genius? Nothing! Just
- mixed-up and fiery (7) Itinerary takes in the
- usual course (7) He takes part in a
- spirited war dance (6) Mean to overcharge
- vouth leader (6) The sound of tears
- and rows (5) Jam or paste (5) 21

OUICK CLUES

Put aside (6)

Support to prevent falling (4,2) Advise (7) To change (5)

Build (5) River of East Africa (7)

Having important implications (3-8)

Striker of a bell (7) Prefix for English (5)

A body of soldiers (5) Precise moment (7)

Large non-venomous snake (6)

Push roughly (6)

ACROSS

11

13

20

22

DOWN

- Type of small packet (6) To dodge (5)
- Caller (7) Sphere (5)
- Repeated decorative design (7) Allow as possible (6)
- To pioneer (5,1,5)
- Puzzled (2,1,4) Gossip (7)
- Put an end to (6) 16 Made liquid by heat (6) Student (5)
- 21 A symbolic diagram (5)

Solutions to today's Sudoku and Kenken can be found in the Life & Arts content area of the A section. Crossword solutions will be with tomorrow's puzzles

Memories remain vivid as D-Day anniversary approaches

About a dozen Canadian veterans have arrived in France for a series of events to mark June 6, 1944, and the ensuing Battle of Normandy

PAUL WALDIE IRENE GALEA DEAUVILLE, FRANCE

harles Davis has been to Juno Beach five times to commemorate the anniversary of D-Day, and on each visit he has made a point of stopping by the grave of his buddy William Pike.

They met during army training in 1944 and were among the thousands of soldiers who landed on the beach at Normandy four days after the initial assault on June 6, 1944. Mr. Davis and Mr. Pike, both in their early 20s, were responsible for hauling ammunition to support the Allied advance and spent much of the first few days taking cover from relentless German shelling.

"I was with him in the morning, and in the afternoon he got killed," Mr. Davis, 101, recalled Tuesday as tears welled up in his eyes. "He was just one hell of a fine man."

He plans to visit the grave again this week and will do what he always does. "I just meditate a bit and say, 'I hope you are in a better life.' "

He's among about a dozen Canadian veterans who have come to France for a series of events to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day and

the ensuing Battle of Normandy. On Thursday, leaders from more than a dozen countries – including U.S. President Joe Bi-den, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau - will gather at Omaha Beach to honour the men who landed there and at other points along the Normandy coast eight decades ago to start the liberation of Europe. King Charles is



As a 19-year-old soldier, William Seifried, now 99, witnessed the devastation in the wake of the D-Day landings. Soon after his arrival in Europe, he was sent to France with the Royal Regina Rifles as part of the Allies' push to make up for the major casualties they had suffered. DAVID GODICHAUD/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

also expected to attend the ceremony along with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

The D-Day landing was the largest amphibious military operation ever undertaken at the time. It involved nearly 160,000 troops from Britain, the United States and Canada, as well as 10,000 trucks and 7,000 ships. The Allied forces landed on five beaches code-named Utah, Omaha, Gold, Sword and Juno, where the Canadian contingent of some 14,000 soldiers was concentrat-

Almost 400 Canadian soldiers died on June 6, and another 5,000 were killed as the Allies pushed toward Paris, which was

liberated on Aug. 24, 1944. Among those who witnessed the devastation was William Sei-

fried, then just 19 years old. Mr. Seifried, 99, who has trav-

elled to France as part of the veterans delegation, enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1943, the month after he became eligi-

"When we got to England, a major told us, 'I've got news for you, boys. As of right now, you're all infantry. We were shocked," said Mr. Seifried, who had trained as an artilleryman to operate heavy guns to provide cover to advancing troops; as infantry, he would be much closer to combat than expected.

Soon after, he was sent to France with the Royal Regina Rifles as part of the Allies' push to make up for the major casualties on D-Day.

He became tearful Tuesday when he recalled being asked by a lieutenant to count how many Canadians had been killed during a day of hard fighting. Under searched the battle area for the bodies of fallen Canadians.

"By the time I got back, I had counted 25," Mr. Seifried said. He took a shaky breath and looked at his hands, gripping his cane 'Twenty-five, just from our small group."

But he said he knows those sacrifices are still being remembered. Last year, he received a letter from an 11-year-old girl from the Netherlands who lives in an area he helped liberate in 1945 from German occupation.

"It shows you how much they appreciate it," he said. "They still remember us.'

Mr. Trudeau and the Prince of Wales will attend a special ceremony on the morning of June 6 to honour Canada's war dead. The event will take place at the Juno Beach Centre at Courseulles-sur-Mer, and the delegation is also expected to visit a nearby war cemetery for Canadian soldiers.

There are about 20,000 Cana dian veterans of the Second World War, and most are well into their 90s. "It's a passing of a generation, and the passing of the time that I think we all need to mark and honour," said Bruce Julian, dominion president of the Royal Canadian Legion.

This week's commemorations are "tremendously emotional for these guys," Mr. Julian added. "It's your family away from home. And when you lose members of your regiment, you're los-

ing your family."

Among the veterans is Toronto-born John Preece, 97, who fought in Northern Europe in

Eighty years ago, Mr. Preece enlisted just as the Canadian army was reeling at the losses from D-Day. He was sent to war with the Royal Regiment of Canada.

In early 1945, when he first encountered enemy combat, he was given a gun and told to run.

"People told me, 'Just keep your head down. Don't look up,' "he said. "I was very scared." That April, while under fire,

the 18-year-old ran across a road and jumped into a trench formerly held by German soldiers. He started firing toward a nearby field and was hit by a sniper, suf-fering a serious wound to the arm. He still has pieces of shrap-nel embedded under his skin.

To him, they're a reminder of the sacrifices made by young people all those years ago - and of those who continue to fight around the world today.
Mr. Zelensky's presence at the

ceremonies will be a stark reminder that war is raging in Europe once again. For veterans such as Mr. Davis, who will turn 102 in September, Russia's invasion is another sad chapter in human history.
"It's absolutely terrible," he

said Tuesday, shaking his head. 'Man hasn't learned to get along with one another."





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Ottawa gives NRC oversight of cleantech funding body

Sustainable Development Technology Canada loses independence following auditor report

JEFFREY JONES

ESG AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCE REPORTER

Ottawa's main funding arm for early-stage green technology is being stripped of its independence and folded into another federal agency after the Auditor-General detailed a series of conflict-of-interest breaches and ineligible funding

breaches and ineligible funding.
The operations of Sustainable
Development Technology Canada, which
has been at the centre of allegations of
financial mismanagement and governance lapses, will be made part of the
National Research Council of Canada to
improve oversight, Industry Minister
François-Philippe Champagne said on

Tuesda

It has been a stand-alone foundation since 2001 with its own board of directors guiding how it distributes taxpayer dollars to cleantech startups. It had provided grants to more than 650 companies before its funding for new projects was frozen in October.

"As a Government of Canada organization, the NRC is subject to rigorous and stringent oversight of its personnel and finances. This structure will help rebuild public trust while increasing accountability, transparency and integrity," Mr.

Champagne said in a statement.

SDTC will be supervised by a board made up of three directors who are former senior public servants. They will be

appointed for one-year terms and led by chair Paul Boothe. Its staff will be offered employment at the restructured organization, the minister said.

Mr. Champagne announced the changes after Auditor-General Karen Hogan issued a report that concluded SDTC failed to follow conflict-of-interest policies as it awarded tens of millions of dollars to companies with ties to its own directors and managers.

In addition, the agency funded numerous cleantech projects that did not meet criteria in the contribution agreement that governs how it distributes public money, or deliver the promised reductions in carbon emissions, she reported.

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RETIREMENT, WITH FLAIR

Stephen Jones, CEO of discount carrier Flair Airlines, will depart by month's end after four years battling 'Big Air' ■ B7



A Boeing 737 MAX 8 plane is parked at Vancouver International Airport last month. Flair Airlines, an upstart that charges low airfares in a concentrated market, has faced financial challenges. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

GFL to assess offers to buy company, or just environmental services division

TIM KILADZE JAMESON BERKOW

Toronto-based waste management company GFL Environmental Inc. has retained J.P. Morgan to assess two buyout offers – one for the entire business and another for its environmental services division, according to a source familiar with the matter.

As of Tuesday's market close, GFL is valued at \$17.8-billion. To split the cost, a consortium of infrastructure funds and sovereign wealth funds have teamed up on a bid, according to the source, but discussions are in preliminary stages and may not lead to a transaction.

Another option is for GFL to sell its environmental services division, which offers liquid waste management and soil remediation services, and use the proceeds to pay down debt or repurchase shares. The bidder has offered to pay roughly 15 times the unit's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA. In 2023, the unit reported adjusted EBITDA of \$\$83-million.

The Globe and Mail is not identifying the source because they are not authorized to discuss the information publicly. GFL declined to comment.

GFL, which has lost \$2.2-billion since the start of 2020, has become vulnerable

to buyout offers in recent months because its shares sold off amid concerns about its debt load. The company has grown through debt-fuelled acquisitions, and the growing expectation that higher interest rates will remain in the United States, where GFL issues most of its debt, had investors worried about borrowing costs and the potential to fund future acquisitions.

In March, rating agency Moody's Investors Service affirmed GFL's debt rating at B1, which is deemed junk status, noting that the company's adjusted debt has hovered between five and 5.5 times its EBIT-DA since going public in March, 2020. Moody's also noted that GFL's plans to pay down debt had slowed, with the total burden sitting at 5.2 times EBITDA, compared with expectations of around 4.6 times in fiscal 2023.

Because GFL's shares traded down, the company lost its premium valuation relative to rivals, which trade around 15 times EBITDA. Before news of a potential transaction was reported by Connecticut-based financial news and data portal CTFN on Monday, GFL was trading around 10 times adjusted EBITDA. Its shares have since surged 18 per cent.

Private equity and infrastructure funds are flush with cash and have been looking for discounted investment opportunities.

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MaRS CEO lets go of senior staff, resets focus of business

SEAN SILCOFF

TECHNOLOGY REPORTER

MaRS Discovery District has slashed its senior ranks and is resetting its business model as one of Canada's largest innovation support organizations heads into a potential funding crunch.

According to two sources familiar with the matter, the Toronto organization this week cut about 20 jobs, including many at the top ranks.

One key departure is chief delivery officer Krista Jones, who emailed dozens of women across the innovation sector Tuesday to say she would be leaving her \$346,000-a-year job at the end of June. That is less than two years after the 15-year MaRS veteran received a promotion and substantial raise

Chief financial officer Nicole Barry, who was paid \$326,000 last year, is also leaving.

The Globe and Mail is not identifying the sources as they are not authorized to discuss the matter.

Chief executive Alison Nankivell said in a statement to The Globe that MaRS, in an effort to ensure its long-term sustainability, is "resetting our business model, which includes seeking to significantly increase engagement with the private sector and philanthropic circles while we continue to partner with all levels of government. We are also examining how our platform of spaces, programs, and community in the areas of health, climate, and transformative technology can propel Canadian innovation in a shifting global context."

Streamers say users could pay more after CRTC details regulations

MARIE WOOLF BARRY HERTZ

Foreign streaming giants are warning that consumers could end up paying higher prices after the platforms were ordered to pay about \$200-million a year to support Canadian music, TV, film and radio.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), the independent regulator implementing the Online Streaming Act, announced Tuesday that platforms such as Netflix, Spotify and Amazon Prime will have to contribute 5 per cent of their annual Canadian revenues to support broadcasting in this coun-

Foreign streaming platforms that are not affiliated with a Canadian broadcaster and make at least \$25-million or more of Canadian broadcasting revenue a year will have to pay out, under a regime that follows the passing of Bill C-11 last year.

They will have to contribute to a variety of funds, including those supporting the creation of Indigenous content, French-language productions, and work by Black filmmakers and other Canadians from diverse backgrounds.

A slice of the cash will go to the Canadian Starmaker Fund, which helps support the careers of emerging Canadian recording artists who have been signed by a major Canadian label and have already sold records.

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SHOPIFY SHAREHOLDERS APPROVE EXECUTIVE **COMPENSATION PLAN**

Shopify Inc. shareholders have approved the e-commerce giant's compensation plan for executives.

Prominent proxy advisers Institutional Shareholder Services and Glass Lewis recommended shareholders vote against the plan, which could see the company hand out millions in salaries and share and option-based awards to its top executives.

ISS says the plan has "significant problematic pay practices," including a proposal that will compensate Shopify chief executive officer Tobi Lütke with only a large stock option grant, equalling about US\$20million in each of the last three years.

It also disapproves of the company giving chief operating officer Kaz Nejatian US\$75million in stock options and restricted stock units that carry no performance-vesting condi tions in lieu of his 2024 annual equity award.

Glass Lewis doesn't like the plan because the adviser says it involves paying Shopify executives slightly more than leaders at companies it considers to be peers, despite the company performing moderately worse than its counterparts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The Board of Directors of Cadillac Fairview is pleased to welcome Beth Tyndall. Ms. Tyndall is the Chief People Officer at Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (Ontario Teachers').

As Chief People Officer at Ontario Teachers', Ms Tyndall is responsible for the organization's people and culture function across its global

Before joining Ontario Teachers', Ms. Tyndall spent more than a decade at Deloitte, where she held progressively senior roles including National Talent Leader for the Audit, Tax and Consulting practices; she also spent many years working in the technology sector. Ms. Tyndall has a proven track record with talent strategy design and execution, diversity, equity and inclusion, leadership development, change and performance management, compensation, and culture enablement.

Ms. Tyndall is a graduate of Western University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and holds ICD.D and GCB.D designations. As an active member of her community Tyndall serves on the board of the Mental Health Commission of Canada. She also serves on the board of Amica Senior Lifestyles, an Ontario Teachers portfolio company.

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Private debt manager Next Edge halts redemptions on flagship credit fund

Decision announced last week is its second wind-down of a private debt fund

TIM KILADZE

Private debt manager Next Edge Capital is gating its flagship credit fund after a surge in redemption requests, meaning clients are unable to get their money out and the portfolio will be wound down over the next two years.

The decision, announced last week, marks Next Edge's second wind-down of a private debt fund. Since 2020, the Torontobased asset manager has also been winding down the Next Edge RCM Private Yield Fund, whose credit adviser is R.C. Morris Capital Management Ltd. The fund reported a 25-per-cent loss in the month of March and an 18-per-cent loss in 2023, as it becomes more concentrated and subject to wider performance fluctuations.

Based in Vancouver, R.C. Morris is a private lender and has participated in a number of Canadian wealth management deals in recent years. The company lent money to Bridging Finance Inc., the private debt manager that was put in receivership in 2021, and it also backed Gary Ng's acquisition spree of independent wealth management companies between 2018 and 2020, including PI Financial.

Created in 2015, the Next Edge Private Debt Fund lends to companies that typically cannot obtain bank financing. Over its first eight years, the fund often posted solid returns between 7 and 9 per cent annually, but performance dipped in 2023 just as Canadian investors were growing more cautious about private debt. Around this time, a growing number of private debt managers started halting redemptions or reducing their monthly cash distributions.

With so much uncertainty in the sector, a large number of Next Edge's investors tried to cash out, and the Private Debt Fund dealt with redemption requests worth \$145-million in 2023 - close to half of the fund's \$298-million in total assets under management – according to an investor memo sent last week.

Redemption requests have continued this year and currently sit at 20 per cent of total assets. Next Edge believes the best option is to wind down the portfolio and roll its investors into a different fund in the future. In doing so, management has capped the existing fund's monthly payouts at a 6-

per-cent annual yield – only 1 per cent higher than some guaranteed investment certificates - and halted redemptions.

"The team has done everything possible to prevent a gate/winddown from happening; however, we feel that our hand is now forced," Rob Anton, Next Edge's president, wrote in the investor memo.

"A redemption amount of this magnitude was never anticipated under most operating environments, especially considering the long-standing, and continued positive performance of the fund.'

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, private debt was one of the hottest growth sectors in Canadian wealth management because its funds typically paid 8-per-cent annual yields, while benchmark interest rates were ultralow. Since 2022, these funds have become less lucrative to investors because their vields haven't risen, meanwhile benchmark interest rates have climbed five percentage points.

A cooling Canadian economy has also affected business bankruptcies, which are now rising quickly. In the past two years, private debt funds that manage nearly \$10-

billion have struggled with elevated redemption requests or major defaults - and growing number are halting redemptions.

Last week, Ninepoint Partners told investment advisers it would stop paying cash distributions on three of its private debt funds that collectively manage \$2-billion in assets.

Ninepoint is also skipping the current redemption window on its flagship private debt fund. Redemptions are typically permitted quarterly, to a maximum of 5 per cent of total assets.

In its own memo to advisers, Next Edge explained that it contemplated different

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outcomes but felt the current volume of redemption requests couldn't be overcome. "We believe that even if we

met these existing redemptions over an extended period, which would have been required, the fund would face a flood of further sizeable redemptions upon reopening," Mr. Anton wrote. Under the plan, the existing fund port

folio will be wound up and paid back to all unit holders on an orderly basis "by way of the issuance of units in new classes of the fund that can be sold or held as desired."

The new fund units will follow a similar

mandate to the existing fund, but will have exposure to a portfolio with improved liq-uidity, allowing for redemptions, Next Edge chief operating officer David Scobie wrote in an e-mail to The Globe and Mail

R.C. Morris founder Chris Morris wrote in an e-mail that the company "remains proactive in the private debt space through our other managed investment vehicles."

"Despite facing well-publicized challenges, including some of our own, we remain optimistic on the long-term prospects of the private debt industry in Canada."

Quebec ComediHa! confirms Just for Laughs acquisition

MORGAN LOWRIE MONTREAL

Quebec-based entertainment group ComediHa! said Tuesday it's "entering a new era" as it confirmed it will acquire a number of assets from the financially troubled

Just for Laughs comedy company.

The company said that a judge has approved its bid to acquire the brands Juste pour rire, Just For Laughs, Zoofest, ComedyPro, the Gags, as well as the audiovisual

"This asset acquisition will enable us to offer even more diverse entertainment experiences to our Quebec, Canadian and global audiences while supporting the growth and development of our artists and content around the world," chief executive officer Sylvain Parent-Bedard said in a news release. The announcement comes after Just for Laughs cancelled its Montreal and Toronto festivals this year and sought creditor protection, blaming the COVID-19 pandemic, inflation and the changing entertainment industry for its financial woes.

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Just for Laughs cancelled its Montreal and Toronto festivals this year and sought creditor protection. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

BlackBerry moves to strike claims from harassment lawsuit

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BlackBerry Ltd. has asked a court to throw out some claims by a former female executive suing the company and CEO John Giamatteo for sexual harassment, discrimination and wrongful termination, stating she was let go amid a corporate restructur ing and due to her "habitual mistreatment of her coworkers."

The company made the comment in a motion filed Monday with the U.S. District Court for Northern California to dismiss three of her eight causes of action against BlackBerry and strike from a fourth all references to "harassment and discrimination." The motion is a legal manoeuvre to try to narrow the scope of the plaintiff's action. The Waterloo, Ont.-based company has yet to file a statement of defence.

The former employee, a California-based woman of colour who worked for BlackBerry for more than a decade, is identified in court documents only as Jane Doe. She alleged in her lawsuit filed in April that despite being a high performer who won "promotion after promotion," her career was derailed following Mr. Giamatteo's arrival as president of the cybersecurity business in October, 2021. Mr. Giamatteo was named chief executive officer in December, 2023, succeeding John Chen, weeks after an employee anonymously filed an internal sexual harassment complaint against the incoming leader. The company says an outside law firm conducted an extensive investigation into the complaint

and found no evidence of wrongdoing or violations of its code of conduct. Jane Doe alleges she rejected an invitation from Mr. Giamatteo shortly after his arrival at the company in 2021 to travel together and work directly for him, and that

they later attended a dinner during which

he made her uncomfortable and tried to

get close to her and woo her. After she re-

ported the incident to Mr. Chen, she alleges, Mr. Giamatteo stopped inviting her to meetings and spread rumours she wasn't a good collaborator. She also reported his alleged retaliation to the human resources department in early 2023. Jane Doe was terminated on Dec. 4, 2023, by interim CEO Dick Lynch, before Mr. Giamatteo's appointment as CEO.

She alleges her treatment violated the U.S. labour code and California employ ment law, and told The Canadian Press in April that she decided to pursue legal action because she felt she had a responsibility to help and give strength to other women.

The company said in its filing that none of the plaintiff's claims have merit. Furthermore, her claims regarding a hostile work environment, discriminatory pay and failure to pay her wages promptly "fail at the outset," the company alleges, be-cause her allegations are "devoid of specific facts" and "come nowhere close" to being pervasive or severe enough under state law or in accordance with past legal precedents to merit her claims. The company notes the plaintiff's claim does not allege Mr. Giamatteo made physical contact, nor used explicit language, propositioned her "or even asked her out on a date" and that the alleged behaviour would amount to "occasional, isolated, sporadic or trivial" conduct and not prompt action under the

"These allegations are filled with falsehoods and mischaracterizations, but even if they were true, such isolated incidents are not severe enough or sufficiently pervasive to alter the conditions of her employment and create a work environment that qualifies as hostile or abusive to the plaintiff because of her sex," the company

BlackBerry characterized Jane Doe as a favourite of Mr. Chen, who "sponsored her rapid rise" and created a unique position

for her, but that she "alienated virtually all

of her peers through years of rude and divi-

sive conduct." It cited an example where a female employee took medical leave to address mental-health issues, allegedly "caused by the plaintiff's abusive behavior" and another where a male employee quit "on the spot" because she insisted he work around the clock on a weekend to complete a project on an unrealistic timeline.

None of the allegations or arguments by the plaintiff or company have been proven

BlackBerry said in October it would split into two stand-alone businesses focusing on cybersecurity and internet-connected automobiles, and subsequently cut more than 200 jobs. In its filing, the company said the plaintiff's position didn't fit into either unit "and she was a poor fit to be placed in a new or different role because she had engaged in a long-term pattern of antagonistic and demeaning conduct toward colleagues, leading to a negative and toxic culture that surrounded her." She was offered the option to resign but declined, and was one of three executives terminated in the layoff, the company said.

"The allegations made by the Plaintiff fall well short of conduct that amounts to sexual harassment or discrimination, BlackBerry spokesperson Camilla Scassellati Sforzolini said in an e-mail. "Our motion to dismiss various claims reflects the weakness in the Plaintiff's complaint and represents just the first step in our compre-hensive defense against her baseless suit."

Maria Bourn, a lawyer for Jane Doe, said in a statement that "Blackberry's new norm appears to be smearing victims and repressing reports of sexual harassment and retaliation. They performed a sham investigation into Mr. Giamatteo's indefensible behavior, and now they submit a filing that doesn't even tie to the law. It all amounts to more retaliation from a company that co-signed on the now-CEO's 'Mad Men'-era sexual harassment."

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France's finances raise red flags for euro zone

The shambolic state of the French deficit is a sore spot for Macron, who hasn't been able to curb public spending

KONRAD YAKABUSKI





French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire boasted that Mr. Mbappé's decision to stay in Paris, after President Emmanuel Macron personally intervened to twist his arm, would generate a windfall in revenues for the French government. "He is going to pay a lot of taxes, and it's a good thing that he pays them here rather than elsewhere," Mr. Le Maire said at the time.

An analysis of Mr. Mbappé's earnings estimated that by far most of the PSG player's €210-million (\$312-million) annual salary

would go to the French state in income and payroll taxes, making his decision to stay in Paris a fiscal shot in the arm for France.

The long-expected announcement on Monday that Mr. Mbappé will sign a five-year contract with 15-time European Cup-winning Real Madrid in Spain, where he is expected to pay a much lower tax rate, will now cost the French government hundreds of millions of euros. The timing could not be worse for Mr. Le Maire, who has come under increasing pressure from bond-market vigilantes to do something about France's shambolic public finances. On Friday, Standard & Poor's

downgraded France's debt to AA-from AA after Mr. Le Maire reported a 2023 budget deficit that was "significantly higher than we previously forecast." S&P said the 2023 shortfall reached 5.5 per cent of gross domestic product and is expected to remain above 5 per cent this year. France's overall debt burden continues to rise – to about 112 per cent of GDP, up from 97 per cent before the pandemic – while the debt loads of most other euro zone countries are on a steady downward trajectory.

The rapid deterioration of French public finances since the pandemic is undermining Mr. Macron's claim to European leader-

ship. France's debt-to-GDP ratio is now the third-highest in the 20country euro area, after Greece and Italy. And French government expenditure as a proportion of the GDP remains the highest in the 27-member European Union, at 57.3 per cent – compared with about 41 per cent in Canada and 36 per cent in the United States.

Mr. Macron, a former investment banker who has made restoring France's economic might the cornerstone of his presidency, has added more than a trillion euros to the country's debt load since taking over in 2017. That is a more than 50-per-cent increase in just seven years. France now accounts for a quarter of all euro-zone debt, well above its 17-percent share of the region's econo-

my.

The growing divergence between French and German public finances - Germany's debt-to-GDP ratio is at 63.6 per cent and falling – has increased tensions between Berlin and Paris. Mr. Macron has pushed for more EU fiscal integration and joint borrowing to fund European defence and industrial policies. But Germany worries that such moves would only encourage the same profligacy that led to the euro debt crisis after the 2009 recession.

Austerity measures forced on

the so-called PIGS (Portugal, Italy, Greece and Spain) have since helped stabilize the euro zone. Portugal and Greece have emerged as models of fiscal rectitude. The former is running a budget surplus, and its debt-to-GDP ratio has fallen to below 100 per cent from 135 per cent in 2020. Greece ran a budget deficit of 1.6 per cent of GDP in 2023, despite a healthy primary balance surplus. Its debt-to-GDP ratio fell from 207 per cent in 2020 to about 160 per cent in 2023.

Mr. Le Maire played down the

significance of Friday's down-grade, insisting that the lowering of France's credit rating would not affect investors' appetite for French bonds. Still, the interest spread between French and German bonds has widened since the pandemic to around 50 basis points and could grow further in the coming months if Mr. Le Maire fails to make good on his promise to cut a total of €40-billion (about \$59-billion) in spending this year and in 2025.

"Political fragmentation adds uncertainty regarding the government's ability to continue implementing policies that increase economic growth potential and address budgetary imbalances," S&P warned. "Without an absolute parliamentary majority, the

strong parliamentary and nonparliamentary opposition some reform proposals - as demonstrated by widespread protests and strikes against pension reform in the first half of 2023."
Mr. Macron's government was

able to push through the plan to raise the retirement age to 64 from 62 through a special decree but only after weeks of paralyzing strikes that sapped his personal popularity and drove voters into the arms of the far-right Rassem-blement National, which vowed to set the retirement age at 60.

The RN is expected to trounce Mr. Macron's Renaissance party in Sunday's European Parliament elections, further complicating Mr. Le Maire's attempts to win National Assembly approval to cut spending. He has already ruled out tax increases.

While France has recently boasted record foreign investment thanks to lower energy costs than in Germany and corporate tax cuts, Mr. Macron has been unable to reduce public spending despite courageous efforts to reform the country's pension and unemployment insurance systems. The fiscal woes of the EU's second-biggest economy raise red flags for the future of the entire euro zone.

Despite its shortcomings, Canada is not an economic basket case

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OPINION

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n the face of it, there is lots to worry about when it comes to the Canadian economy. But some take that concern further, suggesting the country is economically broken, approximating something of a basket case - an argument that

deserves closer inspection.

Take research and development, where Canada invests only about 1.6 per cent of its annual GDP down from more than 2 per cent in 2017. That ranks about 26th in the world, below the 2.7per-cent average in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and less than a third of the effort in South Korea and Israel.

This is probably part of the reason Canada's labour productivity (real GDP per hour worked) fell to 77 per cent of U.S. levels in 2020 from 82 per cent in In contrast, European 2000. countries and Australia improved.

Most disturbingly, the growth in GDP per capita has softened. Between 1981 and the end of 2014, it rose an average of 1.7 per cent per annum, much in line with growth in the U.S. Since 2015, Canada's GDP per capita has risen below 0.2 per cent a vear and is reported to have actually declined in recent quarters.

None of this sounds good. But the difficulty is that these are highly aggregated numbers that say little or nothing about the dynamics and diversity in our advanced industrial economy.

Are we innovative? Looking at our investments suggests not, but the reality is not quite what the numbers suggest. Governments and universities in Canada invest as much or more than in most other countries with much higher R&D numbers. This effort puts Canada in the top tier of research performers in basic research, where we contribute anywhere from 2 per cent to 6 per cent of the world's output, compared with our o.5-per-cent share of the world's population and 1.9per-cent of the world's economy.

Statistics Canada regularly survevs firms about their innovative activities, including exploiting new technologies, products, markets and organization innovations. Almost four in five firms in all sectors report adopting either new product or business process. Almost all sectors have more than two-thirds of their enterprises innovating steadily, which puts us on par or better than our competitors.

So if the firms we have we are competitively investing in R&D and our firms are generally innovative, why are the outcomes so

Let's start with productivity. Oliver Loertscher and Pau Pujolas, professors at McMaster University, have done a deep dive into productivity growth and concluded that its observed stagnation in Canada in the past 20 years is almost entirely because of the oil industry. When they netted out the oil components of the economy and looked at productivity in the rest of the economy, they found it rose at about the same rate as in the past and compared with the U.S.

Indeed, the main reason Canadian businesses invest less in innovation at less than half the rate of their counterparts in other countries is the sectors they compete. Canada has a strong comparative and competitive advantage in primary production, including agriculture, forestry, fishing, mining, energy and related supporting sectors. Our gap is almost entirely owing to our small share of those global sectors that invest 5 per cent to 15 per cent of their gross earnings in R&D, including computer hardware and software, pharmaceuticals, automobiles and aerospace.

This here is indeed a problem, but it's not the big deal it's made out to be. In fact, in the sectors in which Canada dominates, domestic businesses invest much more in innovation than the global average, which is less than 1 per cent of sectoral GDP.

Finally, we can't ignore that GDP per capita has stopped growing and may be in decline. But the bigger part of the story is that, since 2015, virtually all of our population growth has been owing to immigration, a mix of refugees, economic migrants, family reunification, students and temporary foreign workers. As a result, Canada has the fastest growing population in the

G7.
This, too, has been cited as a that the improblem in itself – that the immigrants Canada is bringing in lower the country's GDP per capita instead of raising it. Even if that is so, though, the fact remains that the numbers do not reflect some calamitous drop in living standards. Combining headwinds in the economy with a swelling population inevitably lowers GDP per capita.

We should recognize that much of what we are doing is working. The U.S. News & World Report rated us the second "best" country out of 80 developed nations in 2023, and the World Happiness Report this year shows Canada ranked 15 out of 144 countries assessed.

So, while we have things we can and should fix, Canada is not a basket case.



Glenn Chamandy was reinstated as Gildan's CEO on May 24 at the behest of shareholders. A new board has been installed that supports his leadership. CHRISTINNE MUSCHI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The Gildan affair has grave consequences for shareholder democracy

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OPINION

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s the dust begins to settle at Gildan, it's questionable whether shareholder democracy has come out on top. At the behest of the shareholders, Glenn Chamandy was reinstated as chief executive on May 24 and the old board has been sent packing. To some, the Gildan affair seems destined to become the poster child for shareholder power and its legitimating force. But is it really? The sterner and more challenging

test for shareholder democracy is yet to come. Having benefited from a shareholder revolt, the question is whether Mr. Chamandy and

the new board will respect shareholder democracy going forward. Will they continue to put shareholder power first? Or will they revert to executive-and-board business as usual?

Several months ago, founder and CEO Mr. Chamandy was ousted by the board. While it was unclear exactly why, there were hints that he was mailing it in as CEO and the board thought that new blood was needed A new CEO was hired, and the board began to plot a different course.

Mr. Chamandy did not take this well. Browning West, an activist and sympathetic investor who owned 5 per cent of Gildan's shares, began a push to restore Mr. Chamandy. With the support of several other institutional investors (with about 35 per cent of the shares in total), Mr. Chamandy was restored to his former position and the board was voted out. A new board has been installed that supports

All this is a triumph for shareholder democracy to some degree - more than 80 per cent of shareholders ultimately joined the corpo-

rate putsch. Mr. Chamandy himself went so far as to say that "justice has prevailed." But has Shareholder democracy is a more contested idea and practice than often assumed. It sug-

gests a reasonably egalitarian and participa-

tory model that confers legitimacy on corporate action by virtue of its participatory process. However, too often, it is a small band of shareholders who pull the strings.

Although share ownership is now more diffuse and widespread than it once was, it remains a privileged enterprise. Money talks, so the more shares you own, the more talk and the more power you get. While efforts to curb the influence of wealth on political democracy are considered essential, the reliance on plutocratic control remains permissible in the corporate sphere: Economic investment is

confused with democratic participation. There are three characteristics of share ownership in Canada that demand closer attention: a highly concentrated, not widely-held shareholder base; the persistence of dual-voting structures; and an elite network of overlapping directorships. Together, these factors undermine any claim that there is a reasonable degree of democracy at work in Canadian corporations.

Corporate law has tended to put its main efforts into addressing imbalances of power between owners/shareholders and executives/directors. But the real problem with shareholder democracy lies elsewhere.

The problems are less to do with the relationship between shareholders and the companies' boards, but more to do with the struggle between different groups of investors. With only 5 per cent of Gildan's shares,

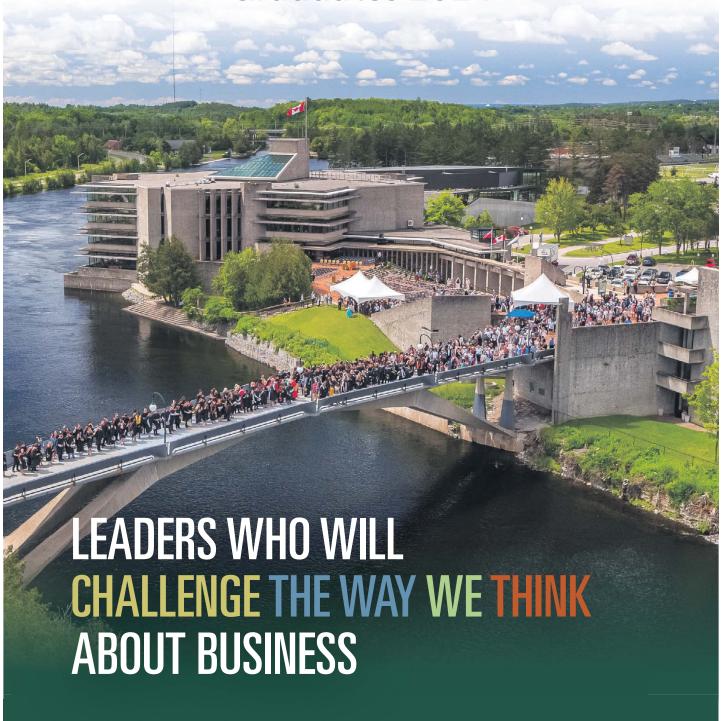
Browning West now seems to be in control after it brought back Mr. Chamandy and installed a slate of directors that are to its liking.

With some pressure on Gildan to revisit its labour practices in Central America, the company will need to take seriously the demands of democracy in a substantive spirit as much as formal process. A small minority of shareholders is still committed to exploring and remedying any human-rights failings. This will be a test of Gildan and Mr. Chamandy's commitment to shareholder democracy.

But the signs are not encouraging. In the last week or so, Mr. Chamandy has said that "I'm going to be CEO until I think the time is right. I would like to be part of the company as long as possible." I suppose that he feels shareholder democracy is to be considered a good thing if it benefits him, but not so good if it

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A GFL truck makes its rounds through Toronto. The company is assessing two buyout offers. CARLOS OSORIO/REUTERS

GFL: Private buyout would likely involve adding even more debt

In a note to clients on Tuesday, Jefferies analyst Stephanie Moore wrote that GFL has steady cash flows that make it attractive to private owners – adding that the company already has a history of private equity ownership.

Before going public in 2020, GFL was pri-

vately controlled by British private equity firm BC Partners, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and founder Patrick Dovigi. BC Partners is still GFL's largest shareholder has two seats on its board of directors.

However, a private buyout would likely involve adding even more debt to balance sheet that is already loaded with it. While more leverage could be managed, it would leave the new owners with little room for error. A deal to sell only the environmental services division, then, may be more palatable. In her note, Ms. Moore predicted the proceeds could be used to immediately reduce debt to bring GFL's debt-to-EBITDA ratio down to the two-times-range, and any additional proceeds could be used to

Cleantech: Audit found 90 instances where agency approved project funding but didn't follow conflict-of-interest policies

It amounted to "significant lapses" in governance and handling of public money, she said.

"These are serious concerns that, in my mind, needed to be addressed and shouldn't have happened," Ms. Hogan said in an interview. "The board should not have failed in such an oversight mecha-

Her audit, and the minister's decision to clip SDTC's wings, follow an investigation last year that was triggered by whistleblowers who complained of conflicts, financial mismanagement and poor human-resources practices.

Ms. Hogan's conclusions largely support the allegations and the findings of the initial investigation, conducted on behalf of the department in charge, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED). Mr. Champagne leads that department. Ms. Hogan also criticized ISED for not sufficiently monitoring SDTC's compliance

The minister said he agreed with her

conclusions.
"The various reviews conducted - including the Auditor-General's report have revealed serious weaknesses in SDTC's governance, prompting a new delivery approach to government support for the cleantech sector," he said

The audit found 90 instances where, according to minutes of SDTC board meetings, funding for projects was approved when conflict-of-interest policies weren't followed. That represented \$76-million awarded through the six-year audit period that ended in 2023. The report also criticized use of an outside contractor, who had ties to companies seeking funding from the agency when he was brought in to evaluate projects.

Ms. Hogan examined 58 approvals for eligibility under the agency's contribution agreement and found that 10, representing \$59-million in funding, did not meet requirements. She estimated that one in 10 of the remaining projects approved under SDTC's start-up and scale-up programs were also ineligible.

SDTC, the country's biggest funder of green technology, has been under a government-imposed suspension on new grants for projects since early October. This freeze has been highly disruptive to the cleantech sector. Startups that were near fi-

nal funding approval when the minister imposed the freeze were left in limbo.

The minister said on Tuesday he is lifting the suspension, and SDTC said it would resume processing applications in its queue and accepting new ones in the coming weeks.

The first investigation detailed conflict policy breaches and lax record-keeping. It questioned \$38-million in pandemic-relief payments to all SDTC

companies in 2021 and 2022, including those in which directors had interests.

The Auditor-General made note those payments, saying that in 63 cases, directors voted in favour after having previously declared conflicts. Directors reported they had received legal advice that recusals were not required. In a third of those cases, directors said they no longer had interests at the time of the votes. However, SDTC did not verify that when the votes were held, the report said.

SDTC said it accepts the Auditor-General's findings. Spokesperson Janemary Banigan said it had taken steps to strengthits conflict-of-interest policies and

reporting, and introduced clearer guidelines for directors.

A second report on SDTC released on Tuesday, which focused on employment and human-resources practices plaints, was more exculpatory - to the disappointment of the whistleblowers.

The law firm McCarthy Tétrault, which the government commissioned to examine those complaints and which interviewed 62 current and former employees, found the facts did not support allegations such as workplace harassment, bullying or discriminatory firings.

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Although most former employees interviewed for that report described a negative experience with the agency, the law firm determined that claims of a toxic workplace were held by a minority of staff. It attributed the claims to disagreement with management style and decisions, organizational changes and conflict-of-interest issues.

evaluate projects. The initial reaction from the cleantech sector to Tuesday's news was relief that funding applications will now be processed again, and hope that the NRC's experience providing technology support through its Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) will minimize further tur-

> "It remains to be seen how smooth the transition is, but IRAP already has a relationship with pretty much every cleantech startup in Canada," said Marty Reed, a partner at the venture-capital firm Evok Inno-

> "At the end of the day all I really care about is that funding gets flowing again."

With reports from Adam Radwanski

Streaming: Heritage Minister says platforms will ultimately benefit from extra investment in Canadian content

The announcement was widely welcomed by Canada's film, TV and music industry. But some streaming giants warned that the extra costs could lead to a price rise for Canadians. Graham Davies, president and chief executive of the Digital Media Association which represents Amazon Music, Apple Music and Spotify, said they were "deeply concerned with today's decision to impose a discriminatory tax on music streaming services that are already making significant contributions to Canadian artists and culture."

"As Canada's affordability crisis remains a significant challenge, the government needs to avoid adding to this burden. This is especially true for younger Canadians who are the predominant users of audio streaming services," he said.

Foreign streaming platforms will now have a duty, alongside traditional broadcasters, to actively promote Canadian TV, film and music and contribute financially to their production.
"Today's decision will help ensure that

online streaming services make meaningful contributions to Canadian and Indigenous content," said Vicky Eatrides, chair-

person and CEO of the CRTC. Amazon Prime Video, which streams movies and series, said in a statement the CRTC decision imposed an "onerous and

inflexible financial levy." It said it was disappointed and "concerned by the negative impact it will have on Canadian consum-

Speaking to reporters, Heritage Minister Pascale St-Onge said streaming platforms would ultimately benefit from the extra investment in Canadian content.

"This is money that will go back into Canadian creation, whether it's music, whether it's a television series or movies – that will most likely go back on their platforms," she said.

Marla Boltman, executive director of Friends of Canadian Media, said "for more than a decade, foreign online steamers have contributed nothing to the systems and structures that support Canadian news and storytelling. Today's CRTC decision marks the end of their free ride."

But the Motion Picture Association Canada, which represents Disney, Netflix, Paramount, Sony, NBCUniversal and Warner Bros. Discovery, said foreign studios and streaming services spend more than \$6.7-billion annually on productions in Canada and it is disappointed this was not included in the CRTC's equation.

"Today's discriminatory decision will make it harder for global streamers to collaborate directly with Canadian creatives and invest in world-class story-

telling made in Canada for audiences here

around the world," association president

Two per cent of the projected \$200-million annual funding will support Canadian film and TV through the Canada Media Fund, or through direct funding for Canadian content.

Another 0.5 per cent will go to the Black Screen Office Fund, the Canadian Independent Screen Fund for BPOC (Black People and People of Colour) creators or the Broadcasting Accessibility Fund. The Indigenous Screen Office of Canada, which supports the telling of Indigenous-led stories across film, television and digital media, will receive 0.5 per cent of the

The Indigenous Music Office, a new fund supporting Indigenous music, will receive 0.15 per cent of the funding by December.

Streaming giants may have to top up this "base funding" as the CRTC's regulatotimetable progresses into next year. CRTC consultations are set to continue into 2026, after the next election.

Michael Geist, the University of Ottawa's Canada Research Chair in internet law, said the CRTC decision was "a perfect illustration of a sector that is too often focused on regulatory payments rather than marketbased success.'

"Bill C-11 was about 'making web giants pay' and that is what the CRTC is determined to do even if consumers will ultimately get the bill," he said.

MaRS

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Ms. Nankivell through a spokes person declined to confirm the number or scope of layoffs or elaborate on her plans, but said in her statement: "Our path forward necessitates changes towards a more agile and lean organizational structure that reduces hierarchy and leadership roles in favour of a reallocation of resources to support programming that more effectively supports founders, fosters even greater ecosystem collaboration, and ultimately increases our impact."

It's the first significant move by Ms. Nankivell since taking the helm of MaRS in March after leading fund investments and global scaling for Business Development Bank of Canada's private capital group BDC Capital. When her appointment was announced last December, she told The Globe and Mail, "I don't think anything significantly needs foundational change," at MaRS, saying, "It's more of a nudging of certain aspects of the overall programming and partnership with the community in certain directions of emphasis."

MaRS occupies 1.5 million square feet on downtown Toronto's hospital row and 55,000 square feet at a Waterfront Toronto building. It has 120 tenants including startups, venture capitalists and foreign multinational giants and provides advisory services to startups building health and climate technologies

The organization, which receives two-thirds of its revenue from provincial and federal grants, has faced controversy over its real estate and questions about its sprawling mandate and effectiveness in helping Canadian tech startups scale up into giants. A key question has been whether it is more of a real estate play or an innovation stimulant.

MaRS has experienced a substantial drop in non-government grant revenues, including fees for services to startups, donations and event sponsorships, since 2019, the year before the pandemic began. Non-government revenues fell to \$10.1-million in its fis-cal year ended March 31, 2023, from \$29.1-million four years earlier. Total revenues dropped by 40 per cent, to \$29.6-million in fiscal 2023 from 2019 levels, while employee costs rose by 2.5 per cent over that period, reaching \$23.9million last year. MaRS lost money in all five years. Ms. Nankivell's predecessor, Yung Wu saw his salary jump by 37 per cent, to \$650,625 last year from \$475,000

Meanwhile, MaRS reached the end of a two-year extension of its funding agreement with the Ontario government two months ago that had the province kick in \$10-million annually. A portion of its federal government funding, for a small business-assistance program, ran out on Dec. 31, and its future government funding status is uncertain.

MaRS started as the latest in a decades-long effort to help bring inventions from the University of Toronto to market after the sale of its vaccine production business Connaught Labs in 1972. The University of Toronto Innovations Foundation, launched in the 1980s, aimed to encourage on-campus researchers and professors to take their intellectual property to market, but a university panel in 2004 concluded it was not living up to its mandate and recommended its dismantling and that the institution instead partner with MaRS.

By that point MaRS, founded in 2000, was in its infancy. It was the brainchild of biotech entrepre-neur John Evans and originally stood for Medical and Related Sci-ences. Inspired by Kendall Square, Boston's biotechnology zone, the group set out to build a tower on property bought from the University Health Network. But its U.S. development partner bailed after the 2008-09 financial crisis and the province had to step in to complete the project, which drew the ire of the auditor-general. In 2017, MaRS completed a \$290-million private financing of the tower project, enabling it to repay three-quarters of the nearly \$400-million in loans received from Ontario. Over the years, MaRS expand-

ed its support to startups across all areas of technology and started a venture capital fund called MaRS Investment Accelerator Fund. It spun out a new privatesector venture-capital fund in 2022 called Graphite Ventures. But MaRS and other governmentfunded startup hub bodies have faced heightened scrutiny into their effectiveness in recent years by Ontario's Progressive Conservative government and sought to re-establish their relevance as regional economic stimulators.

Flair Airlines CEO Stephen Jones to step down

Operating chief Maciej Wilk will serve as interim replacement for budget airline

ERIC ATKINS

TRANSPORTATION REPORTER

Flair Airlines is looking for a new leader after chief executive officer Stephen Jones announced his retirement on Tuesday.

Mr. Jones, 63, departs the Edmonton-based discount airline on June 28 after four years – a period in which the carrier expanded rapidly from a few aircraft to about 20 Boeing 737 Max passenger jets.
"It's just the right time for

me," Mr. Jones said in an inter-

He said he will spend time in Vancouver and his native New Zealand, pursuing his love of ocean sailing.

At the helm of Flair, Mr. Jones was an outspoken critic of Canada's two dominant airlines, Air Canada and WestIet Airlines. He labelled them "Big Air," and accused them of using their market share to squeeze out the smaller players with route matching and predatory pricing. "Big Air will say anything to make sure Canadians keep paying too much for airfare," he said two years ago on social media.

Flair is recruiting candidates, and has named operating chief Maciej Wilk as his interim re-



Flair Airlines CEO Stephen Jones was in the top role for four years. In that time, Flair expanded rapidly from a few aircraft to about 20 Boeing 737 Max passenger jets. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

placement, chairwoman Julia Haywood said in a statement.

As an upstart that charged low airfares in a concentrated mar-ket, Flair faced financial challenges. The Globe and Mail reported in January the airline owed the federal government more than \$67-million in tax repayment related to the import of aircraft. A year earlier, aircraft leasing companies seized four Flair planes for missed rent payments. Mr. Jones said at the time U.S. investor 777 Partners paid the arrears on another seven aircraft.

It was the involvement of Miami-based 777 Partners that drew the attention of the regulator, the Canadian Transportation Agen cv. in 2021. The CTA found 777 control, investment

and board seats allowed it to call the shots, in violation of Canadian majority ownership laws. Facing the possible loss of its operating licence, Flair loosened 777 Partners' grip and received approval from the CTA to carry

On May 2, Flair said 777 Partners had reduced its 25-per-cent stake to less than 10 per cent, shortly after Australian airline Bonza ceased operations and received court protection from creditors. The investor is facing legal and financial troubles in the U.S. amid scrutiny over its bid to buy an English soccer club.

Mr. Jones, who was hired at a time 777 Partners had seats on board, declined on Tuesday to name the investor that has replaced 777 Partners. New York's Advantage Capital Holdings LLC is a creditor of 777 Partners, and its loans were reportedly secured by 777's assets.

Mr. Jones has bristled at news coverage of Flair's financial troubles, complaining reporters were ignoring the real story – Flair's affordable airfares.

When asked what he thought could have gone better in his tenure, Mr. Jones took another shot at the coverage. "I wish some of the media would have got behind the business a bit earlier and actually focused on the benefits that we brought to the Canadian aviation industry. It seems that there was plenty of of focus on the troubles that we had," he said.

"Startups are difficult, but it just did seem that we're constantly being picked on for the things that we did ... So, yeah, perhaps I didn't manage the media relations well enough."

TC Energy votes to spin off pipeline business

EMMA GRANEY

ENERGY REPORTER

TC Energy Corp. shareholders voted Tuesday to spin off the company's liquids pipeline business into another company, creating a new energy infrastructure firm called South Bow Corp. Calgary-based TC Energy will

be separated into two independent, publicly listed companies under the change. One will still be called TC Energy, and will oversee the company's natural gas pipelines, storage and power businesses. The other, South Bow, will control the liquids in-South frastructure side of operations, including the company's 4,900kilometre pipeline network.

TC Energy president and chief executive, François Poirier, said Tuesday at the company's annual meeting that the move would give each entity the ability to foon their distinct strategies

and opportunities.
As independent companies, TC Energy and South Bow will have separate balance sheets, giving them independent access to capital markets.

The spinoff is a result of re-

views of the company's liquids pipelines business dating back to November, 2020, according to TC Energy's information circular.

That's when management initiated a review of strategic alternatives for TC's liquids pipelines business, including scenarios with and without Keystone XL a planned \$11.5-billion pipeline designed to ship up to 830,000 barrels of crude a day from Har-

disty, Alta., to Steele City, Neb. At the time, TC Energy's liquids business was set to grow after the Alberta government invested US\$1.1-billion in the pipeline. But the company scuttled the project after U.S. President Joe Biden revoked Keystone's permit in January, 2021. TC Energy initially pursued a

full or part sale of its liquids pipelines business. It solicited interest from prospective buyers late 2022 and early 2023, holding presentations in its office in Hous-

But preliminary investor interest, asset valuations and the tax implications of a potential transaction had management rethinking that plan. It determined a sale wouldn't maximize value to shareholders.

TC Energy instead proposed the split last summer, as it stared down an unsustainable debt load, with few foreseeable cataly sts to alleviate the burden.
Only days earlier, it said it

would sell 40 per cent of its two massive Columbia gas transmission systems in the United States to New York-based Global Infrastructure Partners for \$5.2-billion to help shore up its balance sheet. The Columbia deal was the first in a program that TC Energy announced in fall 2022 to sell off its non-core assets and minority interests, thus helping fund expansion goals without accruing large amounts of debt.

Management called the spinoff proposal at "monumental moment," but markets did not react well. The company's shareprice slump accelerated as analysts questioned the very purpose of the reorganization, because it did little to lower the company's debt burden in the near future.

TC Energy's share price on the Toronto Stock Exchange ticked up slightly on the news of the shareholder vote Tuesday.

The company expects the spinoff to come into effect later this

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raised US\$450-million in funding from returning investors such as Nvidia Corp. and Salesforce, Inc., as well as new investors including Cisco and

Canadian AI startup Cohere has

Canadian pension fund PSP Investments, according to a source familiar the matter. This concludes the first tranche of Cohere's months-long

fundraising efforts, while the company is still in talks to raise more in the same round at US\$5-billion valuation, added the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The funding marks a jump in valuation from Cohere's last private raise, when it was valued at US\$2.2-billion from investors including Inovia Capital last

The generative AI company, which makes money by selling its models and applications to enterprises with an emphasis on data privacy, generated US\$35million in annualized revenue by the end of March, up from US\$13-million last year, the source added.

NVIDIA, SALESFORCE INVEST IN CANADIAN AI STARTUP COHERE

Cohere declined to comment. Nvidia and Salesforce did not immediately reply to requests for comment.

Cohere set out to raise between US\$500-million to US\$1billion, Reuters previously reported. It competes with Open-AI, Anthropic and Mistral, which have also raised billions of dollars of strategic investors such as Microsoft Corp., Google and Amazon.com Inc.

Foundation model AI companies have been racing to raise capital to fund the expensive development of AI models that require huge amounts of computing power and top industry

One of the most high-profile Canadian startups, Cohere is likely to benefit from the Canadian government's plan to invest \$2.4-billion to fund compute and AI research for homegrown AI companies.

Founded in 2019, Toronto-headquartered Cohere builds large language models - soft ware systems that are trained on large amounts of data and can generate text. Unlike OpenAI's tie-up with Microsoft, it has steered clear of exclusive deals with cloud providers, despite being backed by Oracle.

While AI startups largely remain money-losing given the training cost, every company is trying to sell its technology to the biggest companies that can pay for it for boosted produc-

Showing revenue growth is also critical in deciding if they could raise more capital.

The funding craze of AI startups is already slowing down, especially on the early stage side.

CURRENT AND FORMER EMPLOYEES AT OPENAI, GOOGLE DEEPMIND WARN ABOUT AI RISKS

A group of current and former employees at artificial intelligence companies, including Microsoft Corp.-backed OpenAI and Alphabet Inc.'s Google DeepMind on Tuesday raised concerns about risks posed by

the emerging technology. An open letter by a group of 11 current and former employees of OpenAI and one current and another former employee with Google DeepMind said the fi-

nancial motives of AI companies hinder effective oversight.

"We do not believe bespoke structures of corporate governance are sufficient to change this," the letter added.

It further warns of risks from unregulated AI, ranging from the spread of misinformation to the loss of independent AI systems and the deepening of existing inequalities, which could result in "human extinc-

Researchers have found examples of image generators from companies including OpenAI and Microsoft producing photos with voting-related disinformation, despite policies against such content. AI companies have "weak obligations" to share information with the governments about the capabilities and limitations of their systems, the letter said. REUTERS

Dividends

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Issue	Date	Date	Kate
Class A Preferred	July 15, 2024	July 31, 2024	\$0.34375
Series 7	-	-	
Class A Preferred	July 15, 2024	July 31, 2024	\$0.378125
Series 13			
Class A Preferred	July 15, 2024	July 31, 2024	\$0.34375
Series 18			
Class A Preferred	July 15, 2024	July 31, 2024	\$0.196063
Series 1			
Class A Preferred	July 15, 2024	July 31, 2024	\$0.480103
	July 15, 2024	July 31, 2024	\$0.2719375
	July 15, 2024	July 31, 2024	\$0.3125
	July 15, 2024	July 31, 2024	\$0.3125
Common	June 28, 2024	July 29, 2024	\$0.19
	June 14, 2024	June 28, 2024	\$0.15
	June 14, 2024	June 28, 2024	\$0.15
Common	June 18, 2024	June 27, 2024	\$0.10
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Corby is one of our top income picks this year

Our guess is the stock will continue adding to sales and increasing market share, as well as maintain its dividend

PHILIP MacKELLAR

CONTRA GUYS

Writer for the Contra the Heard Investment Letter

n June, 2023, Corby Spirit and Wine Ltd. announced it would acquire Ace Beverage Group in a huge transaction that would fundamentally change the company and alter its trajectory. With one year in the books, it is important to look back at how the deal has gone down so far, and what the future may hold.

For those who are new to the story, Corby historically focused manufacturing, marketing, and importing spirits and wines. The company's brands include

many popular labels such as Polar Ice Vodka, Lamb's Rum, J.P. Wiser's Canadian Whisky, and more. Prior to 2023, the company's top and bottom lines were flat, the balance sheet was consistently in a net cash position, and the enterprise enjoyed the support of French distillery giant Pernod Ricard, which owns a 51-per-cent stake.

Although this business model was stable and produced good margins in the mid- to high teens, it lacked growth. Management hoped to change that last year with the \$148.5-million acquisi-tion of Ace Beverage Group, which had a larger footprint in Western Canada and was focused on the "ready to drink," or RTD, category. The RTD segment was attractive because it had climbed at a compounded annual growth rate of 20 per cent between 2017 and 2022, and was projected to continue at a 13-per-cent pace through 2027. By contrast, Canada's spirits market was inching higher at around 2 per cent a year.

To fund this transaction, they did not issue stock, but increased

debt significantly. In return for leveraging the balance sheet, Corby's executive team thought the move would help them expand into Western Canada and gain market share across all its business units, especially in the RTD category. They estimated revenue would climb 35 per cent while significant earnings-per-share accretion would follow within a year after the deal's close. They also projected net debt to EBITDA of around 1.8 times.

As one could reckon, Corby had to pay up. When the deal was announced, Corby had a price-tosales ratio of 2.4 and an enterprise value/sales ratio of 2.2. By contrast, Ace was acquired at 2.6 on a price to sales basis and 2.8 on an EV/sales basis. Long story short, Corby was paying for growth, and using debt to fund it.

One year in, and Corby's class A shares are down roughly 6.3 per cent. While many valuation metrics such as price to sales, price to book, EV/sales, and price-to-cash flow are at decade-lows, the price to earnings is at decade-lows, too (excluding the pandemic sell-off period in early 2020.)

The stock's performance suggests that there is a lot of investor skepticism out there; this cynicism likely has a lot to do with how the enterprise has performed against their forecasts.
On the one hand, the company

is moving into Western Canada, has increased its market share across all its operating segments, and has increased revenues more than the 35 per cent initially envi-

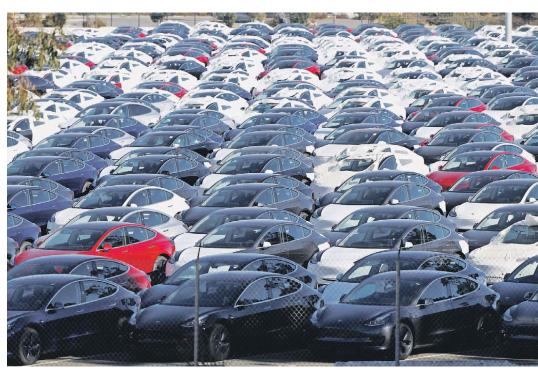
On the other hand, EPS is flat with no EPS accretion so far, and margins have fallen. Moreover, in the past two quarters, long-term debt has stood at \$120-million, compared with zero prior to the Ace Beverage purchase. Short-term debt is also up, and the debtto-EBITDA ratio now stands at an uncomfortably high 2.1 times versus expectations of 1.8 times.
To an extent, the lack of EPS ac-

cretion and leverage is understandable. Rapid top-line appreciation after the acquisition is the easy part. Even when M&A goes well, integrating operations and driving profitability can take

longer than hoped. To send the ticker higher, management needs to drive bottom-line accretion and improve the balance sheet while continuing to boost sales, increase market share, and maintain its dividend.

From our angle, the valuations today appear to be pricing in a bleak future where management is unable to do this. While this outcome is possible and M&A integration is full of cautionary tales, our bet is that the market is too pessimistic. Our guess is that Corby will continue adding to sales and increasing market share, and maintain its dividend, too. We also anticipate EPS accretion to start showing up later this year as integration work contin-

If Corby keeps increasing its top line, it will look somewhat cheap, and if there is an expan sion of the bottom line, it will look very cheap. Either scenario should power the stock higher. In the meantime, owners are being paid via dividends to wait, and we have Corby as one of our top income picks for 2024.



Tesla's shares are down nearly 30 per cent this year and have fallen by more than 50 per cent since their 2021 high. Critics say self-driving vehicles are a risky bet because the technology faces engineering and regulatory hurdles. STEPHEN LAM/REUTERS

These early Tesla bulls are giving up on the stock

DAVID RANDALL NEW YORK

Some of Tesla Inc.'s institutional shareholders are getting out, convinced that the electric carmaker's days of dizzying growth are in the rear-view mirror.

The company's shares are down nearly 30 per cent this year and have fallen by more than 50 per cent since their 2021 high, wiping out some US\$600-billion in market value as CEO Elon Musk has struggled with fierce competition and falling sales. Tesla's first-quarter results missed analyst expectations, though Mr. Musk said the company would release new models in 2025 that would be more affordable.

'It started to feel like the fundamentals were becoming detached from reality," said John Belton, a portfolio manager at Gabelli Funds whose firm sold its entire stake of 65,900 shares - acquired in early 2022 - in the first quarter of the year. "We think the stock works best when there are auto company fundamentals that justify the stock price."

Tesla's nearly 14-fold increase in its stock the last five years has conditioned investors to hold on during periods of adversity and accept valuations that are more in line with technology companies than carmakers. This time however, even some of the company's diehard believers have become skentical that the same kind of expansion lies ahead and think Tesla's shares have become too risky. Tesla did not respond to a request for comment on this story

Of the 18 mutual funds tracked by Morningstar that have held Tesla shares since 2019, 10 reduced their positions in the last quarter, with four slashing their stakes by 15 per cent or more, Morningstar data showed. Only five added shares.

That doesn't mean Wall Street has written off the stock. Nineteen analysts tracked by LSEG now have either a "buy" or "strong buy" rating on Tesla, up from 17 in February. The average price target among 49 analysts tracked stands at US\$178.95, about 1.5 per cent more than the stock's closing price on Monday.

Others see it differently. Ross Gerber, whose Los Angeles-based firm, Gerber Kawasaki Wealth & Investment Management, bought 500,000 shares more than a decade

ago, has been selling steadily this year.

I think the story is over, is the best way to say it," said Mr. Gerber, who has whittled his position down to around 300,000

Mr. Gerber's complaints range from Tesla's public relations department, which he believes receives insufficient funding, to what Mr. Gerber calls Mr. Musk's distractions by political and cultural issues.

'Over the last year and a half, Elon's personal quests based on the way that he sees the world have superseded the interests of Tesla and its shareholders," Mr. Gerber

Mr. Gerber believes the shares, which closed on Monday at US\$176.29, are fairly valued at US\$100, some 40 per cent less than their current value, as long as Mr. Musk stays at the helm. He expects to give part of the remainder of his stock to charity to allay the tax consequences of selling, or use them to sell put options, which allows him to raise income without incurring tax

HIGH VALUATION

Nonetheless, Tesla remains the world's most valuable automaker, with a market capitalization of more than US\$560-billion. By contrast, Toyota, the world's bigest automaker by volume, has a US\$333.7billion market cap.

Tesla, however, trades at approximately 64 times future earnings, as of Tuesday morning, a multiple that exceeds the valuations of some tech high-fliers. Artificial intelligence darlings Nvidia and Super Micro Computer, for instance, trade at 37.8 and 23.2 times earnings, respectively. Other automakers are valued far more conservatively. General Motors trades at 4.7 and Ford trades at 6.4 forward earnings, while Toyota trades at 10.1.

Bullish investors justify Tesla's valuation with a long list of reasons, pointing to its technology and fervent fan base. More recent causes for optimism have been the company's continued push into fully-autonomous driving and in-roads into China.

'The Street is looking through this painful transition period for the long-term growth story to emerge for Musk & Co, with [self-driving] a key ingredient in that reci-

pe for success," said Dan Ives, an analyst at Wedbush Securities who has a US\$275 price target for the stock.

Among the most fervent bulls is Ark Invest founder Cathie Wood, who has held Tesla in her ARK Innovation Fund since 2014 and increased her stake in the company by 10 per cent over the first quarter, according to Morningstar data.

Ark estimated in April, 2022 that Tesla will be worth US\$2,000 per share by 2027, with a bear case of US\$1,400 per share, largely owing to the roll-out of its proposed robotaxi business. Ms. Wood has stood by that price target, buying roughly US\$100million worth of new shares in April, 2024, while telling CNBC that now "is not the time to run for the hills.

Mr. Musk recently announced on socialmedia platform X a "robotaxi unveil" on "8/8." presumably meaning August, 2024. and he later posted that going "balls to the wall" on autonomy was a "blindingly obvious" move. Last month, Mr. Musk said Tesla "should be thought of as an AI robotics company," not a carmaker.
Tesla remains ARK Innovation's top

holding, at nearly 12 per cent of the fund's assets. The fund is down nearly 18 per cent year-to-date, compared to a more than 10per-cent gain for the S&P 500.

Critics, however, say self-driving vehicles are a risky bet because the technology faces engineering and regulatory hurdles. In an April report, Deutsche Bank said cracking the code on full driver-less autonomy represents a significant technological, regulatory and operational challenge.

That's one reason why Graham Tanaka has liquidated the entire Tesla position in his US\$21.5-million Tanaka Growth Fund over the last six months. The fund owned the stock since around 2011, when it was trading at US\$2.

Instead, he has been buying shares of Nvidia, confident the chipmaking giant whose stock has rallied more than 130 per cent this year – will continue benefiting from excitement over the business potential of artificial intelligence.

"There's too much risk in Tesla when you've got a great play like Nvidia trading at half the valuation," he said.

High bond yields should prompt portfolio swap: PIMCO

DAVIDE BARBUSCIA NEW YORK

The prospect of bond yields remaining high for long should prompt a reversal of the typical 60/40 portfolio that holds 60 per cent in stocks and 40 per cent in bonds, U.S. bond giant asset manager PIMCO said on Tuesday.

In a five-year outlook report, PIMCO said the inflation shock of the early 2020s has caused a "generational reset higher in bond yields" that could offer equitylike returns to debt investors, with the added advantage of downside protection in case of an economic downturn.
"We believe this secular back-

drop merits a rethinking – and even a reversal – of the traditional 60 per cent stocks / 40 per cent bonds asset allocation paradigm," PIMCO said.

The 60/40 strategy counts on stocks rising amid economic optimism and bonds strengthening during turbulent times. But the negative correlation between the two asset classes has weakened

over the past few years. Stocks and bonds both sank in 2022 as the Federal Reserve began hiking interest rates, and re-bounded in tandem last year.

With higher Treasury yields as baseline active investment managers can enhance returns in areas such as agency mortgagebacked securities without taking significant interest rate, credit, or liquidity risks, said the asset man-

"A diversified bond allocation offers the potential for long-term equity-like returns with a more favorable risk-adjusted profile, especially given what may be stretched valuations in stock markets," it said.

"Markets don't appear to price significant recession risk, meaning bonds may be an inexpensive means to hedge that risk.

PIMCO, which manages US\$1.9-trillion in assets, said it sees attractive opportunities in U.S. asset-based lending, particularly in consumer-related areas. It expects debt investors to increasingly replace banks as direct lend-ers in areas such as mortgages and equipment finance. Banks' retrenchment from the commercial real estate sector will also present opportunities for investors, it said. Risks to the five-year outlook include the rising U.S. government debt burden, which could put pressure on the value of long-term U.S. Treasuries. PIMCO said it has a "curve steepener as a structural trade," meaning it expects longer-term debt to underperform shorter-dated securities.

It is also cautious on the artificial intelligence boom, which it said is reminiscent of past techdriven boom-bust cycles, warned about brewing risks in low-rated corporate debt vulnerable to a prolonged period of high borrowing costs.

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Should you take advantage of a lower capital-gains inclusion rate?

Consider your expected hold period, annual return and unrealized capital to help decide

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OPINION

CFP, CLU, CIM, and a portfolio manager with Aligned Capital Partners Inc.

nvestors across Canada may be considering whether they ought to trigger their capital gains before they are taxed at a higher inclusion rate.

As of June 25, the inclusion rate will rise to two-thirds from onehalf for individuals on capital gains above \$250,000 each year. In Ontario, for example, the new rules will raise the tax rate on capital gains at the highest tax bracket by 8.9 per cent.

Many Canadians may be sitting on significant capital gains built overseveral decades. As an investment adviser and portfolio manager, I see client holdings with unrealized gains of 200 per cent, 300 per cent, 400 per cent and higher.

Is it time to sell now? After all, if it's a good holding, can't we repurchase it soon after? Can't we pay the taxes at the lower rate now and thus save in the future from paying a higher rate?

There are three factors to be aware of which will determine what you should do now. The first is the expected hold period. How long would you have planned to hold this investment? The second is expected annual return. What percentage gain are you



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anticipating over the coming years? And the final factor is what is your current unrealized capital gain as a percentage?

Putting these three data points together: The longer your future hold period, the more significant your anticipated annualized gains and the more significant your current unrealized gain, the better you are holding through and not realizing the gain at this

Conversely, if your expected hold period is short, projected future returns are low, or your current unrealized gain is modest, selling before the new rate takes effect could be advantageous.

Here is an example. Betsy is 59 and has accumulated an extensive portfolio of stocks. Some are growth stocks, anticipating double-digit annual growth well into the future, and others are mature dividend stocks with low expected future gains. She has expressed her desire to keep the current portfolio till the age of 69.

Considering that these holdings have accumulated significant unrealized gains, she is wondering if she should realize the gains now and pay the current top tax rate, then reinvest the balance in the same holdings after the required 30-day waiting period. In this scenario, her work income places her in the top tax bracket, and owing to her large asset base, she sees future realized gains from these holdings being over and above the \$250,000

Let's analyze some of Betsy's holdings based on the three factors listed above.

To begin, growth stock No. 1 has an adjusted cost base (ACB) of \$330,000 and a market value of \$1,000,000, which equals a 203per-cent unrealized gain accumulated over many years. The anticipated growth over the coming 10

years is 12 per cent annually.

We have two routes to take. If we leave it invested and the 12 per cent anticipated return materializes as expected, the holding will be worth \$3,105,848. After paying capital-gains taxes at the new rate, Betsy's take-home in 10 years

will be \$2,115,231. Or we could trigger the gain now, pay the tax at the current lower rate, and reinvest the balance. The new adjusted cost base would be \$820,675. The value in 10 $\,$ vears will be \$2,548,890, and Betsy's take-home after the future tax is \$1,932,142.

The difference between the

take-home value in Route 1 and Route 2 is 9.47 per cent. If Betsy tries to save on taxes by paying them now, she will effectively be 9.47-per-cent worse off.

Now, let's take a look at growth stock No. 2. This one has an expected future annual return of 14 per cent, an ACB of \$200,000, and a current market value of \$1,000,000, equalling an unrealized gain of 400 per cent accumulated over several decades.

Taking the same two route

options as with growth stock No. 1, and calculating out 10 years, we come to a difference of 14 per cent. If Betsy pays the tax now at the current rate, her future takehome amount will be lower by 14 per cent.

Now, let's look at dividend stock No. 1, a mature company paying a healthy dividend but with only 4-per-cent expected growth in capital gains. Its ACB is \$500,000; it's market value is \$1,000,000. Projecting out 10 years, taking the two routes outlined, we get:

If we keep it invested, the value will be \$1,480,244. After paying the new capital-gain tax, the net value will be \$1,130,425. If we realize the gain now and invest the after-tax balance for 10 years, we get a new ACB of \$866,175 and a future after-tax value of \$1,133,701.

Alternative minimum tax issues aside, Betsy will be better

off triggering the tax now. She will gain \$3,277 by realizing the gain before June 25. Percentage-wise, if she holds through, she is worse off by 0.29 per cent.

If Betsy's expected future hold period is five years, the above outcomes would be as follows:

Growth stock No. 1: The advantage of holding through is 2.3 per

Growth stock No. 2: The advantage of holding through is 4.5 per

Dividend stock No. 1: The disadvantage of holding through is minus-2.6 per cent.
In summary, navigating the

ower capital-gains inclusion rate requires a comprehensive analysis of each investment's characteristics and each investor's financial objectives. By weighing the interplay of tax considerations and investment outcomes, you can make informed decisions to optimize your portfolio for longterm growth and wealth preserva-

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If interest rates start to fall this week, it's go-time for dividend stocks

ROB CARRICK





t's easy to justify hanging on to a cash equivalent investment product when you're getting virtually risk-free returns of almost 5 per cent or

But if the Bank of Canada starts cutting its overnight rate Wednesday, returns from the hugely popular category of exchange-traded funds holding money in savings accounts, treasury bills and short-term corporate borrowings will edge lower. An alternative to consider if you're moving money out of these products? Dividend stocks and

"As rates go lower, that's when you're going to see dividend ETFs and dividend companies come back," said Naseem Husain, senior vice-president and ETF strategist at Global X, formerly Horizons

ETFs.

"There are going to be more nuanced conversations," he said.

You can get yields as high as 6 per cent to 8 per cent from some blue-chip stocks right now. Yet billions of dollars are sitting in low-risk cash equivalent ETF products paying almost 5 per cent.

Some dividend stocks have participated fully in the stock market rally of the past while, but a raft of stalwart names have remained in the penalty box. While the S&P/TSX Composite Index was up 6.5 per cent for the year through May on a total return basis, the S&P/TSX Canadian Dividend Aristocrats Index was up 1.9 per cent.

Among the stocks in this index are Enbridge Inc. (ENB-T), TC Energy Corp. (TRP-T) and Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS-T), each with an elevated yield of 6 per cent to 7 per cent. High yields are driven by falling share prices.

Bonds are another buy-low option for money in cash equivalent ETFs right

The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index was down about 2 per cent for the year through May and lost money in two of the previous three years.
But Mr. Husain said dividend stocks

and ETFs offer more upside than bonds right now.

Think total return here dividend yields on top of share price gains. A possible taste of what's ahead when rates fall: TC Energy gained 6.6 per cent in May, while decidedly out of favour BCE Inc. (BCE-T) gained 3 per

A sustained turnaround for dividend stocks will take time. While the majority view is that the Bank of Canada will start the process of rate cutting with a drop of 0.25 percentage points in the overnight rate Wednesday, some observers see the bank waiting until July 24. After that, there are three more opportunities this year for the central bank to cut rates and, indirectly, create a more favourable environment for hard-hit dividend

TSX hits six-day low but Wall Street gains after weak job-openings data

Canada's main stock index fell on Tuesday to a near one-week low as signs of faltering global economic growth pressured commodity-linked stocks. Equities on Wall Street, however, ended a shade high-

The S&P/TSX Composite Index ended down 138.51 points, or 0.63 per cent, at 21,978.18, its lowest closing level since last Wednesday.

U.S. job openings fell in April to the lowest in more than three years in a sign that labour market conditions are softening. It follows data on Monday that showed a slowdown in U.S. manufacturing activity for a second straight month in May. Treasury yields on Tuesday continued to ease in both the U.S. and Canada.

The materials sector in Toronto fell nearly 4 per cent as gold and copper prices declined.

"Any hint of weakness in the U.S. or the global economy doesn't bode well for commodity prices," said Elvis Picardo, a portfolio manager at Luft Financial, iA Private Wealth, adding that after recent gains for resource shares the decline in commodity prices has been "used as an excuse to take some profits off the table.

Energy also lost ground, falling 2.06 per cent in Toronto, as U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures finished down

97 cents, or 1.31 per cent, at US\$73.25. Helping to limit the TSX's decline was a gain for the defensively-orientated consumer staples sector. It rose 0.77 per cent, while the utilities group, which includes high-dividend paying stocks that could particularly benefit from rate cuts, added REUTERS, GLOBE STAFF

0.23 per cent. Investors were awaiting the Bank of Canada's decision on interest rates on Wednesday. Money markets are pricing in just over an 80-per-cent chance that it will cut rates for the first time since March, 2020.

In U.S. markets, indexes gained ground after paring earlier loses. Equities in real estate and consumer staples sectors advanced ahead of others, while materials and energy stocks were the biggest

Market expectations for a September rate reduction by the U.S. Federal Reserve now stand at around 65 per cent, versus below 50 per cent last week, according to the CME's FedWatch tool. The closely watched non-farm payrolls data for May is due on Friday.

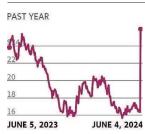
The Dow Iones Industrial Average rose 0.36 per cent, the S&P 500 gained 0.15 per cent and the Nasdaq Composite gained 0.17 per cent.

Megacap technology stocks, including Amazon.com Inc., Alphabet Inc., Nvidia Corp. and Microsoft Corp., ended higher after losing ground early in the session.

Bath & Body Works Inc. slumped 12.8 per cent after a lower revision to its quarterly profit forecast. Axos Financial Inc. dropped after Hindenburg Research disclosed a short position in the lender.

Paramount Global Inc. fell 4.4 per cent after the media conglomerate said it was exploring strategic options or a joint venture for its Paramount+ streaming service.

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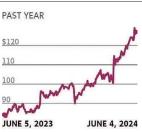


PARK LAWN (PLC-TSX)

CLOSE \$25.93, UP \$9.58

Stifel analyst Martin Landry thinks Park Lawn Corp.'s friendly agreement to be acquired by an affiliate of Homesteaders Life Company and Birch Hill Equity Partners Management at a price of \$26.50 a share is a fair offer and recommends shareholders vote in favour. "Given the full and fair value offered by the existing purchaser we do not expect other bidders to arise," he added.

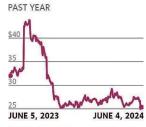
Target: Maintaining his "buy" recommendation, Mr. Landry increased his target to \$26.50 from \$22. Consensus is \$25.14.



DOLLARAMA (DOL-TSX) CLOSE \$126.96, UP \$1.17

Seeing it "best positioned of any Canadian retailer for the current value-seeking consumer-spending backdrop, RBC Dominion Securities analyst Irene Nattel reaffirmed her "constructive view" on Dollarama Inc., which was one of the firm's "Best Ideas" for 2024, ahead of its June 12 earnings re-

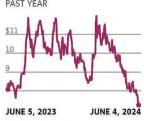
Target: Touting it as "a stock to own across cycles," Ms. Nattel raised her target to a Street high of \$136 from \$125 with an "outperform" rating. Consensus is \$119.91.



LAURENTIAN BANK (LB-TSX) CLOSE \$25.36, DOWN 9¢

Despite Laurentian Bank of Canada exceeding his expectations with its second-quarter results, Desjardins Securities analyst Doug Young warned it is "going through yet another restructur-ing, as well as repositioning, which resulted in a material charge this quarter and could result in further charges down the road."

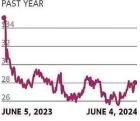
Target: Mr. Young lowered his target to \$25 from \$26, maintaining his "sell" recommendation.



COVEO SOLUTIONS (CVO-TSX)

After a "solid" fourth quarter, Scotia Capital analyst David Weiss reon Coveo mains "positive" Solutions Inc., pointing to "the firm's leading capabilities, growing list of customers, significant improvement in profitability cash flow in fiscal 2025, and attractively valued shares."

Target: He trimmed his target to \$11 from \$14 with a "sector outperform" rating. Consensus is



SAPUTO (SAP-TSX)

While Desjardins Securities analyst Chris Li expects "another "challenging quarter" from **Saputo Inc.** when it reports results on Thursday, he believes its "risk/reward skews to the positive but patience is required." "We believe SAP is well-positioned to achieve low-double-digit EBITDA growth in FY25," he said.

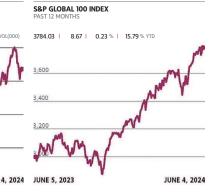
Target: Mr. Li reiterated his \$33 target, which matches the consensus on the Street, and "buy" recommendation.

S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX PAST 12 MONTHS 21978.18 | -138.51 | -0.63 % | 4.87 % YTD |223803 VOL(000) 22,000 JUNE 5, 2023 JUNE 4, 2024



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TSX INDEXES AND SUB INDEXES											
	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG						
TSX COMPOSITE IND	21978.18	-138.51	-0.63	223803	4.87						
TSX 60 INDEX	1316.23	-7.36	-0.56	111825	4.06						
TSX COMPLETION IN	1328.30	-12.34	-0.92	111978	8.33						
TSX SMALLCAP INDE	753.72	-10.49	-1.37	96071	7.36						
TSX VENTURE COMPO	595.43	-10.49	-1.73	25376	7.69						
TSX CONSUMER DISC	280.35	-0.08	-0.03	3880	2.59						
TSX CONSUMER STAP	957.82	7.30	0.77	3903	10.65						
TSX ENERGY CAPPED	280.95	-5.92	-2.06	66745	16.07						
TSX FINANCIALS CA	398.05	-1.02	-0.26	33840	3.7						
TSX HEALTH CARE C	23.47	0.08	0.34	1292	-1.05						
TSX INDUSTRIALS C	446.53	3.00	0.68	11045	5.69						
TSX INFORMATION T	205.04	0.26	0.13	15632	-3.62						
TSX MATERIALS CAP	359.48	-14.94	-3.99	51817	13.4						
TSX REAL ESTATE C	292.09	-0.26	-0.09	6051	-5.6						
TSX GLOBAL GOLD I	313.90	-12.22	-3.75	62933	10.49						
TSX GLOBAL MINING	119.46	-4.10	-3.32	186376	5.60						
TSX INCOME TRUST	196.37	-0.69	-0.35	6523	-5.39						
TSX PREFERRED SHA	599.27	-2.11	-0.35	1936	10.89						
TSX COMMUNICATION TSX UTILITIES CAP	158.60 283.11	0.72 0.66	0.46 0.23	9875 10647	-8.09 0.23						

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTI %CH
SU SUNCOR ENERGY	51.47	-1.49	-2.81	11640	21.2
CNQ CANADIAN NATU	98.07	-1.84	-1.84	8577	12.9
HNU BETAPRO NAT G	4.66	-0.52	-10.04	7840	-29.6
STE BAYTEX ENERGY	4.55	-0.13	-2.78	6563	3.8
BITF BITFARMS LTD	3.29	0.12	3.79	5334	-14.5
CVE CENOVUS ENERG	26.25	-0.44	-1.65	4944	18.8
ABX BARRICK GOLD	22.54	-1.22	-5.13	4629	-5.8
PLC PARK LAWN COR	25.93	9.58	58.59	4606	31.3
CS CAPSTONE MININ	8.90	-0.43	-4.61	4381	37.9
ATH ATHABASCA OIL	4.85	0.02	0.41	4354	16.3
VN IVANHOE MINES	17.89	-1.25	-6.53	4272	39.2
KINROSS GOLD CO	10.48	-0.55	-4.99	4224	30.6
INB ENBRIDGE INC	49.27	-0.42	-0.85	4223	3.2
T TELUS CORP	22.81	0.37	1.65	4216	-3.2
CXB CALIBRE MININ	1.93	-0.08	-3.98	4016	41.9
GWO GREAT-WEST LI	41.56	0.51	1.24	3943	-5.2
TVE TAMARACK VALL	3.51	-0.11	-3.04	3929	14.3
BTO B2GOLD CORP	3.68	-0.19	-4.91	3834	-12.1
RY ROYAL BANK OF	146.95	-1.13	-0.76	3698	9.6
XIU ISHARES S&P T	33.22	-0.18	-0.54	3618	3.7

	CLOSE	NET	%	VOL	YTD		CLOSE	NET	%	VOL	YTE
		CHG	CHG	000s	%CHG			CHG	CHG	000s	%CHG
AQN-PR-D ALGONQUI	22.95	0.32	1.41	1	11.95	MDS-UN HEALTHCARE	13.25	0.15	1.15	1	11.8
ALA ALTAGAS LTD	31.27	0.30	0.97	1176	12.40	INE-PR-A INNERGEX	13.71	0.11	0.81	3	12.38
KNGC BROMPTON CAN	0.96	0.00	0.00			IFC-PR-C INTACT F	22.16	0.02	0.09	2	22.4
BIP-PR-A BROOKFIE	21.90	-0.15	-0.68	7	28.75	IFC-PR-A INTACT F	19.94	-0.01	-0.05	3	13.94
CRDL CARDIOL THER	3.60	-0.21	-5.51	243	227.27	L LOBLAW CO	160.91	1.29	0.81	482	25.44
DLCG DOMINION LEN	3.89	0.12	3.18	19	38.93	DR MEDICAL FACILI	12.33	0.05	0.41	18	37.3
DII-B DOREL INDUS	7.20	-0.01	-0.14	5	15.20	NA NATIONAL BANK	118.17	0.97	0.83	1733	17.00
ELF E-L FINANCIAL	1136.40	-13.39	-1.16		8.41	NFI NFI GROUP INC	16.22	0.22	1.37	378	18.48
EFN-PR-C ELEMENT	25.31	0.01	0.04		2.26	PLC PARK LAWN COR	25.93	9.58	58.59	4606	31.36
EMA-PR-F EMERA IN	19.67	0.09	0.46	1	13.50	SIH-UN SUSTAINABL	12.45	0.20	1.63	1	19.7
FN-PR-B FIRST NAT	15.25	0.00	0.00		14.66						
TSX 52-WEEK LOWS STOCKS \$1 OR MORE											
	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG		CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTE %CHG
AIM-PR-C AIMIA IN	17.35	0.00	0.00	1	-8.68	LAC LITHIUM AMERI	4.33	-0.16	-3.56	680	-49.06
APS APTOSE BIOSCI	1.26	-0.07	-5.26	6	-62.39	OTEX OPEN TEXT CO	38.05	-1.37	-3.48	1040	-31.68
KNGC BROMPTON CAN	0.96	0.00	0.00			XTD TDB SPLIT COR	2.18	-0.05	-2.24	6	-28.52
KNGU BROMPTON U.S	9.81	-0.19	-1.90	3		VRN VEREN INC	10.73	-0.44	-3.94	3293	-10.36
CVO COVEO SOLUTIO	7.23	-0.11	-1.50	720	-24.69	WTE WESTSHORE TER	22.59	-0.01	-0.04	117	-17.6
AG FIRST MAJESTIC	9.09	-0.60	-6.19	758	-10.53	YGR YANGARRA RESO	1.06	-0.04	-3.64	227	-17.19

TSX GAINERS TOP 20 FOR STOCKS \$1 OR MORE										
	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTE %CHG					
PLC PARK LAWN COR	25.93	9.58	58.59	4606	31.36					
WPRT WESTPORT FUE	8.84	1.30	17.24	38	1.38					
HGD BETAPRO CDN G	3.74	0.33	9.68	824	-27.94					
HND BETAPRO NAT G	67.95	5.60	8.98	294	-18.93					
CBCX CI GALAXY BL	22.59	1.59	7.57		22.77					
AIDX HEALWELL AI	2.03	0.14	7.41	676	170.67					
HUT HUT 8 CORP	13.08	0.85	6.95	1771	-26.02					
GFL GFL ENVIRONME	50.65	3.27	6.90	929	10.8					
HZD BETAPRO SILVE	8.80	0.53	6.41	111	-37.77					
LEV LION ELECTRIC	1.66	0.09	5.73	407	-29.66					
QSP-UN RESTAURANT	95.45	4.96	5.48		-7.60					
ENGH ENGHOUSE SYS	28.97	1.47	5.35	107	-17.46					
RUS RUSSEL METALS	38.09	1.69	4.64	208	-15.4					
ECO ECOSYNTHETIX	4.55	0.20	4.60	217	26.39					
AIM AIMIA INC	3.00	0.13	4.53	44	-4.15					
DCM DATA COMMUNIC	2.82	0.12	4.44	19	7.63					
INE INNERGEX RENE	10.33	0.43	4.34	900	12.40					
TH THERATECHNOLOG	1.73	0.07	4.22	9	-19.16					
TSND TERRASCEND C	2.07	0.08	4.02	82	-5.9					
BITE BITEARMS LTD	3.29	0.12	3 79	5334	-14.5					

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WFS WORLD FINANCI	2.06	-0.34	-14.17		116.84
TXT-UN TOP 10 SPL	2.52	-0.30	-10.64		-10.00
HNU BETAPRO NAT G	4.66	-0.52	-10.04	7840	-29.6
HGU BETAPRO CDN G	17.35	-1.80	-9.40	534	23.84
ASM AVINO SILVER	1.28	-0.13	-9.22	116	85.5
SSRM SSR MINING I	6.43	-0.62	-8.79	498	-54.78
RUP RUPERT RESOUR	3.87	-0.37	-8.73	46	-0.2
BCT BRIACELL THER	1.92	-0.17	-8.13	4	-75.3
WRN WESTERN COPPE	1.60	-0.14	-8.05	416	-8.5
EDR ENDEAVOUR SIL	4.97	-0.43	-7.96	876	91.1
IE IVANHOE ELECTR	13.53	-1.15	-7.83	10	0.8
MDNA MEDICENNA TH	2.37	-0.20	-7.78	155	464.2
NGEX NGEX MINERAL	8.64	-0.67	-7.20	181	20.6
EFR ENERGY FUELS	8.64	-0.66	-7.10	682	-9.0
ero ero copper co	26.08	-1.97	-7.02	418	24.4
MUX MCEWEN MINING	15.25	-1.13	-6.90	23	60.0
PAAS PAN AMERICAN	27.65	-1.96	-6.62	703	27.8
LAAC LITHIUM AMER	5.81	-0.41	-6.59	100	-30.4
PMET PATRIOT BATT	7.56	-0.53	-6.55	178	-23.8
IVN IVANHOE MINES	17.89	-1.25	-6.53	4272	39.2

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	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG		CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
AIM-PR-C AIMIA IN	17.35	0.00	0.00	1	-8.68	LAC LITHIUM AMERI	4.33	-0.16	-3.56	680	-49.06
APS APTOSE BIOSCI	1.26	-0.07	-5.26	6	-62.39	OTEX OPEN TEXT CO	38.05	-1.37	-3.48	1040	-31.68
KNGC BROMPTON CAN	0.96	0.00	0.00			XTD TDB SPLIT COR	2.18	-0.05	-2.24	6	-28.52
KNGU BROMPTON U.S	9.81	-0.19	-1.90	3		VRN VEREN INC	10.73	-0.44	-3.94	3293	-10.36
CVO COVEO SOLUTIO	7.23	-0.11	-1.50	720	-24.69	WTE WESTSHORE TER	22.59	-0.01	-0.04	117	-17.61
AG FIRST MAJESTIC	9.09	-0.60	-6.19	758	-10.53	YGR YANGARRA RESO	1.06	-0.04	-3.64	227	-17.19
S&P/TSX COMP PAST 10 YEARS	OSITE	INDE	X								
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S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX STOCKS

	CLOSE	NET	%	VOL	YTD		CLOSE	NET	%	VOL	YTD
		CHG	CHG	000s	%CHG			CHG	CHG	000s	%CHG
AAV ADVANTAGE OIL	11.03	-0.26	-2.30	474	29.31	CSH-UN CHARTWELL	12.62	0.27	2.19	238	7.68
AOI AFRICA OIL CO	2.46	-0.07	-2.77	631	-1.20	CHP-UN CHOICE PRO	12.78	-0.05	-0.39	360	-8.39
AEM AGNICO EAGLE	88.91	-4.66	-4.98	1867	22.38	CCA COGECO COMMUN		0.05	0.09	51	-9.69
AC AIR CANADA	18.36	0.13	0.71	1254	-1.77	CIGI COLLIERS INT	151.07	-0.96	-0.63	64	-9.86
AGI ALAMOS GOLD I	22.38	-0.70	-3.03	498	25.59		3793.42	2.34	0.06	29	15.47
ASTL ALGOMA STEEL	10.15	-0.32	-3.06	56	-23.68	CRR-UN CROMBIE RE	12.52	-0.16	-1.26	206	-9.28
AQN ALGONQUIN POW ATD ALIMENTATION	8.45 79.66	-0.14 0.08	-1.63 0.10	1389 1272	1.08	DFY DEFINITY FINA	43.27	-0.03	-0.07	52	15.26
AP-UN ALLIED PROP	16.69	-0.09	-0.54	570	-17.29	DML DENISON MINES	3.03	-0.03	-6.19	2953	30.60
ALA ALTAGAS LTD	31.27	0.30	0.97	1176	12.40	DSG DESCARTES SYS	123.54	-0.20	-0.19	138	10.97
AIF ALTUS GROUP L	47.73	0.30	0.80	48	13.27	DOL DOLLARAMA INC	126.96	1.17	0.93	462	32.96
ARX ARC RESOURCES	24.72	-0.37	-1.47	2698	25.67	DIR-UN DREAM INDU	12.41	-0.04	-0.32	357	-11.10
ATZ ARITZIA INC	35.38	0.70	2.02	331	28.65	DPM DUNDEE PRECIO	11.04	-0.47	-4.08	594	30.19
ACO-X ATCO LTD CL	40.00	-0.06	-0.15	192	3.44	DI IN DONDEE I RECIO	11.04	-0.47	4.00	334	30.13
ATH ATHABASCA OIL	4.85	0.02	0.41	4354	16.31	EQB EQB INC	87.15	-2.10	-2.35	41	-0.09
ATS ATS CORP	44.15	0.87	2.01	107	-22.69	ELD ELDORADO GOLD	21.51	-0.59	-2.67	385	25.06
						EFN ELEMENT FLEET	24.46	-0.28	-1.13	621	13.45
BTO B2GOLD CORP	3.68	-0.19	-4.91	3834	-12.17	EMA EMERA INCORPO	47.68	-0.13	-0.27	1086	-5.21
BCE BCE INC	47.11	0.26	0.55	2269	-9.70	EMP-A EMPIRE COMP	31.88	-0.29	-0.90	753	-9.04
BDGI BADGER INFRA	41.65	1.43	3.56	93	2.31	ENB ENBRIDGE INC	49.27	-0.42	-0.85	4223	3.29
BLDP BALLARD POWE	4.00	-0.16	-3.85	396	-18.53	EFR ENERGY FUELS	8.64	-0.66	-7.10	682	-9.05
BMO BANK OF MONTR	119.76	-1.52	-1.25	1733	-8.66	ERF ENERPLUS CORP	26.78	-0.93	-3.36	527	31.86
BNS BANK OF NOVA	64.57	0.19	0.30	2092	0.11	ENGH ENGHOUSE SYS	28.97	1.47	5.35	107	-17.46
ABX BARRICK GOLD	22.54	-1.22	-5.13	4629	-5.85	EQX EQUINOX GOLD	7.22	-0.24	-3.22	628	12.11
BHC BAUSCH HEALTH	8.48	-0.14	-1.62	294	-20.23	ERO ERO COPPER CO	26.08	-1.97	-7.02	418	24.49
BTE BAYTEX ENERGY	4.55	-0.13	-2.78	6563	3.88	EIF EXCHANGE INCO	45.00	0.24	0.54	66	-0.22
BIR BIRCHCLIFF EN	5.86	-0.22	-3.62	1925	1.38						
BB BLACKBERRY LTD	3.72	-0.09	-2.36	1591	-20.85	FFH FAIRFAX FINAN	1532.67	1.38	0.09	45	25.37
BEI-UN BOARDWALK	70.54	-0.26	-0.37	112	-1.12	FIL FILO MINING C	23.09	-1.31	-5.37	293	9.38
BBD-B BOMBARDIER	89.97	-1.95	-2.12	457	69.08	FTT FINNING INTL	41.03	0.16	0.39	416	7.07
BLX BORALEX INC	34.88	0.03	0.09	216	3.56	FCR-UN FIRST CAPI	14.72	-0.15	-1.01	385	-4.04
BYD BOYD GROUP SE	230.02	-0.92	-0.40	38	-17.40	AG FIRST MAJESTIC	9.09	-0.60	-6.19	758	-10.53
BAM BROOKFIELD AS	53.46	-0.13	-0.24	949	0.45	FM FIRST QUANTUM	16.21	-1.11	-6.41	3179	49.40
BBU-UN BROOKFIELD	25.00	0.21	0.85	8	-8.59	FSV FIRSTSERVICE	205.20	1.10	0.54	85	-4.40
BN BROOKFIELD COR	58.27	-1.30	-2.18	1267	9.63	FTS FORTIS INC	55.02	0.63	1.16	1251	0.94
BIP-UN BROOKFIELD	39.48	-0.25	-0.63	434	-5.46	FVI FORTUNA SILVE	8.09	-0.38	-4.49	721	58.63
BEP-UN BROOKFIELD	37.62 84.20	-0.66 -3.20	-1.72 -3.66	134 268	8.07 -11.20	FNV FRANCO-NEVADA	162.58 13.52	-6.71 -0.31	-3.96 -2.24	408 764	10.77
DOO BRP INC	84.20	-3.20	-3.00	268	-11.20	FRU FREEHOLD ROYA	13.52	-0.31	-2.24	764	-1.24
CAR-UN CDN APARTM	45.20	0.12	0.27	484	-7.38	WN GEORGE WESTON	195.48	0.63	0.32	131	18.83
CWB CDN WESTERN B	25.53	0.23	0.91	520	-17.30	GFL GFL ENVIRONME	50.65	3.27	6.90	929	10.81
GIB-A CGI GROUP I	135.86	1.24	0.92	251	-4.29	GEI GIBSON ENERGY	22.74	-0.07	-0.31	593	12.97
CIX CI FINANCIAL	14.72	0.12	0.82	533	-0.94	GIL GILDAN ACTIVE	50.80	-0.58	-1.13	246	15.93
CRT-UN CT REAL ES	13.48	-0.05	-0.37	110	-7.99	GSY GOEASY LTD	185.46	-0.86	-0.46	24	17.34
CAE CAE INC	25.29	-0.01	-0.04	1078	-11.57	GRT-UN GRANITE RE	67.02	0.19	0.28	165	-12.14
CCO CAMECO CORP GOOS CANADA GOOSE	73.31 19.45	-0.46 -0.61	-0.62 -3.04	1166 149	28.32 23.57	GWO GREAT-WEST LI	41.56	0.51	1.24	3943	-5.24
CM CANADIAN IMPER	67.63	-0.48	-0.70	3581	6.00	HR-UN H&R REAL ES	9.22	0.02	0.22	437	-6.87
CNR CANADIAN NATI	171.51	-0.46	-0.70	1526	2.98	HWX HEADWATER EXP	6.94	-0.24	-3.34	1051	11.04
CNQ CANADIAN NATU	98.07	-1.84	-1.84	8577	12.97	HBM HUDBAY MINERA	12.30	-0.24	-5.24	2364	68.72
CP CANADIAN PACIF	105.63	-0.55	-0.52	1655	0.75	H HYDRO ONE LTD	40.30	0.60	1.51	863	1.51
CTC-A CANADIAN TI	140.00	2.18	1.58	223	-0.51	II III DIO ONE EID	40.50	0.00	1.51	003	1.51
CU CANADIAN UTILI	31.31	0.17	0.55	314	-1.82	IAG IA FINANCIAL	88.87	0.41	0.46	342	-1.62
CFP CANFOR CORP	15.00	-0.03	-0.20	133	-15.97	IMG IAMGOLD CORP	5.08	-0.18	-3.42	2422	52.10
CPX CAPITAL POWER	38.81	-0.03	-0.20	374	2.56	IGM IGM FINANCIAL	36.45	0.29	0.80	234	4.11
CS CAPSTONE MININ	8.90	-0.43	-4.61	4381	37.98	IMO IMPERIAL OIL	89.09	-1.64	-1.81	1363	18.03
CJT CARGOJET INC	111.01	1.58	1.44	26	-6.85	INE INNERGEX RENE	10.33	0.43	4.34	900	12.40
CCL-B CCL INDUSTR	70.28	0.47	0.67	164	17.94	IFC INTACT FINANC	228.36	1.18	0.52	233	12.02
CLS CELESTICA INC	72.08	-3.71	-4.90	639	85.73	IFP INTERFOR CORP	17.81	-0.04	-0.22	126	-24.15
CVE CENOVUS ENERG	26.25	-0.44	-1.65	4944	18.89	IPCO INTERNATIONA	17.90	-0.51	-2.77	103	13.51
CG CENTERRA GOLD	9.30	-0.25	-2.62	816	17.57	IIP-UN INTERRENT	11.81	-0.04	-0.34	926	-10.73
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IVN IVANHOE MINES	17.89	-1.25	-6.53	4272	39.22	PRMW PRIMO WATER	31.10	0.22	0.71	134	55.81
JWEL JAMIESON WEL	27.17	0.10	0.37	35	-14.37	QBR-B QUEBECOR IN	29.06	0.11	0.38	688	-7.80
KNT K92 MINING IN KEL KELT EXPLORAT	7.44 5.96	-0.33 -0.10	-4.25 -1.65	475 317	14.29 4.20	QSR RESTAURANT BR RCH RICHELIEU HAR	95.70 38.40	0.15 0.25	0.16 0.66	654 20	-7.56 -19.97
KEY KEYERA CORP	35.87	-0.10	-0.22	915	11.99	REI-UN RIOCAN REA	17.37	-0.03	-0.17	777	-6.71
KMP-UN KILLAM APA	17.27	0.08	0.47	280	-3.84	RCI-B ROGERS COMM	54.78	-0.39	-0.71	2650	-11.69
KXS KINAXIS INC	145.28	0.05	0.03	65	-2.31	RY ROYAL BANK OF	146.95	-1.13	-0.76	3698	9.66
K KINROSS GOLD CO	10.48	-0.55	-4.99	4224	30.67	RUS RUSSEL METALS	38.09	1.69	4.64	208	-15.41
LIF LABRADOR IRON	29.04	-0.55	-1.86	205	-8.97	SSL SANDSTORM GOL	7.48	-0.25	-3.23	209	12.31
LB LAURENTIAN BAN	25.36	-0.09	-0.35	154	-9.01	SAP SAPUTO INC	28.01	0.18	0.65	247	4.40
LSPD LIGHTSPEED C	19.92	-0.03	-0.15	331	-28.40	SEA SEABRIDGE GOL	20.19	-1.33	-6.18	138	25.72
LNR LINAMAR CORP L LOBLAW CO	69.40 160.91	-1.66 1.29	-2.34 0.81	59 482	8.40 25.44	SES SECURE ENERGY SHOP SHOPIFY INC	11.42 82.97	0.03	0.26 1.94	1778 2591	21.10 -19.57
LUG LUNDIN GOLD I	19.57	-0.53	-2.64	243	18.32	SIA SIENNA SENIOR	14.58	0.23	1.60	212	26.89
LUN LUNDIN MINING	15.00	-0.59	-3.78	2425	38.38	SIL SILVERCREST M	11.13	-0.63	-5.36	450	28.08
LON LONDIN PIINING	15.00	-0.55	-5.70	2423	30.30	ZZZ SLEEP COUNTRY	26.16	0.40	1.55	59	2.15
MAG MAG SILVER CO	17.51	-0.74	-4.05	156	26.98	SRU-UN SMARTCENTR	22.42	-0.12	-0.53	160	-9.92
MG MAGNA INTERNAT	60.91	-0.67	-1.09	1311	-22.20	ATRL SNC-LAVALIN	52.67	-0.17	-0.32	420	23.46
MFC MANULIFE FIN	35.32	0.00	0.00	3478	20.63	TOY SPIN MASTER C	29.13	0.20	0.69	47	-16.44
MFI MAPLE LEAF FO	22.96	0.06	0.26	86	-9.03	SII SPROTT INC	59.33	-0.70	-1.17	26	32.20
MATR MATTR CORP	16.07	-0.03	-0.19	166	6.00	SSRM SSR MINING I	6.43	-0.62	-8.79	498	-54.78
MDA MDA LTD	11.80	0.17	1.46	348	2.43	STN STANTEC INC	111.32	2.10	1.92	172	4.64
MEG MEG ENERGY CO	27.83	-0.30	-1.07	3046	17.57	STLC STELCO HOLDI	39.80	-0.57	-1.41	249	-20.70
MX METHANEX CORP	69.09	-1.24	-1.76	81	10.23	SJ STELLA JONES I	84.70	2.61	3.18	131	9.83
MRU METRO INC	74.85	1.95	2.67	647	9.13	SVI STORAGEVAULT	4.64	0.04	0.87	143	-11.28
MTY MTY FOOD GROU	44.37	0.23	0.52	30	-21.48 -8.05	SLF SUN LIFE FINA	67.81	0.01 -0.95	0.01	2929	-1.32
MTL MULLEN GROUP	12.91	0.00	0.62	163	-0.03	SU SUNCOR ENERGY SPB SUPERIOR PLUS	51.47 9.29	-0.95	-1.81 -0.64	11640 1074	21.25 -3.53
NA NATIONAL BANK	118.17	0.97	0.83	1733	17.00						
NGD NEW GOLD INC	2.78	-0.15	-5.12	2002	44.79	TRP TC ENERGY COR	52.79	0.48	0.92	2732	1.99
NXE NEXGEN ENERGY	10.04	-0.21	-2.05	2333	8.31	X TMX GROUP LTD	37.00	0.93	2.58	415	15.44
NPI NORTHLAND POW	23.89	0.19	0.80	706	-0.75	TVE TAMARACK VALL	3.51	-0.11	-3.04	3929	14.33
NWH-UN NORTHWEST	5.02	-0.03	-0.59	265	-2.71	TECK-B TECK RESOU	66.02	-4.15	-5.91	1731	17.87
NG NOVAGOLD RES I	5.23	-0.22	-4.04	247	5.66	T TELUS CORP	22.81	0.37	1.65	4216	-3.27
NTR NUTRIEN LTD	78.23	-0.44	-0.56	563	4.80	TFII TFI INTERNAT	183.97	4.72	2.63	214	2.07
NVEI NUVEI CORP	43.78	-0.07	-0.16	76	25.77	NWC THE NORTH WES	38.93	0.95	2.50	85	-0.87
NVA NUVISTA ENERG	13.04	-0.40	-2.98	449	18.12	TRI THOMSON REUTE TLRY TILRAY INC	232.96	3.06 -0.02	1.33 -0.81	293 547	20.25 -20.26
OGC OCEANAGOLD CO	3.04	-0.13	-4.10	1149	19.69	TPZ TOPAZ ENERGY	22.35	-0.02	-0.81	368	15.33
ONEX ONEX CORP	98.14	1.40	1.45	98	6.06	TXG TOREX GOLD RE	20.75	-0.76	-3.53	287	41.93
OTEX OPEN TEXT CO	38.05	-1.37	-3.48	1040	-31.68	TIH TOROMONT IND	119.12	0.78	0.66	94	2.60
OLA ORLA MINING L	5.38	-0.19	-3.41	272	24.54	TD TORONTO-DOMINI	76.10	0.68	0.90	2991	-11.12
OR OSISKO GOLD RO	22.46	-0.45	-1.96	286	18.77	TOU TOURMALINE OI	65.28	-1.28	-1.92	1045	9.55
OSK OSISKO MINING	3.05	-0.11	-3.48	712	14.23	TA TRANSALTA CORP	9.74	-0.05	-0.51	530	-11.62
						TCL-A TRANSCONTIN	13.54	-0.06	-0.44	69	-1.17
PAAS PAN AMERICAN	27.65	-1.96	-6.62	703	27.83	TSU TRISURA GROUP	41.92	0.55	1.33	74	23.29
POU PARAMOUNT RES	30.93	-0.60	-1.90	218	19.28						
PXT PAREX RESOURC	21.21	-0.20	-0.93	1113	-14.99	VRN VEREN INC	10.73	-0.44	-3.94	3293	-10.36
PKI PARKLAND FUEL	39.11	0.58	1.51	354	-8.43	VET VERMILION ENE	15.53	-0.50	-3.12	1188	-2.76
PSI PASON SYSTEMS	16.97	0.05	0.30	175	4.95	WSP WSP GLOBAL IN	206.40	יו כ	1.52	101	11 17
PPL PEMBINA PIPEL PET PET VALU HOLD	50.19 26.69	-0.09 -0.11	-0.18 -0.41	1959 36	10.02 -7.26	WCN WASTE CONNECT	206.48 227.46	3.11 4.84	1.53 2.17	211	11.17 14.96
PEY PEYTO EXPLORA	14.78	-0.11	-0.41	1077	22.76	WDO WESDOME GOLD	11.10	-0.16	-1.42	238	43.97
POW POWER CORP OF	39.51	0.00	0.00	2565	4.28	WFG WEST FRASER T	105.35	-2.44	-2.26	126	-7.07
PSK PRAIRIESKY RO	26.05	-0.35	-1.33	518	12.28	WTE WESTSHORE TER	22.59	-0.01	-0.04	117	-17.61
PD PRECISION DRIL	91.95	-3.60	-3.77	94	27.78	WPM WHEATON PRECI	72.20	-2.93	-3.90	953	10.45
PBH PREMIUM BRAND	89.66	-0.64	-0.71	26	-4.65	WCP WHITECAP RESO	9.85	-0.27	-2.67	2872	11.05
PMZ-UN PRIMARIS R	13.31	0.00	0.00	106	-3.55	WPK WINPAK LTD	44.65	1.31	3.02	23	9.17

ETFS STOCKS \$1 OR MORE											
	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG		CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
BTCC-B PURPOSE BI	13.76	0.29	2.15	486	71.14	HQD BETAPRO NASDA	13.30	-0.08	-0.60	338	-16.72
BTCC PURPOSE BITC	13.24	0.25	1.92	905	65.50	HQU BETAPRO NASDA	19.98	0.13	0.65	547	17.74
BTCX-B CI GALAXY	14.25	0.30	2.15	532	72.10	HSD BETAPRO SP500	18.90	-0.04	-0.21	281	-15.93
DLR-U GX US DOLLA	10.19	0.00	0.00	681	1.09	HSU BETAPRO SP500	21.66	0.05	0.23	273	19.14
DLR GX US DOLLAR	13.95	0.04	0.29	828	4.42	XEG ISHARES S&P T	18.12	-0.33	-1.79	1765	16.75
GCBD GUARDIAN CAN	17.91	0.08	0.45	625	-1.38	XFN ISHARES S&P T	49.74	-0.14	-0.28	360	3.60
HGD BETAPRO CDN G	3.74	0.33	9.68	824	-27.94	XGD ISHARES S&P T	19.74	-0.77	-3.75	365	10.96
HGU BETAPRO CDN G	17.35	-1.80	-9.40	534	23.84	XIC ISHARES CORE	35.16	-0.20	-0.57	282	5.36
HND BETAPRO NAT G	67.95	5.60	8.98	294	-18.93	XIU ISHARES S&P T	33.22	-0.18	-0.54	3618	3.75
HNU BETAPRO NAT G	4.66	-0.52	-10.04	7840	-29.61	XUT ISHARES S&P T	25.87	0.05	0.19	382	0.43
HOD BETAPRO CRUDE	7.83	0.16	2.09	498	-15.53	ZEB BMO S&P TSX E	36.08	-0.05	-0.14	2369	1.95
HOU BETAPRO CRUDE	12.36	-0.28	-2.22	675	8.23	ZSP BMO S&P 500 I	79.18	0.40	0.51	337	14.60

BOFC OVERNIGHT TA CANADIAN PRIME Source: wires	RGET 5.00 7.20	UNCH
U.S.		
TERM	YIELD	CHG
2-YEAR TREASURY	4.82	-0.07
5-YEAR TREASURY	4.42	-0.10
10-YEAR TREASURY	4.41	-0.10
30-YEAR TREASURY	4.55	-0.10
RATES	RATE	CHG
FED TARGET RATE	5.25-5.50	UNCH
U.S. PRIME	8.50	UNCH

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RATE CHG

BONDS CANADA TERM

RATES

	CAD	USD	AUD	EUR	GBP	JPY	CHF
CAD	-	0.7311	1.0997	0.6720	0.5725	113.24	0.6510
USD	1.3678	-	1.5040	0.9190	0.7830	154.88	0.8902
AUD	0.9094	0.6649	-	0.6111	0.5206	102.97	0.5919
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GBP	1.7468	1.2772	1.9207	1.1737	-	197.79	1.1369
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SILVER	29.62	-1.17	COFFEE	233.90	7.35	SOYBEAN	1179.00	-5.50
NATURAL GAS	2.59	-0.17	ALUMINUM	2599.50	-2.25	CANOLA	628.00	-6.40
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CRUDE OIL BRENT	78.36	-2.75	WHEAT	658.25	-14.50	FEED WHEAT	218.35	0.90
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Padres infielder Marcano | Canadian doubles duo handed lifetime ban as MLB cracks down on betting ■ B12

of Routliffe, Fernandez eliminated from French Open ■ B14

─ MEXICO-CANADA]—



Continental clash

Canada's Jayde Riviere, right, pushes past Mexico's Kenti Robles during the first half of Tuesday's friendly at BMO Field in Toronto. Canada played to a 1-1 draw as it prepares to defend its gold medal at this summer's Olympics in Paris. Read the story on ■ B14

CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Like it or not, timing is everything in professional sports

Athletes complaining

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too often.

Of course they do.

CATHAL KELLY





hree years ago, a British medical study attempted to identify the optimal time to go to sleep. The study linked heart health with sleep patterns. It found that people who sack out between 10 and 11 p.m.

have the best outcomes. It's still more important that you get enough sleep, and that your bedtime pattern is regular. But if you're one of those bio-hacking, I'll-be-parasailingon-my-90th-birthday types, 10 p.m. is what you're looking at.

If that is the life for you, then forget major-league sports. Playing them or watching them. Sports

goes late these days, and later all the time. NHL, NBA and MLB reg-

ulars are used to being dragged into talkshow time slots once the games get important. They're too beaten down to imagine a full night's rest. But tennis pros are still vigorous enough to complain.

Tunisian star Ons Jabeur lost a quarter-final on Tuesday at the French Open. Her match started at 11 a.m. It's not ex actly the crack of dawn, but she wasn't happy about it.

"Playing in the afternoon is better," Jabeur said. "There is going to be more people watching us."

Jabeur was also unhappy that only women have played in the first session so far at the French, and that some men's matches have gone very late into the night. She is unhappy on behalf of the media ("Even for you, the journalists, I don't think it's healthy") and the ball boys and girls. Basically, she's unhappy that tennis players can't work when they prefer to do so. Join the club.

Her comments were recycled Tuesday afternoon when Novak Djokovic withdrew from the tournament. He'd played one five-setter until 3 in the morning, and then another the same day starting at 4 p.m. A knee injury is the explanation, but overwork is the cause.

"Who said the stadium was full for 1 a.m. or 2 a.m.?" said Jabeur.

"I don't know who is watching

matches at that time.'

I do. They're watching them in New York (where it's 7 p.m. local), and Buenos Aires (8 p.m.), and Beijing (7 a.m.). Think of a major media market anywhere that's not Europe, and 1 in the morning Paris time is a reasonable window in which to be watching sports.

The reverse is true during the U.S. Open. That's when people on the Eastern seaboard complain that 2 a.m. is a ludicrous time to be playing tennis. Unless it's morning in Paris, where you can catch a couple of sets before starting

The players' anger is understandable They wanted to grow tennis into a global concern so that they would make a lot more money and, having done that, they can't forgive themselves. If everyone

around the world is watching your game, there is no correct time to start. What's important is that tennis is on for as much of the time as possible. Twenty-four hours a day would be best.

You know who doesn't play in the middle of the night? Lawn bowlers. Bocce obsessives. Bridge clubs. Pick a sport that no one buys a specialty cable

package to watch and they are consistently competing at a salubrious hour.

Athletes complaining about the time sports starts is akin to them complaining that they play too often. Of course they do. You have to pay the players, keep the broadcasters happy and justify the cost of buying a modern sports franchise. The only way to make this work is by creating content all day, every day.

Real Madrid just signed Kylian Mbappé on a free transfer. Not that it was free. In order to get him to come, Real gave the 25-year-old French superstar a reported \$185-million signing bonus. That's not his salary. It's a welcome gift.

You think Real Madrid is going to tell this guy to ease into things? He'll be playing everywhere, permanently.

He'll play the season in Spain, the Champions League in Europe and the off-season in China, America and the Middle East, plus the Euros and the World Cup.

If Mbappé ever wants to take a proper holiday again, he'll have to close a car door on his own foot.

KELLY, B14

Penalty killers give Oilers a well-rounded special-teams machine for Cup final

DONNA SPENCER

ove over, Edmonton Oilers power play. The penalty killers are in the spotlight. The Oilers reached their first Stanley Cup final in 18 years in no small measure to a stingy penalty kill that hasn't given up a goal in their past 10 playoff games, and kept a clean sheet

in 28 straight short-handed situations. The Oilers and Florida Panthers open the 2024 Stanley Cup final with Saturday's Game 1 in Sunrise, Fla.

When Edmonton's vaunted power play went quiet the first four games of the Western Conference final against the Dallas Stars, the grunt work of foot soldiers such as Mattias Janmark, Derek Ryan, Connor Brown and Cody Ceci complemented goaltender Stuart Skinner's efforts to protect the defensive side of the special teams ledger.

Holding the Stars' power play to ofor-5 in a Game 1 double overtime win in Dallas was pivotal.

While Edmonton's power play revived with a roar by going 4-for-5 in back-to-back victories to close out the conference final - captain Connor McDavid's first-period goal in Game 6 was a work of hand-eye-toe-drag art - the Oilers' pen-

alty killers deserved a bow.
"I thought that was one of the deter-

mining factors in the series," defence-

man Mattias Ekholm said. Both Ekholm and head coach Kris Knoblauch credited assistant coach Mark Stuart's handling of Edmonton's

"The penalty kill, when I got here, was struggling," said Knoblauch, who took over for the fired Jay Woodcroft in No-

vember when the Oilers were 3-9-1. 'I'm not taking any credit on the penalty kill. It's not my responsibility. It's Mark Stuart, who has done a tremendous job on that. The only thing I'll take credit for is giving him responsibility to

do the penalty kill." Knoblauch said he initially "wasn't sure" about handing the penalty kill to

"He'd never run the penalty kill. I didn't know him as a coach," Knoblauch said. "I knew he was fairly green and hadn't been doing this very long, but there weren't many options and we gave him that responsibility and he has done a fabulous job of it.

"I don't think we'd be here today if our penalty kill hadn't been as strong as it had been through all the series.'

Edmonton heads into the Cup final with a power-play clicking at 37.3 per cent and a kill operating at 93.9 per cent.

Florida's is running at 23.3 and 88.2 per cent respectively.



■ OILERS, B13

Oilers centre Derek Ryan corrals a puck away from a group of Dallas Stars during Game 4 of the Western Conference final last month in Edmonton. With Ryan's help, the Oilers haven't given up a power-play goal in 10 straight games. JASON FRANSON/CP

Looking for a bounce

Blue Jays outfielder Daulton Varsho fields a ball during the third inning of Tuesday's game against the Baltimore Orioles at Rogers Centre in Toronto. The Blue Jays fell 10-1. Read the story at ■ GLOBESPORTS.COM

CHRISTOPHER KATSAROV/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Marcano gets lifetime ban for betting on baseball

The Padres infielder among five players to face punishment from MLB for gambling

RONALD BLUM NEW YORK

San Diego Padres infielder Tucupita Marcano was banned from baseball for life for betting on the sport and four others were suspended for one year by MLB on Tuesday in the game's biggest gambling scandal in decades.

MLB said Marcano placed 387

baseball bets totalling more than US\$150,000 in October of 2022 and from last July through November with a legal sportsbook. He became the first active player in a century banned for life be-

Oakland Athletics pitcher Michael Kelly was suspended for one year for betting on baseball while in the minor leagues and a three minor leaguers also were banned for one year for betting on big-league games: pitchers Jay Groome of San Diego and Andrew Saalfrank of Arizona, and infielder José Rodríguez of Philadelphia. Each of those four players

wagered under US\$1,000.

'The strict enforcement of Major League Baseball's rules and policies governing gambling conduct is a critical component of upholding our most important priority: protecting the integrity of our games for the fans, baseball commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "The long-standing prohibition against betting on Major League long-standing Baseball games by those in the sport has been a bedrock principle for over a century. We have been clear that the privilege of playing in baseball comes with a responsibility to refrain from engaging in certain types of behaviour that are legal for other peo-

Marcano was the first active major leaguer banned for life under the sport's gambling provision since New York Giants outfielder Jimmy O'Connell in 1924. Pete Rose, baseball's career hits leader, agreed to a lifetime ban in 1989 after an investigation concluded he bet on Cincinnati Reds games while managing the team. Major League Rule 21, posted in

clubhouse, states betting on any baseball game in which a player, umpire, league official or team employee has no duty to pension. Betting on a game in which the person has a duty to perform results in a lifetime ban.

MLB said it was tipped off about the betting activity by a legal sports betting operator. None of the players punished played in any games on which they wagered, and all players denied to MLB they had inside information relevant to their bets or the games they gambled on - testi-monies that MLB says align with the data received from the sportsbook.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7) - All Times Eastern

STANLEY CUP FINAL (Best-of-7)

FLORIDA (A1) VS. EDMONTON (P2) (Series tied 0-0) (Series tied 0-0) Saturday Edmonton at Florida, 8 p.m. Monday, June 10 Edmonton at Florida, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 13 Florida at Edmonton, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 15 Florida vs. Edmonton, 8 p.m. Tuesday. Iuna 18 Tuesday, June 18 c-Edmonton at Florida, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 21 x-Florida at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Monday, June 24
x-Edmonton at Florida, 8 p.m.
x — played only if necessary NHL SCORING LEADERS

	G	Α	Pt
Connor McDavid, Edm	5	26	3
Leon Draisaitl, Edm	10	18	2
Evan Bouchard, Edm	6	21	2
Vincent Trocheck, NYR	8	12	2
Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, E	dm 6	14	20
Matthew Tkachuk, Fla	5	14	19
Zach Hyman, Edm	14	4	18
Carter Verhaeghe, Fla	9	8	17
Aleksander Barkov, Fla	6	11	17
Wyatt Johnston, Dal	10	6	16
Jason Robertson, Dal	6	10	16
Miro Heiskanen, Dal	6	10	16
Mika Zibanejad, NYR	3	13	16
Cale Makar, Col	5	10	15
Artemi Panarin, NYR	5	10	15
Jamie Benn, Dal	4	11	15
Alexis Lafreniere, NYR	8	6	14
Nathan MacKinnon, Col	4	10	14
Mikko Rantanen, Col	4	10	1
Tyler Seguin, Dal	5	8	1
Chris Kreider, NYR	8	4	12
Sam Reinhart, Fla	8	4	12
Brock Boeser, Vcr	7	5	12
Sebastian Aho, Car	4	8	12
Anton Lundell, Fla	3	9	12
J.T. Miller, Vcr	3	9	12
Artturi Lehkonen, Col	6	5	1
Jake DeBrusk, Bos	5	6	1
Gustav Forsling, Fla	4	7	1
Andrei Svechnikov, Car	2	9	1
Valeri Nichushkin, Col	9	1	1
Sam Bennett, Fla	6	4	10
Elias Lindholm, Vcr	5	5	10
Brad Marchand, Bos	3	7	10
Quinn Hughes, Vcr	0	10	10
Seth Jarvis, Car	5	4	9
Jake Guentzel, Car	4	5	
Martin Necas, Car	4	5	0
Casey Mittelstadt, Col	3	6	9
Brandon Montour, Fla	3	6	9
Brady Skjei, Car	1	8	9
Barclay Goodrow, NYR	6	2	8
Evander Kane, Edm	4	4	8
Dakota Joshua, Vcr	4	4	8
Nikita Zadorov, Vcr	4	4	8
David Pastrnak, Bos	4	4	8
Evan Rodrigues, Fla	3	5	8
Logan Stankoven, Dal	3	5	8
Roope Hintz, Dal	2	6	
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NBA PLAYOFFS

THE FINALS

(Best-of-7) — All Times Eastern BOSTON (E1) VS. DALLAS (W5) Thursday Dallas at Boston, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday Dallas at Boston, 8 p.m. Dallas at Boston, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 12
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, June 14
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, June 17
x-Dallas at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
x — played only if necessary

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Atlanta	4	3	.571	4
Chicago	3	4	.429	5
Indiana	2	9	.182	8
Washington	0	9	.000	9

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Tuesday Connecticut 79 Washington 59 New York at Chicago Phoenix at Seattle

Las Vegas at Dallas, 8 p.m. Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

CEBL

Tuesday Edmonton at Vancouver

Brampton at Winnipeg, 11 a.m. Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. Saskatchewan at Calgary, 9 p.m.

AHL CALDER CUP PLAYOFFS CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7) — All Times Eastern EASTERN CONFERENCE HERSHEY (A1) VS. CLEVELAND (N1) (Hershey leads series 2-0)

(Hershey leads Series 2-0, Tuesday Hershey at Cleveland Thursday Hershey at Cleveland, 7 p.m. WESTERN CONFERENCE

Tuesday Coachella Valley at Milwaukee Thursday Coachella Valley at Milwaukee, 8 p.m

COACHELLA VALLEY (P1) VS. MILWAUKEE (C1) (Coachella Valley leads series 2-0)

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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CENTRAL DIVISION 20 .667 40 Kansas City .581 26 30 Chicago WEST DIVISION 34 .557 Seattle Texas 31

Oakland Los Angeles AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tuesday Cleveland 8, Kansas City 5 Minnesota at N.Y. Yanke Baltimore at Toronto Detroit at Texas Seattle at Oakland

Baltimore 7, Toronto 2 Detroit 2, Texas 1

Wednesday All Times Eastern

Kansas City (Singer 4-2) at Cleveland (Allen 6-3), 6:40 p.m. Minnesota (Paddack 4-2) at N.Y. Yankees

Rodón 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Suárez 2-0) at Toronto (Berríos 5-4), 7:07 p.m.
Detroit (Maeda 2-2) at Texas (Ureña 1-4), Seattle (Gilbert 3-3) at Oakland (Estes 1-1), 9:40 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

Tuesday Tampa Bay at Miami Atlanta at Boston Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs San Diego at L.A. Angels

Monday Houston 7, St. Louis 4

L.A. Angels 2, San Diego 1

Wednesday

Wednesday All Times Eastern Atlanta (Schwellenbach 0-1) at Boston (Pivetta 2-4), 1:35 p.m. St. Louis (Mikolas 3-6) at Houston (Blanco 5-1), 2:10 p.m. Tampa Bay (TBD) at Miami (Garrett 2-0), 6-40 n.m. 6:40 p.m. Chicago White Sox (Fedde 4-1) at Chi-

cago Cubs (Taillon 3-2), 8:05 p.m. San Diego (Cease 5-4) at L.A. Angels (Soriano 2-5), 9:38 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Philadelphia 3, Milwaukee 1 N.Y. Mets 8, Washington 7 Cincinnati 13, Colorado 3

Arizona 4, San Francisco 2 ednesday **All Times Eastern**

Cincinnati (Ashcraft 4-3) at Colorado Hudson 2-7), 3:10 p.m. San Francisco (Hicks 4-2) at Arizona (Montgomery 3-3), 3:40 p.m. Milwaukee (TBD) at Philadelphia (Nola 7-

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Vancouver				1	12	12	13
Victoria		3	2	3	7	4	12
York	8	3	4	1	11	14	10
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All Times Eastern

Victoria at Halifax, 2 p.m Hamilton at Calgary, 5 p.m

tawa at Winnipeg, 1:30 p.m. Vancouver at York, 6 p.m.

ATP/WTA TOUR

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At Paris
Purse: €19,280,000
Surface: Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES — QUARTERFINALS MEN'S SINGLES — QUARTERFINALS Jannik Sinner (2), Italy, def. Grigor Dimitrov (10), Bulgaria, 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (3). Carlos Alcaraz (3), Spain, def. Stefanos Tistispas (9), Greece, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-4. WOMEN'S SINGLES — QUARTERFINALS Coog Guff (3), United States, def. Ons Jabeur (8), Tunisia, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Iga Swiatek (1), Poland, def. Marketa Vondrousova (5), Czechia, 6-6, 6-2. MEN'S DOUBLES — THIRD ROUND Zhang Zhizhen, China, and Tomas Machac, Czechia, def. Maximo Gonzalez Machac, Czechia, def. Maximo Gonzalez and Andres Molteni (8), Argentina, 6-3, 7-5 WOMEN'S DOUBLES — THIRD ROUND Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini (11), Italy, def. Amina Anshba, Russia, and Anastasia Detiuc, Czechia, 6-2, 6-0. Anastasia Defruc, Czechia, 6-2, 6-U.
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Dolehide (8), United States, def. HaoChing Chan, Taiwan, and Veronika
Kudermetova (12), Russia, 6-62, 7-5.
Emma Navarro, United States, and
Diana Shnaider, Russia, def. Monica
Niculescu, Pomania, and Cristina Bur

Niculescu, Romania, and Cristina Bucsa, Spain, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, and Miyu Kato (16), Japan, def. Nicole Melichar-Martinez, United States, and Ellen Perez (2), Australia, 6-3, 6-2. Vera Zvonareva and Mirra Andreeva,

Vera Zvonareva and Mirra Andreeva, Russia, ded. Ulrikke Elkeri, Norway, and Ingrid Neel (13), Estonia, 6-3, 6-2. Elena-Gabriela Ruse, Romania, and Marta Kostyuk, Ukraine, def. Erin Routliffe, New Zealand, and Leylah Annie Fernandez (9), Canada, 6-1, 6-4. Katerina Siniakova, Czechia, and Coco Gauff (5), United States, def. Ena Shibabara Lapan and Wang Xinyu (10) Shibahara, Japan, and Wang Xinyu (10), China, 6-4, 6-4.

MIXED DOUBLES — THIRD ROUND Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, and Laura Siegemund (2), Germany, def. Ena Shibahara, Japan, and Nathaniel Lammons, United States, 3-6, 7-5, 10-6.

Lammons, United States, 3-6, 7-5, 10-6.

QUARTERFINALS
Neal Skupski, Britain, and Desirae
Krawczyk (4), United States, def. Zhang
Shuai, China, and Marcelo ArevaloGonzalez, El Salvador, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
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NASCAR CUP SERIES

POINTS LEADERS

Through June 2
1. Denny Hamlin, 534.
2. Kyle Larson, 513.
3. Chase Ellioft, 507.
4. Martin Truex Jr, 490.
5. William Byron, 488.
6. Tyler Reddick, 473.
7. Ty Gibbs, 465.
8. Christopher Bell, 437.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Saturday All Times Eastern New York at New England, 7:30 p.m

Seattle at Sporting Kansas City, 8:30 p.m FC Dallas at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m. Portland at St Louis City, 8:30 p.m.

TELEVISION

WEDNESDAY (ALL TIMES EASTERN) MLB: Baltimore at Toronto, 7 p.m., SN O, E, W, P, 1

BASKETBALL CEBL: Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m., TSN 5 WNBA: Las Vegas at Dallas, 8 p.m., NBA TVC WNBA Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10 p.m., NBA TVC

International Friendlies: Slovakia vs. San Marino, 12 p.m., DAZN International Friendlies: Norway vs. Kosovo, 1 p.m., DAZN International Friendlies Sweden, 1 p.m., DAZN dlies: Denmark vs sweaen, J. p.m., DAZN International Friendlies: Belgium vs. Montenegro, 2:30 p.m., DAZN International Friendlies: France vs. Lux-embourg, 3 p.m., DAZN International Friendlies: Spain vs. An-dorra, 3:30 p.m., DAZN

SOFTBALL

NCAA Women's College World Ser Texas vs. Oklahoma, 8 p.m., TSN 3 on's College World Series

ATP/WTA Tour: French Open, Quarterfi-

nals, 5 a.m., TSN 1, 4

RESULTS AS OF TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 9:20 P.M.



"I don't care about your freaking clinical study. This time, it better not be the placebo. OFF THE MARK



SPEED BUMP



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Sergei Bobrovsky, three months shy of turning 36, is four wins away from becoming the third-oldest goalie in more than 50 years to be the starting netminder for a Stanley Cup winner. JIM RASSOL/USA TODAY SPORTS

Panthers' Bobrovsky yet to slow down with age

Florida goaltender still working wonders with his offbeat ways as career goes on

TIM REYNOLDS FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

regei Bobrovsky baffles his own teammates at times Florida's starting goaltender has his own schedule and regimen – slowly gliding across the entirety of the ice to begin his process of getting ready in the morning, an extremely strict diet and some moves in the weight room that the Panthers say are all

his own. "Sometimes he walks on a wooden stick, like on a pole," Panthers forward Carter Verhaeghe said, gesturing with his hands to try to describe the contraption without a whole lot of success. "It probably helps his balance, but none of us really get

Nobody minds, either. What Bobrovsky is doing is working, especially at this time of year.

There was the spectacular save in Round 1 of the playoffs against Tampa Bay that they're calling The Bobbery, one that will forever be part of Panthers lore. There's the current run of allowing two goals or fewer in 10 of his past 11 games. There even was an assist on a goal that sparked a come-back victory over the New York Rangers in the Eastern Conference final. And on Saturday night, he'll be in net for Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final against the Edmonton Oilers – the second straight year in which Bobrovsky has backstopped a team to a title

"Bob has been Bob for the last 10 years," Panthers forward Vladimir Tarasenko said. "He's unbelievable."

About three months shy of turning 36, Bobrovsky could become the third-oldest goalie in more than 50 years to be the starting netminder for a team that wins the Stanley Cup. Dominik Hasek was 37 years and about four months when he led Detroit to the 2002 title; Tim Thomas was 37 years and about two months when he led Boston to the 2011 ti-

It is a small club of goalies older than 35 who have the numbers that Bobrovsky has so far in these playoffs: 12 wins, .908 save percentage, 2.20 goals-against average. The other names on that list over the past 50 years – Thomas, Hasek, Patrick Roy, Chris Osgood and Martin Brodeur.

All of them have hoisted the Stanley Cup. Bobrovsky hasn't.

Yet.
"He's the hardest-working guy I've ever seen," Panthers captain Aleksander Barkov said after the East final, as fellow forward Matthew Tkachuk sat to his right and nodded. "You just know, when a guy works that hard, he's also, like, super calm. Every single day at practice, he's having fun. Morning skate, he's having fun. Warmups, all that kind of stuff, you see him being in the zone, you just know he's going to be on top of his game. He's been unbelievable.

"He's 35 - it's really hard to believe. He's been amazing and it's fun to watch from this close.

For the Panthers to say that Bobrovsky is the hardest worker, that's high praise. Very high

Florida prides itself on work ethic; the Panthers make no effort to hide that training camps under coach Paul Maurice have been designed to push players to their limits and beyond, and in-season, guys will even compete against one another on the stationary bikes postgame – getting one more full sweat in after play-

ing for three periods.
"With him, it's an everyday thing," Tkachuk said. "His off days, his recovery days, they're all tailored to what he's going to do in the net. He's so good at keeping a very simple focus. And if anybody on our team is the best at being even keeled, it's him. So, we're very lucky to have that. That's a very, very important trait, probably the No. 1 most impor-

Bobrovsky is a two-time Vézina Trophy winner as the league's best goalie; he's a finalist for the award this year as well and could become the 13th player to capture it on three occasions. It's been well-chronicled that the US\$70million, seven-year deal he got from the Panthers in 2019 didn't always seem like great value for Florida; it sure seems like a bargain now

The math has been simple in these playoffs. When Bobrovsky gives up three goals or fewer, Florida is 12-2. When he allows four goals or more, Florida is 0-3. It's a similar one-sided breakdown for his career against the high-octane Oilers led by Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl; he's 10-1 when allowing three goals or fewer, 1-5 otherwise.

The job is not done," Bobrovsky said of making the Cup final again, after last year's five-game defeat at the hands of Vegas. made just a step. It's a good challenge in front of us, and we're excited for it."

Goalies are quirky. They have frozen six-ounce vulcanized rubber disks shot at them at around 80 miles an hour or more for a living. It's not a normal job.

Bobrovsky has his certain trademarks; he'll hardly ever talk about himself, he won't get a haircut during the season and he doesn't mind if teammates break an unwritten hockey rule of sorts by shooting pucks up high at him during practices and warm-ups

"That's kind of the beautiful thing about Bob," Verhaeghe said. "Every day, he's not thinking about if he's a superstar or he's not thinking about what every one else is thinking about him. He's just going out to practice daily, kind of just doing his own thing. And he wants to be a great goalie. He wants to be the best in the world. He comes every day with that mindset, and it doesn't really matter what anyone else thinks of him."

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Argos head coach Dinwiddie enjoys idea of being doubted for coming CFL season

DAN RALPH

hey've finished atop the East Division standings three straight years and are coming off a 16-win season, but head coach Ryan Dinwiddie and the Toronto Argonauts will be flying under the radar in 2024. And that's fine with Dinwiddie, the CFL's coach of the year

 $\hbox{``I actually like being an underdog} \dots \hbox{I'm looking forward to}$ that," said Dinwiddie, who also serves as Toronto's offensive co-ordinator. "I think it might add some fire in our locker

room where everyone is doubting us.
"There's nothing you can do, a lot of stuff is out of our control. We can only control what we can control."

Toronto has an impressive 36-14 regular-season record under Dinwiddie, who enters his fourth year as head coach. The Argos also won the 2022 Grey Cup.

Toronto seemed poised to defend its title in 2023 after post-

ing a 16-2 regular-season record. The 16 wins was a singleseason club record and tied the CFL mark for most victories in a regular campaign.

Toronto's stellar season ended with a 38-17 home loss to Montreal in the East Division final. The Alouettes stunned the BMO Field gathering of 26,620 – the largest crowd for an Argos game since they moved there in 2016 - by forcing nine turnovers.

Toronto committed a CFL-low 27 turnovers during the regular season.

Many of the key cogs of Toronto's 2023 campaign won't be in uniform Sunday night when it opens the season hosting the B.C. Lions. The most notable absentee will be quarterback

The CFL's outstanding player last season will miss at least Toronto's first nine regular-season games for violating the CFL's gender-based violence policy. The league also banned Kelly from the Argos' two preseason contests after an inde-pendent investigation into a lawsuit filed by a former strength-and-conditioning coach against Kelly for sexual harassment and the club for wrongful dismissal.

So the Argos will be Cameron Dukes's team, at least though to the midway point of the season. Kelly's reinstatement is contingent upon his attending mandatory counselling sessions conducted by a gender-based violence expert and undergoing assessments by an independent expert.

If he doesn't complete the sessions and assessments to the

CFL's satisfaction, the discipline against him could be mod-

Dukes, 25, started twice last season, his first with Toronto. The 6-foot-1, 205-pound quarterback split those contests while finishing 63-of-96 passing on the year for 760 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions.

Dukes also often served as Toronto's short-yardage quarterback, rushing 35 times for 126 yards (3.6-yard average) and eight TDs.

Fortunately for Dukes, Toronto's starting offensive line anchored by tackle Dejon Allen, the CFL's top lineman last season – returns intact. Veteran DaVaris Daniels (52 receptions, 1,009 yards, eight TDs) again anchors the receiving corps that also include Damonte Coxie (39 catches, 787 yards, five TDs) and features top draft pick Kevin Mital, the 2022 Hec Crighton Trophy winner from Laval.

But Canadian Kurleigh Gittens Jr. was dealt to Edmonton this off-season in a deal that saw defensive lineman Jake Ceresna come to Toronto.

Also gone are defensive co-ordinator Corey Mace (Saskatchewan head coach), 1,000-yard rusher A.J. Ouellette (Riders), linebackers Adarius Pickett (Ottawa) and Jordan Williams (traded, Hamilton), defensive lineman Reggie Barlow and DeWayne Hendrix (both Hamilton), cornerbacks Jamal Peters (Hamilton) and Qwan'tez Stiggers (NFL's New York Jets) and returner Javon Leake (Edmonton), who was the CFL's top special-teams player last year.

Toronto did sign Ka'Deem Carey (CFL-high 1,088 yards in 2022 with Calgary) in free agency while Canadian Daniel Adeboboye - who's also a special-teams dynamo - returns.

Toronto's defence, the CFL's stingiest last season, will feature plenty new faces, both on the field and on the sidelines. Kevin Eiben and Williams Fields will serve as co-defensive co-ordinators. Eiben will also coach linebackers while Fields

will continue to coach the Argos secondary. Defensive end Folarin Orimolade had a team-high 10 sacks last year and leads what should be a solid defensive line with Canadian Robbie Smith, towering tackle Shawn Oakman and newcomer Ceresna, who's coming off consecutive double-

digit sacks seasons. Also back are standout linebacker Wynton McManis, Canadian safety Royce Metchie and veteran defensive back DaShaun Amos, who suffered a season-ending ankle injury last

September. Canadian kicker Lirim Hajrullahu re-signed with Toronto after four seasons trying to hook on south of the border. Australian John Haggerty will again handle punting duties.

And newcomer Janarion Grant certainly provides big-play ability in the return game.

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Oilers: Ekholm says Stuart's collaborative approach helps make penalty kill enjoyable

Stuart, a former defenceman who played 673 NHL games with Boston, Atlanta and Winnipeg, is in his second season as Edmonton's assistant coach.

His work has helped Edmonton break the opposition's "will with our kill" in the postseason so far, Ekholm said. "He is hard, but humble," Ekholm said. "I really enjoy working with him on it.

"It's never 'what the heck are

you doing?' It's more 'Okay, let's look at this. What are you thinking? Here's what I'm thinking.' He works with us in a really good

Edmonton's goal differential 5on-5 is plus-one after 18 playoff games, so the Oilers' special teams will likely factor into whether they hoist the Stanley Cup for the first time in 34 years.

'It's always a new challenge with who you're playing next, so looking forward to that," said Oilers forward Ryan Nugent-Hopkins. "We take a lot of pride in it and we're going to keep getting better.'

Game 2 is Monday in Sunrise before the best-of-seven Cup final flips to Edmonton on June 13 and June 15. A Game 5, if necessary, would be June 18 back in Florida, Game 6 would be June 21 in Edmonton and Game 7 is June 24 if the series goes the distance.

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SENATORS HIRE BAUMGARTNER, YEO TO JOIN GREEN'S COACHING STAFF

OTTAWA The Ottawa Senators are adding Nolan Baumgartner and Mike Yeo as assistant coaches on Travis Green's staff, while franchise legend Daniel Alfredsson returns to the team's bench.

The Senators announced their coaching team Tuesday, with assistant Ben Sexton, goaltending coach Justin Peters and video coach Mike King also set to return.

Baumgartner, 48, was as an

assistant coach with the American Hockey League's Manitoba

Moose for the past two seasons. He was an assistant when Green coached the Vancouver Canucks from 2017-21.

Yeo, 50, is a two-time NHL head coach and led the Minnesota Wild for four-plus seasons from 2011-12 through early 2016. He was an assistant in Vancouver over the past two seasons.

Alfredsson, 51, joined Jacques

Martin's staff as an assistant when Martin was promoted to the Senators' interim head coach position in December of The Hall of Famer is the

Senators' all-time leading scorer with 1.157 career points.

Green was announced as Ottawa's head coach on May 7 with Martin staying on as an adviser.

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LAWSUIT AGAINST ARGOS, QUARTERBACK KELLY **RESOLVED THROUGH MEDIATION, SOURCES SAY**

A lawsuit filed against quarterback Chad Kelly and the Toronto Argonauts by a former assistant strength-and-conditioning coach has been settled.

Two league sources said the agreement was reached through mediation involving all of the parties. The sources spoke on the condition of anonymity as there was no formal

announcement about the resolution being reached. There was also no indication regarding specific details of the

The coach was seeking \$80,000 from Kelly and a total of \$85,714 from the Argos. TSN also reported the coach was seeking an additional \$10,000 worth of punitive damages.

The Canadian Press does not publish the names of alleged victims of harassment or sexual assault unless granted per-Last month, the CFL suspended Kelly for both of Toronto's

exhibition games and at least nine regular-season contests for violating its gender-based violence policy. The suspension followed an independent investigation into the lawsuit filed by the former coach against both the player and club. The CFL's decision to launch its investigation came after the

complainant filed a statement of claim with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, alleging a pattern of harassment by Kelly, beginning with unwanted romantic advances and escalating into instances of threatening language. The coach said the Argos did not act when told of Kelly's

behaviour. The complainant said she was informed in January

her contract with the club would not be renewed. The complainant had joined the franchise in 2018 and said her contract had previously been continually renewed.

Gauff speeds through at French Open

Twenty-year-old American puts in a long day's work with two match victories in Paris

HOWARD FENDRICH PARIS

Coco Gauff's long and successful Tuesday at Roland Garros began when she arrived at about 8:15 a.m. There was a warm-up session. A couple of meals. A couple of matches. Oh, and a couple of victories – first, one to reach the singles semi-finals, and then one to reach the doubles quarter-finals, which wrapped up a little past 4:30 p.m.
"It goes by really fast, I will say,"

the 20-year-old American said. "When you're playing the match, it just goes by really fast."

There is more work to be done, and there are more long days on the horizon, for Gauff, who will meet defending champion, and No. 1-ranked, Iga Swiatek in singles on Thursday.

"It's good to just keep going and not think about this match as something huge – just another match – to not put too much bag-gage on your shoulders," Swiatek said. "But I guess Coco is not easy. She really likes playing on clay, especially here. I'll just focus on myself and I'll prepare tactically and we'll see.

Swiatek picked up yet another lopsided victory, beating Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova 6-0, 6-2 and stretching her French Open winning streak to 19 matches as she seeks a third trophy in a row in Paris and her fourth in five years.

"She's, I feel like, way better than anyone else on clay, and especially here. It's very tough," Vondrousova said. "I feel like on the court, you have nothing to maybe offer. She's just too strong

No. 3 Gauff came back to defeat three-time major finalist Ons Ja-



Coco Gauff reacts after beating Ons Jabeur during French Open singles action on Tuesday. Gauff has now reached the semi-finals at three straight Grand Slam tournaments. YVES HERMAN/REUTERS

ROUTLIFFE, FERNANDEZ ELIMINATED FROM WOMEN'S DOUBLES AT FRENCH OPEN

Canada's Leylah Fernandez and partner Erin Routliffe of New Zealand have been eliminated from women's doubles competition at the French Open.

The ninth seeds lost their third-round match 6-1, 6-4 to Ukraine's Marta Kostyuk and Elena-Gabriela Ruse of Romania on Tuesday.

Kostyuk and Ruse took control of the match early, going up 5-0 in the first set after converting two break points.

beur 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 to reach the semifinals at a third consecutive Grand Slam tournament.

"I've been trying to do better at being consistent in the big tournaments," Gauff said, "and I'm reac-

Fernandez and Routliffe picked up an early break in the second set and led 3-0 before their opponents won the next five

Kostyuk and Ruse will face Russian duo Mirra Andreeva and era Zvonareva in the quarter

The loss by Fernandez, of Laval, Que., and Routliffe means there are no Canadians remaining in the singles and doubles

hing that level of consistency."

She won her first major title at the U.S. Open in September, then made it to the semi-finals at the Australian Open in January. Gauff

Fernandez and American partner Taylor Townsend advanced to the women's doubles final at Roland Garros last year before losing to Taiwan's Su-Wei Hsieh and China's Xinyu Wang. Routliffe, who formerly repre-

sented Canada, won the U.S. Open title last year in a part-nership with Ottawa's Gabriela Dabrowski.

Dabrowski is missing this year's clay-court season with an injury. THE CANADIAN PRESS

French Open in 2022.

Overall, Swiatek has won 10 of 11 meetings against Gauff, including a 6-4, 6-3 semi-final win on clay last month en route to the Italian Open title.

"I definitely think I have to find a better way to play her than the last times I played on clay, be-cause I've obviously been unsuccessful the last couple of times we've played - regardless of the surface and anything," Gauff said. "She's definitely a tough opponent for me. And for anybody."

Sure is.

The day's biggest news was that defending champion Novak Djokovic withdrew from the men's bracket because of a torn meniscus in his right knee. He will be replaced at No. 1 in the ATP rankings by Jannik Sinner next week.

Casper Ruud, the runner-up in Paris the past two years, got a walkover into the semi-finals, where he will play Alexander Zverev or Alex de Minaur. Sinner beat Grigor Dimitrov on Tuesday and next meets Carlos Alcaraz, a winner at night against Stefanos Tsit-

Other than a tough three-set triumph over Naomi Osaka in the second round, Swiatek has been dominant in this French Open. Take away the 17 games Osaka managed to win, and Swiatek has dropped a total of only 11 games in her other four matches

Swiatek followed up her 6-o, o shutout of Anastasia Potapovain the fourth round by grabbing the initial seven games against

Vondrousova. "I felt," Swiatek said, "like I was in the zone."

And make no mistake: Vondrousova is no slouch. In addition to being a Grand Slam champion, she was a finalist at Roland Garros in 2019, won a silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics and currently is ranked No. 6.

But she never stood a chance against Swiatek, who compiled 25 winners to just 10 unforced errors. Swiatek, a 23-year-old from Poland, faced just one break point and, naturally, she saved it.

"Everything worked," Swiatek said.

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Canadian women draw Mexico in friendly

NEIL DAVIDSON

Canada had to settle for a 1-1 draw with Mexico on Tuesday in a physical finale of a two-game

women's friendly soccer series. Kadeisha Buchanan opened the scoring for ninth-ranked Canada. Jacqueline Ovalle replied for No. 31 Mexico, which is ranked third in CONCACAF after Canada and the fourth-ranked Ameri-

The return leg of the "Summer Send-Off Series" marked the Canadian women's final game on home soil before heading to Europe to defend their Olympic title at the Paris Games next month.

Canada came into Tuesday's contest 23-2-3 all-time against Mexico. But this Mexican side showed character in hanging on to earn the tie. The Canadians blanked Mexico 2-0 on Saturday in Montreal in a game where the home side took its time reaching top gear.

Canada controlled the game from the get-go Tuesday, with the feeling a goal was coming soon. But the final pass often did not match the buildup and it was scoreless at the half despite 62-per-cent ball possession.

The Canadians came out with purpose in the second half and the breakthrough came in the 48th minute with Buchanan scoring on a looping header off a Shelina Zadorsky cross.

It was a sixth goal in 149 appearances for the imposing Chelsea centre back.

Mexico replied in the 70th minute with Ovalle, beating Jade Rose and then goalkeeper Sabrina D'Angelo with an spectacular swerving shot from distance. The tying goal added drama to the final 20 minutes.

Canada appealed for a penalty in the 77th minute when Olivia Smith went down in the box but Costa Rican referee Marianela Cruz was unmoved.

There was a nasty moment late in the game when Mexico's Karen Luna bodied Jordyn Huitema, who did not have the ball to the ground in front of the Canadian bench. Luna was booked on the play but deserved to see red.

Coach Bev Priestman made five changes for Tuesday's rematch with D'Angelo, defender Zadorsky, midfielder Simi Awujo and forwards Cloé Lacasse and Evelyne Viens slotting into the

Awujo, a 20-year-old who plays collegiate soccer for USC, took advantage of the start with a physical performance, leaving Mexicans in her wake while showing a keen passing eye. She has surely played her way onto the Olympic roster. Wingback Jayde Riviere, defender Jade Rose and forward Janine Beckie, all roster certainties, also impressed.

But Tuesday's game was also the last before Priestman names her Olympic squad. So Tuesday's squad rotation involved offering opportunities to some players.

Canada has until July 3 to name its 18-player roster plus four alternates. Priestman has said she expects to announce her roster by the end of June, so everyone knows what's what when the team heads to Europe where it is expected to play its final warmups during the July 8-16 FIFA international window just before

the Olympic tournament. Tuesday's game drew an en-thusiastic announced crowd of 18,805, which included a small but loud Mexican contingent, on a warm night at BMO Field.

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Kelly: There is no stopping. No sport can afford it

FROM B11

The intensity of sports - both in terms of effort and scheduling - has begun to break down elite athletes. No baseball pitcher can be taken seriously until he's had at least one reconstructive surgery. Women's soccer is overrun, literally, by an epidemic of ACL tears.

People inside sport are on the hunt for obscure causes - is it curveballs thrown at too young an age or a certain brand of field turf? – when the answer is obvious. It's too much sports.

Stop playing, practising and travelling six days a week, while also filming a Netflix doc and obsessively creating social-media bumpf, and then see if there is any reduction in muscle tears. Please send my consulting fee care of The Globe and Mail.

But there is no stopping. No sport can afford to ease back Once they do, someone down the ladder will reach up and pull them off. The players understand this. They complain about the scheduling for the same reason they yell at officials. Maybe it will gain them a small, individual advantage. If not, no harm in trying.

For decades, tennis has owned women's sport. Now basketball and soccer are coming up in the rearview. That means more hype and more stars playing more frequently in more markets at all hours of the day and night.

If the players wanted to stop, they could. There's nothing the WTA or ATP (or any other league) could do about a concerted work action that includes the biggest names in the

But the Novak Djokovics of the world understand this much at least – however hard it is to drag yourself around a tennis court on a bad knee five hours past your perfect bedtime, it can't be anywhere near as difficult as watching someone else do it instead of you.

Conversations about physicality in the WNBA explode over Carter and Clark

DOUG FFINBERG

aitlin Clark has been tested during her first month in the WNBA with physical play from opponents that has $brought\,an\,increased\,spotlight\,on$ the league.

Not all of the attention has been positive.

The conversations exploded over the weekend when Chicago's Chennedy Carter gave a shoulder shot to Clark that knocked her to the floor before an inbound pass during the third quarter of the Sky-Indiana Fever game on Satur-

day.
"I think everybody is physical with me, they get away with things that probably other people don't get away with," Clark, who like many good offensive players sometimes flails when hit to draw the attention of officials, said after a loss to the Los Angeles Sparks last week.

"This is a very physical game, and you're going to get pressure, this is professional basketball," Clark said.



Fever guard Caitlin Clark drives the ball past Liberty guard Courtney Vandersloot during Sunday's WNBA game at Barclays Center in New York, WENDELL CRUZ/USA TODAY SPORTS VIA REUTERS CON

tion was an away-from-the-ball foul and didn't review the play. It was deemed a common foul at the time. The league upgraded the play to a flagrant-1 violation foul a day later.

The officials said Carter's ac-

Though the WNBA hasn't commented on the physical plays ther arguing that not enough is

involving Clark, the Carter-Clark collision had people talking across not only the sports media landscape, but also shows such as The View. There's no shortage of opin-

ions on the physicality that the No. 1 pick has faced this season, eibeing done to protect her, that she is being targeted by other players because of the media attention she receives, that race is a factor or that it is just the natural competitive evolution in the growing sport of women's basketball.

Going into Tuesday's games, Clark is currently 11th in average fouls drawn a contest, averaging 4.2 a contest, tops among rookies in that category. She is third overall in total fouls drawn with 46 but the Fever (2-9) have played the most games.

Clark has said she won't let the physical play get into her head and that she will continue to play her game At times however her frustration has shown when she feels she doesn't get a call. She has been hit with a league-leading three technical fouls. A seventh technical during the regular season would result in a one-game suspension.

Fever coach Christie Sides understands Clark's frustrations and isn't taking the "it is what it is" approach. Sides believes some of the fouls against Clark have crossed the line and said she will continue

to send video clips to the league until something is done about it.

The Carter foul happened in Clark's first pro matchup with college rival Angel Reese, a 71-70 Indiana win. Reese has had her own welcome to the WNBA moments." Most notably, when she was thrown to the ground on a foul by Connecticut's Alyssa Thomas in a Sky-Sun game.

The officials immediately went to the monitor to review the situation and upgraded the foul to a flagrant-2 on Thomas, which comes with an automatic ejection.

"It's not just cause I'm a rookie," Reese said of the physical play that comes her wav. "I'm a player. I'm a basketball player. They don't give a damn if I'm a rookie. I mean. I want them to come at me every day, I want them to come at everybody. I mean, they're not supposed to be nice to me. I hope you all know that. They're not supposed to be nice to me or lay down because I'm Angel Reese or cause I'm a rookie.'

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Sports in brief

CANADIAN GEE WEARS LEADER'S JERSEY AT CRITÉRIUM DU DAUPHINÉ LES ESTABLES, FRANCE Canadian cyclist Derek Gee won the third stage of the 2024 Critérium du Dauphiné on Tuesday and will start Wednesday's individual time trial wearing the leader's yellow-and-blue jersey. The 26-year-old from Ottawa was helped by Israel-Premier Tech teammate Krists Neilands in the final stretch of the 181.7-kilo-metre stage. The race, which runs through June 9 in the Dauphine region of southeastern France, is considered a key warm-up event for the Tour de

France. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CALEDON, ONT., TO PLAY HOST FOR 2025 **RBC CANADIAN OPEN** Caledon, Ont., is preparing to welcome the world – through the RBC Canadian Open – to its rolling green hills. TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley was announced as the host for the 2025 edition of the Canadian Open, the men's national golf champion ship and the only PGA Tour event north of the border, two weeks ago. Mayor Annette Grove said the success of this year's event at Hamilton Golf and Country Club shows what it can do for a municipality's international profile.

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JAYS REINSTATE FRANCIS FROM INJURED LIST, **OPTION BURR TO BISONS** The Toronto Blue Jays reinstated pitcher Bowden Francis from the 15-day injured list Tuesday and optioned fellow right-hander Ryan Burr to Triple-A Buffalo. Francis missed 34 games with right-forearm extensor tendinitis. He entered Tuesday's night game against the visiting Balti-more Orioles with a 2-2 record and 8.59 earned-run average over five appearances. Burr was acquired from the Philadelphia Phillies last Thursday for cash considerations. He made two appearances for Toronto, striking out three and posting a 2.70 ERA over 3¹/₃ innings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

VETERAN DEFENDER HENRY NAMED SPORTING DIRECTOR OF SIMCOE COUNTY ROVERS Canadian international defender Doneil Henry has been named sporting director of League1 Ontario's Simcoe Country Rov ers. The 31-year-old from Brampton, Ont. is one of several Canada players with an ownership stake in the semi-pro club based in Barrie, Ont. Others include former Canada captains Atiba Hutchinson and Julian de Guzman and current Canadian internationals Janine Beckie and Cyle Larin. Henry's appointment helps fill the void left when de Guzman was appointed the New York Red Bulls sporting director in February. De Guzman, one of Simcoe County's co-founders. held the roles of club president and sporting director.
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STARS FORWARD PAVELSKI PLANNING TO RETIRE

FRISCO, TEX. Joe Pavelski says he has no plans to play any more in the NHL after 1,533 games over 18 seasons, and never getting to raise the Stanley Cup. The Dallas Stars were eliminated from the playoffs in Game 6 of the Western Conference final on Sunday. The Wisconsin native, whose 74 playoff goals are the most for a U.S.-born player and were the most among active players, was at the end of his contract with the Stars. He went to the Stanley Cup final in 2020 in his first season with Dallas, and also got that far with San Jose in 2016. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAOUST RETIRES, TRADING **HOCKEY SKATES FOR COACH'S WHISTLE**

She was an MVP at the Olympics, an all-star gold-medal collector" at the worlds and Winter Games, an original member of Montreal's Professional Women's Hockey League roster, and a dream chaser. So it was with a heavy heart that 32-year-old Mélodie Daoust announced on Tuesday that her competitive playing days are over, as she trades skates for a coach's whistle at Bourget College in Rigaud, Oue, During her time on the Canadian women's roster, the Salaberry-de-Valley-field, Que., native had four goals and nine points in 13 games across three Winter Olympic appearances along with six goals and 16 points in 14 games at the women's world cham-

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LYN COOK October 13, 1942- May 20, 2024

Our beloved mother Lyn (Evelyn) Our beloved mother Lyn (Evelyn) Cook, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 20, 2024, surrounded by family. Her legacy will live on in her children, Jennifer Chalmers and husband, Jeffery Cowan and Jessica Cook, and husband Chandler Minton; three grandchildren, Shepard and nusband Chandler minion; three grandchildren, Shepard Cowan, Sloane Cowan and Clyde Minton. Lyn was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, to Edna and Harold McCaw. She lived in Toronto, and Nassau Bahamas and returned back to Toronto, to raise her family. Her, interests and refurned oak to foronto, to raise her family. Her interests were as varied as they are fascinating. She was a singer and songwriter, with two gold record singles. Lyn performed in leading roles in theatre productions, such as Guys and Dolls and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof I, yn worked in roles in theatre productions, such as Guys and Dolls and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. Lyn worked in the early years after arriving in Canada, in the finance industry and later on in life she used her multitude of talents in brand management, for St. James Club, in Antigua. Her most treasured role was being a mother, and she taught her girls what it meant to live a life brimming with kindness, love, loyalty and generosity. She was an amazing grandmother, and poured her love and attention into her grandkids's lives. She helped to raise Shepard and Sloane as babies, loved playing with them, proudly displayed their artwork on her walls, over the years, celebrated their educational and athletic milestones, and enjoyed many revelrous holiday ratherings with them at Jenn many revelrous holiday gatherings with them at Jenn and Jeff's house in Caledon. She often talked to Clyde, in Jess's tummy before he was born and was thrilled to know that her, already beautiful family was expanding. The consummate hostess and renowned chef to her family and friends, Lyn's parties were legendary. In keeping with this tradition, the family will be holding a celebration of life in the coming weeks to toast Lyn's remarkable revelrous weeks to toast Lyn's remarkable life. More details will be shared soon. Jenn and Jess wish to thank everyone for their

tremendous outpouring of love and support. ALBERT JOHN HOLTON

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of A. John Holton, 92, of Toronto, Canada. He passed peacefully on May 26, 2024, after a long battle with COPD and a recent fight with cancer.

John was born on May 31, in Northampton, England. in Northampton, England. He immigrated with his family to Toronto, Canada, in 1963 to embark on what Canada, in 1963 to embark on what would become a successful career in manufacturing. In 1986, his work took him to Manchester, New Hampshire, for the duration of his career. He and his wife, Norma, retired in Naples, Florida, but eventually moved back to Toronto to be with their children and thoir familias their families.

He was predeceased by his parents, Jack and Mabel Holton; and by his beloved wife, Norma Holton (nee Page). John leaves his children, Sally and Edward (Lovell); his grandchildren, Jeffrey, Stephanie (Simon) and Elena; and his great-granddaughter, Ophelia.

An informal gathering will be held to celebrate his life on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, between 4 and 6:30 p.m. at Morley Bedford Funeral Services, 159 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto. Cremation has taken place

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.



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DR. STUART JAMES CONNOLLY

1949 - 2024

Stuart James Connolly passed peacefully, on June 2, 2024, surrounded by his family. Predeceased by his loving wife, Elaine Gordon; and survived by his children, Katie (Michael), Joseph (Taflyn), Benjamin (Polli) and Adam (Arina); and his grandchildren, Bo, Hugo, Ray, Jean and Emmett. Born in Montreal on April 9, 1949, to Jean and Joseph Connolly (predeceased), he was the eldest of three children, leaving behind his siblings, Jennifer (Ken) and John (Kim); as well as his partner, Susan.

Stuart grew up in Montreal, spending summers at Sydenham, Ontario, and Metis Beach, Quebec, and winters in St. Sauveur, where he excelled at skiing. After attending Selwyn House School, he completed a Bachelor of Philosophy at McGill University, then a Master of Philosophy at Fordham University, then returned to McGill where he graduated from medical school in 1977. Stuart met his wife, Elaine, during cardiology training at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. After a year together, they set off to Stanford University for post-doctoral training, then returned to join the faculty at McMaster University. In 1984, they moved to Lowville, where they would live for 36 years together until Elaine's passing in 2020.

Stuart had a celebrated career as a cardiologist and researcher. His research impacted millions globally in the field of atrial fibrillation, stroke prevention and anticoagulation. He remained active in research until the very end of his life and is recognized worldwide as one of the most impactful clinical investigators in cardiac arrhythmia management, cited over 200,000 times to date. Among his over 400 publications, Stuart published 4 of his 26 New England Journal of Medicine papers in his final year. During his forty years at McMaster, Stuart founded the cardiac arrhythmia service and served as cardiology division director. Stuart mentored many promising clinicians and scientists at McMaster and at other institutions around the world, with great care and dedication, helping them to make meaningful and lasting impacts in their areas of investigation.

Stuart was a spiritual person, having practiced Buddhism for many years and raising his children with Elaine's Jewish traditions. Stuart had many hobbies and passions, including music (especially jazz), bridge, literature, heatre, wine, gardening, and travel. In Lowville, he mastered the art of pizza making, produced litres of maple syrup every year, and built acres of stunning gardens. At the family cottage on Lake of Bays, Stuart enjoyed cross-country, skiipa, spowsbeing, swimping, running, cycling, fixing. or storning galacies. Ar in earning contage in Lazae or basys, storal enjoyed cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, swimming, running, cycling, fixing whatever broke, water sports, finishing a Sunday New York Times crossword puzzle, and hosting family and friends. Stuart was a remarkably talented athlete, including gymnastics, skiing, snowboarding, biking and running. He qualified twice for the IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship and placed second in 2022 for his age category.

Stuart was a loving and supportive father to his four children, always available to provide advice and guidance. He was a proud grandfather, taking his eldest grandsons on Kubota rides and nature walks.

During Elaine's prolonged illness, Stuart gave a true masterclass in love and devotion. After Elaine's passing in 2020, Stuart met Susan Block. Through their shared love of travel, wine, theatre and spending time with their friends and families, they clicked immediately. In his final days, Susan was at his side

A special thank you to the doctors and friends who supported him through his battle with neuroendocrine cancer – Dr. Barry Lumb, Dr. Richard Whitlock, Dr. Jeff Healey, Dr. Calvin Law, Dr. James Howe, Dr. Stephen Hadcock, among many others, and his longtime friend and caregiver, Rati Ramratan.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 5th, from 6-8:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 6th, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. at Dodsworth & Brown Funeral Home – Burlington Chapel. A private funeral will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Neuroendocrine Tumour Society (https://cnets.ca)...or just send flowers. Stuart loved flowers. Online condolences can be made at www.dbburlington.ca



PETER JAMES EARLE

February 4, 1950 - June 4, 2024

passed the morning of June 4, looking out onto Lake Ontario and The Niagara River.

That familiar scene with Fort Niagara as backdrop. The sights and smells of Niagara on the Lake late Spring very much apparent. The sense of history everywhere. A lifelong connection.

> Loved life Lived life. Left life

...best I could, and moved into memory.

Extending love and deep appreciation to family for their support and understanding through life and most particularly, the difficult last months.

To friends and associates who played important roles through the years in a life filled with positives - thank you!

The final chapter: coping and managing illness

The healthcare delivered was of the highest quality. Certainly professional, but more importantly, with a sensitivity critical to personal wellbeing.

The ALS Clinic, McMaster University Hospital, Hotel Dieu Shaver, St. Catharines, and Upper Canada Lodge, Niagara-on-the-Lake - deepest respect and gratitude for a job well done. On June 12, an Evensong service will be held at St. Mark's, Niagara-on-the-Lake, from 5-6 p.m., followed by "Last Round" reception at Notl Golf Club,

As a parting gesture, guests will hoist a last glass. Please join in if you

are able

Donations to a charity of choice.

■ FUNERAL SERVICES





TUESDAY

CHAPNICK, Dr. Gilbert - 11:00 Beth Tzedec Memorial Park. KLAP, Joan - 11:30 Pardes Shalom Cemetery. ISENBERG, Shelly - 12:30 Chapel.

WEDNESDAY GROSSMAN, David - 2:30 Chapel.

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ROSEN, Harold - 140 Viewmount Avenue. RATTNER, Ian - 17 Bowring Walk. SHWARTSMAN, Samuel - 154 Conley Street, Thornhill, Ontario. CHAPNICK, Dr. Gilbert - 115 Forest Heights Blvd.

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PETER ROSENTHAL

ACADEMIC, ADVOCATE, 82

MATH PROFESSOR BECAME A LAWYER SO HE COULD TAKE HIS ACTIVISM TO COURT

Calling himself a mathematician who did law in his spare time, he had a passion for public-interest matters, which led to appearances at inquests into police shootings of Black men and at high-profile inquiries

JOHN LORINC

n the run-up to a gathering of Liberal Party VIPs at a Toronto hotel in February, 1977, a small crew of activists called the Committee Against Racism concocted a scheme to disrupt the event. They wanted to draw attention to what they saw as major failings in a new immigration law. Two members had secured tickets and planned to display a banner calling on the government to kill the restrictive bill.

A third, 35-year-old University of Toronto math professor Peter Rosenthal, also wanted to get in. Lacking a ticket, Prof. Rosenthal talked his way past security and found his colleagues. When prime minister Pierre Trudeau got up to speak, they unfurled their sign. A few moments later, Prof. Rosenthal shouted, "Why you increasing deportations?

Mr. Trudeau was characteristically dismissive as he gestured at Prof. Rosenthal. "He shouts from the sidelines but is afraid to come up here and face us," the prime minister said.

As Prof. Rosenthal recalled in a blog post published during the pandemic, "I yelled back, 'Okay, I'll come up there.' "Amazoi." the organizers gave him five minutes to speak. "Do you see that sign over there?" he said loudly. 'It says 'Kill Immigration Bill. Committee Against Racism.' I want to tell you why we are carrying that sign." And so he did.

The episode was vintage Peter Rosenthal: a mash-up of provocpolitical arguments, in-

your-face activism and *chutzpah*. He went on to become a towering figure in Toronto activist circles, even going so far as to complete a law degree. In this second profession, which he practised while continuing to teach mathematics, he became known for his passionate legal advocacy against racism, police brutality and oppressive state power. Yet Prof. Rosenthal didn't project the persona of a strident militant. Barrel-chested, with a slightly crooked gap-tooth grin and a taste for slogan-embla-zoned T-shirts, Prof. Rosenthal brought a good-humoured relentlessness to his work, challenging opponents with airtight logic and a keen sense of how Canada's legal system could be put to work reducing inequality. Prof. Rosenthal died May 25.

He had a long history of heart disease and suffered from Parkinson's disease, and he succumbed to complications from COVID-19. He was 82.

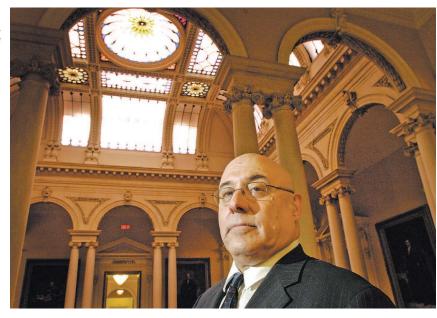
Peter Rosenthal was born on June 1, 1941, in Queens, N.Y., the eldest of Harold and Esther Rosenthal's three sons. His father, who enjoyed good jokes, taught high-school math while his mother, an outspoken social-justice activist, brought politics and civil rights into the Rosenthal home serving as an inspiration to Peter, a lifelong Marxist.

He left New York to do graduate work at the University of Michigan, where he became a student of the renowned Hungarian-American mathematician Paul Halmos.

In 1967, Peter accepted the offer of an assistant professorship at the University of Toronto, where he specialized in an abstract discipline within the field of functional analysis, focusing on operators on the Hardy-Hil-

"He always said mathematics was the only exact science," says the University of Waterloo's Prof. Heydar Radjavi, a friend and colleague of Prof. Rosenthal. "You didn't do it with the [practical] applications in mind. You just enjoyed doing it."

The esoteric nature of Prof. Rosenthal's academic work didn't stop him from expounding on the beauty of an elegant proof to whomever was within earshot. "He would, at parties and gatherings, try to teach



Lawyer and mathematics academic Peter Rosenthal stands in Toronto's Osgoode Hall in 2007. Prof. Rosenthal was an advocate for many, including 21 arrested peace activists he represented with human-rights lawyer Charles Roach in the early 1980s. KEVIN VAN PAASSEN/THE GLOBE AND MAIL



Prof. Rosenthal speaks in support of 2,400 University of Toronto teaching assistants during a strike to gain job security. PETER LEE/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

someone a proof," recalls his daughter, Dr. Esther Kitai Rosenthal, a family physician at Toron-to's St. Michael's Hospital. "I can't tell you how much math was talked about around my dining-room table with every guest that - and not in a boring way, [but] in a fun way." A natural teacher, Prof. Rosenthal also made sure his listeners were keeping up.

Yet as soon as he arrived in Toronto, he found his way into the thick of activist movements and from there, legal advocacy. In 1969, he joined an anti-Vietnam war protest in front of the U.S. consulate on University Avenue. "The police told me to stop," he recalled years later. "I kept speaking. The head of the riot squad told me he would arrest me if I continued. I did, and he did. I was charged with two minor but criminal offences, as were the several people who valiantly picked up the bullhorn and tried to continue the rally after I was arrested."

At trial, Prof. Rosenthal, who had done his homework about the legal issues he was facing, repeatedly interrupted and finally fired his lawyer. Representing himself, he beat one charge and overturned the second one on appeal. "That was basically his personality, to take over rather than trust other people to do things," says his eldest son, Jeffrey Rosenthal, a professor of sta-tistics at U of T. "The way it was described to me is that everyone – he and his lawyer and the judge were all relieved when he took over [the case]."

The experience whetted Prof. Rosenthal's appetite for legal advocacy, and he began informally representing anti-racism and civ il-rights activists who found themselves facing off against powerful politicians, Crown attorneys and the Law Society of Upper Canada. "He liked the cut and thrust of legal arguments," Ieffrev Rosenthal says.

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senting 21 peace activists arrested for trespassing at Litton Industries, a Toronto company that supplied components to the U.S. military's cruise-missile program. Prof. Rosenthal argued the company's executives may be guilty of treason for manufacturing products that could harm Canada's safety. He also turned up in the Ontario Legislature, shouting at then-attorney-general Roy McMurtry, "Why have you been wiretapping my phone? Why are you tapping the phones of members of the peace movement?" (A court dismissed all but one of the

charges.) Prof. Rosenthal then threw himself into a campaign to prevent the University of Toronto from inviting Glen Babb, South Africa's ambassador to Canada, to debate the hot-button topic of divestment from the apartheid regime. Prof. Rosenthal was one of four U of T professors who went to court seeking a permanent injunction against Mr. Babb and a declaration that apartheid was a crime against humanity. Mr. Babb, in the end, did speak at the law school. But in the aftermath, U of T began divesting its South African holdings.

He soon decided to formalize his legal work, enrolling at U of T's law school while maintaining his teaching duties at the department of mathematics - a move that required some intense negotiations with the administration. Prof. Rosenthal later recalled.

As a well-known professor in his late 40s, Prof. Rosenthal stood out in the program, unsurprisingly. Justice Ed Morgan, then a young law professor, recalls inifeeling "a little intimidated" by his unusual student, but later relieved when Prof. Rosenthal used his pedagogical skills to help guide lecture discussions among his classmates.

After graduating, Prof. Rosenthal taught legal activism and social-justice law. "He had this way of framing his activism into serious lawyering," says Justice Morgan, who worked with Prof. Rosenthal on a case involving bans on hats and headgear in courtrooms – a rule, they argued in the Court of Appeal, that violated the human rights of observant

Muslims and Jews.

Justice Morgan recalls his colleague liked to riff on a quote from the famous French mathematician Pierre de Fermat, who described himself as a lawyer who did math in his spare time. Prof. Rosenthal joked that he was a mathematician who did law in his spare time.

Like many who met Prof. Rosenthal, Justice Morgan pondered how the two disciplines fit together. "He had an intensely logical mind when he made an argument. I don't know if that's a product of his math skills or just the nature of the person."

After Prof Rosenthal was called to the bar, his old friend Mr. Roach brought him on as a partner in the firm Roach, Schwartz & Associates. had so many shared values," says Kikélola Roach, one of Mr. Roach's daughters and the former Unifor Chair in Social Justice and Democracy at Toronto Metropolitan University. "They both delighted in the notion of taking law down a different road challenging abuses of power and trying to figure out how to bend the rules to make it respond to movements for peace, anti-racism movements, and movements for police accountability."

John Clarke, a leader of the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty, recalls encountering Prof. Rosenthal in 1995, when members of his group went into a super-market, filled their shopping carts with goods and demanded lower prices at the cash. The stunt was meant to call out one of Premier Mike Harris's cabinet ministers, who claimed that lowincome people, facing welfare cuts, could negotiate for cheaper groceries.

There were arrests made when we wouldn't move," Mr. Clarke says. "We found ourselves dealing with Peter. Right away, we were struck by the fact that we were dealing with a mathematics professor." Mr. Clarke reckoned the OCAP demonstrators would be found guilty of trespassing, but Prof. Rosenthal did a deep dive into the case law and came up with such a novel defence that the Crown withdrew the charges.

While he often took on marginalized clients on a pro bono basis, Prof. Rosenthal's advocacy regularly took him in the direction of public-interest law. He anpeared at coroner's inquests into police shootings of young Black men and high-profile inquiries, such as the probe into the 1995 police killing of Dudley George during a First Nations protest in Ipperwash Provincial Park

Prof. Rosenthal also cultivated a niche specialization in the laws pertaining to political parties, and won important cases enabling fringe parties to gain access to public funding.

Despite Prof. Rosenthal's hec-

tic professional schedule, those close to him say he was an extraordinarily engaged parent, partner and friend - someone who rarely said no and revelled in hosting boisterous gatherings in the Annex home he shared with his second wife, Dr. Carol Kitai, a veteran of Women's College Hospital's family practice. "He has five kids, and four grandchildren," observes his daughter, Dr. Kitai Rosenthal. "He really knew what was going on in every one of our lives." About a decade ago, Prof. Rosenthal co-wrote a book with his son Daniel about making math more accessible.

Relatives weren't the ones with access to Prof. Rosenthal's generosity of spirit. Max Kerman, front man for the band Arkells and a family friend, recalls a period in his 20s when things weren't going well. Prof. Rosenthal found out and invited him for breakfast at a diner on College Street.

"He just let me vent and he held my hand and, well, I got a cry [in] at the diner," Mr. Kerman says, "Peter took it upon himself just to be someone you could talk to freely."

Mr. Kerman even wrote a song for Arkells about that cathartic experience titled A Little Rain (A Song for Pete). "I stumbled into St. Peter's Cathedral," as the lyrics go. "You were smiling, wearing a T-shirt from a rally in 1992."

Prof. Rosenthal was prede-ceased by his first wife, Helen (née Black) Rosenthal. He leaves his partner Dr Kitai: two brothers, Eric and Walter; five children, Alan, Jeffrey, Michael, Daniel and Esther; as well as four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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